

I would like to strongly object to the proposed changes to the new rural development plan. Specifically the changes it entails to the Cooley peninsula and the large scale changes in relation to zone 1. These proposals will be detrimental to myself and family members who have been associated with the area for many years.

Given the current pandemic, current national housing need/shortage and little or no opportunity for public discussion with the rural communities. Implementation of this policy at this time will have a detrimental effect on hundreds of families within our community. 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.

Niall O'Reilly