

Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

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To: LouthCDP

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to submit a submission of objection to the proposed Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027.

Having been born and raised in the Cooley Peninsula, I have always envisaged that I would be able to live and raise a family in my local area, close to family and friends.

We are very much saddened and concerned that my wife and I would effectively be precluded from building our future family home on a site/land owned by my wife's father for many years. This has been our long-term dream and to have this potentially taken away from us is extremely disappointing.

We fully support any initiative that helps to maintain, improve and sustain a long-term ecological and environmentally friendly future for our community. However, over the past 10-20 years, we have looked on in dismay as our local lands were commercially developed with little regard for the local community. Many new properties have either been built or purchased by property developers and individuals from outside our community, thus impacting the local environments and inflating house prices for younger, local families. This has resulted in many young people being priced out of the local market and unable to realise their dreams of living and raising their families in the beautiful Cooley Peninsula.

Denying young, local people from building on land, very often owned by families for generations and held for the benefit of their children is, I believe, very wrong, particularly when these people have already been negatively impacted by prior, short-sighted Louth County Development Plans and the ongoing inflation in house prices in the North Louth area.

I would urge you and our local councillors to come together and help the young people in the community to realise their future dreams and ambitions and to promote a community where people who are born and raised are given a fair and equal chance to own their own home beside their family, friends and neighbours.

Your consideration of the above would be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Paddy Keenan