

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of Mount Eagles Ratepayers Association (MERA) to formally object to the Planning Bill **NIA 17/11-15**.

MERA is a community group based in Mount Eagles Lagmore, established in 2010 to deal with issues in relation to open space management, roads, sewers, insulation defects and bad workmanship on the houses. Our association has created a dedicated Facebook group for residents to communicate and exchange information. The Facebook site contains documents with approximately 100 photos showing maintenance works not done. Currently there are approximately 160 members on our facebook site.

MERA fully endorses the objections (attached) submitted by Professor Geraint Ellis on behalf of Friends of the Earth and Belfast Holylands Regeneration Association (BHRA). Both letters of objection are extremely articulate and cover all the main issues/ concerns that MERA would like to highlight.

It is the view of MERA that if the planning bill goes ahead in it's current form this will have detrimental consequences for Mount Eagles. This could result in the destruction of Lagmore Glen a unique natural habitat that will be designated as an Urban Landscape Wedge (ULW) as the economic consideration would take precedence. Residents lives in Mount Eagles have been blighted by poor planning which has been acknowledged by Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) in their BMAP Lagmore report. Lagmore is essentially an urban desert with little or no community infrastructure/ services and an over saturation of houses. This planning bill does nothing to address this!

Regards,

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Mount Eagles Ratepayers Association