

To Whom it may concern,

I am entering this submission in regard to the Longford Town Local Area Plan 2025-2031 (Draft)

My first concern is the zoning of Mooreheads field Directly across from the tennis club to "Residential Phase 1", This land is Privately owned by the Moorehead Family who have for Generations farmed this land and run a successful Agri business at the end of the Demesne Lane.

This field was looked at in a previous Planning application File Number 03700048 Dated 18/09/2003 for development by Grealy Construction, There was numerous submissions made by residents of Demesne Lane at that time, most notably and concerning would be the submissions regarding Public safety in the requirement of footpaths and Streetlighting, A most notable submission would be from Local Architect Liam Madden of Vitivius Hibernicus who noted that the Demesne Lane at that time could not take the volume of traffic proposed without widening, and could only be accommodated by encroaching on the Private Lands of the Residents of Demesne Lane. At that time after reviewing their own plans Grealy Construction agreed that the Field in question was unviable due to the restrictions of encroaching on the land of adjacent land owners, therefore Battery Court was moved to the Lower Field on the Lane.

We are now 21 years on from those original submissions and nothing has changed on Demesne Lane, it is still for its most part, of the minimum vehicular width with no footpath or adequate street lighting, I would press onto the policy makers of the council that before zoning an area as “Phase 1 Residential” that first the infrastructure needs to be put in place.

Some of these sites are also within the Architectural Conservation Area, and as you can see on page 160, Winston, built in 1897 on Demesne Lane has been excluded NIAH / NMS Reg. No. 13001010

This is also an area of Longford town that is extremely rich in wildlife, including Bats, Hedgehogs and many nocturnal animals whom enjoy the established treelines and low light areas of this lane so close to the town, has there been any environmental studies done on these lands before rezoning?

We are a long way from having the infrastructure available to support more houses on Demesne Lane, I would implore the council to first focus on educational facilities, Healthcare and Public Transportation before zoning any areas in the confines of Demesne Lane/Battery Court.

My Second submission is on 9.4 Longford Town Regeneration and Placemaking Objectives REG 15 Develop the Camlin Quarter (including Connolly Barracks, Church St. Great Water Street, Little Water Street onto the Albert Reynolds Peace Park (the Mall), by enhancing the public realm, investigation of potential land uses, landbank assembly and connectivity improvements, the Camlin Quarter Plan for the old camp field in Connolly Barracks is absolutely ridiculous as it stands, and would be money better spent in improving the already excellent facilities in the Mall complex, I would propose instead the development of a soccer pitch (this field was a soccer pitch up until the barrack closure in 2012). By leasing the pitch to a local schoolboys/girl's club. And allowing them to develop an amenity that can be used, currently abbeycartron is under a huge amount of pressure and with more and more girls getting involved in soccer it now means that there is double the number of teams in all age categories and abbeycartron is struggling to accommodate all. This is something that I would like to explore further with Longford coco.

Thanking you for regarding this Submission,

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