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Dear Sir/Madam

As a concerned member of the community I object to the Chief Executive's recommendation to re-zone the lands of Ardagh Demesne, Ardagh House, and the two gate lodges. I also object to the initial submission on behalf of Ardagh Demesne Limited in it's entirety.

It is my understanding that all the buildings and walls of Ardagh Demesne are protected structures of historical importance. Further residential developments could be an unforeseen consequence of re-zoning these lands. This would be detrimental to the village as a whole. Re-zoning of the Ardagh neighbourhood park could lead to deforestation of a rare deciduous forest. This is more important as in the past the current owner has had trees cut down in this area already. If this area is converted to agriculture what do you expect to happen?

Submission DCDP-40 asks the three dwellings of Ardagh Demesne, Ardagh House and two gate lodges be re-zoned from "Tourism" to "Residential", and the lands of Ardagh Demesne be re-zoned from "Tourism" to "Agriculture".

The Chief Executive in the 'Report on Submissions Received on the Draft County Development Plan 2021-2027' recommends to:

"Remove the "Tourism Use" zoned lands in Ardagh and de-zone the identified lands to Agricultural use to reflect the existing use of the lands.

To zone Ardagh House and the two gate houses as existing residential use.

To zone lands to the south of the Ardagh House as recreation/amenity in order to protect the view of the House from the centre of the village."

I trust that you reject the Chief Executive's recommendation and protect Ardagh House, Demesne, and the Ardagh Neighbourhood Park.

Yours sincerely,

William Smyth

