The Waterfall Tower is of very significant documented historic interest, initially built on the eastern limit of the estate as a lookout functionality for Ballynahinch Castle and last used as a caretaker's residence and vacated in 1929 . it is included in our proposals for development of this land, that the Tower to be retained and fully restored to the original condition and integrated within the landscape proposals. It is our concern that if the OS proposal was to become active, that owing to the unfortunate increase in unsociable behavior and relative remoteness, the Tower could be easily become a meeting place for undesirable misuse.... could guite easily become vandalized and to the loss of this historic building. Given the extent and in general the secluded nature of the OS, the residents have understandable grave concerns as to how this area can be properly policed, against unsociable issues and the possibility for unlawful rear garden and property access, trespassing and other misuses could lead to the risk of Litigation and Public Liability in some cases. The increasing local problem of littering, this is not only unsightly but we feel is only going to increase in the OS area, but will have a detrimental effect on the well documented aquatic species in the river, including the pearl mussel which is protected since 1976 and is now an endangered species

....Along with numerous wildlife that exist and flourish in the area, who enjoy a very peaceful and long uninterrupted existence together with the mature plants and trees in this remarkably natural and wooded area.

In conclusion, we ask on behalf of my client and for all of the effected residents close to the Waterfall Tower, that the OS/Recreation & Amenity be removed from being implemented and the area remain in the thoughtful and excellent stewardship of the local residents of this unique area of natural landscape that has to be preserved.

Yours faithfully,

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