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As [REDACTED] of the subject site at Rathartan, Lusk, Co. Dublin, I would welcome and support the proposed amendment to the Draft Fingal County Development Plan 2023-29 reference **PA SH 6B.1**. My family and I have lived, worked and contributed to the local community for generations.

Three generations have now farmed this land. Due to the presence of several nearby detached rural house complexes, it is an incredibly viable and excellent location for a rural cluster. This would be an "infill" of development, using a progressive method as recommended in the Fingal Development Plan, and as such, it would consolidate and unite these houses. The Housing for All Policy, which states that local governments should zone more serviced land in their development plans in order to satisfy the anticipated housing demand, is one example of how it supports and aligns with government programs.

Additionally, this strategy stipulated that local sites should offer a variety of options, particularly for rural regions. Rural communities would be given more assurance when it came to constructing homes there, according to the plan. My children and other local rural residents do not currently have access to a rural cluster or a room in the closest rural cluster in Effelstown. Because my children make up a proportion of the anticipated demand for rural homes in Fingal, I believe there is an urgent and significant need to rezone this area.

This location is extremely well serviced, with both rail and bus networks within walking distance. This is clearly a one-of-a-kind rural site that can meet the housing needs of rural residents like my children who are economically and socially dependent on the area and we are a family who contribute significantly to the local area.

We look forward to its inclusion in the adopted Fingal Development Plan.

Regards,

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