

Re: Proposed Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

I wish to make a submission in relation to the proposed Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027.

I would like to object to the proposed changes to the rural section of the plan, whereby it seeks to effectively re-zone the entire areas of Ravensdale and Faughart so that only occupational farmers and those with large land holdings can build in the area.

Having been raised in Ravensdale as a child and then later building my own house in Faughart, I have a great love for the area and take comfort from knowing that I am living close by if ever my parents need me. This proposed plan, if passed, will not only deny my two younger sisters the same opportunity I had to build and live locally, but also has the potential to impact upon any children I or they may have in later years.

If passed, this plan stands to decimate the population of the re-zoned areas, which will also have knock-on lasting effects on local school enrolments, local gaa and soccer teams and local shops, pubs, restaurants and businesses.

I would like to have these proposed changes retracted from the new development plan and replaced with the existing rural zoning policies.

I would also like to request that the following section from the current plan not be included in the proposed new development plan: "SS54 – To preserve a clear break of a minimum of 300 metres between the boundary of existing settlements and any permitted development along adjoin roads".