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To whom it may concern I wish to make the following submission in regard to the Draft LAP for Leixlip, specifically the proposed development in Confey and how it will affect the existing community in the short and longer term.

A development of this scale needs to be properly planned with consideration given to both the existing community and the new community. There may be a requirement for new houses to be developed but the infrastructure needs to be developed to allow for this. Captains Hill is already over used with difficulty getting in and out of the existing estates at peak times. The closure of Kellystown Lane for the last couple of weeks has exacerbated this problem. The Main Street is clogged with existing traffic passing through, the street has many unused stores because of the lack of access to parking. The new development at Intel bringing much needed employment and income for the local community also brings problems due to the increased volumes of traffic.

Access to the N4 is already restricted with traffic volumes increasing coming from Celbridge and Maynooth, there is standing room only on peak trains , buses are already full coming into the village, will this be addressed before the volumes are increased as result of the development.

Widening Cope Bridge has been proposed, this will involve compulsory purchase orders on the local residents and most likely on Glendale green area and Confey GAA. While the authors of this plan seem to think Creighton Park the home of Confey GAA is underutilised, it is a young club 30 years old build in a convenient location for its community. We may not have the bustling numbers of the larger clubs in the county, but we are punching above our weight with Senior teams in mens football, ladies football and hurling, social mothers and a very active youth program for boys and girls from 3 to 18. Consideration should be given to giving more land to Confey GAA to maintain it's presence in the heart of the new development, linking the old and the new. When moving to a new area, the first place many people search out is the local GAA club as it epitomises what a community is about, moving it will rip the heart out of the old community.

The removal of the previous objective to protect our wonderful amenity in St Catherine's Park shows the existing Cope community where it stands in relation to the new development. To facilitate the housing development at Black Avenue the council itself is proposing to build a road into the park. St Catherine's Park should be protected the residents have fought for this and should be listened to. There have already been more power cuts, water leaks and ongoing smell in the town from the existing infrastructure. Do you think the existing facilities infrastructure can cope with the additional development?

Our children deserve the chance to live in the community where they grew up so affordable housing is a requirement. This plan is developer led, with the houses being built before a proper infrastructure has been developed. Develop the infrastructure, build the roads, upgrade the water and sewerage facilities, electrify the train, build swimming pools, housing for the elderly, childcare facilities etc. Please take this into consideration when you are making proposals in relation to Leixlip, this is a beautiful quiet town and the concerns of it's residents should be taken into consideration before increasing the size of the town by over a third.