Cover Letter



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GRANARDKILL AREA ZONING - DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021 TO 2027

Dear Sir,

I refer to above and wish to request that the land outlined in the attached zoning map under draft Development Plan 2021 - 2027 denoted 'A' be rezoned from Industrial Commercial Warehousing to Agricultural/Residential.

I wish to reference Longford County Council Development Plan 2021 – 2027 and in particular to Page One. Under the heading National and Regional Strategic Context paragraph two the first key principle listed is that this plan should provide 'Healthy placemaking by promoting people's quality of life 'as a resident for over 45 years it is in my opinion that zoning lands to Industrial will have an immense negative impact on my quality of life.

I believe that further industrial development is contrary to the Longford County Development Plan as it is evident that further development cannot proceed without having a negative effect on the amenities of adjoining properties and residents.

I refer to page 2 Appendix 1: Land Use Zonings:

Residential - To provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity. This zoning is intended primarily for established housing development but may include a range of other uses particularly those that have the potential to improve the residential amenity of residential communities such as schools, creches, small shops, doctor's surgeries, small scale residential, playing fields, etc. 38 Potential sites may range from small gap infill, unused or derelict land and backland areas, side gardens of existing houses, up to larger undeveloped sites within an established residential area. A balance must be struck between the reasonable protection of the amenities and privacy of adjoining dwellings, the protection of established character and the need to provide infill development. Proposals for development involving the

intensification of residential uses within existing residential areas will need to clearly demonstrate that the proposal respects the existing character of the area and would not harm the amenity value of adjacent properties. Within this zoning category the improved quality of existing residential areas will be the Council's priority.

I would also like to draw to your attention the issue of traffic management on R194. The dangerous speeds at which the vehicles travel even after recent road narrowing measures, especially lorries, is frightening and further industrial development in this area would only exacerbate this issue.

Residents have been putting up with this unbearable situation for too long, especially during peak hours in the morning and evening. I would also like to highlight that there are children living in this residential area so we must ensure the safety of residents and pedestrians, by prioritising traffic calming measures.

I trust the above will be considered in the preparation of the final draft of the Longford County Development Plan.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Sheridan



Granard Zoning Map County Development Plan 2021-2027









