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My boyfriend and I applied for planning permission over a year ago on a piece of land that his parents gifted to him. Cork county council granted us the planning despite an objection made by a neighbour. Unfortunately this neighbour was not happy with the granted planning permission and the matter went to An Bord Pleanála. We were initially given a date in July for a decision to be made. However, this date was then pushed out to the 7th of October. We were then informed that there was still no decision by this date and have not been given a new date as to when a decision will be made. We have done everything that Bord Pleanála has asked of us. We think that this is very unfair as the objection that has been made has nothing to do with the dwelling we wish to build. What is even more maddening is that we in our twenties are in full time employment paying our taxes unlike our neighbours who are living off the state even though they are in a position to work. When we applied for planning permission we thought we would have a lot of work done on building our house by now. Unfortunately this is not the case. It is impossible for us to plan our lives. We feel like we are living in limbo waiting for a decision.

We are currently renting a house. With the massive homeless crisis in the country at the moment we are unnecessarily renting a house that could be occupied by someone who currently does not have somewhere to live. If we had been able to build our house when planning was granted by the council we would nearly be ready to vacate the rented property to free it up for another family.

It is ridiculous that we are struggling this much to be able to build on our own land. Rural Ireland's population is ageing. Something must be done to make it easier for young couples build houses in the country side, especially when they have ties to the community in the area in which they wish to build.

Regards  
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