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Kildare County Development Plan 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing regarding Built & Cultural Heritage, Chapter 11 of the Draft County Kildare Development Plan 2023-2029

I am asking that Gowran Grange House and its curtilage be included in the Record of Protected Structures for Kildare.

Gowran Grange is of significant importance in the Swordlestown area. It was built over 160 years ago and is still lived in today by the de Robeck family. The de Robeck family commissioned architects John McCurdy, Sir Charles Lanyon, and William Lynn to design their home. The house is surrounded by 370 acres of tillage lands. The estate borders the Ballymore Road and the Woolpack Road. The boundaries with these roads consist of low stone walls and established woodland.

I believe that Gowran Grange House and its curtilage should be protected for generations of Kildare residents to cherish.

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