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RE:

Submission to County Development Plan 2021-2027

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of my client Mr. Adrian Farrell, 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:

Lanesborough

Folio Number

LD6233F

Parcel Number:

44

Gross Area:

0.76 Hectares

Current Zoning

Residential & Industrial/Alternative Energy

Request to Change

'Residential'

Signed:

Brendan Quaine,

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Site Location

LCDP 2015 – 21 identifies Lanesborough as a Tier 4: 'Local Service Town' with strong community linked to large rural area that surrounds. Lanesborough is SW Town 10 miles from Longford Town.

The Local Economic and Community Plan identifies the demand for houses in the area.

The subject site is located within the Development Envelope of Lanesborough and zoned at present for Residential & Industrial/Alternative Energy under 2015-2021 and in the Draft 2021-26 maps. The site is service with mains sewerage and mains water.



Longford County Map

<u>Site</u>

Site Proposal

- To Rezone the lands highlighted on the maps as Residential in it entirety
 Planning has already been submitted on the site under PL18241 and is proposed to be resubmitted.
- 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 has already been granted permission residential on the adjoining site developed by the local authority and has New Public Open Space to dwellings, associated development roads, parking spaces and safe vehicular access, pedestrian and cycle access and egress; 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.
- The Power station is no longer going in operation and the suitable use of this
 landholding with sufficient area to develop sustainably is more suitable to the land use.
- The NS is located next to the site.

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 Town 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

Longford County Development Plan (LCDP) 2015 - 2021

LCDP 2015 identifies Lanesboro as a 'Local Service Town' with strong community linked to larger towns and rural area that surrounds. Lanesboro is link to the Shannon and Roscommon Town and settlement 10 miles from Longford Town. The Town 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 Lanesboro (Local Service Town)

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 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.

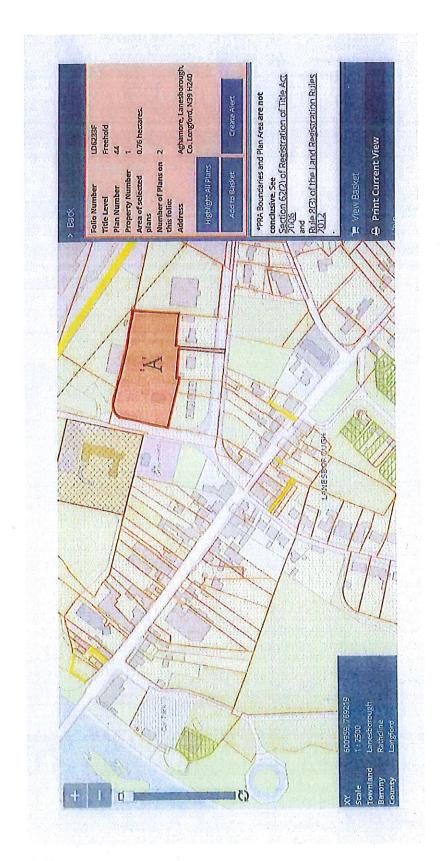
Connections: How well connected is the new neighbourhood?

The site is located close to the town centre and fundamentally a more suitable residential area. 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.

Appendix A – Mapping



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