

## Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

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To: [Louth CDP](#)

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Dear Sirs,

I wish to make a submission in regard to the proposed 'Qualifying Criteria Rural Policy Zone 2' requirements. The qualifying criteria proposed have become very restrictive for one off rural dwelling developments. The new development plan does recognise 'the importance of facilitating people with a strong economic or social link to their local rural area, in strengthening the rural community'.

While I understand the objective to manage the development of rural housing is needed, there also needs to be a balance when setting the qualifying Criteria needed for rural one off development.

Specifically, the requirement, 'shall not own or have sold a residential property in the County for a minimum of 10 years prior to making an application' within points 3, 4, & 5 is very restrictive.

I suggest the wording of the requirement to be amended as follows: 'shall not own or have sold a residential property within **the rural area** of the County for a minimum of 10 years prior to making an application'

Regards

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