

4th February 2024

Roscommon Town Draft Local Area Plan,
Forward Planning Section,
Roscommon County Council,
Aras an Chontae,
Roscommon
F42 VR98

Dear Sirs,

I 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 Opportunity Site No. 3, which includes my property, has been referred to as an infill site and as vacant land.

I wish to refer you back to my Submission letter to the Roscommon County Council Planning Authority, dated the 11th of April 2018, appealing the proposed entry of my property on to the Vacant Sites Register. This is on the basis that this land is the garden to my house on Abbey Street, and is not idle or vacant. The property serves as a private family garden to the attached home and is therefore essential to the functioning and leisure of the residence. There is extensive activity in the garden as it is in the process of being restored by [REDACTED]

There is no immediate garden to the rear of the house on Abbey Street, therefore this walled garden is necessary and required for the house occupants as a form of sustainability and outdoor living space. The adjoining garden, as re-established, will include organic vegetable beds, greenhouses, beehives and fruit trees, contributing to the self-sustainability of the home and in turn benefiting the biodiversity of the local urban environment.

I therefore contest the reference to my garden as an infill site or vacant lands and object to my garden property being included as part of and referred to as an opportunity site.

Yours faithfully,



John R Sweeney
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