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Dear Ms. Hagan,

I refer to your correspondence in relation to the Large –scale Residential Development (LRD) Arrangements, which was forwarded by Minister Darragh O’Brien.

Decision-making for LRD type developments has returned to the local level, which means that the importance of and emphasis on the development plan has been restored. It is at the draft development plan stage where the elected members should be involved in relation to matters regarding zoning and the scope for large-scale residential developments generally in their area. At this stage, the elected members can express their view in relation to zonings and other plan objectives which would impact where future LRDs could be developed.

The Planning And Development (Amendment) (Large-Scale Residential Development) Act 2021 includes a provision that planning authorities must notify elected members of the making of an LRD application and where the application is available for inspection. Under existing arrangements, councillors can submit observations on planning applications, free of charge.

As per Circular PL 02/2018, the facility exists for elected members to seek information on factual matters relating to particular planning applications as they deem fit, on a case-by-case basis.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Burke T.D.

Minister for Planning and Local Government

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