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I am concerned on two matters regarding planning in North County Dublin. This is where I live.

One.

The restrictions on planning for housing imposed by Fingal County Council are unfair to the younger (indigenous) people of North County Dublin.

The difficulties that are put in their way to build a home on their own land is unreasonable and unjust. The older generation living locally would be lucky if only one member of their family gain permission to build locally.

This in turn means that the age imbalance in the community is very visible. Leaving older people with restricted family support as they age. This in turn makes care for the elderly more expensive for society. Any community needs the mix of old and young in every sense, to use all the facilities built up over time like Schools, Credit Union, Churches and the like.

Employment is good generally in the area.

This means to find affordable housing local people must travel outside the area, then travel back for their job. Putting more pressure on roads and public transport, if available.

Some have abandoned the idea of ever affording housing here for now. They are in London and different parts of England, Spain, America, Columbia, Beijing, and the Congo.

Secondly.

The communities in North County Dublin have protected the environment over the generations, which is why it is still a wonderful environment and a desirable place for people to live.

Not forgetting that landscape without people is just land. The restrictions on building is often quoted as against European rules!

We are Europe! and it is not meant to be a difficult place live in. In other words one size does not fit all.

As Dublin City expands as all cities do, it is important to remember what community means, and what makes us Irish.

The restrictions of one family member building where they were born would not be tolerated in France, Germany or other European countries. Where they actively encourage people to live and keep communities alive.

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