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Submission to Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

The Burris, Tullyallen, is the original Main Street of the village. It was part of the early Christian ecclesiastical settlement, founded by St. Colman.

In the twelfth century, following the founding of Mellifont Abbey, the Cistercians honoured the old monastic settlement by creating the Grange of Tullyallen. An early map shows The Burris described as "The Towne of Tullyallen". And under the Norman system in the twelfth century the street was laid out in Burgages. By the eighteenth century, that word had evolved to 'Burris'. It was a busy street of linen-weavers and farmers.

The street suffered greatly in the nineteenth century, at first from the collapse of the cottage linen industry, and later from the Great Famine. The new road built in the early nineteenth century has become the new main street of the village

*Today, the community of The Burris contribute to the life of the village in many ways. The village of Tullyallen has seen great improvements in the last two decades, including footpaths and street-lighting. But the old main street of The Burris has been greatly neglected by Louth County Council. For four decades, children, and parents with buggies, have been trying to avoid potholes and ponding as they meet traffic. We have on file a copy of a letter written to Louth County Council in 1978 requesting re-surfacing. In the earlier years, residents were informed of the job number on the waiting list. More recently, it was categorised as a 'tertiary road'. *It is not a tertiary road.* It is a village street in the care of Louth County Council. The few 'Band-Aid type repairs' done over the four decades have been a waste of time and money.*

Comparisons have been made with village streets in other counties. No example of similar neglect has been found.

Local young people wishing to build their homes in, and close to, Tullyallen village face restriction or refusal, and their families and the community experience their departure, and the loss of their contribution to local community life. There is a contradiction between the assumption that restricting the organic growth of their home village enhances the heritage of this area, on the one hand, and the neglect of the historic medieval street, The Burris, on the other hand.

We are asking Louth County Council to give a commitment in the new County Development Plan to upgrade the village streets of the county to twenty-first century standard.

We ask the County Council to make The Burris, Tullyallen, a priority.

We have a very long-standing reason to be grateful for the attention you give to this issue.

Yours sincerely,

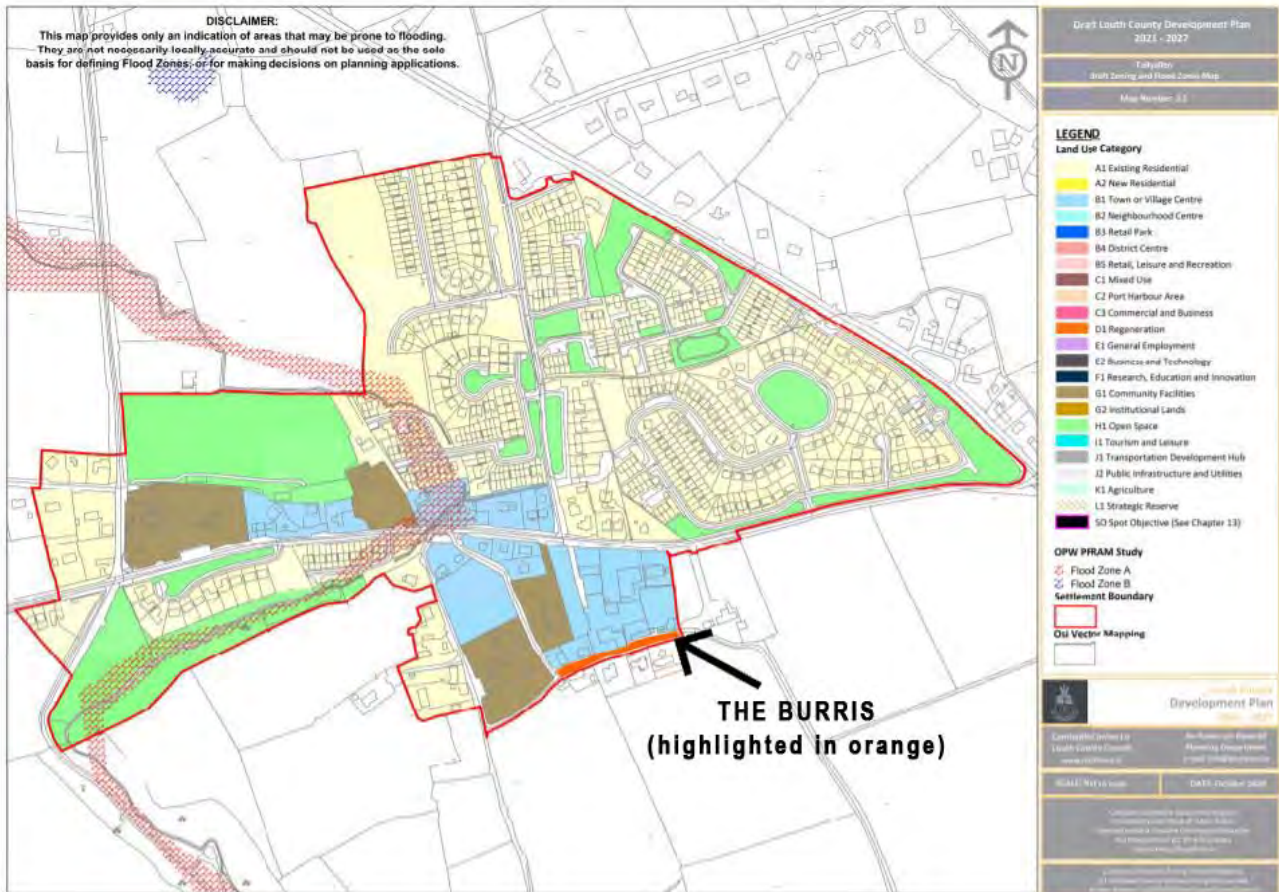


Figure 1.0: The Burren, as shown on Draft zoning map (highlighted in orange for clarity) within the ‘Settlement’ boundary and bounding Zone B2 Neighbourhood centre, with residential & industrial units along its entirety, yet in 2020, the road surface is a canvas of potholes, patchwork jobs, and large bodies of water. Dangerous for children and damaging to buggies and cars.



Figure 1.1: Existing surface of The Burren village road



Figure 1.2: Large body of water in one area