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In regard to National policy Objective 18b, I wish to point out that planning permission for one off houses in rural areas needs to be considered on social grounds and not on economic grounds.

In order to maintain the fabric of rural Ireland, family members, i.e. sons and daughters, favoured nephews and nieces, still need to be considered to get planning permission to build a house for themselves on family owned land or if they don't have land of their own they should be considered if they can source or purchase locally to where they were born, bread and reared.

It has to be recognised that in rural parts of Kerry and indeed all along the west of Ireland that people can't just survive on farming alone and have to commute long distances (nationally and abroad) to find employment in order to financially support their families but they still want to make their home in their own rural places.

In relation to rural areas which are close to growing towns under what is described as urban pressure, in these places family members who have family owned land are facilitated with planning permission, however, a local person who grew up in this very same set up are not allowed to get permission if they purchase land from a very close neighbour. This is very unfair and must be addressed.

Consideration also needs to be allowed for people who wish to come home after working abroad for a number of years to build a house for themselves so they can live out their lives in the places they were born and left originally.

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