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**To:** planning <[planning@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:planning@leitrimcoco.ie)>

**Subject:** Part 8 Flood Defence Works at Drumhierny and Leitrim Townlands, Leitrim Village, Co. Leitrim.

FAO Senior Executive Planner

I would like to submit my objection to the above works due to the potential impact that this will have on my own property which is located in Drumhierney Manor.

Firstly there was no consultation with the adjacent residents during the application stage of those works and there was there any correspondence prior to work commencing. We, the residents of Drumhierney, Woodville and Kea due Road only found out about the works once they had commenced and were at sandbag stage as we all just assumed the County Council were doing essential maintenance.

Numerous residents and I contacted Shay O'Connor in January outlining our concerns once the builders advised us of the plans. We also contacted local TDs/Councillors. We were told on numerous occasions that the work would be paused, and Shay also advised same at a municipal meeting and yet continued with works even though the valid concerns were raised and there was no planning permission.

We were advised by Shay O'Connor in person at a residents meeting regarding concerns in January.

Numerous promises were made:

Hedging below my home and along the boundary between the field and our estate would be sorted.

The council would raise the sewage tank above the flood level.

The pump to protect the houses would only be turned on when the two homes that were flooded in 2009 were at risk, not before then.

Residents would be brought into council offices, shown the design, and shown how the defence would work. The council would take over the management of lighting and sewage in Drumhierney Manor. This has not happened.

The council did not do any of the above and indeed, information received under freedom of information is full of misinformation, including those 12 houses flooded in Cluain Oir. I have been advised that this is not the case.

Can you confirm why if these houses flooded way back in 2009 that nothing was done until now?? Is the sudden reason for this action now because Drumhierney Hideaway is linked to Cluain Oir, and this is the reason for the works??

If water levels rise Drumhierney manor residents will have raw sewage on the estate, and currently the council have no responsibility for same. This is a health and safety concern as

well as an environmental one. Raw sewage will eventually end up in the River Shannon. Was there ever an environmental assessment carried out? If not, can this be carried out?

I have also been informed that houses in this estate have devalued. Apparently, Leitrim County Council feel our foundations, gardens are “not important”, and the council will not protect them. This is madness, and the foundations are what hold our houses together.

Finally, there is no boundary between the field and our estate since the works began. For obvious reasons of safety, privacy and visually, it is a disgrace the way the field was cleared and left in the state that it is currently in. Young children and visitors could wander into the field, thinking it would be a fun area to play walk, which it is not and is a DANGER. The field is extremely wet, and a child already went in and sank and got stuck in the mud. This is a major danger and an accident waiting to happen, which concerns me greatly. There was previously a fence and trees, which looked very well and was pleasant to walk by and admire, now the area looks dirty and unkept. Please replant the area.

If a flood occurs it will flow directly into the estate and possibly our homes.

For all these reasons, we oppose the planning permission for these works.

Kind regards

Helen & Peter O’Keeffe and family