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Dear sir/madam,

I wish to make the following submissions or observations about the:

"Proposed Variation to the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 in respect of the TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal (Variation No. 1)"

1.  
In figure 5.5, p.55 of the "Seven Strategic Towns Local Area Plan 2018-2024", an area of land opposite the entrance to the Lawnsdale estate is zoned as "Local Environment". The same area of land is shown as "Residential" on map 15.2, p.43 of the "Introduction/Explanatory document to the Proposed Variation".

Please clarify the zoning of this land.

2.  
If the land is going to be rezoned as "Residential", I have serious concerns about the impact this would cause to the surrounding area as it would not only increase the risk of flooding for our house at number 9 The Weavers but for neighbouring houses also.

3.  
In times of heavy rain, the fields to the south of the Burn Darnett River and the Weavers act as a flood plain. Even though the land our home is on has been raised above the water level of the Burn Darnett River, further development in this area will only increase the probability of the floodwaters encroaching on the back of our property. Damage has already been caused to many neighbouring properties by encroaching waters from the Burn Darnett.

4.  
In Fig 5.6, p.55, "Ballybofey/Stranorlar Flood Embankment Locations" of the "Seven Strategic Towns Local Area Plan 2018-2024", the area south of The Weavers is not shown on the map. However, as is clearly visible from the map, the extensive flood risk area overlaps the proposed rezoned area substantially and any interference with the flood plain downstream will obviously have a negative impact for areas upstream.

Based on the above observations, the increase in water levels due to global warming, and the increased volume of water from the proposed development of accommodation for the elderly on Trusk Road, this rezoning of "Local Environment" land to "Residential" presents an unacceptable flood risk and a disaster waiting to happen for a large number of homes in the Weavers.

Regards,  
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