

Martin Ward

RE: Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021 – 2027

To whom it concern,

I wish to object to the criteria set out in Rural Zone One.

This proposal would have a detrimental effect on the North Louth area, in terms of schools, parishes, communities, football clubs, organisations in the area not to mention the local economy.

In light of the covid 19 restrictions that have been in place our communities have been unable to meet up to discuss the very restricted implications it will impose on our area and I strongly appeal for a longer period to be provided for which submissions can be made to the plan.

I am proposing that the following is included

Table 3.4: Local Housing Need Qualifying Criteria in Rural Policy Zone 1

- A native resident who is seeking to build a house in the area. A native resident is someone who has resided in the rural area of Louth for at least 18 years prior to any application for planning permission. Any applicant under this category must demonstrate a rural housing need.

Yours faithfully