

Planning Services Causeway Coast and Glens Council Clonavin 66  
Portstewart Road Coleraine BT52 1EY 17th February 2025 Dear  
Sir/Madam Re: Planning Application LA01/2024/1096F I hereby wish to  
lodge my objections to the above application. This is my third objection  
in regard to the proposed housing development; the previous two  
objection letters and all the concerns within are still well founded. First  
and foremost, this planning application has not been granted yet.  
Nevertheless, on the 14th February contractors with their machinery  
proceeded to cut down the trees and flatten the area from Laurel Park  
leading into the proposed development site. I have it on good authority  
that this land is owned privately, so on no account should the developers  
be organising for their tradesmen to start work on the road into the site.  
This action caused much distress amongst the residents and the  
tradesmen, with the police having to be called to attend the scene. As  
this application has not been approved yet, surely the developers should  
be forced to rectify the destruction their tradesmen have caused.  
Established trees were cut down and shrubbery removed, I was of the  
understanding from your Council website that where "trees exist on or  
adjacent to a site, they should be highlighted in site appraisals and the  
measures to ensure their retention and long-term maintenance outlined.  
This will include their protection during construction." Your website  
continues to give information about the value of trees and why we  
protect them. So WHY are you not observing your own advice? The next  
relevant issue concerns the opening onto Laurel Park. These roads were  
constructed in the 60's when the volume of traffic was considerably less.  
Your proposed site of over 80 dwellings with a possible 80 or more  
vehicles exiting onto the blind bend is undoubtedly dangerous. In  
addition, the increased pollution these vehicles will create coupled with  
the noise factor the planning department should reject the exit onto  
Laurel Park. Furthermore, the vast increase of traffic using their  
headlights during darkness hours most certainly will cause light pollution.  
With the nearby houses on laurel park suffering greatly. My next concern  
is the effect that 80 dwellings will have on the already over stretched  
sewerage system. Anyone who has walked alongside the River Bann  
knows to tread very carefully to avoid the raw sewage and paper waste.  
Not only can one see but also smell the offensive human waste. Surely it  
must be hazardous for dogs' health. The council are not able to control  
the current sewage system, so it seems logical not to increase the  
burden by adding 80 more properties. The next concern relates to the  
extremely steep gradient that the proposed development wishes to build  
80 dwellings on. The new buildings will tower over the houses on the  
Strand Road depriving their residents of any privacy. Additionally, the  
decrease in the value of nearby properties will undoubtedly fall severely.  
Moreover, with an extra 80 dwellings provided for social housing  
residents, in an already vast area of similar housing. It will undeniably  
give rise to more criminal activity; surely it would preferable to reduce  
the proposed number of dwellings. Better still from an environmental  
point of view it would be to plant the area with trees. Providing a safe

haven for the local wildlife. As well as keeping the last green space in the area. Surely, the long-term view to preserve the attractiveness of Coleraine would be more beneficial. As opposed to the short term financial gain that this development will receive from the government. I appreciate that there is a need for homes to be built but am very aware that there are more suitable sites available. To conclude, my apologies for my late objection. However in spite of living extremely close to the proposed development, I never receive any notifications from you. Yours sincerely L. Mckinlay