

Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

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To: LouthCDP

To whom it may concern,

I am writing today to object to part of the Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027', mainly the 'Zone 1' area and the proposal set out for it.

What is set out in the development plan is detrimental to people currently living in the area and their future families. It inhibits them in living in an area where generations of their family have grown up. Unless of course they are lucky enough to currently own land in the area or work in agriculture.

It prevents locals, especially the current youth of society and young families who may have spent their whole lives in the area, from buying sites/building in their locality. These are families who may not at the moment own a house due to the current housing crisis or who may need to upgrade housing in the future for increased family size. This plan will only inflate the price of current housing in the area, driving future generations out of their communities to seek housing elsewhere. This will have a severely negative impact on local business, amenities and clubs in areas which have had vast amount of development in recent years and are already struggling due to the COVID19 pandemic.

I think the fact that this plan has been proposed amidst a pandemic, where lack of access to resources especially for our more senior members of society and lack of discussion amongst the communities involved, is not acceptable. I for one will be severely affected by this as I had planned to build a house and live in the area in years to come . With this proposal it will make it next to impossible.

I feel that the council need to re-think this plan and listen to objections from the public in a proper forum rather than just email and writing (during a global pandemic) . This plan which has major long term implications, should not be pushed through or progressed any further until a proper discussion can take place with those it affects.

Regards,

Shane Thornton