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Re: unauthorised waste and littering at White Strand, Doonbeg, Co. Clare

Dear Sirs;

We would be grateful if you investigated what appears to be an unauthorised waste dump revealed at White Strand, Doonbeg, County Claire on Prime Time last night and general littering apparently by the owner along the dune faces and public beach.

The location and a photograph of the site is detailed in the attached Site Visit Report, which took place approximately 10 days after Prime Time's visit and their questioning about this site to the Manager.

It would appear to us that between the two visits some person or person brought in spoil to cover the waste and drew down the dune crest to conceal this unauthorised waste, rather than reporting it to the appropriate authorities for investigation to determine the least environmentally damaging rehabilitation of the site.

We would be grateful if you initiated such an investigation.

Further, we wish to report to your attention the littering of the dunes and beach at Doonbeg apparently through the activities of the present owners. Specifically, waste fencing, plastic nets, spoiled concrete footings and large metal poles shown in our Site Visit Report as well as large rotting straw bales displaced from the dune crests appear to be litter on a public beach.

We would be grateful if you investigated this instance of littering and took the appropriate action to ensure the continued enjoyment of the public of the only dune system in County Clare of international conservation importance.

Yours etc.,

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