

Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

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Regarding the rezoning of 'Rural Zone 1'.

My name is Melissa O Hanlon, and have lived , attended school and worked in Ravensdale,Co. Louth my entire life. Ravensdale is my home and I had hoped that it always would be. I was planning in the next few years to build my own house close to my home house on land that belongs to my family.

I am a newly primary school teacher and I was hoping to secure a permanent position locally in County Louth within the next few years. It has always been in my plans to build my future home in the only area that I have known to be home. If Louth County Council continues with this development plan, I have no hope of ever securing a permanent teaching position locally or to build a home in my local area. If there are planning restrictions then school enrollments will reduce and there will be loss of teaching jobs. This is very worrying especially when we have a housing crisis in this country for over ten years.

This is my future, this is my area and if I am not allowed to live and work where I grew up then I see no opportunity for me here in Ireland. I hope when the council makes their decision they think about the young people of this area who you will be forcing out of their homes.

Thank you for your consideration.