

16th December 2020

Louth County Council Forward

Planning Unit Dundalk

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Re: 'Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021 – 2027'

To whom it may concern

I am writing in reference to the above and putting forward my objection for this plan to go ahead.

Speaking as a resident from North Louth my whole life along with my entire extended family going back years, I feel that if said development plan goes ahead it will in fact have detrimental effect to this area and all of its residents especially the younger generations who this will impact even more so on in the future. The effect it will have on young people's future plans such as Planning permission to stay within the area they grew up, to be beside family and friends, schools, GAA clubs. This plan will completely depopulate the area which in effect will end up closing schools and football clubs not forgetting all the businesses and shops. I myself have always hoped to have built somewhere in Omeath (I'm currently renting in Omeath village) as this has always been my home my family and friends are all from the area. If this proposal comes into effect it could make things very difficult if not next to impossible for this to happen it is already very hard to currently get planning permission as it stands without this coming in on top of it all. I'm a 27 year old mother to a son who will be 2 at Christmas of this year I had always hoped of being able to remain in Omeath to have a permanent home which we have built and my son attend the same schools that I have, but if this draft goes ahead it will mean the next generations including myself will have to go elsewhere to live which will have a big impact on the population resulting in closure of many schools, football clubs shops etc. I personally think that it is a disgrace that for families who have lived in an area their entire lives will find it next to impossible to build a home in that area or on land that has been in the family maybe going back even over 100 years. It will also will cause a lot of family disputes with a 'Farmer' Father only being able to give 2 children out of the family land to build if he has 3 hectares or more when most families across the areas have a much higher number of children within a house hold this will cause a great deal of pressure on families. I struggle to see how this is fair at all having owned/worked on the land for many years.

This has been a particularly difficult year for everyone with all the restrictions on public meetings etc which have resulted in residents not been able to fully discuss the real detrimental consequences of such a plan been put in place. I do hope you take into account my concerns against this matter.

Regards,

Davina O'Hanlon.