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Submission

RE: Leixlip Demesne 355 Houses Proposal and the Proposed Pedestrian cyclist access through Wogansfield, Leixlip, Co Kildare.
(The Draft Leixlip Local Area Plan (L.A.P.) 2020 – 2026)

“Extremely Serious Safety Concerns”

To whom it concerns,

Regarding this proposed development and its effect on Wogansfield, Leixlip, Co. Kildare. It is without prejudice as a person, familiar with (Being a resident) and someone who has analysed the laneway, I wish to make the following extremely significant points.

This proposal would be entirely unsuitable and a catastrophic failure in planning if it was allowed to proceed.

The most basic levels of consciousness, reasoning, respect and logic, would enable people to see what a dangerous proposal this is.

The interest of the Developers should not be put in priority to protecting the safety of Children and Adults and the Rights of the Residents of Wogansfield, Leixlip Co. Kildare.

It would have to be highlighted at a National level if approved.

Safety of Children

Serious risks to the safety of Children and adults (A single residential laneway with a proposed increase in pedestrians walking through it)

The Single laneway of Wogansfield in Leixlip, Co. Kildare:

It is already difficult to enter and exit from any driveway on the lane and requires considerable care and attention which may not be in the conscious consideration of Drivers, driving vehicles through the vicinity.

Vehicles may also travel up or down the lane at a higher speed than they should to reach the end of it after dropping people off at the proposed new opening at the end of Wogansfield causing an extremely dangerous scenario.

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Risks of being knocked down by vehicles:

- There would be an increase in children playing above the current number due to the proposed opening at the end of the lane if this proposal were to be approved.
- Risk to the Safety of Pedestrians including Children and Cyclists when Cars, Jeep or Vans come out of each Driveway.
- Risks to Children who may also start to play in Wogansfield with an increased risk of being hit by a car, jeep or van.
- There would be an increase in vehicle traffic with drivers or taxis dropping people off where the proposed new access would be at the end of Wogansfield. Small children stepping out from anyone of the driveway entrances at any given time could be hit by a passing vehicle.
- Vehicle Collision Risks due to Cars being delayed getting in and out of driveways by having to keep letting Pedestrians go, which will Cause a Pile up as well as Cars coming down the lane off Celbridge road having to stop to let people by, which increases the risk of cars crashing into the back of other cars on the Celbridge road at the Maxol Petrol Station.
- More people walking down Wogansfield will increase the risk of one of the vehicles exiting a driveway hitting a person, this proposal is simply totally unsafe.

Additionally, the cars have to slowly edge out onto the laneway for fear of hitting a passing vehicle on the laneway as it is, not including the proposed changes

Children playing on both sides of the laneway could be knocked down by one of the following:

- Cars
- Oil delivery Trucks
- Bin Disposal Lorries
- Delivery trucks and vans
- Lorries and vans transporting Construction equipment and materials during this proposed construction project.
- Construction vehicles

Increased Traffic related - Vehicle Collision risks

Currently Near misses are not at all uncommon:

Traffic trying to Squeeze down a narrow laneway, which is over 115 years old approximately.

Due to increased vehicular traffic, a greatly enhanced risk of there being an accident is highly likely.

Vehicles Entering and Exiting driveways

It is already difficult to enter and exit from any of the driveways in Wogansfield.
A greatly increased risk of collision would be the likely outcome if permission was granted for the proposed development.

Common occurrences on the laneway:

Cars having to reverse on a daily basis when meeting cars driving in the opposite direction. This includes reversing back down the lane to allow other cars to enter the lane.

Privacy

The Privacy of homes in Wogansfield:

This proposal would lead to a Loss of privacy and an increase in noise from vehicles and people passing by.

Anti- Social Behaviour Risks/Security Risks

Risk of Anti- Social behaviours in a confined area

The number of Individuals returning home from Pubs or Night Clubs, who may gather and cause disruption, would likely increase as a result of this proposal. Wogansfield could be turned into an Anti-Social behaviour nightmare. There would also be a resulting increase in noise as a result there would be Disruption to sleep due to this increased noise and Antisocial behaviours/ Noise from Pedestrians and Bicycles.

Devaluation of Properties in Wogansfield

As a result of the effects of this proposal properties in Wogansfield would be devalued

Summary

This is highly dangerous proposal when viewed through the use of a Logical, Reasonable Risk Assessment and Safety Management and Human factors.

The risks can be seen by direct observation, given the narrow/one car width of Wogansfield and the vehicles coming out of each driveway onto the lane.

It would be highly questionable decision making on the part of Kildare County Council to allow this access through Wogansfield to occur and these risks to then develop.

It would raise questions publicly about the Safety standards and Considerations of Kildare County Council and its Senior Management.

Accountability would have to be sought; this is a matter of Public importance.

If this proposal is approved and an Accident occurs or Anti-Social behaviour occurs it would have to be referred back to the very people who approved the plan, as this submission as of the above date was raised and Kildare County Council are being made aware of it.

The people, their decisions and actions should not be allowed to create the issues described in this submission without further action being taking.

The Directors of these development Companies should consider Safety, They will be reported under Company Law, If this proposal is approved.

The Councils considerations of how these Companies are being operated will also be questioned
This submission should serve as very clear notice to Kildare County Council to not allow access through Wogansfield to go ahead.

Yours Sincerely,

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