

Achainní na nDaltaí i nGaelcholáiste Dhoire- Sabháil ár sliabh!

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A chara,

Re: Iarratas: LA01/2023/0008/F – Brishey (Binn Bradach)

Mar dalta i mBliain 14 i nGaelcholaiste Dhoire, iarraim féin agus mo chomhscolairí go gclárófaí an litir seo mar litir agóide foirmeálta s'againn in éadan an t-athrú atá beartaithe don ceantair sléibhe ar mhullach Bhinn Bhradach.

Níor cheart go mbeadh cead ag tuirbíní gaoithe beadh curtha ar Sliabh Binn Bradach. Léirigh ár scoil imní s'againn chuig comhairleoirí áitiúil nuair cuireadh iarratas pleanála isteach an cheád uair riamh agus cuireadh in iúl dúinn nach mbrisfeadh an scéim droim an tsléibhe agus nach mbeadh tuirbín gaoithe le feiceáil ó taobh Dhún Geimhin.

Is ceantair álainn agus speisialta é ceantar na Speiríní (AONB). Tá áit feiceálach ag an cheantar agus ag an Sliabh áirithe seo dó na mílte daoine a bhíonn ag taisteal ar an A6 go laethúil agus tá sé iontach tábhachtach don turasóireacht sa cheantar. Dhéanfadh an moladh seo an-damáiste do na hiarrachtaí atá ar bun sa phobal leis an turasóireacht a chur chun cinn.

Ní amháin sin, ach tá Caisleán Dhún Geimhin, áit atáimid féin ag freastail ar scoil, faoi scáth na binne. Feicimid na radharcanna galánta den Sliabh ón chaisleán agus muid ag dhéanamh ár gcuid oibre agus tá ceann de na foirgneamh ar Champas na scoile, Áras Chianachta, ainmnithe in ómós an tsléibhe ar a tugadh Binn Bhradach Rí Chianachta fadó. Tá an radharc ón chaisleán seo ar an Sliabh mar a bhí leis na céadta bliain.

Tá luach stairiúil ag an Sliabh fosta. Sa Darú cogadh domhanda bhí saighdúirí Meiriceánacha lonnaithe sa chaisleán agus bunáit cummarsáide a barr an tsléibhe. Má éiríonn leis an athrú atá beartaithe ní bheidh fail ar bith ar an bhunáit má thugtar cead don fheirm gaoithe ag barr an tsléibhe.

Tá sé tabhachtach nach bhfuil Binn Bradach millte, mar gheall ar sláinte agus meabharsláinte daoine óga. Bíonn grúpaí club óige ar siúlóid ann agus bíonn grúpaí ag déanamh traenáil sport ann. Bíonn comórtas puc fada trasna an chnoic. Ba choir dúinn Binn Bradach a chaomhniú don aos óg agus na gúnta atá le teacht.

Iarraimid ar an choiste pleanála diúltú don iarratas seo agus tús áite a thabhairt do chosaint na timpeallachta nádúrtha, seasamh leis an phobal áitiúil agus todhchaí fadthréimhseach na Speiríní agus Binn Bradach a chaomhnú.



As a student in year 14 in Gaelcholaiste Dhoire, I and my fellow students request that this letter be registered as our formal letter of protest against the proposed change to the mountain area on top of the Benbradagh Peak.

Wind turbines should not be allowed to be placed on a beautiful, rugged mountain. We expressed our concerns to local councillors when a planning application was first submitted and we were told that the scheme would not break the ridge of the mountain and that the wind turbines would not be visible from the side of Dungiven.

The Sperrins Area (AONB) is a beautiful and special area. The area and this particular mountain are highly visible to the thousands of people who travel on the A6 every day and are very important for tourism in the area. This proposal would be very damaging to the efforts made in the community to promote tourism.

Not only that, but there is Dungiven Castle, where we ourselves attend school, under the shadow of the peak. We see the beautiful views of the mountain from the castle as we do our work and one of the buildings on the school campus, the Aras Chianachta, is named in honour of the mountain on which a pirate ship was built long ago. The view from this castle of the mountain is as it was centuries ago.

The mountain also has historical value. During the Second World War, American soldiers were stationed in the castle and a communications base was built on top of the mountain. If the proposed change goes ahead, the base will not be accessible if the wind farm at the top of the mountain is given permission.

It is important that Benbradagh is not damaged, for the health and mental health of young people. There is a youth club group on site and there are groups doing sports training there. There is a Puc Fada competition across the hill. We should preserve Benbradagh for the young and the future generations.

We ask the planning committee to refuse this application and prioritise the protection of the natural environment, support the local community and preserve the long-term future of The Sperrins and Benbradagh.