

Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

Sent: 22 December 2020 14:17
To: LouthCDP
Importance:High

Subject

1/plan to break up family units to the detriment of society as a whole.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would be very grateful if you can raise an objection on my behalf regarding the proposed Louth County Development Plan 2021 -2027.

We live in what is referred to as the Qualifying Criteria Rural Policy Zone 1 in the townland of Ballinteskin Omeath.

Our children and grandchildren were born here, We have two sons that want to own a home in their native home area. If this plan is adopted they will be forced to leave their home area where they were born and grew up and move away from their extended family.

The plan clearly discriminates against people who were born here, if they do not belong to a family that owns 3 hectares or more. Whenever our children and GRANDCHILDREN might decide to build a house they will be forced to leave the area where they were born.

The proposed plan is clearly discriminatory . It is also very frustrating for us to receive this very recent information on Facebook and then discover that the deadline for objections is 2 days before Christmas and in the middle of a pandemic when we can't meet up with other people to discuss it. This feels very rushed and smacks to me in my humble opinion of getting something through quickly before anyone notices. .

I haven't heard of any social impact reports either studies or even notes on the detriment to communities in the area.

If there are any I have 2 questions. Well I have lots of questions but these first.

1. Is it normal to pass such a life effecting plan with no notice or consideration given to the people it affects.

(I found out about this on Facebook in passing.)

2. Is it normal not to conduct a study or research into all aspects of the end results of such a plan. (and the same as above, if there was a plan would it be published for the people involved to see.. I don't consider it fair to have to pay money I can't afford on something imposed on me without my consent)

It also feels that our children may not be permitted to live near us and would have to leave their native home area.

Having extended family around is the core of Irish Family culture/life.

And therefore this would lead to us as older parents not having them to help us out when we are older and need help. In this case we would be relying on the state for any care we might need into the future.

Can you please register my objection and I look forward to hearing from you?

Thanking you in anticipation

Patricia McAteer,