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Black Avenue KDA: I would like to draw attention to the potential impact the extra traffic generated by the proposed housing development in the Black Avenue area will have on the free flow of traffic through the Main Street in Leixlip. The only vehicle access to the proposed development is via the Black Avenue, from the Mill Lane which terminates at a sharp bend in the Main Street, just before the Salmon Leap Bridge. A single vehicle making a right turn from Main Street into Mill Lane can cause a significant tailback across the bridge and towards the N4 at rush hour. The proposed development of approximately 300 housing units off the Black Avenue would generate a potential 300 + extra vehicles making this turn every day at rush hour. The potential for traffic congestion and tailbacks to the N4 at Lucan, Captain's Hill and westwards to Station Road and the Intel Plant at Collinstown is serious and significant. The junction will become a major bottleneck far in excess of the current level of congestion it causes. It is the ONLY access to this area, which also serves the local Fire Service station on Mill Lane, with potential to seriously delay and disrupt the response times of the emergency services. The Black Avenue itself is an amenity area for local people accessing St. Catherine's Park and is unsuitable for widening to provide a vehicle access road to the proposed development due to the nature of the terrain along its route.