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I am concerned about housing in North County Dublin as that is my own area.

I am concerned on two matters.

One the strict unyielding planning restrictions used by Fingal County Council to stop local people build on their own land in their place of birth.

This has the effect of displacing families with the result that the older generation are left and the younger (indigenous) people must go elsewhere. To estates of houses apartments or wherever thereby taking a home which could be used for another young family and in turn adds to the housing crisis. Leaving a age imbalance in the original community.

This then means over time the older generation have no local family support as they age. This makes life and care of the elderly expensive to society. The mix of old and young is so important for any community.

Second. As Dublin city expands as all cities do a sensible approach to the needs of everyone must be considered.

We cannot have a situation of planners quoting European rules against the people. We are Europe and it must work for everyone.

Restrictions of only one family member being allowed to build in their own area would be not be tolerated to in France, Italy or many European countries.

What is forgotten is that the delicate balance between people living in the landscape has always been respected by local communities over generations. Which it makes a community what is.

Which is why it is still here in tact for everyone to enjoy.

However without a people and young people and young life coming on we have no community.