

Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

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To: LouthCDP

To whom it may concern,

I want to make a formal objection to the proposed new Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 and in particular the changes proposed in the plan to the Cooley Peninsula where such changes would have a potential detrimental effect on the future of my young family.

Both myself and my husband were born and reared in Cooley and is where we have chosen to also live and rear our own family. Neither of us come from a family that had land that we could use to build our house. A number of years ago after endless searching we were lucky enough to acquire a plot of land in the area that was just under 6 acres that we built our house on but also gave us peace of mind that any future children would have a place to build should they want to when they are older. However even under the rules of the proposed development plan we do not have enough land to allow this to happen so essentially it makes no provision for my children or really the majority of children in the area to create a home and continue to live in our communities.

I find it completely unacceptable that this would not be a choice for them and a decision half-heartedly made by someone else. Contrary to popular believe not everyone wants to live in a town which I might add that are already overcrowded! Take Carlingford and Blackrock as two pretty good examples where people have been granted planning permission to build in their gardens yet in the middle of the country with not a person around you it is virtually impossible to get planning without jumping through hoops and practically selling your soul as it is, imagine what it will be like if the new proposal goes ahead!

Aside from the above personal reasons, as a resident of the rural community, I have not be asked or consulted on major changes to be included in the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027. Based on the major changes outlined in the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 there seems to have been no Impact Assessment Report commissioned or completed showing the long term effects on our communities. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic there has not been the opportunity for affected communities to meet and discuss the plan or put forward alternatives to the plan. We demand provisions in the plan to allow this and thus allow for our community to sustain long into the future.

Kind regards,

A concerned member of the community.