

## **Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027**

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We wish to object to the Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 and especially the re-zoning of our local area to 'Rural Policy Zone 1'.

We have 5 children between the ages of 15 and 5 and if this plan is adopted they, when the time comes will not be able to build a home in the area of their birthplace as their parents and grandparents did. We feel this is totally unconstitutional and will not sustain the rural community into the next generation.

While we acknowledge changes are required in the long term to maintain the vitality and sustainability of our community this proposed change will do the opposite and have a negative outcome with our children having to move from the area from where they were brought up, school number will decrease, sporting organisation, local shops and businesses will have to close due to no numbers and not being viable to continue.

We feel that the current criteria to build in the various control zone while quite restrictive does allow for long term residents remain in the area of their birthplace should they wish and this should be retained in the Development Plan 2021-2027.

I hope you take these comments into consideration.

Kind regards

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