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I work in north Dublin and use the comfy roads to get to my place of work.

If as a result on any building works in the Confey area results in me having to go an additional route that will mean I incur additional fees be that tolls, fuel, wear or tear on my vehicle.

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As a member of Confey GAA, I would like to lodge my concerns about the Confey Urban Design Framework and the Draft Area Plan for Leixlip, specifically the proposed development in the area but it is not in the best interest of Leixlip/Confey to develop housing on a rapid and large scale to meet the demands of national interest. Any development needs to be planned as a model community development that other areas can aspire to.

The strategic transport assessment for Confey delivered a number of road infrastructural options. No decision has been made regarding any of these options despite the pivotal impact on traffic congestion for residential areas located east and west of Captain's Hill. It will negatively impact on the access for residents in and from their estates. The plan does not adequately address the infrastructure. The draft plan does not reflect or acknowledge the complexity of towns the size of Celbridge, Maynooth and Leixlip lying in such close proximity to each other and should not harmonise with or enhance the existing built and natural environment of Confey.

Confey GAA Club see the benefits of development in Confey for our club's membership and are experiencing problems with volunteering at coaching level and a loss of involvement in Confey and they must move further away. We ask that the scale of this planning for Confey be altered to a level that matches the actual demand for our community. We ask that the scale be reduced and raise families.

Every club wants more players but Confey GAA Club is unique in that we compete at senior level in Hurling, Football and Ladies and we struggle for pitch space for these three sports. We do not have access to a pitch in St. Catherine's Park but this still does not alleviate the problem of lack of playing space. To add more housing to the area of Confey would pose a considerable problem as pitches are allocated to clubs servicing the new members of the community. Confey GAA would require additional playing fields adjacent to our current location to serve any growth in the area.

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On the issue of the club's relocation in the plan I would like it noted that Confey GAA club members were disgusted and angered by the statement in the draft development plan stating that the club would be relocated to a site in Creighton Park, considering the success we have as a club, the amount of life skills they hand down to our juvenile and adult players, the use of the facility in Confey and establishing such a fine facility.

Confey GAA is a community club and we facilitate many community groups (basketball, old folks meeting, bridge club, winter cards, darts club, pool club, Irish dancing, set dancing, etc.) and too much time stuck in their cars trying to make their way to play with Leixlip GAA. The traffic was very heavy at the time and we are experiencing similar traffic congestion now. The new proposal would bring more traffic. Practically all our members, including our juvenile members, could walk in safety to training and games without having to negotiate the ever increasing traffic. The new proposal would bring more traffic. Practically all our members would be unable to access the club and we encourage them to walk or cycle.

Confey schools (San Carlo and Confey College) utilise our pitches and facilities for matches, sports days, active school week etc. The classes can walk to the club from the school grounds. This is not the case for the existing schools, teachers and school children of Confey. The existing schools do not have the use of or access to alternative pitches or green space within the existing community.

The new proposal shifts the club 800 metres away to the periphery of the new developed community. It would be a minimum of 8-10 years before any children of new families from the new development would be able to access the club from our established community?

With the development of a new neighbourhood hub and the potential commercial units that may be built we would be concerned for the commercial viability of our club bar, if units are built they are cognisant of their duty to keep them in paid employment.

The existing community of Confey, our GAA members and all our community groups who access the facility, are not in favour of the club moving. Confey GAA will be staying in its current location. At any time we can serve any members that new development may bring to the area.

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"The underutilisation of strategic lands" is how the council local area development plan describes Confey GAA

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This is a blatant lie and show that this plan has been drawn up by someone who does not know the area or what is going on. Confey GAA is a thriving club and for our street leagues (started 17 June 2019), we had 122 children playing. How you can make a statement like that is disgraceful and shows the

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So far this week(week Commencing 10jun 2019) , Leixlip has had 3 burst water mains. Has the plan looked at the existing water infrastructure to see if it is physically capable of su

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Was any consideration given to the purchase of lands at the old Hewlett-Packard plant with a view to building houses there?

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Given the approval of the new works at Intel, has any consideration been given to timing of this, there will be enough construction traffic around the area without more being added.

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I refer to the article in The Liffey Champion, Number 1301, dated Saturday 08 June 2019. The headline "Shocked", subline, "Confey GAA club not told it might lose its lands at Creighton Park". The fact that the club has not be informed or consulted show that the proper conclusion process has not occurred. This questions the integrity and validity of the proposed plan. You have not followed due process and the plan should be null and void.

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SHOCK REACTION!

