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RE:

Submission to County Development Plan 2021-2027

Dear Sir or Madam,

cdp@longfordcoco.ie

On behalf of my client Ms. Margaret Spillane, I wish to submit to the Public Consultation process in Longford County Councils Draft Development Plan 2021-2027 the following submission in relation to the Land Zoning changes as detailed below and as outlined on the attached maps.

Townland:

Granard

Folio Number

LD1413

Parcel Number:

1413

Gross Area:

1.35 Hectares

**Current Zoning** 

None

Request to Change

'New Residential'

Signed:

Brendan Quaine,

**WILL DESIGN ASSOCIATES** 

# **Site Location**

LCDP 2015 – 21 identifies Granard as a Tier 2: 'Key Service Town' with strong community linked to large rural area that surrounds. Granard is northerly Town 12 miles from Longford Town. The Local Economic and Community Plan identifies the demand for houses and locations with as Granard (Key service Town)

The subject site is located within the Development Envelope of Granard but not zoned on the Development plan under 2015 – 2021. The site is service with mains sewerage and mains water.



**Longford County Map** 

## Site

## Site Proposal

- To Rezone the lands highlighted on the maps as New Residential
- Provide lands for New Residential where lands are available for development.
- The adjoining Lands zoned New Residential to the SW is part of the parish property and the local school and is not likely to be available for development. The lands next tot he school should be used to extend the Social/Community/ Educational zoning.
- New Residential in this location can provide for new residential development in tandem with the provision of the already existing social and physical infrastructure provided.
- The development will be sufficient in space to provide New Public Open Space to adjoining dwellings, associated development roads, parking spaces and safe vehicular access, pedestrian and cycle access and egress; provision of electric vehicle charging points; provision of boundary treatments including associated lighting; changes in levels, associated hard and soft landscaping to overall development and new pedestrian path at the access road to Town.

## Site Context & Appraisal

The area outlined on the Site Map enclosed indicates the extent of the proposed development envelope. There are a number of justifications included those mentioned above which fulfil the criteria for the proposed development site to be included in the zoning.

- i. The housing is required within this small development and to provide for longer term housing requirements for Longford. The development would integrate with the existing and future development of the area and would not compromise the ability to develop wider area of zoned lands in the future.
- ii. Identification of the existing zoned lands as outlined in the current development plan has not been opened for development which is continuously adding to the pressure on local housing demand. This has been clearly demonstrated with the lack of development of its current 'Zoned' lands outlined in the present and past development plans.
- iii. A clear need for the supply of houses is demonstrated in the village and surrounding areas.
- iv. Guidance from the housing department and local government along with statistics from local selling and renting agents has been considered and the requirement for the housing is established with need locally documented.

## **Local Planning Policy**

The relevant local policy documents for the application site are:

Longford County Development Plan 2015 - 2021

#### <u>Longford County Development Plan (LCDP) 2015 – 2021</u>

LCDP 2015 identifies Ballinalee as a 'Serviced Settlement' with strong community linked to large rural area that surrounds. Ballinalee is northerly village settlement 6 miles from Longford Town. The village is serviced by the bus link operated by Bus Eireann between Longford and by private operators.

#### County Longford Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2016 - 2022

The Local Economic and Community Plan identifies the demand for houses and locations with as Ballinalee (Serviced Settlement)

The delivery of housing units within the County of Longford is less than 50% of the target figure for housing units over the time period from 2015 to present set out DECLGs and documented in the LECP.

Under the LECP 'A need has also been identified for private, social housing for people with disabilities and elderly people, so more independent and supervised housing for these groups will be required' with this site located strategically to the community area and facilities.

County Longford – Development Areas LCDP 2015-2022

Tier 1: County Town of Regional Importance - Longford Town

Tier 2: Key Service Town - Granard

Tier 3: Service Town - Edgeworthstown

Tier 4: Local Service Towns - Ballymahon & Lanesborough

Tier 5: Serviced Settlements

Tier 6: Rural Service Settlements & Hinterlands Tier

#### **Location and Surroundings**

#### Context: How does the development respond to its surrounding?

The proposed development is appropriate to the area and the land- use zoning of Residential reserve can now be considered for development by the local authority and in accordance with Appendix 1 of Longford CDP with a 'clearly justified demonstration the release of residentially zoned lands and the demand for residential units' has not been accommodated for the area.

