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

Re: Submission on Draft Louth County Development Plan
Objector: Karen 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 in Ballymakellet then in Bellurgan all my life, I would hate to think that there is a possibility that none of my four children may be able to build a house for themselves to live in our local community. I went to school here, I played football with St Patricks GAA, I have a lot of family and friends in the area and feel very strongly that all my children who also are an integral part of the community, should have the right to build a house in the area if they desired to do so. If all of my children aren't allowed to build in the community, I would like to think that at least two of my children would be given the right to do so, without bias to those with holdings of 7.5 acres of land or more.