

Firstly, I would like to note that the publishing the LAP after the local elections appears very underhand and I think was very disrespectful to we the constituents.

As stated in my submission re transport, the KDA for Confey is reminiscent of the greedy, short sighted planning that ruined this country for the past decade. Building dense housing area with no infrastructure in place and hoping on a wing and a prayer that Dublin Bus and Irish Rail will upgrade services. This sort of planning leads to the permanent disruption of well settled communities and can give rise to antisocial behaviour. I would ask the council to take time to reflect and ask themselves what they want their legacy to be - are they willing to stand over the ruination of a lovely town such as Leixlip? I moved to Confey eight years ago and it has a wonderful community feel and that is why my family decided to buy here and start our family here. I fully accept the need to provide extra housing but it needs to be undertaken in a far more considered manner than the current plan and needs to be undertaken by planners who have actually visited Leixlip - the planners I met at the open evening in the library had not set foot in Leixlip before that evening.

Another concern as a resident on Captain's Hill is the potential for the Hill to be widened. We chose to buy our house because it was recessed off the Captain's Hill so it would be safe for any future family we had. We now have a lovely son and as I am sure all on the council would appreciate I do not want my child to be exposed to the dangers of living at the side of a main, busy road. Please see attached photos of the areas in front of my house that needs to be preserved. I would say that any expansion of the Hill up the top of the Hill would be futile anyway as it would just cause and even bigger bottle neck at the bottom of the Hill.

MT3.8 purports to ensure that any significant new development takes place in proximity to public transport routes and can be adequately served by the road network This objective is being completely ignored by the proposed new KDA at Confey. Furthermore, the fact that St Catherine's Park is not explicitly excluded as potential road access is very worrying.

MT3.11 No Traffic Impact Assessments (TIA) has been completed for this KDA. Also, the plan for through routes and bridges into the Glendale and Riverforest undermines the safety of these estates and can generate antisocial behaviour. The development is being proposed to solve a housing issue in Dublin by putting a disproportionate housing expansion into one of the finest towns in county Kildare.

Ministerial decision 6th Mar 2018 - "The revised Draft Leixlip Local Area Plan shall be published not later than 6 months following the issuing of a Direction." Provided more than a year later – Breach of timeframe so the council are in fact operating outside of the minister's direction.

This proposed development is contrary to S6 – “To phase significant future growth in line with the capacity and delivery of supporting physical infrastructure”. The existing water, waste & power supply which is aging and faulty are unable to support developments of this scale. The towns infrastructure is already strained and is evidenced by power cuts, water leaks and the ongoing stench in the middle of our town from the existing houses.

There is limited capacity at the water treatment works. Improvement works earliest will take place in Q4 - 2022.

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 importance of them to the entire Local Area Plan.