Confey GAA Club not told it might lose its lands at Creighton Park

by Aideen Sutton

THE proposed relocation of Confey GAA Club's Creighton Park facility as part of a major new urban neighbourhood in Confey has this week come as news its members.

Kildare County Council's new Draft Leixlip Local Area Plan 2020-2026 (LAP) published last week contains plans to relocate the existing GAA lands to a larger site further north of its grounds opposite Confey Cemetery.

"The location of Confey GAA cen-

trally within the subject lands and within close proximity to Confey Railway Station has been identified as being an under-utilisation of these strategic lands," states the new draft LAP.

"It is proposed to relocate the existing

GAA lands facility to a larger site further north and in close proximity to the proposed 'Community Hub' ensuring ease of access."

A total of 60 hectares of lands north of Cope Bridge and the railway line and Royal Canal have been earmarked in

the plan for the development of a new urban centre with up to 1,340 homes.

An Urban Design Framework (UDF) has been drawn up to act as a preliminary design guide for the development

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Enter your submission here The idea of building houses on the Black Avenue, that is only a couple of hundred meters from a waste processing that that is growing in size , show a lack of consideration for the people who may be living in the houses.

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Enter your submission here When we asked about amenities like the proposed swimming pool in Maynooth, we asked what if the proposal doesn't occur, we were told that maybe a hotel will be built and it may have a pool, or we could go to Naas or Athy, these are 28 and 64km from Leixlip respectively. Do the planners actually know about Leixlip and where it is ? These answers show ignorance and lack of respect to the people of Leixlip and cast a lot of doubt over the plan.

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Enter your submission here While talking to star in Leixlip library, the discussion was around social infrastructure and about sorting out the Leixlip problems before adding more houses . We discussed access to Lucan, Palmerston Park and answer was a series of if statements. You cannot have a plan based on a bunch of "ifs". It must be accurate and deliverable, saying if this occurs and then if that.. this is not a plan, is a hope and prayer.

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Enter your submission here With regards to The proposed new housing in Confey , and the desire of the plan to encourage people to use other travel options such as Cycling, busses etc to get to amenities such as the proposed Maynooth, people would need to drive to Leixlip to get a bus to Maynooth, and as you are proposing to pedestrianise one of the very few parking locations in the village.

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Enter your submission here The terminology used is misleading and inaccurate, the proposed development is described as a "HUB", it is not a HUB - you are proposing a Main Street, business, a School, this make it either a "Village" or other places like Leixlip Village or Maynooth. The plan needs to be clear and the language unambiguous and no misleading.

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By creating a new Main Street and making Confey a mini tie, you are taking away inclusion with the village, people will no longer be from Leixlip, but will be from Confey, this drives division, discour

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While I appreciate that you have considered an extra school in you plans, the current school had to amalgamate some classes as there were not enough students, what impact will another school have on the current one?

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Has any consideration being delivered on the impact to healthcare services? GPs in the Confey are already swamped. How will they cope with more people.

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The local roads around Leixlip are not in a state to allow construction traffic on a regular basis, while I acknowledge that you say new infrastructure is required before construction is to begin, how do you propose to get the construction traffic up in the first place?

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You admit in the plan that burial space at Confey is restricted, the Confey KDA also acknowledges this, yet only a small space is allocated to expand the burial area. and you feel its ok to build apartments surrounding the cemetery

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Enter your submission here You plan to turn Confey into a mini town with its on school and town hub is contradicting to the Leixlip Plan.Your proposal will put the Confey business in direct competition with the plan to develop Leixlip town centre and indeed the business located in Riverforest

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Enter your submission here You intention to turn Confey in a Concrete site similar to Adamstown is shocking. you are planning to widen roads and bridges and add additional bridges over the canal, thus taking more green land away form the residents

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Enter your submission here You plan to build housing in Confey in shocking, how do you intend geting construction traffic to that location? you are passing by a primary school , do you intend to have traffic passing by constantly? risking the safety of out children and polluting the air they breath ?

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Enter your submission here You acknowlege the importacne of St Catherines Park and that it is the only amenity of it kind in the area, yet this belongs to Fingal CC and they are proposing to build a road through it, this then has an impact on you plan. You have not protected the park in your plan, you also mention preserving tress yet the Black Avenue plan will invariable requite the tearing down of trees ..very contradicting

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Enter your submission here You plans to develop Leixlip is commendable, however with the village, you would like growth, yet you intend to make Arthur Guinness Square a pedestrian walkway is removing one of the very few parking locations within the village

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