

Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

I propose that sons and daughters of native residents and of landowners in the area of Zone 1, should be permitted to build a first home for permanent occupation.

Native residents who have lived in Zone 1 for generations, should have the opportunity to have their sons and daughters live in the area also.

For rural areas to remain viable places to live, farming must continue to be foundation of the rural economy. Therefore sons and daughters of landowners must have the opportunity to live in Zone 1 and to continue farming their land in the future as they have done for generations.

Landowners in Zone 1 should have the opportunity to provide a site for any of their sons or daughters if they so wish to build a first home. A site is a much valued asset for any young person when starting out to build a first home.

Landowners in Zone 1 who have been farming for generations, looking after the environment and who never sold sites over the years are now being penalised through no fault of their own, by being restricted from giving sites to no more than two of their children.