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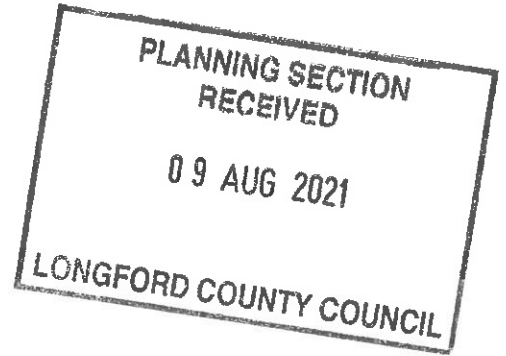
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Dear Sir/Madam.

Attached please find my objection to the above proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Christy Boylan



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9 August 2021.

Objection to Submission DCDP-40 of Draft Longford County Development Plan
2021-2027 – Ardagh Neighbourhood Park

Third Stage Consultation

Dear Mr Mahon,

Attached is my objection to the above proposed change of zoning for Ardagh Neighbourhood Park.

Yours sincerely,

Christy Boylan

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Third Stage Consultation

I object to the proposal to change the zoning of Ardagh Neighbourhood Park from “Tourism Use” to “Agricultural Use” on the grounds that it may mean the loss of an amenity for the community, one that they have enjoyed for more than three decades.

I was delighted to assist the community back in 1990 in the design and development of this park which formed a major element of the National Tree Week programme which was launched by An Taoiseach Charles J. Haughey T.D. on 4 March 1990. Also present at the launch was Mr Albert Reynolds T.D., Minister for Finance and Mary O'Rourke T.D., Minister for Education and several local dignitaries.

In a period when local authorities are providing parks in towns and villages throughout Ireland for the betterment of society's health and environmental improvement, it makes little sense to change the zoning for the park. One wonders what is the motivation and it is clear that the local community are most concerned that the zoning change could lead to the park not being available at some future date.

Ardagh Neighbourhood Park has become an integral part of Ardagh village and should be given protection by means of designation as a local park within the village and/or acquired by the Council to ensure that its status remains as a public amenity for the local community.