

to whom it may concern,

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Re Planning Application 211499 of Michael Callan for 4 poultry houses at Rathescar, Dunleer, County Louth.

**Registered Post**

We, the undersigned, wish to object to the decision by Louth County Council to grant permission with conditions to planning application number 211499 for the reasons set out below. We enclose a postal order in your favour for €220.

**1.- ENVIRONMENT**

- Hedges would be ripped out to accommodate lay-bys on the proposed access road. This would have a detrimental and irreversible effect on the local wildlife. Although condition 18 asks for the provision of a detailed landscaping scheme, there's no mention of planting native species of trees and shrubs, especially native thorn species like hawthorn, which would be more suitable for the local wildlife.
- The noise that 200,000 broilers (50,000 broilers per house) could produce would create acute stress and diminution in the quality of life to the local residents as well as having a substantial and permanent devaluing impact on the value of their properties.

**2.- TRAFFIC**

Despite Louth County Council conditions (9 to 14 inclusive) the access road will still be a two-way system, therefore the observation we made in our objection to Louth County Council as stated below still applies.

The following is quoted from An Bord Pleanála's decision to refuse permission on the applicant's appeal last year for the same development:

" Having regard to its scale and nature, and the HGV traffic which would be generated, and the inadequacy in width and alignment of the local road, the proposed development would involve an unacceptable impact on other road users in terms of congestion and traffic safety and would accordingly be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area."

We, the undersigned, believe that the provision of 4 lay-bys (as proposed on this year's application) on the access road does not and cannot mitigate the problem for residential road users encountering a HGV as either would have to reverse to the nearest lay-by therefore creating accident prone situations.

**3.- ANIMAL WELFARE**

**CONCERNS:**

- Will Mr. Michael Callan attend specific training required for keepers as suggested

the European Directive?

- Will Mr. Michael Callan be trained in the need to balance management and provisions of resources, learn about broiler behaviour and stress as well as practical aspects of catching and transport as suggested by the European Directive?
- Will mortality rate of chicks and broilers be made available to the relevant authorities?
- Will there be strict monitoring of footpad dermatitis in chicks and broilers?

These questions arise from the, unfortunately, legal stocking allowance of 20 broilers per sq. metre. At such density, problems in the stock will occur, and the keeper needs to act promptly and efficiently. This will only be achieved with specific and comprehensive training.

**4.- Is there really a pressing or any need for more poultry houses?** We submit that there is not:

Since 2010 The EU has been 100% self-sufficient in poultry meat.

Source: DG AGRI DASHBOARD: POULTRY MEAT BROILER

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<http://ec.europa.eu>

5.- Mr. Michael Callan owns at least 70 acres of agricultural land beside his own residence and farmyard and farm buildings at Paughanstown and over 23 acres at Roestown (to the north of his holdings at Paughanstown). If his proposed enterprise is feasible and there will be no watercourse, noise, odour or other pollution, environmental and traffic hazards or gross devaluation of multiple private residences involved, why doesn't he build his poultry houses at Paughanstown or Roestown?

We also believe intensive farming will belong to the past as we listen to what nature is telling us. Projects like Mr. Callan's don't favour animal welfare, the environment and those living within it.

Please, look after our community by rescinding this decision to grant by Louth County Council. Thank you.


Please acknowledge receipt of this Objection.

Dated this 14 day of APRIL, 2022.

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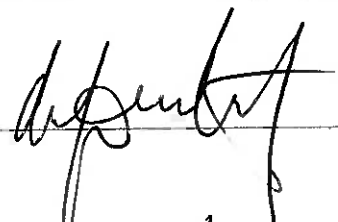
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Signed

  
PATRICIA FUENTES

RATHESBAR, DUNGER, CO. LOUTH

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AOIFE HUMPHREY

KILWANN CROSS, DUNGER, CO  
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**LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL**

Town Hall, Crowe Street, Dundalk, County Louth A91 W20C  
Tel: 042/9335457

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (as amended)**

**Date:** 31/01/2022

**TO:** Aoife Hanratty & John McGrane  
c/o Patricia Fuentes  
Rathscar  
Dunleer  
Co. Louth

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUBMISSION**

**Applicant:** Michael Callan

**Description of Development:** permission to construct 4 no. poultry houses together with roofed/enclosed service yard, 1 no. office, 1 no. generator store and 1 no. bin/general purpose store, along with all ancillary structures (to include gas storage tanks, 3 no. soilded water tanks, 4 no. meal storage bins and the provision of an on-site waste water treatment system and percolation area) and associated site works (to include new/upgraded site entrance and internal laneway, and provision for 4 no. passing bays on the local public road) associated with the development. This application relates to a development which is for the purposes of an activity requiring a Licence under part IV of the Environmental Protection Agency (Licensing) Regulations 1994 to 2013. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been submitted with this planning application

**Location of Development:** Rathscar Middle/Gunstown/Whiteriver Dunleer Co Louth.

**Date Application Received:** 17/12/2021

**Type of Application:** PERMISSION

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I wish to acknowledge receipt of your written submission/observation in relation to the above application.

The Planning Authority will take this submission/observation into consideration before a decision is made on the application. You will be notified of the decision as soon as it is made together with details of your right of appeal to An Bord Pleanala.

The application and all plans, etc. submitted with it are available for inspection at this office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Please quote the planning reference number (211499) in any future correspondence or enquiry.

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**Patricia Agnew**  
**Planning Office**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, 2006 (as amended)**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF SUBMISSION OR OBSERVATION ON A  
PLANNING APPLICATION**

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT!**

**KEEP THIS DOCUMENT SAFELY. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO  
PRODUCE THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO AN BORD PLEANALA IF  
YOU WISH TO APPEAL THE DECISION OF THE PLANNING  
AUTHORITY.**

**LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL**

**PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE NO. 21 1499**

**Michael Callan, permission to construct 4 no. poultry houses together with roofed/enclosed service yard, 1 no. office, 1 no. generator store and 1 no. bin/general purpose store, along with all ancillary structures (to include gas storage tanks, 3 no. soilded water tanks, 4 no. meal storage bins and the provision of an on-site waste water treatment system and percolation area) and associated site works (to include new/upgraded site entrance and internal laneway, and provision for 4 no. passing bays on the local public road) associated with the development. This application relates to a development which is for the purposes of an activity requiring a Licence under part IV of the Environmental Protection Agency (Licensing) Regulations 1994 to 2013. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been submitted with this planning application, Rathscar Middle/Gunstown/Whiteriver, Dunleer, Co Louth.**


A submission/observation in writing has been received from

Aoife Hanratty, John McGrane & Patricia Fuentes, c/o Patricia Fuentes, Rathscar, Dunleer, Co. Louth

on **28<sup>th</sup> January 2022** in relation to the above application.

The appropriate fee of **€20.00** has been paid.

The submission/observation is in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2006 (as amended), and will be taken into account by the Planning Authority in its determination of the Planning Application.

  
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**Patricia Agnew**  
**Planning Office**

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**STAMP**  
**DATE: 31/01/2022**