

DRAFT LOUTH COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-2027
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SUBJECT: DRAFT LOUTH COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-2027
**PROPOSAL: LAND TO BE ZONED FOR LOW DENSITY HOUSING TO FACILITATE THE NEW HOMES
IN SMALL TOWNS AND VILLAGES INITIATIVE**

To Whom It May Concern

Having reviewed the Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 it has come to my notice that the draft plan recognises the importance of striking a balance between facilitating residential development in the open countryside and reinvigorating towns and villages. It therefore supports the implementation of a 'New Homes in Small Towns and Villages' initiative which will involve Local Authorities, Irish Water and local communities working closely to provide serviced sites in towns and villages.

With this initiative I propose land at Drogheda Road, Ardee for this very use, please see attached map of said lands. These lands are currently zoned agricultural but are within the speed limit of the town and are serviced with footpaths from these said lands into the town centre of Ardee.

If this was successfully implemented, this would provide a platform for the development of sustainable rural communities, whereby an increase in population in towns and villages would increase the critical mass, create greater demand for services and establish a catchment population for local businesses which in the present climate would be very valuable.

The sporadic nature of one off housing results in an over-dependence on the car with limited opportunities for people to walk or cycle due to the distance between homes and schools, work or local services. As we strive to mitigate against the impacts of climate change, it is important that future development patterns reduce our carbon footprint, protects our environment and promotes more sustainable ways of living.

I would like it noted for all the above reasons that this land be identified for the purpose of low density housing for the development of single sites, and I would propose that the land might be zoned for this reason.



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(centre-line of parcel(s) edged)

- Freehold
- Leasehold
- SubLeasehold

Burdens (may not all be represented on map)

- Right of Way / Wayleave
- Turbary
- Pipeline
- Well
- Pump
- Septic Tank
- ▽ Soak Pit



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