

draft louth county council development plan 2021-2027

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To whom it may concern

I wish to object to the criteria set out in Rural Zone One.

This proposal would have a detrimental effect on the North Louth area, in terms of schools, parishes, communities, football clubs, organisations in the area not to mention the local economy.

In light of the covid 19 restrictions that have been in place our communities have been unable to meet up to discuss the very restricted implications it will impose on our area and I strongly appeal for a longer period to be provided for which submissions can be made to the plan.

I am proposing that the following is included

Table 3.4: Local Housing Need Qualifying Criteria in Rural Policy Zone 1

As native resident who is seeking to build a house in the area ,I have resided in the rural area of Louth my whole life and I believe I should be able to apply for planning in my locality .

My parents live in Rockmarshall ,I grew up un Rochmarshall and I wish to build on our land beside them.I have a young family and wish my children to have the freedom, opportunity's and sense of community that rural life brings. If we can build beside my parents we would be in a position to look after them as they get older ,we would contribute to local economy ,kids would attend local school as I did ,play football in local clubs as I did and generally become the future of the local area. If this plan goes ahead myself and many others will be forced into Dundalk town where we don't want to be thus in the coming years rural clubs, schools and the rural economy will starve of demand/funding and the communities will eventually die out due to this proposal.

I do not think the proposal is fair on rural communities/families and should not be approved until further consultation with the communities themselves is carried out and assessed in depth .

Yours faithfully

Gerard Gregory