

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

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**To:** LouthCDP

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Hi

I am writing a submission regarding the draft Louth County Development Plan. I completely disagree with the severe restrictions on planning.

I moved to Carlingford 10 years ago and have raised my family here and set up a small business in the area. I want my children to be able to live in houses in the area they grew up without having to move to Dundalk. I want to be able to hire talented local employees for my business. This draft plan will prevent both of these possibilities.

Carlingford is dominated by second homes and short term letting making it difficult for local people to get their own homes here. The restrictions suggested by this plan will limit the housing market further and strangle the local area resulting in schools and businesses alike having to close as younger families and talented workers can't live in their own locality.

Older people will also suffer as their children won't be able to live nearby and provide caring roles for them.

The idea that you have to be a full-time farmer to get planning permission is ludicrous in this day and age where very few people do that as a full time job, there are heavy EU subsidies required to even sustain farming as a livelihood and I understand there are numerous incentives to try and promote farmers not relying on farming income due to its unsustainable nature. Therefore it makes no sense for full time agriculture to be one of the criteria.

I hope you will reconsider.

Kind regards,  
Jenny Diamond