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**To:** cdp <cdp@leitrimcoco.ie>  
**Subject:** Prospecting licences

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to register my opposition to mining of gold and silver in Leitrim, also to prospecting, which we know will inevitably lead to mining.

Having just bought a few acres near Manorhamilton for myself and my two little boys, for their future, I'm very worried about the implications of this on the area.

I am confused as to why the prospecting licences are being granted, as I can see no benefits to the community (bar money in certain pockets maybe).

The obvious resulting environmental destruction should have meant an instant refusal of licences, especially given the current climate state.

I'm appalled and sad that this greed is being allowed in our beautiful county.

Please protect it for the community, we are asking you to please stop this company and others from ruining it for their own benefit.

Sincerely,

Ciara Connolly

There is a growing body of evidence that the mining of gold is an energy intensive and carbon heavy process that has the potential to negatively impact on a wide range of areas including water quality, landscape, agriculture, tourism and biodiversity amongst others. The carbon heavy, energy intensive nature of the industry is also not compatible with the sustainable future that we are trying to create for this and following generations. The possible development of such an extractive industry would be incompatible with our obligations to urgently tackle climate change and the worst impacts of the climate emergency. This matter has become all the more urgent with the granting of prospecting licenses for 47 townlands in the county. The Leitrim County Development plan should reflect the unanimous will of Leitrim County Councillors who have registered their opposition to gold mining.

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