

Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

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To: LouthCDP

To Whom It May Concern

We wish to object to the proposed Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027.

We believe this plan highlights a serious lack of understanding regarding the needs of the local community both presently and looking to the future.

Our family have lived in this area for many generations and to have the choice for further generations to continuing living here restricted or even removed is only shocking. As a farming family, it is hoped that the farm will be passed from generation to generation into the future but this draft proposal threatens the likelihood of this.

It is also very concerning that the inability to build on family land in the future leaves aging parents with no younger family members close by to care for them.

Restricting or removing the choice to build on the family farm also has a knock-on effect on the wider community as it will impact on numbers in local primary schools, thus lessening the chance of local schools remaining viable. The local post office and other such services will also no doubt be impacted.

We think this is a very ill thought plan with no regard given to the impact on families who have been born and reared on their farms and who in turn hope their children will do the same.

Regards.

Tony & Aisling Rice