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RE Site 'R11" Gort Road/Hazel Lane

To whom it may concern,

We would like consideration to be given to the removal of the phrase "Vehicular access to the site shall be from Hazel Lane" (which will necessitate the destruction of a boundary wall, mature trees and hedgerow) for the following reasons

1. As mentioned in the final paragraph, "The design of any future development on this site must retain the existing stone boundary wall and perimeter boundary of trees except where their removal is necessary to provide safe vehicular access to the site".

Hazel Lane is not the only safe point for vehicular access to the site. Safe access can be provided via the Gort Road or the road to the south of the site which would prevent the unnecessary destruction of the mature trees, hedgerow and limestone wall.

2. The removal of the boundary wall and trees will not as stated in the first paragraph "enhance the character of the adjoining Hazel Lane".

Neither will it "enrich the quality of life of local residents" which is supposed to be an Objective of the County Clare Development Plan in the provision of new residential developments.

3. If access to any new development is from Hazel Lane there will be an increase in traffic making Hazel Lane less safe and less pleasant for its residents.

It will also cause more difficulties for residents trying to exit onto the Gort Road at peak traffic times.

4. The destruction of the mature trees and hedgerow would have a detrimental effect on the wildlife that inhabit these trees and hedgerow and contravenes the Objective of the Development Plan to "promote the retention and conservation of existing trees and hedgerows".

Regards,  
Sandra & Gerard Costello,