

Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

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To: LouthCDP

To whom it may concern

Please find enclosed my objection to the Louth county development plan 2021-2027.

I would like to object to the above plan.

You will find below the main areas of my concerns. It's long term effects on the community are very worrying and the public are beginning to become anxious over this. Due to these major concerns, particularly in zone 1 where the options to build are extremely limited to most people including myself and my family members. I have serious questions that the people of North Louth need answers to before anything. It is very disappointing that this plan is being allowed to go ahead during this covid pandemic. The fact that the council only held zoom meetings and no public meetings, even though I am aware they are currently prohibited, is just terrible.

Many people in North Louth do not have broadband facilities to access online meetings. Zone 1 is far too restrictive. This plan will cause rising house prices and a rise in price on land in zone 2.

I really worry for all the young people as many of their salaries will not match this. This only adds increased financial strain to many young people who are struggling to live in Ireland as it is. The council must not allow this to happen.

There are also cultural implications. Parents of these children would find great comfort in knowing that their children will be there to care for them when they get older as they live in the same area. This plan will mean that the next generation will not be able to live close by and care for their elderly parents, where is the compassion?? It's something that we have done for generations. At the end of the day we are all human beings and deserve the right to live near our parents should we choose to as well as our kids.

The depopulation of the area will eventually in time deteriorate leading to closure of football clubs & other sporting facilities.

Can I ask, has there been any economic or social study on this? Are there plans for more nursing homes as there will be no family members around to look after elderly people. I'm quite sure some families will choose not to place their loved ones in nursing homes, increasing the importance of their relations living near them.

Are there plans for more social housing as there no doubt will be a greater need for this due to a reduction in the ability to afford housing as people are permitted to build on their own land.

In addition, what are the plans for social infrastructure in our settlements and towns, ie public lighting, footpaths, recreational areas, bus routes etc.

I urge you to listen to a very concerned parent and local business owner.

Regards

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