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Many thanks

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Submission to Monaghan County Council re Development Plan 2019-2025

Plan for Monaghan Town Council

This submission concerns the zoning plan for the area surrounding **Willville House in the townland of Aghananimy, Monaghan, Co. Monaghan.**

As the Council will know, **Willville House** is a protected structure and is not only of architectural importance but of historical importance due to the connection with Don Juan McKenna whose Chilean heirs have been visiting the house and our late mother's family (the Mullen Family) since, we think, as far back as the 1960s. Sadly the family are all now deceased - we speak as the heirs of Anne Egan (nee Mullen), and it is our wish to see what was a wonderful house and home restored to its former glory.

We note the land on the town side (north westerly aspect) of the house is zoned **Strategic Residential** while all of the land, with the exception of a very small strip on the Ballybay Road side of the house, (southern and south eastern aspects), is zoned **Landscape Protected/Conservation**. We also note the plans for a **proposed ring road** on this side (southern and south eastern aspects) of the house and lands.

Given the importance of the house and its potential as an untapped resource and tourist destination for the town of Monaghan, our questions and concerns are as follows:

(a) Why have you zoned **Strategic Residential** in an area (north westerly aspect of the house) which, in our view, would have the greatest injurious environmental impact on the house and its surroundings, given the protected status of the house and its proximity to this potential development site, not to mention the fact it is on a north westerly sloping gradient which could possibly have a further injurious impact on the house?

(b) Has a Conservation Architect been consulted? Has an environmental impact assessment been carried out to establish if any proposals to build on the adjoining land would impact in a negative way on the natural environment (incl. surrounding trees, flora and fauna).

c) Why would you zone **Strategic Residential** in the one area which will have the maximum injurious impact on the house as regards view, aspect and privacy? These lands (zoned **Strategic residential**) originally formed part of the lands of Willville House and are, therefore, part of its history and, in our view, form part of the character and important features of the house. The views to the lake and over to the Cathedral are an integral part of this outstanding site. It would make more sense to zone this area **Landscape Protected/Conservation** and zone some of the land on the Southern and South Eastern aspects of the house **Strategic Residential**, given the **proposed plans for the ring road** and **existing residential development (Cathedral Walk)** already backing onto this side of the property. Taking this strategy the impact on the house and its immediate surroundings would obviously be a great deal less.

We urge you to look again at your plans for this area giving due consideration to all of the above.

Many thanks,

M Logue, Achill, Co. Mayo

For and on behalf of the family of the late Anne Egan (nee Mullen)

Google Map View of Willville House in the townland of Aghananimy, Monaghan Town.

