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*REF: Statement of case for Road abandonment order*

To whom it may concern,

My name is ██████████. I have lived over 50 years in the area of outstanding natural beauty Dalradian are proposing to destroy with a toxic mine, processing plant and toxic waste tailings facility.

In 2003, I built my home situated on Crocknamoghil hill - beside where the waste tailing facility and processing plant is intended to be situated, and on the same level. I chose this site for peace, quiet and privacy. Since Dalradian's proposals have come to light, I have been unable to enjoy any of the above. I live here with my wife and our 2 young children (18months, and 6 weeks).

#### **The Mullydoo Road**

Abandonment of the Mullydoo Road: this is a Council maintained road which I use numerous times a week, to go work and to attend the local community centre (Greencastle GAA). The abandonment of this road will cause a lot of hardship for me personally, for example, the flood and adverse weather experienced in the summer of 2017 resulted in the washing away of the road (I will attach a video of damage to the road), which gives me access to the Crockanboy Road, therefore, my only way to the main arterial routes was via the Mullydoo Road towards Greencastle football field. It took the Council over 2 weeks to finally open the road and the only way to access my home was by foot.

I also use this road for approximately 2 weeks of the year due to snow and bad weather associated with the winter months; due to the steep nature of the road, vehicular access is not possible in these conditions; therefore, the Mullydoo road is vital to me attending work and for general daily use. The road proposed by Dalradian as a replacement is of no use to me as it too will have steep gradients and therefore will also be unpassable during times of snow and ice. This will leave my family will no access to our home by vehicle.

#### **The Green Road**

Granting planning permission would result in the total destruction of the historic Green Road, a Public Right of Way as asserted by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. The road itself has a long history, and to allow it to be destroyed would be a devastating blow to the local community and the history of the island of Ireland. Likewise, the recent court case in relation to this road was similarly devastating when I heard local people, whom I have known all my life perjuring themselves in court for Dalradian's benefit. This is one of the many examples of how Dalradian has divided our once close-knit community.

#### **Increased Traffic**

The increase in volume and nature of traffic which would result from this proposal will be unacceptable. The road infrastructure is already inadequate struggling to handle the existing traffic; the proposal will certainly make this worse. There are serious concerns for road safety with large HGV traffic encroaching onto the opposite side of road when turning. The lorries cannot turn left when exiting from the Camcosy Road as the junction is too sharp. Dalradian have attempted to mitigate against this by ensuring Lorries exit to the right and then turn at Lenagh Road. The Lenagh Road / Drumlea Bridge (Grade 2 Listed) turn is equally as sharp a junction, which has restricted views and poor site lines and this extra traffic will affect a greater area.

The road network cannot safely absorb the proposed increase in vehicle trips including large HGVs associated with the gold mine. The level and volume of traffic on small rural roads will make it unsafe. The Transport Assessment states that 85% of the journeys will be 'new' to the adopted road network (1.11). Overall, this comprises 260 vehicle trips per day attending the site. This increase of vehicles on narrow country roads is unacceptable. This proposal is contrary to the PSRNI as in this case the mineral resource - gold - is in an area

where the public road network is unsuitable for the volume of heavy traffic which mineral developments will generate. The proposal will certainly prejudice road safety and inconvenience road users.

Yours sincerely

