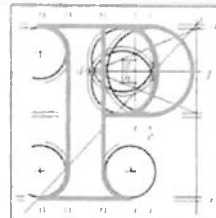


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John King  
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Ardee  
Co. Louth  
A92RP40

**Date:** 03 March 2026

**Re:** Public realm and community infrastructure project on lands in Ardee, Co. Louth  
Ardee, Co. Louth

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

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If you have any queries in relation to the matter please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned officer of the Commission at [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)

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Yours faithfully,

*Kevin McGettigan*

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**Sent:** Saturday 28 February 2026 17:57

**To:** Kevin McGettigan <k.mcgettigan@pleanala.ie>

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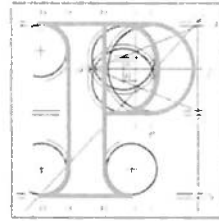
Hello,

Thank you for your email. My address is Old Dawsons Demesne, Ardee, County Louth, A92RP40.

Kind regards

John King

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An  
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John King  
Ardee  
Co. Louth

**Date:** 27 February 2026

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## **Observation relating to proposed removal of trees in Main Street, Ardee, County Louth.**

In 2016 as part of the 1916-2016 Commemorations Louth County Council were involved in funding the planting of seven trees on the Main Street in Ardee to commemorate the signatories of the 1916 Proclamation. Each tree had a tree guard put around them to protect them and a plaque on each explaining who they were dedicated to. The Tidy Towns adjudicators commented that "The 1916 trees in Market Square were admired and it was great to have the explanations as to who they were dedicated" (**Reference: Tidy Towns Report, 2017**).

Ardee has two significant connections with the signatories of the 1916 Proclamation, Éamonn Ceannt lived in the town when he was a child and Patrick Pearse was a friend and beneficiary of local business owner, Joseph Dolan's generosity.

**Volume 2: Main Text-Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) Ardee 2040 Regeneration Project, Co. Louth** refers to "A number of plaques have been erected on tree cages to commemorate the centenary of the 1916 Rising, in particular the heroes of the Rising (Plate 16.9)" (page 320)

However, there are a number of references to trees potentially being removed from Main Street, Ardee with no reference to what will happen these commemorative trees. These references include:

"Character Area 1 – Main Street (including Ash Walk): 13 no. trees will be removed as part of the proposed works. However, a significant number of replacement trees (approx. 112) are proposed to replace any tree lost." (**Reference: Planning Statement Ardee 2040 Regeneration Project, Co. Louth pg. 49**).

"Trees on the Main Street are much younger or of lower quality, with many having been heavily pruned in the past with small compact canopies that provide little in terms of visual amenity or ecosystem services that are commonly associated with trees in the built environment. It is proposed to replace many of these trees with new better quality planting that will increase species diversity, quality of canopy cover and the amenity and character of the streetscape." (**Reference: Arboricultural Report, pg. 4**)

"Trees on the Main Street include semi-mature and early mature Field maple, Lime, Rowan and Horse chestnut that are growing in tree pits and surrounded by tarmac. The majority of the street trees have been heavily pruned or 'pollarded'. This form of management involves the removal of the tree canopy, back to the stem or primary branches. A number of the trees on Main Street

are in poor condition with injuries to bark leading to stem decay or physiological decline, and are recommended for replacement due to a short useful life expectancy." **(Reference: Arboricultural Report, pg. 9)**

What will happen these trees and plaques? Also, while pruning other trees in Main Street has been a problem would it not be in the best interest to preserve those that can, and educate or decide who is responsible to sustainably prune/care for these trees thus removing the need to destroy or continuously replace trees unnecessarily.

Submitted by John King, Ardee, County Louth