

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in relation to the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027.

I am submitting my objection on this plan in the strongest terms.

As a native of Omeath, this plan concerns myself and my family greatly. On a personal level I am planning to build and raise my family here, beside my family. This plan will inhibit this as I will not meet the criteria set out, thus house prices will rise and there will be no other option for my family but to move out of my local area, if not county, to find a home and raise my family away from the support and community I am currently surrounded and supported by.

Professionally I work in Omeath in the local primary school. We are a three teacher school in the heart of the village; set in the most beautiful setting, it is such a joy to see our students walk and cycling to school with their families every day. However this plan; in time will create a situation that no new families will be coming into the area or young families starting out, and this in turn will cause our numbers to drop and possibly leading to the closure of our school, also leading to loss of jobs- mine being one of those jobs. To see our beautiful school close would be such a loss for our families and community – in actual fact the community would no longer exist as the very centre of the community would be gone.

Our beautiful village of Omeath will suffer greatly from this plan; as I have already stated with no young families moving in and locals starting their families having to move out with nowhere to live. This would also cause the need for amenities in the areas to decrease and also closing, leaving our older generations without essential amenities and more importantly their family living close by them.

Our tidy towns, Omeath District Development, Cuchulainn Gaels GAA, Schools, Pastoral Council to name but a few; continue to work so hard to ensure our village is enticing and show casing its best possible attributes, along with this and our dedicated businesses we have enticed lots of tourism and business into our little village making it a great place to live, work and have a business in. You only have to drive through our village at the moment to see the beautiful Christmas lights on display- a display which took our volunteers and businesses weeks to prepare and decorate regardless of a tough year and lockdowns. It would be most disappointing to see all this hard work dismissed by the Louth County Council blocking the growth and development of our beautiful area and within time losing the amenities that are supporting the physical and mental health of all our generations in the area- something that is very much needed in this day and age.

As a native, in the area, daughter and mother I ask to you decline this proposal in the best interest of the people in the area of Omeath. The people of Omeath have worked and continue to work extremely hard for their area - please don't let this be undone by our very own County Council.

Yours Sincerely,

Ann-Marie Flynn