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Subject: Freshford Local Area Plan: Submission on proposed amendments

Dear Mr. Malone,

I am writing to you in relation to the above mentioned plan.

I have been living in Belgium for a number of years. The first time I saw the Freshford Plan was last week when I purchased a copy in your offices. I was there on holidays. I am very happy to see very substantial progress in the development of the village/town.

The parcel of land adjacent to the Sports Field and with a road frontage on the Moat Road of about 100 metres is my property (see attachment). The parcel comprises about 3.77 hectares.

It has always been my intention to develop this land in accordance with good planning principles. I have on several occasions refused to sell sites on this land outside an overall plan. I have never applied for planning permission because the sewage system in Freshford had no spare capacity. I participated in a public meeting in Freshford where the situation regarding the upgrading of sewage system would still appear to be relatively unclear. However, as the zoning shows there is progress.

I expressed surprise that a parcel of land 100 metres from the entrance to the village/town school, very near the commercial centre, the church and the health centre etc. was excluded from the zoned land. I notice also that the land on the opposite side of the road is zoned and there are houses on that same side further from the village than the parcel I am speaking about.

While I was in Freshford I observed a very substantial number of children being bussed to school or being driven there. In these circumstances it is even more difficult to understand why land practically at the school door is excluded from residential development.

As regards the present state of planning consultation, I wish to submit my reservation on modification number 9 which proposes to replace the wording "To maintain and improve sewage services." in the first of the Infrastructure Objectives of the Plan, by "To secure the upgrading of all water services through agreements with developers and/or landowners as appropriate." because it could delay substantially the development of the parcel in question.

This is unfortunately a hurried submission because earlier intentions did not materialise. However, I think there is a question of equity here because my parcel is practically at the school door. My reason for not reacting earlier is clear I hope.

Thank you for the attention you give to this submission on the amendments to the Freshford Plan.

Yours sincerely
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