

Draft development plan for county Louth

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I have lived all my life in Glenmore and have had the privilege to build my own home on site gifted to me and my husband by father. This ability to build near family also enabled both of the new homeowners to work outside the family home to pay the mortgage especially in rural areas where there was and is precious little organised child minding facilities. Why does our elected council feel that the freedom to build on family or local land should be altered? This will definitely affect most young people's prospect of building a home of their own for a reasonable cost particularly as I look to the future, I have 3 children and these kids land already limit the possibility that only 2 will build in an area they were born raised & educated in! The build costs are high and COVID regulations will increase costs so to purchase a site from a builder would be impossible for most except of course for the speculator who will buy and charge exorbitant rates to holiday makers or partygoers in the proposed village like estates. Those who wish to live in a town or village have their reasons and houses there for the masses are in estates or streets. This is acceptable as people make a choice. The countryside is different with fewer amenities distance from work or major shopping centres but this is our choice and I believe we are entitled to make that choice and accept the disadvantages experienced.

Please urgently consider alternatives to this proposed plan as it will in my opinion decimate local schools activity clubs and destroy the fabric of rural society.

Furthermore the effect of limiting household development will have a knock on effect on schools, if lowering the number of people living in the area it will lower the number of children availing of school places thus impacting small school viability.

Regards
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