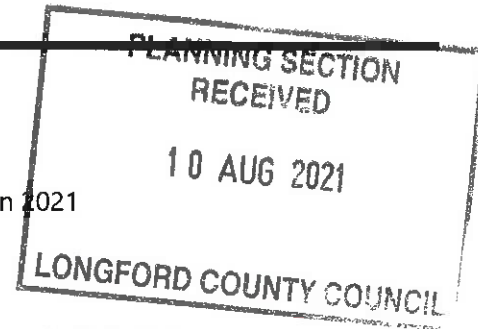


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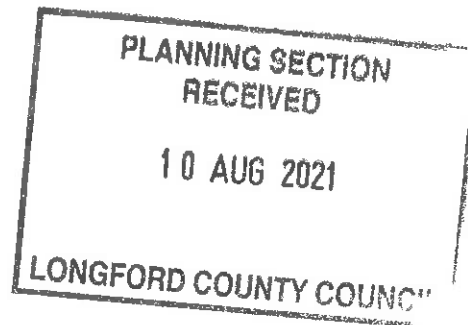


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10 August 2021

**Re: Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027**

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A chara

I am writing to you in my capacity as Sinn Féin TD for Longford Westmeath in relation to the proposed Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027.

While of course supportive of county development plans that seek to progress their counties forward to the future and that attempt in a meaningful manner to alleviate the dire consequences of the housing crisis and provide quality homes to individuals and families, I remain with observations I must make:

- Covid 19 and the restrictions under which we all operated must have impacted on engagement particularly community engagement in the development of this plan and therefore the knowledge and concerns in communities may have been lost.
- Any proposed re-zoning of lands from agricultural/residential must be cognisant of current industrial zoning and residential occupancy, no homeowner wishes to find themselves raising their children in an industrial estate.
- I share the particular concerns raised by constituents regarding the proposed rezoning of Ardagh House, Demesne and Ardagh Neighbourhood from Tourism to Agriculture. Ardagh House is the main focal point of Ardagh village, a flagship heritage village which should be treated accordingly and maintained for future generations.
- In a world where workplaces are evolving, local government need to be cognisant of changing needs and mindful of the opportunity to increase the viability of the midlands as a place to live and work.

Should you have any queries or questions do not hesitate to contact me.

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Deputy Sorca Clarke, Sinn Féin Spokesperson on Defence.