

Dear Ruairí

The Mining Heritage Trust of Ireland is a charitable organization concerned with research, surveying (surface and underground), education and conservation of Ireland's historic mines. Presently we are working with DCMNR and North Tipperary County Council on the remedial works at Silvermines where we have provided advice on the effects of the works on mining archaeological; suggested mitigation measures and provided specialist input and supervision of conservation works on historic mine buildings.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss with CDM our views on the treatment of the mining heritage at Avoca. Some of the issues that we would like to discuss are:

1. Future surface and underground access
2. Best practice in securing underground openings whilst maintaining access for mine researchers
3. Interpretation, valorization and conservation of surface features
4. Preservation of mining landscapes.

I shall be attending the public meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> April, but we would like to have a separate bilateral meeting to discuss the above issues.

Regards

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