

To whom it may concern

I am writing with huge concern and wish to object to the new purposed development plan 2021-2027.

Having been born and brought up all my life in the Lordship area. I am the fourth generation of my family to be reared here. I have always dreamt of building my own home in this area to start my own family and bring them up in a great rural setting like I was, close to family, friends and nature.

I am totally heart broken and devastated that while my father and his father before him worked and farmed the land, for me having the chance to build a house on my fathers land may all just be a distant dream.

I find it totally unfair that the people in the Louth County Council are able to say that we as local residents are not permitted to build but yet you have allowed people from outside the community to come into our area to build mansions, housing estates and buy houses. How is this deemed fair to the locals living all their life's in these communities?

I along with all my siblings have always helped out on the farm, working this around our full time day jobs. This farm couldn't keep us all going on a weekly wage but without our help the farm wouldn't be able to keep going.

Many farmers in the Cooley peninsula have more than two children, how again do you have the right to say only two children of a landowner can build a house. Do you realise how much pressure this is putting on my parents and many local farmers to pick just two of their children only to build? Do you realise the tension, pressure and family feuds you are going to cause within each family and community. Are you aware of the family tragedies that have been caused by land disputes in the recent years within Ireland several reaching the news headlines.

The result of this ridiculous new development plan is going to see the people of our community living in a disadvantaged, deprived, low population community with no family generations or help in sight when it is needed.

How are the local schools/ GAA clubs/ businesses going to be able to keep going when you are rejecting the right of young local families to build, start a new life in their community and on family land. There is going to be no/very few young families in the area as a result of the new purposed plan. This is going to have a huge effect and cause the closure of our local schools, GAA clubs, many local shops and post offices.

Living in the country side has always been about having our family and friends near, knowing our neighbours and brining our children up to appreciate nature and rural life.

I urge that you and the local councillors will take massive consideration when decisions are being made for the residents of North Louth, to help me and all the young people wishing to build their dream homes in an area where we grew up in, on our own family land surrounded by family, friends and neighbours in a loving caring community. WHY should we be denied of this opportunity?

Your consideration and rightful decisions of the above is very much appreciated

Kind Regards  
Yvonne Finnegan