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To whom it concerns,

My name is Richella Duggan. I live in Mullingar but I have family ties with County Longford and wish to make the following observation on the material alterations to the Draft Longford County Development Plan.

With reference to - Submission DCDP-40 - which recommends that 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 "Agricultural".

Ardagh Village is such a special place, and the Demesne is central to the historical, cultural and natural heritage of Ardagh and Longford. I share the concerns of the Ardagh community that the Chief Executive's recommendations to re-zone the lands will potentially negatively impact Ardagh House, the Gate Lodges and the mature trees of the lands and park surrounding the village.

Any development of the house and lands must be sensitive to the historical, cultural and amenity value of Ardagh Demesne to the people of the village and County Longford.

I wish to express my concerns that the proposed rezoning of the Demense buildings and lands will render them vulnerable to unsuitable development.

The County Development plan must prioritise the preservation of the historical buildings, the lands, and especially the mature trees (which should be protected under Tree Preservation Orders) – and ensure that community and tourist access to these is secured and guaranteed into the future.

Kind regards,

Richella Duggan

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