

Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021 - 2027

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To: LouthCDP

Dear Sirs

With reference to the planning and development Act 2000 it is clear that Louth county council cannot fulfil its obligation to hold public meetings (see extract below) during the covid 19 crisis.

(3) (a) As soon as may be after giving notice under this section of its intention to review a development plan and to prepare a new development plan, a planning authority shall take whatever additional measures it considers necessary to consult with the general public and other interested bodies

(b) Without prejudice to the generality of *paragraph (a)*, a planning authority shall hold public meetings and seek written submissions regarding all or any aspect of the proposed development plan and may invite oral submissions to be made to the planning authority regarding the plan

Therefore the draft plan must remain in draft status until such time as public meetings can be held in person and not over an online platform.

If this plan is adopted in its present state it will be seen as discriminatory against rural households and will inevitably mean the depopulation of the rural area of North Louth.

Yours faithfully

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