

To whom it may concern

I am writing in objection to the new proposed development plans for 2021-2027

I am a farmer in the north Louth area, having been born and raised in the area of Lordship for the last 64 years, I am the third generation to continue the farming. Having started my own family with 5 children I have always allowed, set aside and hoped that my 5 children who range from 23-32years old would be able to build on the land and continue the family generations for many years to come.

I am absolutely devastated that the new proposed plan has all my land marked in zone 1 meaning that only 2 of my children if even, may only get the chance to follow their dreams of building and setting up a home in the area I and they love and have called home for many years.

How do you expect any parent to pick just 2 of their children?

Do you realise the heart ache, family tension and fall outs this is causing already. Imagine you having to pick just 2 of your children.

I would strongly suggest that you rezone the land in Lordship as local needs.

I find it so heart breaking to think that after inheriting the family land, seeing it go from generation to generation, working so hard to keep the land going all these years, having my children work alongside me on the family farm to think that you are now going to deny this dream from my children. Over the previous years you have allowed outsiders come into our community to build houses, mansion and estates, how is this any way right when you are denying all locals any chance to build in an area they know, love and have grown up in.

I would greatly appreciate if you would reconsider the plans to allow farmers children to build on their own land and to have land in the area zoned for local needs. I totally understand that restrictions and guidelines have to be put into place to keep the community a rural area BUT don't take this away from the young people who want to start a family life in the community they live in and have grown up in. Please take them into consideration they are the next generation and in years to come the community of Lordship will be left with no new young families, no family generations and a huge decrease in the community population which will have a detrimental impact on the local schools, shops, and businesses causing many to close for good. Is this what you really want for the people living in the local communities as it is most definitely not what the people of the community want?

Kind Regards

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