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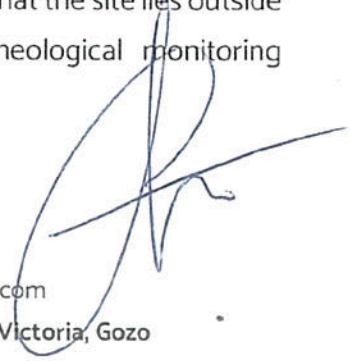
Appeal to PA695/22

I refer to the decision taken by the planning authority in relation to the above-mentioned permit and would like to file an appeal on behalf of the applicant for the reasons listed below:

1. Even though the proposed development is situated within the 200m ground water extraction buffer zone the EPRT may wish to note that similar permits have been approved in particular in PA/5700/17 and PA/5167/20 both of which were for similar sheep farms. The only condition imposed was that the farm be properly tanked through a water proofing membrane.
2. With regards to the visibility of the proposed farm EPRT may wish to know that the farm has been sunken down so as to reduce the visual impact to a minimum and landscaping has been included on the periphery of the site.
3. With regards to issues related to SCH, EPRT may wish to note that the site lies outside the scheduled boundary and in any case standard archeological monitoring conditions may be imposed.

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4. With regards to the fact that farms should be preferably located in IAZ, the board may wish to note that the permits pointed in point 1 above, both refer to areas outside IAZ and in any case in areas which are more pristine than the site in question.
5. With regards to the final objection related to the uptake of agricultural land the board may wish to note that the proposal entails most of the site formulization in beaten earth. Rubble walls are necessary for security of the farm.

In view of the above I would urge the EPRT to overturn the decision by the planning Authority and thè issue this permit. We would also like to avail ourselves of the possibility of summoning the following witnesses.

AAC Board Officials

WSC Officials

Kind regards,

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