



The Henge of Keltria

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The threats to the ancient monument complex on the Hills of Tara and Skryne have come to the attention of the Board of Trustees of the Henge of Keltria recently. We are an international Druid Order based in the United States, and our membership holds Ireland, especially Tara and its surrounding landscape, sacred as part of our ancestral heritage. As the traditional seat of the High Kings of Ireland, it holds a special place in our hearts and in our history. It is our hope that it will always stand as it is now, free of commercial development and accessible to everyone at any time.

We are modern people, and are certainly not against progress where needed, but we are very concerned that irreversible damage will be done to the Hill of Tara and its surrounding landscape if the 'M3 Clonee to Kells Motorway' is built so close to this ancient site. One need only look to Stonehenge and the recent efforts the English are implementing to correct the damage that building a motorway so close to that ancient monument created to realize what a mistake it would be to build a motorway so close to Tara. While we are not disputing the necessity of the motorway, we are certain that a more suitable route can be found for the motorway that will not impact this very sacred landscape.

We are also adamantly opposed to any management decisions that are geared toward turning Tara into any kind of potential "theme park." When our members and our children's children make the pilgrimage to Ireland in search of our cultural and spiritual heritage, we would hope that they would not be denied or restricted access in any way to the unique landscape that is the Tara complex.

The Druids of the Henge of Keltria are committed to the protection of Tara as a free and sacred site, and we stand united with Conradh Draoi the na h-Eireann and any others who fight for its protection.

Sincerely,

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