

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

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**To:** LouthCDP

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To Whom it concerns,

I wish to register my objections in the strongest terms to the Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027.

My family have been residents of Bellurgan for over 150 years and my children and the 5th generation of Gallaghers to live on the Marsh road in Bellurgan. This proposed development plan would see them unable to build a home in the community and area where they will have grown up, gone to school, been involved in local sporting clubs and community groups... i.e. their community.

If 2020 and the COVID pandemic has taught us one thing, it is that there is value in communities, community spirit, and that it doesn't always make sense to push everyone into crowded spaces and town centres! This development plan will destroy rural communities and leave them absent of a younger generation, instead leading to an aging community to the detriment of rural society, schools, clubs, and communities.

This plan should be torn up and people should be permitted to build homes in the communities from which they come subject to NORMAL and APPROPRIATE planning controls.

Regards,  
Brendan Gallagher,