

To whom this may concern,

I am sending this letter via email in regards to the Louth Development Plan.

I am outraged that these new rules that's going to be implemented is even a thought in someone's head let alone have the plan ready to go ahead without listening or talking to the people's life's that you are trying to control and ruin. My name is Jane, 28 years of age and has lived in the Cooley Peninsula all my life. I have been very privileged to have travelled to many different countries abroad for holidays and the beautiful counties here in the isle of Ireland, but there is nowhere like home. Ever since I was a little girl I always knew my heart was here and I have never dreamt of settle down anywhere else, and to be told that, that choice could be taking away from me breaks my heart. I come from big families on both my parents' side and both of whom their families have lived in this area for generations, and the thoughts of not been able, myself to build a house I call my own beside my mother and father, siblings, cousins and friends just doesn't make sense to me. My generation of cousins and friends is now coming up and it is our time to start living our best lives, building our homes, getting married and having children, life can sometimes be hard but settling down and trying to put down our roots shouldn't be something we have to fight for. We the people should be proud that generation after generation want to stay where they have been brought up. I would like to ask that whoever reads my letter that you put yourself in my shoes, having to express how I feel with words on a piece of paper of what this plan could potentially do to my life, my siblings, cousins, friends and to everyone that comes behind me, to understand that to us it is everything to want live where we have been brought up. We want the chance to talk about this, let you listen to us, we listen to you, but we can't do this through letters/emails, we want to sit down and talk about this, face to face, and with covid-19 this isn't possible. I plead with you to wait, wait until this is possible for all of us to get on board and talk this through and give us the opportunity to fight for our future.

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter and all the other letters of submission use have received.

Please consider us when you sit down for your next meeting in relation to this topic.

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