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To whom it may concern,

I am a local resident to the proposed development in Confey Leixlip and along with the whole community will be directly affected by the Draft Area Plan for Leixlip, specifically this Confey area.

Any development requires correct planning with the appropriate infrastructure in place with the desired objective to be a model community development that others can aspire to.

While there are a number of road infrastructural options, no decision has been made regarding any of the options despite the pivotal importance of new road infrastructure to the entire LAP.

The plan does not adequately factor in the impact of the major expansion of Intel on water, sewage or the transport infrastructure in the area. The scale of the plan does not harmonise with or enhance with the existing build and natural environment of Confey.

The relocation of Confey GAA club to an area nearly one kilometre from its current location will negatively impact the majority of its current players, coaches, volunteers and spectators. It will also affect the community and social side of the club with the various other groups who use the facilities including all the local schools, basketball teams, Irish dancing, the Bridge and other card groups. It is essential the facility remains close to the community. A large number of its patrons walk to the club at its current location without the need to drive and thus affect their carbon footprint. The new location will immediately reduce the number of existing players which clubs like Confey GAA are trying to keep active and playing.

There is a need for housing and development but the LAP in its current form is not suitable for the new home owners or the existing residents. I am therefore opposing the plan in its current form.

Kind Regards

Tom McCarthy