

Development Plan Submission

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Following a significant number of representations in relation to the Development Plan I would like to make the following points.

- People born and reared in a small rural village such as Ballagan or Bellurgan should be able to obtain planning permission in any of these villages once they can demonstrate they have a rural housing need and satisfy local needs criteria
- Most of the smaller rural villages do not have adequate land for development. Provision must be made to allow these villages to be extended to allow eligible applicants obtain planning permission.
- Rural Generated Housing need is an item of huge concern in this draft plan as I alluded too many times during the Development Plan workshops. Due to the current pandemic and the need for proper and detailed consultation on the drastic changes to Zoning and policy criteria. "I propose that we postpone the new rural policy for a period of 2 years and the current policy in the Development Plan 2015 - 2021 remains in place until such time. This will enable detailed meetings to take place to discuss the policy and enable a balanced approach to any future changes".
- Finally I wish to acknowledge the hard work and effort of the Planning Department of Louth County Council in the preparation of the plan. They have also worked hard to address all concerns I have raised and were willing to attend many virtual meetings to discuss same.

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