

**SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED LOUTH COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021 -2027**

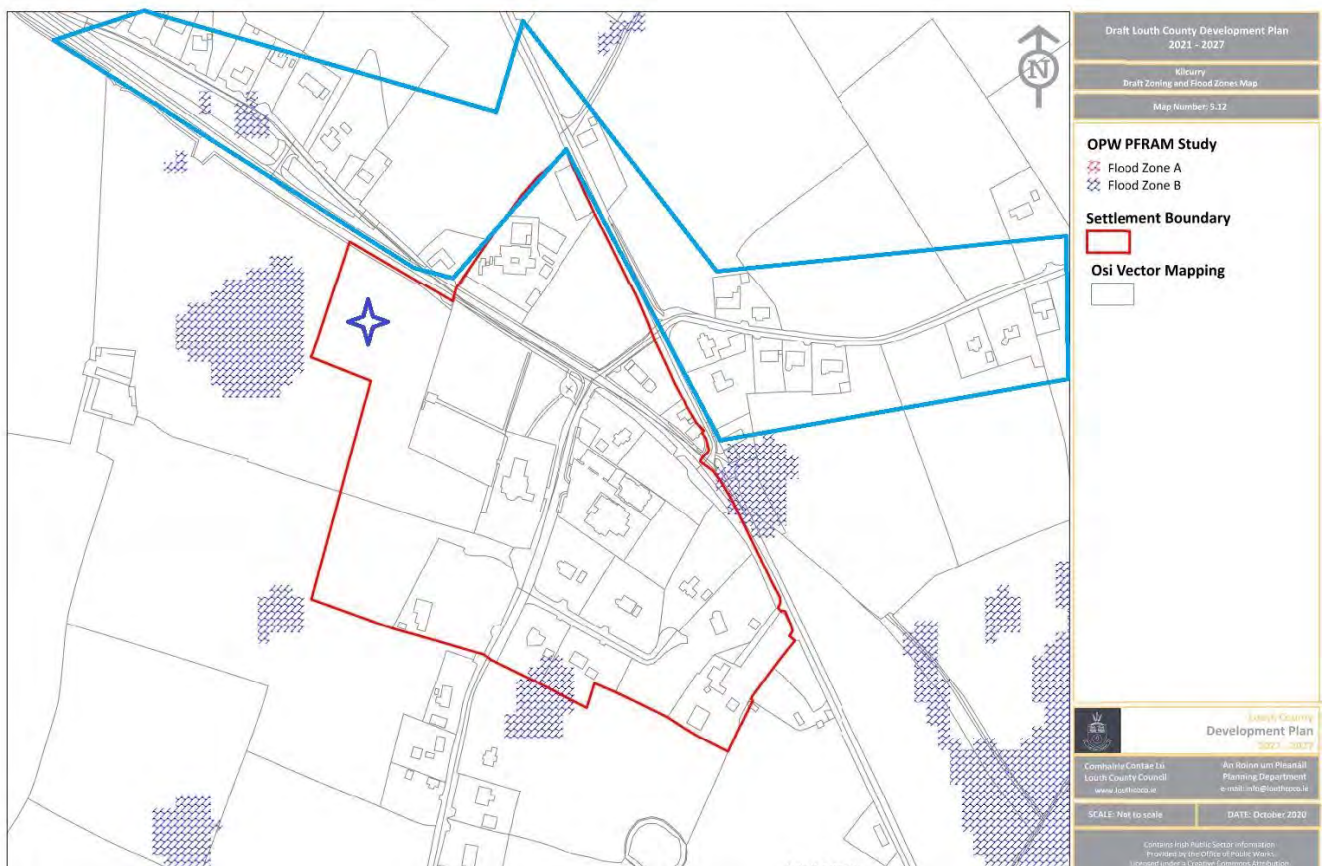
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To whom it may concern,

I have read through the proposals for the draft Louth County Development plan for 2021 to 2027 and wish to suggest that the following changes are made

1. In relation to the KILCURRY map, I note that the proposed “settlement area” for Kilcurry only contains the immediate area surrounding the School, Church and Resource centre. In the last year considerable funds have been spent on footpaths and public lighting in areas outside this settlement area which I feel should actually be inside the proposed settlement area, therefore, I propose that the Kilcurry settlement area be enlarged to include the areas I have highlighted in Light blue on the amended map below.



2. In relation to the area marked with the dark blue star on the map above, I query why this area has been included in the proposed “settlement area” and what special significance deemed that particular area to be included. I have no particular objection to it’s inclusion, however I find it puzzling given the recent history of planning lands in that particular folio.

3. I have serious concerns about Policy Objective EE56 which states:

Policy Objective	
EE 56	To support the provision of whiskey maturation facilities within the open countryside where the scale of such development is appropriate to the location and surrounding area which is located in reasonable proximity to appropriate levels of infrastructure and road access.

I propose that this policy be removed or at least amended as I feel that no single industry should be given such “special treatment” under a County Development plan, especially one which proposes very high restrictions upon local people with regard to planning permission for housing.

The language in the above policy statement is, at best, vague.

At the very least, there should be a clause stating that no such facility should be placed close to a settlement area or community facility due to the very valid and sensible reasons highlighted by An Bord Pleanála decision ABP-302032-18

This ends my submission

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