From: Gillian Armstrong

**Sent:** Wednesday 27 April 2022 15:29

To: cdp < cdp@leitrimcoco.ie > Subject: Gold mining in Letirim

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am incensed to learn that Minister Eamon Ryan has recently granted gold prospecting licences for 47 townlands in the county of Leitrim. The people of Leitrim have already fought off the threat of Fracking. Gold mining would be at least as damaging and intrusive to so many aspects of the environment - bio-diversity, water quality, farming, landscape - and would introduce the possibility of tremendous pollution and degradation of this beautiful county.

I understand that the Leitrim County Councillors are completely against this latest mining proposal. Please do everything in your power to ensure that the County Development Plan reflects the position of the Councillors and supports and endorses their opposition.

I cannot understand how a Green Minister could even contemplate granting such licences. Eamon Ryan must have taken leave of his senses!

Yours faithfully, Gillian Armstrong.