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The Draft Kildare County Development Plan

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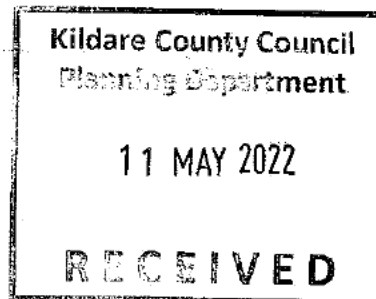
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With respect to the Listing of Buildings in the Draft County Development Plan, please note my comments below.

Gowran Grange Demesne and the surrounding estate is located in Swordlestown, Naas. The estate and the de Robeck family have a long association with the area. Punchestown Racecourse and the Kildare Hunt had a close historic and cultural association with the deRobeck family who built the House and Demesne, and they still live in Gowran Grange. This provides two of the historic and cultural interests necessary to merit addition to the Record of Protected Structures.

Another reason to merit addition to the RPS is the Architectural interest associated with the House and Demesne. The house was built in the last 19<sup>th</sup> century along with its Parkland estate. It is surrounded by woodlands and low stone walls and is a close neighbour to Punchestown Racecourse along with many farms and stud farms.

Under part 2.5.4 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 a building/structure must meet one or more *categories of interest* in order to warrant addition to the Record of Protected Structures. The Gowran Grange House & Demesne is deemed to have three categories of RPS interest i) Architectural Interest, ii) Historic Interest and iii) Cultural interest. I believe that this exceeds the necessary level of criteria required for addition to the Record of Protected Structures.

Regards

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