



Chapter: MA St. Edmundsbury

Topic: MA6.1

I, [REDACTED] support the elected members'

decision not to rezone the St. Edmundsbury lands for residential development, and I

ask that this decision be confirmed following the current public consultation.

The current zoning objective for these lands is High Amenity (HA-LV), which exists to

protect and enhance the outstanding character and amenity of the Liffey Valley. The

South Dublin County Development Plan also contains clear objectives to protect

landscape character, biodiversity and Green Infrastructure.

The Council's own figures show that the revised National Planning Framework (NPF)

baseline housing requirement has already been met. The overall package of proposed

rezonings provides approximately 30% more residential capacity than the

Government's baseline requirement. As a result, there is no planning necessity to

remove the existing High Amenity (HA-LV) zoning from the St. Edmundsbury lands to

comply with national housing policy. Planning decisions should be consistent with the adopted County Development Plan,

unless there is a compelling planning reason to depart from it. The existing High

Amenity zoning reflects long-standing planning objectives for the protection of the Liffey

Valley's landscape, environmental quality and Green Infrastructure. In this case, I do not

believe that a sufficiently compelling planning justification has been demonstrated to

remove those protections and the HA-LV should remain as the current zoning, or be

added to the SAAO. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the elected members' decision be upheld and that the existing High Amenity zoning at St. Edmundsbury be retained.

Signed: [REDACTED]

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