

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of Upper Mounteagles Avenue Residents Association (uMARA) to formally object to the Planning Bill **NIA 17/11-15**.

uMARA is a community group based in Mount Eagles, Lagmore, established in 2012 to deal with issues in relation to open space management, public transport, roads, sewers, home insulation defects and bad workmanship on the houses.

uMARA 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 uMARA would also like to highlight.

It is the view of uMARA that if the planning bill goes ahead in its 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 economic consideration would take precedence. Residents living 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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Upper Mounteagles Avenue Residents Association