

Mrs Alice Cunningham



16th Dec 2020

Re: Draft County Louth Development Plan 2021 – 2027

Dear Sir,

Having reviewed the proposed Louth Development Plan 2021-2027 and noting the proposals in sections:

- 3.17 Housing in the Open Countryside
- 3.17.3 Identifying Rural Area Types
- 3.17.4 Rural Generating Housing Need
- And the specific qualifying criteria for each of the Rural Policy Zones that is set out in Tables 3.4 (Rural Policy Zone 1) and 3.5 (Rural Policy Zone 2).

As a landowner and parent and as the need arises, I would like to provide a site and facilitate my son or daughter or grandchild build their family home on my landholding or transfer a site into their ownership.

As I interpret the proposed qualifying criteria, it would be very difficult for any member of my family to demonstrate rural housing need and especially as their personal circumstances evolve.

Therefore, I respectfully propose in this submission that the qualifying criteria is reviewed and re-drafted to be less penal and obstructive for family members seeking planning permission to build on family land.

Additionally, I propose that the qualifying landowner definition requiring a landholding of not less than 3 hectares be reduced to that area suitable for a single residential dwelling.

So, as to support the sustainable development of rural families and their communities.