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EXTERNAL - Objection to Submission DCDP-40 of Draft County Longford
Development Plan 2021- 2027.

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Dear Councillor,

As a resident of County Longford for many years, having a close association with Ardagh House and Demesne, I strongly object to Submission DCDP-40 to rezone from "Tourism" to "Residential" Ardagh House, the two gate lodges and Ardagh Demesne for the following reasons:

- A. Ardagh House is a listed building.
- B. Ardagh House and Demesne is of great historical interest to local heritage - architecturally, culturally, socially and educationally.
- C. Ardagh is a multi-winning Heritage Village with Ardagh House being the centrepiece.
- D. Much public money, including grants etc. has been spent refurbishing the Demesne, courtyard and stables which is supposed to be open to the public at certain times.
- E. The "Walled Garden" dates back to the eighteenth century and has many unique features.
- F. The Sisters of Mercy donated the land that the present National School is built on.

I hope this provides sufficient information for the protection of Ardagh House and Demesne and the two gate lodges.

Yours sincerely,

Sr. Maura Brid McGarry, ~~County Longford~~