

Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021 - 2027

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I don't believe the draft plan should be advanced any further until there is proper consultation with the local population. I myself only became aware of it recently thanks to a casual conversation with a neighbour. Has the planning authorities ensured everyone affected by this actually know about this. I DIDNT.

Some points, When I was a child, Glenmore was a desolate lonely place. There were only 3 in my class at national school about 30 pupils in all. There seemed to only be elderly people, People whose families had been FORCED TO EMIGRATE to find work as well as batchelors and a few spinsters also possibly caused by emigration.

Now we have a thriving school with lots of young families, and a great community spirit. By forcing locals to move away from the area are you trying to turn the clock back fifty years.?????

I believe that the current planning rules are good enough.

MY daughter was unfortunate enough to buy a small house in Dundalk which was to be a stepping stone to her forever home. What happens now?????. Due to a career change she now works in the peninsula and commutes out from Dundalk daily, the plan is that her children would go to Mullaghbouy NS. What happens now?.

I don't own land but I do help out on my brothers land. Three farms were consolidated over a period of thirty years to be a worthwhile size. Because I don't actually own the land my other children will not be able to build in our townland with the new rules.

There are no good reasons for doing this. When I was building my house I was limited in design and colour and size, because the planners said they wanted to keep the uplands looking scenic for people to look at. Well, we want to live here. It shouldn't really matter if someone in Blackrock or Dunany or Clogherhead or Warrenpoint or Greencastle can see our lights.

So , I respectfully ask that the new local needs for zone 1 are shelved. Its simply not fair that we are singled out simply because of where we live and where we want our families to live in the future.

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