

Objection Letter to Development Plan

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To: LouthCDP

Dear Sir - Madam

Please find below my objection letter to the Development Plan. I would be thankful if you could confirm that this letter is received and brought to the attention of all involved in the voting process.

Warm Regards

Padraig Mc Cullough

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To Whom it May & Does Concern:

I would like to outline a number of areas in which I am against the new development plan.

1. I was born in Tullydonnell, Togher and grew up to adulthood in this area. Our Dad bought a small plot of land over 30 years ago in order to keep our small family close together and have the opportunity to live in the countryside with our children.
2. I am appalled to think that this opportunity and in my opinion 'right' could be taken away from me, my family, my children and their children for generations to come. We should have a right to choose in our own country and if this development plan goes ahead it will be taken away from us.
3. It is not only I who comes from this area but also my wife and her family. Therefore our family unit is deeply enshrined and rooted in this area. To think that a law could be passed prohibiting the local people to build further and protect the local heritage of the areas culture, family name(s) and traditions is in my opinion unconstitutional, immoral.
4. We already have a housing crisis in this country and there is a mass lack of accommodation. To take away rural development to this magnitude (especially to the family member – unit) will further exasperate the problem. This in turn will increase demand to much larger degrees and therefore drive up the price of accommodation and rent to the normal person. It will indefinitely increase homelessness and poverty.
5. It will also have a horrific effect on schools (both in rural and urban areas) with mass decreases in rural areas (maybe closures eventually forcing children to travel to towns – cities) and mass increases in urban areas and over-crowding etc.
6. Local businesses will be greatly effected such as local shops, rural sports clubs including GAA clubs, athletics clubs etc.
7. It will inevitably increase urban mass population social and economic problems which will increase anti-social behaviour and so on in Urban areas.

In conclusion I'd like to appeal to those voting on this to reflect on the magnitude to this decision. When your children and grandchildren say to you that they would like to build a house and bring their family up in the countryside – Will your reply to them be “No you can't because I voted against that and took that right away from you (ultimately killing rural communities)” or do you say to them “Yes – you can do that because I represented the people and fought for them and ultimately saved rural communities so you and your children can continue to have the choice to live in (our) rural Ireland just like all our ancestors. “That Choice is Yours – Which you will have to live with for the rest of your lives”

Warm Regards

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