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To whom it concerns,

I am writing to advise that I wish to request that the 'Local Housing Need' clause currently attached to planning permission applications in Co Galway is removed from the new policy.

I wish to refer to the ruling in 2013 whereby the European Court of Justice issued a ruling in relation to restrictions based of place of origin from acquiring a house in the Flemish Region of Belgium.

"The Flemish decree on land and real estate policy is contrary to EU law" the ruling stated.

"The condition that there exists a 'sufficient connection' between the prospective buyer of immovable property and the target commune (locality) constitutes an unjustified restriction on fundamental freedoms"

Please consider this when you convene on September 10th.

Yours sincerely,

Criona Maria Healy.