

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PARK ROAD WALLACIA
CATHOLIC CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM

It is with extremely heavy hearts that we voice our strongest possible objections to the abovementioned proposed development.

Firstly, we purchased our land and built our dream home over 24 years ago at 72 Park Road Wallacia carefully considering and choosing a site –

- . where we knew we would have a pleasant and quiet outlook,
- . having knowledge that the Wallacia Golf Course was opposite giving us the serenity that we desired,
- . knowing we wouldn't be built out,
- . knowing that we would remain in harmony with the natural surrounds of wildlife,
- . that in the long term our property would appreciate in value therefore enhancing our retirement, for if and when we might choose to downsize.

Secondly, we strongly feel that should this development be approved all of our above mentioned reasons would be extremely detrimental not just to ourselves, but also to our children, our grandchildren, our visitors and to our community in general as –

- . the entrance to the proposed development will be directly opposite our house,
- . imagine waking each day, opening our blinds to a view of a funeral procession at our front door,
- . imagine how distressing it will be for our grandchildren, whom we mind regularly, not just before and after school, but in school holidays, seeing mourners arriving and leaving, not to mention the Hearse's,
- . the location of the proposed entrance is also in a most dangerous position, being located so close to a bend in the road. Just recently a car lost control on that bend and careered through our brick, cement and steel front fence, wreaking havoc before stopping in our front yard. HOW HORIFYING!
- . there would be a massive devaluation in the property market. Why should we be financially disadvantaged having worked so hard to achieve our goals to leave a legacy for our children?
- . current wildlife would be greatly diminished by the development.

Thirdly, there's the infrastructure or lack of it! –

- . the road itself is not suitable for the additional traffic the development would create
- . traffic in general would be greatly disadvantaged by funeral processions, especially during school hours, imagine the distress for school children!
- . there is no drainage along Park Road, with run off causing flooding to our property and erosion to road side verges, this would be increased with development from the cemetery caused by extra run off from their entrance into ours,
- . health hazards caused by increased pollution from the crematorium from smoke, and also from the cemetery grounds with run off from septic/envirocycle, watering/irrigation, and pesticides and insecticides used in ground maintenance.

Lastly, some may argue that cemeteries are peaceful and serene, and we agree that this may be the case when they are in the correct location. However it is the grief that it will cause to us that brings us to submit our strong objections to this development. This location is just plain wrong!

So we ask –

- . why wasn't the community consulted of the proposed development prior to the Catholic Cemetery Trust purchasing the property with it being obvious it was their intent to do so?
- . why when asked at the Wallacia Community Meeting on 20th February 2018 about what would happen if the DA wasn't passed the reply from the Catholic representative was – well the gates would be closed and nothing would happen, not even golf. Is this "blackmail"?
- . what compensation will be offered from the Developers and Council to the affected homeowners and the community in general, should this travesty be approved, for the stress, anxiety, health, wellbeing, property devaluation, etc. etc. etc. should the development be approved?

Finally we ask, where is the Christianity in this fiasco!!!?

Regards

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