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I object to the Local Area Plan for the Leixlip Confey area as it currently stands. While development is both needed and welcomed in the area, it must cohere with the green area surrounding the Confey housing estates, and not supplant that green area, making a very urban environment out of what currently is still quite a rural environment.

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On the other hand, if, as the plan intends, the area should become more urbanised, with high-rise apartment developments and high-density living, then the infrastructure of the area would have to be appropriate. The current plan seeks merely to make minor upgrades to the current road infrastructure and train service -- upgrades which are to be welcomed to meet current demand on those roads, but which would only meet current needs, and would do nothing to address the further increases which construction traffic, and then the additional thousands of vehicles and train-passengers which this plan envisions. Both transport infrastructure and social infrastructure -- intended to truly promote an urbanised environment, in which individuals and families may meet their recreational needs, such as a swimming pool, additional sports ground, etc. must be a prerequisite to the establishment of so many new households in the area. The LAP plan pays mere lip-service to these needs, with vague references of services 'to follow.'

As the Leixlip Confey area has been established as a semi-rural area, with suburban housing estates containing much greenery and free space for its population to enjoy their time outdoors, and as housing in the local area (and the greater Dublin area) is lacking, I propose that such plans reflect, mirror and repeat the sort of suburban housing that has been shown to work, and on a scale which neither overwhelms the local environment, and which corresponds to the capabilities of the planned improvements to the transport network.

Yours sincerely,
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