

Name

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I hereby submit my objection and concerns in relation to both the Black Avenue and Celbridge Road East development plan.

I am strongly opposed to the merging of Confey with other areas, ie., Meath and my fear is that Confey will be lost in a massive development which will eventually include areas in Co Meath/Dublin.

As a resident of Leixlip Confey for more than 30 years I feel I have a right to a voice and representation to the councillors who serve my community and its environs. I am horrified to find that not only is the council in breach of a Ministerial decision dated 6th March 2018, but it has also included previous Key Development Areas that were removed from the last Local Area Plan. Key issues with the LAP are:

- 1) The policy to provide 3315 new housing units in Leixlip. This is being achieved by increasing housing unit densities at Key Development Areas and inserting new Key Development Areas into the Plan without any documented reasoning behind these decisions.
- 2) The actual delivery of the target may extend beyond the life of the plan, up to 2029.
- 3) The LAP fails to provide a Master Plan as directed by ministerial order.
- 4) Key Development Areas that were removed from the last Local Area Plan by unanimously backed Material Alterations have been included.
- 5) Previous objective removed from Plan - 'To protect the amenity of St. Catherine's Park. No road proposal shall be considered by this Council through the park within the Council's ownership or jurisdiction.' In a complete "U" turn the council is now in fact proposing a road into the park to facilitate a major housing development at Black Avenue.

I cannot understand why Kildare County Council are proposing to build more houses on existing green recreational areas (e.g., Confey GAA lands which have been developed by the residents!), putting roads through an existing park and not giving any consideration to protecting our local natural environment which is enjoyed by so many local people. This does not make sense unless you are a developer who will benefit from the mass production of sprawling estates with no proper access or infrastructure. No one wants to live in a place like that. I feel that Confey will be swallowed up and merged into Meath if the development over Cope Bridge goes ahead as proposed and without any properly funded planning.

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Currently, the local transport system is bulging at the seams and will certainly not be able to cope with the added numbers of commuters who will potentially live here or in Kilcock and Maynooth. Already there is huge congestion on the N4 and surrounding roads and railway system i.e. Confey with the development of extra homes in Kilcock and Maynooth. The proposed new bridge at Confey will result in further congestion on Captain's Hill and Leixlip Village.

I dread to think what the resultant traffic congestion will be like following even more poorly planned development. The heart has been taken out of Lucan with poorly planned development in places such as Adamstown, etc resulting in a massive sprawl of development from Lucan to Clondalkin. I do not want this for my area and my family deserves a decent, accessible place to live with fully functioning and maintained water, waste and power supply. My family deserve a town they can be proud of which looks after its natural and beautiful amenity areas. Rather than building more houses and putting more pressure on existing services my community would be better served by the following which have never been provided in all the years I have lived in Confey:

a swimming pool.

A civil building with theatre or performance space.

Homes for the elderly/retired – 25% of Leixlip population are 55+

Affordable homes/Social housing which can be accessed but not by destroying existing parkland and amenity areas.

A Sensory Garden.

Charging points for electric vehicles.

Adequate additional parking in the village and train stations

Maintenance of existing estates and green areas

I am convinced that this is a developer led plan which is not in my or my family's best interests. The wording of the plan is vague in the extreme with no mention of ring-fenced funding for road and facilities infrastructure. My councillors are elected to provide the best environment in which my family and I can live and I expect elected representatives to hear my concerns and act accordingly.