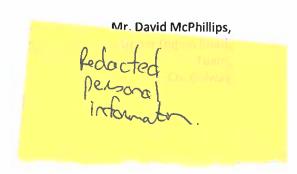
Forward Planning, Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway



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RE: Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028

To whom it may concern,

My name is David McPhillips, a lifelong resident of Tuam. I am writing to Galway County Council to propose rezoning of my parents' site to residential phase 2 as highlighted in green on the OSi map enclosed. This would allow my wife and I to build a family home.

The site is located approximately 60 meters from the border of the Tuam local area plan at Gardenfield, Tuam, Co. Galway. There are residential properties located on either side of the site and it is in effect an 'infill site'.

Our beautiful site has been in our family for more than two generations, and it is our dream to live here. My parents purchased this site in the 90s and it had outline planning permission granted in 1998 but unfortunately elapsed.

This site is the only land in our family and so it offers the only option for us to financially be in a position to build. As you are probably aware, land availability within the Tuam local area plan is extremely limited and anything that becomes available is way beyond our financial reach. Also, the housing market is very limited in Tuam, and current prices again are beyond our financial reach.

My wife and I do not own a house. We're in desperate need for our own family home and it would give us the security to start and raise our family in the Gardenfield area. My wife grew up in Tuam and her parents, grandparents and extended family were raised in the urban fringes of Tuam. Unfortunately, my wife's family have no land in the Tuam local area plan or the urban fringe zone to build a family home on. I have also lived in Tuam all my life and attended local primary and secondary schools in the town. We love Tuam very much and really want to remain in the locality and raise our future family within the Tuam / Gardenfield area.

Both my wife and I work mainly from home, and we require our own home office space. The adjoining new ring road that links to the M17 motorway is located close to this site, which would make the commute very convenient for us when needing to access Galway for our on-site work visits. The close-by Gardenfield National School would again be very convenient for our future children to attend.

We would very much appreciate your consideration of our request. We believe we have illustrated a strong case to allow us to build on this much-loved family site.

Yours faithfully,

David McPhillips

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