## Connections: How well connected is the new neighbourhood?

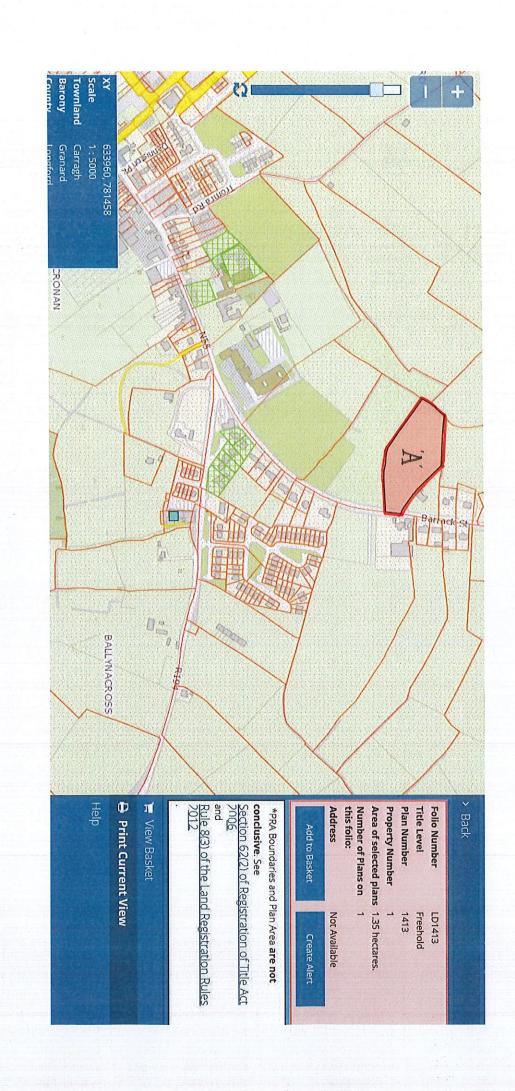
The site is located to the North of Granard and fundamentally a more suitable residential area to the other more industrial sides of the town. The area provides existing amenities with individual and community Play Areas, Crèche, local Church and National School for residence.

#### Inclusivity: How easily can people use and access the development?

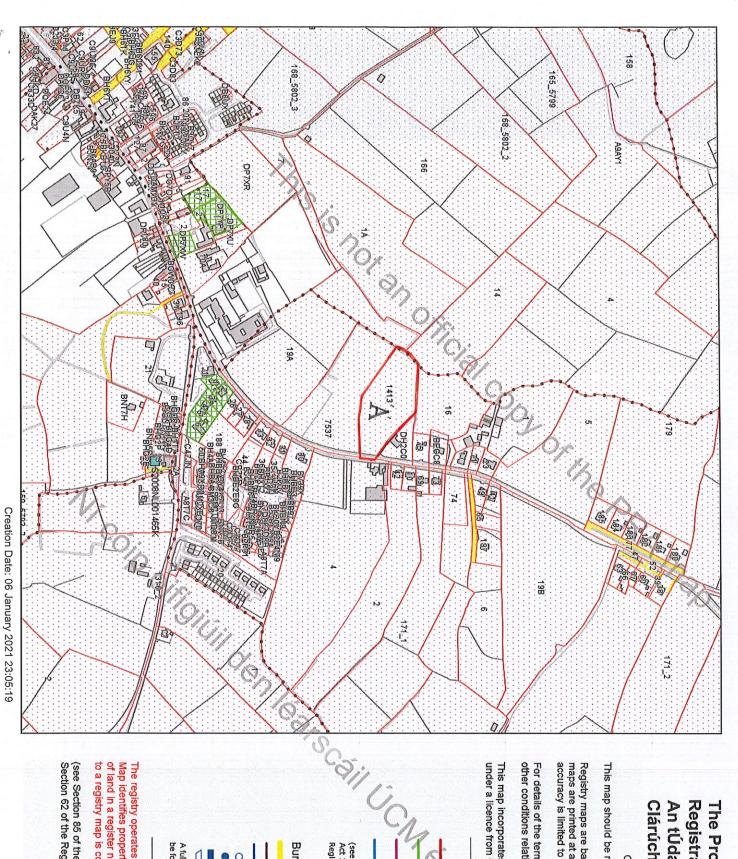
The design of the proposed development can be fully cognisant of the principles of Universal Design and guidance contained in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS). The relatively gradual gradients of the existing lands and road will be provided at no more that 5% under the Planning application and allow the creation of an inclusive neighbourhood, with all roads and paths and all open spaces fully accessible.

Level entrances and appropriated sized entrance doors are provided to all houses. Internally, each dwelling is fully compliant with Part M of the Building Regulations, with a visitable WC at ground floor and the required corridor and door widths provided. The development will promote inclusivity to fulfil the shortage of smaller 2 Bed units for Older residence within the area.

# Appendix A – Mapping



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The Property
Registration Authority
An tÚdarás
Clárúcháin Maoine



Clárúcháin Maoine

Official Property Registration Map

This map should be read in conjunction with the folio.

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Right of Way / Wayleave
Turbary
Pipeline
Well
Pump
Septic Tank
Soak Pit
A full list of burdens and their symbology can be found at: www.landdirect.le

The registry operates a non-conclusive boundary system. The Registry Map identifies properties not boundaries meaning neither the description of land in a register nor its identification by reference to a registry map is conclusive as to the boundaries or extent.

(see Section 85 of the Registration of Title Act, 1964). As Inserted by Section 62 of the Registration of Deed and Title Act 2006.





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Notes:

Please nice that every effort has been made to include the latest version of Ordancos Surey mapping available.

Queries on the accuracy of boundaries may be discussed and addressed at pre-planningstage with the Panning Authority.





Granard
Zoning Map
County Development Plan 2021-2027