

Objection to Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

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To: LouthCDP

To Whom it May Concern,

As a resident of Glenmore, Riverstown, Co. Louth I would like to make a formal objection to the Louth County Development Plan 2021 – 2027.

I am making my objection on the following grounds:

- As a resident of Glenmore, I was not notified or consulted about major changes to be included in the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027. Without the knowledge of a well-informed neighbour, this plan may have been ratified without me knowing.
- As far as I am aware there has been no Impact Assessment Report commissioned or completed to assess the social and economic effects of the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027. Surely a report of this nature should be done at the outset before this plan is even considered.
- As a result of Covid-19 restrictions it has been impossible for people in rural towns to meet and discuss alternatives to the plan. It is absurd to me that such a plan could even be considered for ratification in the midst of a global pandemic.
- The European Court of Justice court ruling called 'The Flemish Decree' was not taken into account or dealt with in The County Louth Draft Plan or at the time of publishing the plan. There needs to be clarification with regards to this issue.
- The Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 makes no provision for the welfare of my family. I currently live in the family home where I grew up with my parents and four siblings. My eldest brother will be left the family farm. Like many others I have been gifted a site by my parents. I have known from an early age that Glenmore is where I wanted to live. Glenmore is where my father grew up and his father and father before. To force people to move away from their family, friends and neighbours seems utterly unjust to me. As my parents get older, I wish to be in a privileged position where I can care for them, just as they spent their lives caring for me. It is my hope that my future children will attend the school I went to, participate in the local sports clubs their parents are lifelong members of and enjoy the beauty of Glenmore, just as I have done. How else will rural communities survive if local people are pushed out? We are demanding provisions in the plan to allow for this and thus allow for our local community to survive long after we are gone.

I hope you take the time to consider my plea.

Yours sincerely,

Maeve Mc Cann.