

28 Cul Brannan
Ballybay
Co. Monaghan

24th May 2018



Adrian Hughes
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Dear Mr. Hughes,

I write to make a submission for consideration in the context of the public consultation regarding the draft County Development Plan.

I wish to refer to the 'Local Needs' issue.

I believe that this is a very harsh measure that excludes people who are rooted in their communities from securing planning permission to build a home on their own land where the holding is under 10 acres.

I was reared in an area of Monaghan town and work at a close-by established business that is a short distance from a land holding that my father bought many years ago with the intention of some of his family being able to build there. His holding is just shy of the current ten acre stipulation. We have been repeatedly refused and this has been heart breaking for me and for my parents.

I very respectfully urge the members of Monaghan County Council to either do away with the 'Local Needs' rule or to relax it somewhat. Very few sites would be of an acre or more. Why not set it at five acres and with a moderate time holding stipulation.

I thank you for your willingness to review this issue.

I am,
Yours sincerely,


Margo Smyth