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The Planning Department,
Kildare County Council,
Aras Chill Data,
Devoy Park,
Naas,
Co. Kildaer.



RE: DRAFT LEIXLIP LOCAL AREA PLAN 2020 – 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make a submission regarding the above. I feel that building 3,500 houses in Leixlip is way too much. Most people who have bought houses in Leixlip did so because it is a rural town. Now the plan seems to be to turn it into another concrete jungle like Adamstown. Do you not think it would be fair to consult with the people of Leixlip to see how they feel their town should be developed in the future. We all agree that there has to be more houses built but 3,500 in one small town is just way too many. There isn't the infra structure there to support them. The Lucan road (N4) is gridlocked at peak times as it is. Also the public transport system is bursting at the seams. The train service is not called "The Calcutta Express" for nothing. It is crammed at peak times.

Also I was horrified to hear there is a proposal to build 370 houses in St. Catherine's Park. This park was bought by Michael D. Higgins when he was a minister as an amenity for the people of the area. The whole idea of a park is that it remains a green area for the enjoyment of future generations. You don't build in a park. No one has ever built in the Phoenix Park, Bushy Park, St. Annes Park. The Leixlip entrance to St. Catherine's Park starts at the gates beside the fire station and not past the water treatment works. Please do not allow planning permission for houses in this beautiful park.

The planners who are designing and planning for our town do not know the area. The people of Leixlip should be allowed to determine the future of their town. We don't want, houses, houses, houses and very little else for the foreseeable future. Leixlip is only a small village and it cannot be expected to support such a huge population growth. It would destroy the quality of life for the present residents of Leixlip.

I hope planners take into account the thoughts of the people of Leixlip when this plan is being voted on. After all we are the ones who live here.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Connie Hegarty.

Mrs. C. Hegarty.

