



21st July 2026.

I wish to make a submission on the proposed material alterations to Variation No. 2.

Material alteration reference number 6: –

I wish to submit my support for material alteration reference 6, where Councillors voted to retain zoning of the lands at St. Edmondsbury, Lucan as high amenity and not allow them to be rezoned as residential.

As a resident of Lucan I know the value of this area both for the well being of the residents who walk here and for the natural environment. Over centuries a unique eco- system has developed here, providing habitat for plant, animal and insect life. Building anywhere on these lands would be hugely damaging and would change this special area of high amenity for ever. In our present climate change crisis to lose this special area of nature, part of the Liffey Valley green belt, would be detrimental beyond measure not just for Lucan but for bio diversity as a whole. Promises of it being turned into a park would be a disaster. We have several lovely parks in Lucan. They are great but they are designed by humans, not by nature. The lands at St. Edmondsbury have been made by nature over hundreds of years, which is why they have the wealth of protected species of animal and plant life, living undisturbed and flourishing from the lack of interference by human hands. The National Planning Framework provides protection for such areas of special preservation and I hope this will protect with unique area from being lost.

Material alteration reference 3:

I support the Councillors vote to remove the proposed rezoning of the land at Finnstown Castle. To build here, on the last little patch of nature left to residents would be tragic. This land is on the fringe of two huge SDZs, Adamstown and Clonburris. Enormous amounts of green, nature rich land has already been lost to facilitate the two SDZs.

Finnstown Castle is the last green corridor in the area, providing much needed breathing space for animal, bird and insect life and also a small area of nature for the physical and mental well being of the population who have lost so much of their natural spaces in recent years.

The Castle is a protected structure as is the tree lined avenue. Situated as it is at the edge of an already congested road and heavily build on surrounds it is a most unsuitable area for residential rezoning. The road is narrow and already a bottleneck at all times of the day. For the purpose of proper planning I hope the material alteration voted by the Councillors will be respected.



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