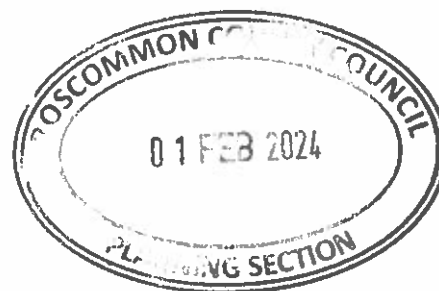


31th January 2024

Roscommon Town Draft Local Area Plan,
Forward Planning Section,
Roscommon County Council,
Aras an Chontae,
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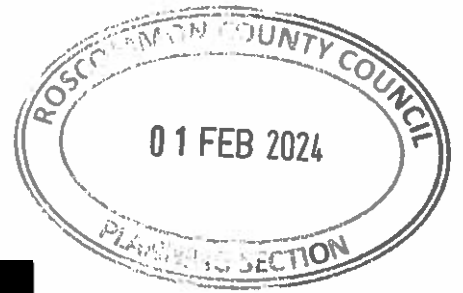
We, the undersigned, wish to make a submission in respect of the Draft Roscommon Town Local Area Plan 2024-2030, Chapter 5.5 Residential Opportunity Areas with reference to the Opportunity Site No. 3.

The proposed draft of Opportunity Site No. 3 is made up of our private properties and has been referred to as an infill site. An infill site is a track of empty unused or underutilised land. All of these properties are gardens connected to our individual homes and therefore essential to the functioning and leisure of each residence. These properties are neither vacant or idle, and serve as private family gardens for each of the attached homes and therefore should not be included in the Draft Local Area Plan being explored as a potential opportunity site for residential development.

There is an untold number of empty houses and buildings within Roscommon town centre which could be considered for housing and residential development. The garden parameters outlined in Opportunity Site No. 3 are owned and occupied by Roscommon town families who live in the adjoining houses and represent longtime residents with a history and lineage within this well established community.

This proposal does not reflect an understanding and appreciation of the surrounding setting nor ensure the protection of residential amenity, having no regard to its immediate proximity to our existing dwellings, the quality and character of the area and the elements that contribute to, and that are particularly relevant to the living conditions of our homes, i.e. our gardens. Our properties and adjoining gardens are green areas which allow biodiversity to flourish that in turn benefits our surrounding urban environment.

As owners and residents, we contest the reference to our gardens as an infill site or vacant lands and therefore object to these combined properties being included as part of and referred to as an opportunity site.



Signed: John R Sweeney and Lisa Sweeney
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Dated: 31/01/2024

Signed: Brian Rushe and Mary Rushe
Brian and Mary Rushe
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Dated: 31/1/24

Signed: Margaret (Peggy) Neilan
Peggy Neilan
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Dated: 31/01/2024

Signed: Michael Cormican and Rita Cormican
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Dated: 31/01/2024