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**Forward Planning Unit**  
Development Plan Review  
Louth County Council  
Town Hall,  
Crowe Street,  
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**Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027**

**Re: Submission on Draft Louth County Development Plan**  
**Objector: Aisling O'Doherty**

**Objection to the proposal by Forward planning to introduce the majority of the Cooley peninsula into a rural policy Zone 1.**

Dear Planners

I understand and accept the need to control planning in the rural countryside, especially in areas of high demand and in areas of high scenic quality or outstanding natural beauty. But to basically make all the land from ballymascanlon roundabout to Carrickcarnan over to Omeath, down to Carlingford, The Bush, over through Lordship, Bellurgan & back to Ballymascanlon a no planning zone for one off house, will do two things.

Firstly it will deny natives of the above rural areas their right to continue to live in their rural communities.

Secondly it will put huge pressure on the area Rural Policy Zone 2, the lower lands from Lordship to Carlingford.

I have lived all my life in Bellurgan, I have recently lodged an application for a house for myself, I believe I should have the right to live in my local community, I would hate to think that if my application was refused for some technical issue that could be addressed, that the planning may have changed by then and that I may never be able to build a house for myself to live in my local community. Or that my sisters and brother may never be able to build in our local community. I went school here, I play football with St Patricks GAA, I have loads of family and friends in the area and feel I should have the right to build a house in the area.