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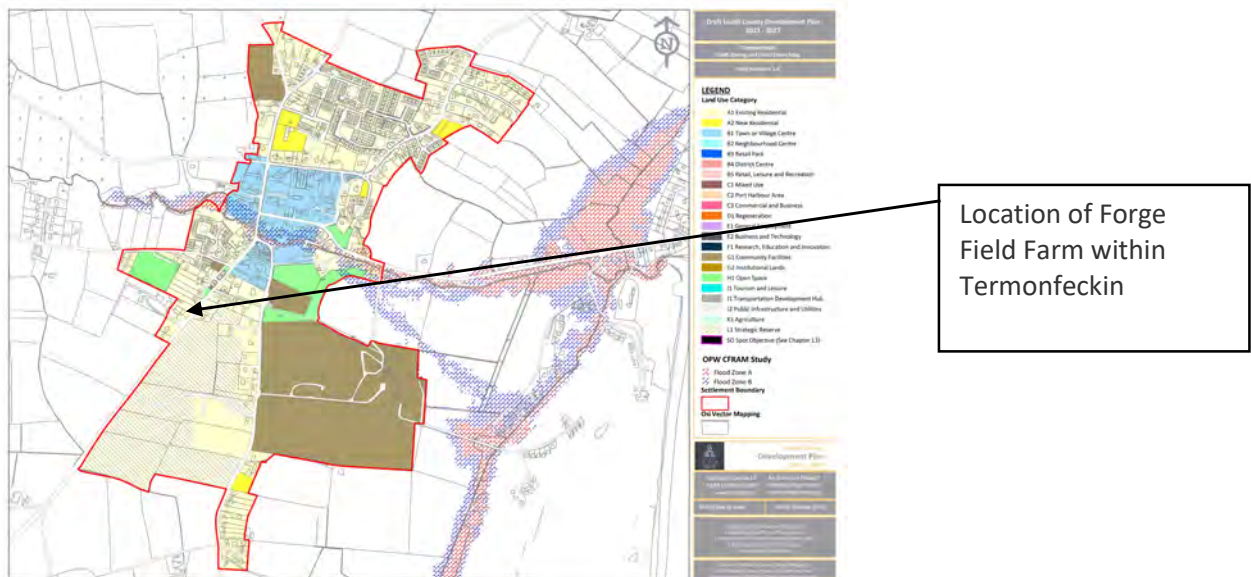
r.e. Submission regarding Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

Dear Sir/ Madame,

In response to the Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 which is currently on display,
We wish to make the following two observations / submissions:

1:

In relation to the premises at Forge Field Farm; the 'Termonfeckin Draft Zoning and Flood Zones Map' and 'Termonfeckin Draft Composite Map' located within Volume 2, Chapter 4, Pages 10 & 11, of the Draft Development Plan, both indicate the Land Use Category as being 'A1: Existing Residential'



The site at Forge Field Farm is used for retail/commercial and accommodates the following businesses; Forge Field Farm Shop, Forge Field Garden Centre, Forge Field Café, and Gareth's Butchers. This use was approved in 2003 with the granting of application 03/3 (change of use of part of shed to farm) and further expanded upon in 2005 and 2014 with subsequent granted applications 05/1207 (farm shop extension) and 14/67 (farm shop extension).

We would ask that the land use is revised to reflect the current permitted use.

2:

The Forge Field Farm provides key retail and social services for Termonfeckin. It is a popular meet up point for locals and tourists alike.

We are in full support of the policy objectives for Termonfeckin, and believe there is potential to expand on and strengthen the existing hub of amenities the Forge Field Farm offers.

The existing Termonfeckin settlement boundary divides the Forge Field farmyard and we believe there is an opportunity to review this and offer space for possible future farm diversification projects, which could provide key community services and bespoke development opportunities; supporting economy and employment and assisting our tourism. See sketch below and area shown in blue.



We believe that these observations are in line with the following policies;

- TER 1 To consolidate and strengthen the commercial and residential town centre of Termonfeckin and encourage development, which will contribute to its character, reserve and enhance the quality of its attractive built and natural environment, while catering for the needs of all sections of the local community.
- TER 2 To support the role of Termonfeckin as a local service and employment destination by facilitating development which will contribute to the towns economy and complements and enhances the town's attractive natural and built heritage.
- TER 6 To support the provision of co-working facilities and digital hubs.
- TER 7 To support and promote sustainable tourism development in Termonfeckin.