

# Matson Lodge/Millhaven Residents Association –

18 December 2020

Forward Planning Unit,  
Development Plan Review,  
Louth County Council,  
Town Hall,  
Crowe Street,  
Dundalk,  
Co. Louth A91 W20C.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the residents of Matson Lodge and Millhaven,

We would request that the following be taken into account in the development plan.

- There is a huge issue with the traffic and parking in particular at drop off and collection times at the three schools that have been built directly opposite Matson Lodge with little planning on bus and parent drop off and pick up. Cars park all over our estate at these time regularly blocking residents in and making it impossible for residents to turn out of our estate. There needs to be parent parking allocated for all three schools. Also there should be a roundabout at the entrance to Matson Lodge.
- A new estate “Gort Bui” is about to be completed in between the three schools. This will make the traffic situation worse. Again there should be a roundabout and thorough traffic planning measures.
- Access to Matson Lodge and Millhaven from Moneymore estate through the “cut”. In previous years children used to access the schools through the Rugby Club grounds. When these were fenced in the children then came through the cut (ditch) at the end of Castlemanor. In recent years this has become a location for antisocial behaviour and a hidden access route. A proper school access route needs to be provided for the children. They should not have to wade through a rat infested ditch to get to school. The “cut” should be closed to reduce antisocial behaviour and a proper, lighted, safe access route to school provided for the children.

This is a small estate with a mainly ageing population. There have been periods when people were afraid to leave their houses after dark as they did not know who would materialise through the “cut”. We would ask you to help make this area safer for all residents in all estates.

Yours sincerely

Charlie McGrath

Chairperson

No 4 Matson Lodge