

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023

Tuesday, 27 September 2016

Motion from Councillor Brian Dennehy: Facilitate Agri Tourism. AI029120

I ask that objective 141 Facilitate Agri Tourism on the 2011-2017 Development Plan be reinstated on to the 2017-2023 Draft Fingal County Development Plan as it already exists and was previously accepted.

Sheet Number SHEET 6B Objective Code RU

Objective Description : Protect and promote in a balanced way, the development of agriculture and rural related enterprise, biodiversity, the rural landscape, and the built and cultural heritage

REPORT:

The subject lands are located in the Hayestown/Horestown area, to the west of Rush.

Local Objective 141 on the current Development Plan 2011-2017 states: '*Facilitate Agri Tourism.*'

It is noted that the subject lands contain the zoning objective RU Rural, the objective and vision are as follows:

Objective: *Protect and promote in a balanced way, the development of agriculture and rural-related enterprise, biodiversity, the rural landscape, and the built and cultural heritage.*

Vision: *Protect and promote the value of the rural area of the County. This rural value is based on:*

- *Agricultural and rural economic resources*
- *Visual remoteness from significant and distinctive urban influences,*
- *A high level of natural features.*

Agriculture and rural related resources will be employed for the benefit of the local and wider population. Building upon the rural value will require a balanced approach involving the protection and promotion of rural biodiversity, promotion of the integrity of the landscape, and enhancement of the built and cultural heritage.

Under this zoning objective Agri Tourism is a permitted in principle use. As such, the insertion of Local Objective 141 to 'Facilitate Agri Tourism' on the subject lands is not considered necessary.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that no change is made.