



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

**Material alteration reference number 6 – to retain the zoning of the lands at St. Edmondsbury, Lucan, as high amenity.**

I support the vote of the Councillors to retain this land as high amenity and not rezone it as residential. As a Lucan resident, stuck in grid locked traffic every morning at this very spot on my commute to work, I feel it is the wrong place for further development.

As a father who takes my children on nature walks on the lands on a regular basis, I have grave concerns at the environmental damage building at the top of this site will cause. Meeting on my walks with older residents of Lucan, I have learned so much about the precious species of animals, insects, birds, butterflies and plants this amazing area of nature supports. To be able to take my two young children here and learn so much about how these lands, left to nature to support this ecosystem has been an education and a joy. To think of this last area of natural beauty being damaged and lost, in the present climate change crisis seems to be in total contravention to the National Planning Framework.

**Material alteration reference number 3 – to prevent the lands at Finnstown Castle being rezoned to residential.**

I agree with the Councillors vote for these lands not to be rezoned residential. This area is the last natural green space in that part of Lucan, which is surrounded by very large developments. The traffic on the road outside is gridlocked at all times of the day, especially school times as it serves two primary schools and one secondary school. Finnstown Castle is a historic building, protected as such, as is the avenue and trees leading up to the Castle. A one off house was refused planning permission on the grounds a few years ago because of this so it seems completely contrary to proper planning for a large housing development to be put here. The residents of this part of Lucan have lost almost all their natural green areas in the construction of two large SDZs, Adamstown and Clonburris. This last area supporting nature and wildlife is the least residents deserve for their mental well being as their area has been so over developed, and its loss would be hugely detrimental to the local residents as well as to wild life and bio diversity.

Yours sincerely,

  
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