

To whom it may concern

I am writing to object to the new proposed development plan 2021-2027.

I am a resident of the Cooley peninsula all my life and always hoped that one day I would build my own home on the family land that my father owns. I have grown up on the family farm, very close to nature and the animals encouraging me to go to the local collage and become a veterinary nurse.

We as a family are distraught and devastated that the new plans are going to see local young people forced to move out of the area that we were born into, reared and still live in.

My father has 5 children we all still live at home and work within the area. To be now told that we all may never get the chance to build a home in the area we live in and land that is very precious to us is unbelievable. From an early age we have always helped with the farm work. As we grew older and got full time jobs the farm still remained our priority, although the farm wouldn't keep us all going financially, the farm needed our help in order to keep it going. While many famers in the Cooley peninsula have more than 2 children, how do you think this is right to make them choose just 2 of their children when we are all equal and have always helped out on the farm. Imagine you as a parent having to pick just 2 children, not easy or any way fair when you have no clue what the farm and land means to us as a family.

While 80% of the green area on the map (zone 1) is all in the North Louth area, how is this deemed fair as we have no local needs (zone 2) in the area of Lordship at all, again meaning we will never get the chance to build even though we are locals /residents all our life as was my father and his father before him.

I urge you to take both the following into massive consideration as your proposed plan at the moment is going to see rural areas being depopulated, having no family, friends or neighbours in sight at all, not to mention the massive affect it is going to have on us a family, our local schools, post offices, churches, GAA clubs etc.

Please take the above into consideration and let the voices of the North Louth people be heard.

Kind regards

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