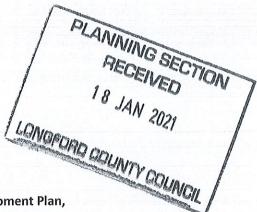
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RE:

Submission to County Development Plan 2021-2027

Dear Sir or Madam,

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On behalf of my client Mr. Christopher Malone, 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:

Ardagh

Folio Number

LD18152F

Parcel Number:

DA25C

Gross Area:

1.82 Hectares

Current Zoning

Recreation/Amenity/Green Spaces

Request to Change

'New Residential'

Signed:

Brendan Quaine,

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Site Location

LCDP 2015 – 21 identifies Ardagh Serviced Settlement as a Tier 5 with strong community linked to largely rural area that surrounds. Ardagh is a Heritage Village 6 miles south of Longford Town.

The purpose of the Zoning under LCDP 2021-2027 — 'To primarily provide for residential development; to preserve and improve residential amenity, dwellings and compatible uses including social and community facilities, open spaces and local shopping facilities, The principles of sustainable development shall be taken into account when considering applications for residential development in the area, including the use of appropriate housing densities, natural, locally sourced materials, energy efficiency and transport implications, the impact on the existing ecology and compatibility with local environmental conditions.



Ardagh in Longford County Map

Site Proposal

- To Rezone the lands highlighted on the maps from Recreation/Amenity/Green Space to New Residential and allow suitable expansion of the area with phased development.
- Provide lands for small scale New Residential where lands are available for development in the area for locals to reduce the pressure of 'One off dwelling's in the surround area of Ardagh.
- The only other New Residential zoning is on farmlands which will not be available under the lifetime of the plan.
- New Residential in this location can provide for small scale serviced residential with mains sewerage and water on site with the provision of the already existing social and physical infrastructure provided.
- The development will add to the existing high-end development to private housing market and increase
- New Public Open Space to existing dwellings and provide main sewerage to be extended to the site with viable development proposal.
- Integration of the existing development in the area with small scale housing.
- Existing Envelope provides no obvious area to implement the proposed Development
 Plan strategy for the area.

Site Context & Appraisal

The area outlined on the Site Map enclosed indicates the extent of the proposed 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 zoned envelope.

- i. Single Housing Units and Affordable Private housing is required within the local area and close to Longford Town. The existing village has no vacant units and phased progression to develop units to meet local needs and to provide for longer term housing requirements for Ardagh. The development would integrate with the existing development and development of the area and would not compromise the surrounding area.
- ii. Identification of the existing envelope as outlined in the current development plan has not been opened for development which is continuously adding to the pressure on local Rural housing demand.
- iii. A clear need for the supply of houses is demonstrated in the area and surrounding areas.

Local Planning Policy

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 Ardagh(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 2015-2021

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

Location and Surroundings

Context: How does the development respond to its surrounding?

The proposed development is appropriate to the area and the land- use for small serviced development which is not available at present. This land is not suitably zoned as Recreation/Amenity/Green space being disconnected and with no obvious improvement to the overall village with such use. The site is located far enough form the main village to not detract from the traditional heritage.

Connections: How well connected is the new neighbourhood?

The site is located to the East of village and fundamentally a more suitable residential area on small scale. The area provides existing amenities with services 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 extension of the existing development will allow minimal impact on the area. Additional area can be made available to the NS to help develop more green space to the growing school numbers.

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