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**RE: 04/2020; PLN-20-0230**

I wish to object to the following planning application **04/2020; PLN-20-0230** on the following grounds.

Essentially the application wishes to change the permitted use of the land in the low residential zone. The land was initially set aside for uses that aid and support the adjacent Longford training centre and hence this was the permitted use of the land. It was clearly foreseen at the time that there was a need for this land in order for the training centre to prosper, and that the use of the land would need to be protected through its zoning, as there would come a time when others coveted the land for other uses. Well that time has come

The Longford Training Centre has as much need now of this land for its survival as it ever did. In fact as training centres around Tasmania become rationalized, and the opportunities to find land adjacent to training centres to train on becomes more limited, the need for this land is greater than ever. Now is the time for Council to defend the original zoning uses and not to be thinking of changing them. There is absolutely no compelling reason to change the permitted use of this land, beyond giving into developer pressure.

This objection needs to be read in conjunction with my objection to PLN-20-0174, wherein I go into more detail on the value to the town of the training centre. It is abundantly clear Council has a choice between acting in the best interests of its local Thoroughbred Training Centre and its attendant history, or facilitating its slow demise by approving this draft amendment which will allow residential and commercial interests unconnected with racing to threaten racings viability.

Yours Sincerely

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