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Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna Lú agus na Mí
Louth and Meath Education and Training Board

Forward Planning Unit,
Development Plan Review,
Louth County Council,
Town Hall,
Crowe Street,
Dundalk,
Co. Louth.

4th November 2020

Re: Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

To Whom it May Concern,

LMETB are aware of ongoing representations being made to establish a Gaelcholáiste in County Louth. Previously attempts were made to establish one at Dundalk based on the roll number of Bush Post Primary School. Subsequently part of a further education building in Chapel Street was used to house an Aonad and when Coláiste Chú Chulainn opened, students transferred from Chapel Street to the new building. Parents and elected representatives are pursuing the establishment of a standalone Gaelcholáiste for the county. The location of which has not been decided upon. However, LMETB considers that for a Gaelcholáiste to achieve standalone status it would need in excess of 400 students. In order to achieve the aforementioned enrolment, we believe a more central location would be prudent. In the event that lands could be available in the Dunleer area we believe this would facilitate students from Drogheda, Dundalk, Dunleer and Ardee attending the Gaelcholáiste.

We would appreciate it if you would consider the foregoing and thank you for considering our submission.

Kind regards and thanks,

cc. Ms. Joan Martin, Chief Executive.