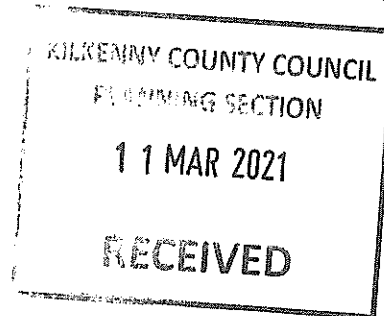


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Draft City and County Development Plan

To whom it may concern,

In the proposed Kilkenny City and County Development plan 2021 - 2027, I would like to see a more continued approach in keeping with low density housing areas on the outskirts of the city just inside the ring road e.g. Rath Ullórd.

These areas should present as attractive low density residential areas adjoining the outer boundary of the City (N77 Ring Road) . This makes these sites ideal for low density housing while maintaining a convenient proximity to Kilkenny city.

The proposed change to zoning as outlined in the draft development plan for the coming years contravenes elements in the current plan. To disregard these elements of the plan at this stage when some developments are still ongoing, I feel undermines the residents and what they were sold.

Appendix B, Housing strategy, Section 6.5 states *...important that private households are able to find a range of opportunities to express their lifestyle needs through housing within the City's boundaries and town and villages and not only through one-off rural housing.*

I feel a change to the zoning and increased density proposed for these areas e.g. Rath Ullórd will negatively impact the surrounding area. I would like to see a combination of continued low density housing with amenities adjacent which would be in keeping with what the current residents have bought into. Traffic congestion would become an issue in addition to lack of amenities for the residents in these areas.

I especially would be concerned that the adjective 'low' or 'high' would be omitted from the description of residential areas as that can be a key factor in people choosing their homes for life.

Yours Sincerely

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