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To the CEO of Longford Co. Co. and to all Longford County Councillors,

I wish to support the objections to the above submission and urge council members to reject the CEO's recommendation in this regard. I do so because, for the sakes of the people of Co. Longford, the people of Ireland and of the wider world. My concern is to protect Ardagh House, Demesne and the Ardagh Neighbourhood Park.

I write this submission as an outsider to Ardagh. While I had heard of the village's beauty, I never visited the place until recently. This made me realise what a gem the village and its surrounds are. The Ardagh Neighbourhood Park is a real gem and needs to be preserved for the public. It is worth noting that a lot of both government money and assistance from the Tree Council of Ireland made it what it is.

I write this submission as a former councillor on South Dublin Co. Council where we fought for nearly 15 years to preserve and sensitively develop the lands around the Clondalkin Round Tower. This required an alteration of the Co. Development Plan and many years of persuading and cajoling. On the site we now have a monastic garden, a cafe and a museum illustrating the history of the local area.

Please recognise the gem you have in your midst and look after it for us all.

Sincerely,
Robert Dowds,
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