

Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

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There is a six acre site in the townland of Dunleer on upper main street. It has always been called Motte field because of the medieval Norman Motte which is situated there. Along with this national monument there are other archaeological features i.e. souterrain, ring fort , fulacht fia ect. Environmentally, the site is also very sensitive. The white river flows along its eastern side and is home to a variety of wild life.

Twenty years ago Muire O'Loaire compiled a plan for the development of Dunleer. This plan recognised the importance and sensitivity of the Motte field. However the plan was ignored and the councillors compiled their own plan. Controversy followed and amidst all the mayhem the Motte field was zoned residential.

Since then three applications to construct a housing estate have been refused by Bord Pleanala.

There is currently a fourth attempt with LouthCo Council Planning Department.

Considering the above circumstances I feel that the Motte field should be dezoned.. Gerard Connor.