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Subject: 2023-2029 CDP Comment

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Having seen first hand the environmental effects of gold mining and other large-scale extractive industries while living in rural Canada, I urge the council to take on board the potential for hugely detrimental effects of gold mining that is being proposed for north Leitrim where I now reside. The limited number of jobs and income will not compensate for the damage to land and water that will occur if gold mining is allowed to proceed.

Ireland has declared a biodiversity and climate emergency, and government officials at all levels need to start acting on these declarations by taking proactive steps to prevent the worst excesses of industrial development from being carried out. I urge the council to formally declare a moratorium on mining for metals in the county as part of the 2023-2029 County Development Plan and to do everything in its power to prevent this carbon-intensive and heavily polluting industry from being permitted to operate here,

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