

Louth County Council,
County Hall,
Millennium Centre,
Dundalk,
23rd December 2020

Re: Submission re Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make a submission regarding the Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 which has been available to the public since 14th October 2020. As a landowner in the Cooley Peninsula, it concerns me greatly. I am the holder of 3 acres of land and do not have a farm. I bought the land with the sole purpose of living on it, and with the intention of passing it on to my offspring for them to live on in the future. If the Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 is implemented as is, because my land is in the Cooley Peninsula, my offspring will not be able to build a dwelling on the land that they will inherit, thereby making their inheritance less valuable.

I feel that this plan unfairly discriminates against those who own under 3 hectares of land in the Cooley Peninsula and do not own a farm, who have offspring who have yet to build their own house in the area but who are from here and have lived here most of their life in the family home. We understand the reasoning behind the proposed restrictions on building residential dwellings in the Cooley Peninsula, but we believe there must be a better way to prevent the Peninsula becoming overcrowded with houses. As a family whose ancestors have lived in the Cooley Peninsula for generations, we would like to know that our own offspring will also have the option of permanently residing in the area on the land that they will someday inherit.

I believe are not alone in this and there are many others in a very similar situation who are worried about the affects this plan may have on our offspring's ability to continue to reside in the Cooley Peninsula. Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission and I am confident it will be taken into account when the final plan is developed.

Yours Faithfully