

Louth Development plan submission

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To: LouthCDP

Dear Sir/Madame

I wish to propose an ammendment to the new County Development plan. While I strongly think it should be delayed in implementation to allow for public meetings on such a important topic, as many in the area are not on social media, were I learnt of this, I understand this may not be possible and in the interim wish a change made.

The planning proposal that you must be in full time farming in Cooley is firstly unfairly and unjust in modern Ireland. You cannot throw a blanket zone from Kilcurry to Omeath! As a small holder and part time farmer only the rich landowners in Louth will benefit from this proposal. 6 hectares cannot sustain a family yet is ample land for my children to stay close and raise their children. My family moved to the area in 1903 and 5 generations have lived on our land yet now this plan will destroy the dream for my children.

I urge the ammendment to the plan to reflect part time not full time farmers as a minimum.

While limiting some building makes sense such a strong approach will actually make current homes unaffordable for our next generation. None of us want to see another propery crisis do we?

Schools and businesses will close, sports clubs be driven to extinction and the the loss of community will be irreversible. Families will be dispersed and travel polution actually increase with us travelling larger distances to see family and attend further away schools and shops as the locals will be closed.

Personally I am already getting mentally stressed and worried about the impact on my children when they are ready to leave our home and this plan in its current form cannot be accepted.

I urge proper consultation and failing that ammendments to the plan to protect current and future generations as the proposed plan will not do that.

Regards

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