

'Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

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To: LouthCDP

Re Chapter 2.

That following addition be made to CS5 in bold italics.

To support the implementation of the EU Green Deal, National Climate Action Plan 2019, Programme for Government 2020, ***Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Action Bill 2020*** Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for Louth and the Climate Action Charter through the Draft County Development Plan and to consider, if appropriate, a variation of the development plan to ensure the consistency with the approach to climate action recommended in any revised Development Plan Guidelines as adopted.

I want to support the inclusion of CS 16 in the Development Plan and would urge the Planners and Chief Executive to resist the concerted efforts by some Cllrs to loosen proposals for unsustainable one off housing and development away from agreed settlements. New housing need must be strongly directed into Settlements. I say this as someone with 4 children living in the Cooley countryside and stake in the future of the area.

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Remove SS 26 . That Urban Framework puts development on a collision course with so many other new policy objectives driven by the Compact Growth imperative and the stated objective of Chapter 12 CS5.

Chapter 3 Hou 40.

The change in approach to rural zones has its dangers.

Previously highly protected areas where no development was permitted appear to now enjoy reduced protection. No development zones out to be clearly identified and in particular should apply above certain contour lines in the Cooley uplands, close to pNHA sites and along certain coastal zones.

The loss of the principal of no development may be an unintended consequence of the new 2 zone system but it need needs to be replaced by something explicit such as I am suggesting. A reference to no development zones could be inserted for instance inn Hou 40 and developed further in development management section.

Re Chapter 8. To include,

1. Ardee Bog be identified as an NHA candidate, designated a Raised Bog for conservation and rewetting and that the Local Authority work with local landowners and stakeholders to achieve agreement on and fulfil the objective. This proposal is supported by: -

NBG21: to support the implementation of recommendations included in the Louth Wetland Survey and any subsequent versions thereof, including supporting communities interested in the restoration of boglands, notably Ardee Bog pNHA. -

NBG22: to support the implementation of recommendations contained in the National Peatlands Strategy in 2015.

2. The view of Ardee Bog from local road L5232 be designated a Protected View. This proposal is also supported by: -

NBG21: to support the implementation of recommendations included in the Louth Wetland Survey and any subsequent versions thereof, including supporting communities interested in the restoration of boglands, notably Ardee Bog pNHA. -
NBG22: to support the implementation of recommendations contained in the National Peatlands Strategy in 2015.

Chapter 12.

CS 5 is most welcome and recognises the need for dynamic responses to emerging imperatives around the Climate Emergency and this is as should be given our low lying landscape and vulnerable urbans.

As already stated "Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Action Bill 2020" should be included alongside the reference to the Programme for Government.

If nothing else it positions the Development Plan as well aligned with new legislation in an area that will be heavily financed.

There needs to be a commitment to setting targets in this Chapter in areas like transport(car journey reductions), housing, so that we can measure progress to overall targets. and we need a 2030 target not a 2050 one .

To me that seems self evident given its operational life from 2021 to 2027.

Best wishes
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