

## **Submission on proposed new Development Plan for Co. Louth.**

**A Chara,**

**From the outset, I wish to admit I have not read in detail the total proposed Plan ( I believe it to be five volumes in length).**

**I am concerned that the following does not receive attention with an overview vision of what is required and incorporating the experiences gained from past endeavours:**

- a) That housing schemes, private or public, are to be built with all attending necessities like Schools, shops, Community Centre, including recreational facilities, as the norm in future and made conditional on been granted Planning.**
- b) That the County infrastructure of roads, water supply and sewerage be upgraded with volume of usage, safety, health standards and quality of purpose be taken into account and maintained at that level as a baseline requirement.**
- c) Promotion of environment appreciation by all stake-holders – wildlife and fauna preservation, clean waterways, litter elimination, recycling education, carbon reduction methods.**
- d) Combatting coastal erosion with expert advice to co-ordinate policy.**
- e) The renewal and conservation of old historical buildings throughout the county particularly older social structures as forges and handball alleys which were a feature in every village and even at crossroads and are now derelict.**
- f) The rural population have chosen to remain in such a setting for generations and their families should not be denied their right to build if they so choose irrespective of the size of their original home holding.**

- g) Drogheda is a town crying out for both preservation and renewal. A walkway linking the Donaghy's Mills to the Old Abbey would enhance the whole area and provide anew cultural amenity. The Mall needs renewing too and could be quite attractive also with seating and floral decoration. The Whitworth Monument could be re-erected. A Boardwalk between Dominick's Bridge and the Viaduct could be considered also. Many town buildings require attention and refurbishment of upper floors along main throughfare could be encouraged by incentive schemes that would welcome back people to live in the town again.**
- h) The development of the Northern Cross Route is imperative for the town expansion. The provision of necessary additional employment and training facilities for the IDA and others, would be provided for alongside the housing, educational, social and sporting assets as envisaged in the original Northern Environs document released in 2004. The town's traffic congestion would be greatly relieved immediately and with a train stop on the northern side of town, also suggested in the original report, we would be well on the way to utopia!**

**Is mise,  
Tomás Ó hEochaidh.**