

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029

TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Sheet 5 Skerries

Motion from Councillor Karen Power : 82311

Retaining Zoning on the RU Lands at Thomastown

To maintain the RU zoning on the lands located at Thomastown, Loughshinny (see attached map). The proposed rezoning within submission FIN-C453-761 is laid out in a fashion that does not adequately reflect the proposed aims of the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029, with the major emphasis and stated goals of placemaking and developing a strong and vibrant rural community as well as urban and rural clusters towns and villages.

REPORT:

This motion relates to a 26.5-hectare (65 acre) site located to the northwest of Loughshinny. The subject site appears to be predominantly in agricultural use, with several houses constructed on the western edge of the site along the R128. The current zoning of the subject site is RU – Rural and this has been carried through to the Draft Plan.

This motion requesting that the RU – Rural zoned lands at Thomastown, Loughshinny be maintained is acknowledged and welcomed. In the interest of clarity, it should be noted that neither the Draft Plan, nor the Chief Executive's Recommendations in the Chief Executive's Report propose changing the zoning of this site and it is proposed to be retained as RU.

The Council is fully committed to the continued protection of the agricultural sector and the preservation of agricultural land within the County in accordance with the RU zoning objective, vision and supporting policy and objectives in the Draft Plan. Specifically, Chapter 7 Employment and Economy, Section 7.5.3 and Policy EEP23 of the Draft Plan, is explicit in the protection and promotion of

agricultural lands within the County, a valuable resource that cannot be inconsequentially exhausted.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change to the Draft Plan