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To Kildare County Council,

Please reconsider the proposed plans for Leixlip and Confey area. I have lived here my whole life, and in my 85 years, I have seen many changes and developments, lots for the good, and some not so, but this Draft plan for 2020-2026 is the most worrying and thoughtless plan I have ever seen.

Have you been through Leixlip village any morning or evening? It is chaos, and to think you are planning on building over 3000 more houses, with no proper improvement to infrastructure is frightening and frustrating. How do you think everyone is going to be able to get to work, school, the shops or wherever they need to go? It is already a bottle neck at rush hour times.

I oppose the zoning of the lands in Confey and Black Avenue for residential development due to no current public transport route and no road network. In addition, the proposal provides a negative impact on a green and safe access for pedestrian and cyclists using St. Catherine's Park through increased traffic volumes. The Planning Department consulted with the Roads and Transportation Department which informed the assessment and infrastructural needs within the plan area. It was noted in the completion of the

Sustainable Planning and Infrastructural Assessment dated 30th May 2019, the level of congestion in Leixlip with particular reference to Main Street and Mill Lane Junction. This proposed development will further exacerbate the traffic congestion to Main Street. The Fire Station is located in Mill Lane so there is an added concern of the impact of this proposed residential development to the emergency services response times due to the increased traffic congestion which is unacceptable.

The delivery schedule detailed on the Draft Leixlip LAP 2020-2026 for the completion of the various infrastructure to include Roads and Transportation, water and waste water etc; for Black Avenue KDA is from year 4 to 6 years plus. The lifetime of this Draft Leixlip LAP is six years. In order to comply with the National Planning Framework guidelines with specific reference to National Policy Objective 72c "When considering zoning land for development purposes that cannot be serviced within the life of the relevant plan, such lands should not be zoned for development". Therefore, Black Avenue KDA is contravening this objective and is another valid reason why these lands should not be zoned for residential development.

As for Confey, to date, no detailed masterplan has been prepared for the lands located in Confey which is what all

the residents has been awaiting for the last two years as detailed by the many submissions received relating to the last Draft Leixlip LAP 2017-2023 and expressed by the councillors at the Material Alterations stage and hence, the result of the vote was no zoning of these lands back on 20th November 2017.

The Urban Design Framework Document is a preliminary design guide for the future development of these lands. It is not a masterplan. No lands in Confey should be zoned residential until a detailed masterplan is prepared for Confey and fully agreed with Kildare County Council subject to public consultation and in agreement with the Elected Members of Leixlip / Celbridge Municipal District prior to the granting of any planning permission on these lands. The masterplan must accord to the site specific objectives identified in this Draft Leixlip LAP 2020-2026 as well as relevant site development standards set out in the County Development Plan.

Our lovely little village will be destroyed with all this building and no forward and balanced thought given to the residents already living here.

I am disappointed in Kildare County Council and your careless regard for Leixlip and Confey residents. It is not too late for you to slow down, and make a more considerate and careful draft plan for our area, instead of this ridiculous and thoughtless one. With all your education and experience, I would think you could come up with something better for us, our community and our future.

Many thanks for your time in reading my objections, and I hope you will have the manners to reply to me, not like the last time I wrote to you in 2017, and no one had the courtesy to reply.

Kind regards,

Mary Mc Carthy

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