Beware Profit-Driven Lobbyists When it Comes to Housing Policy

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Talented plantsman Darren Topps is a towering presence at the Lismore estate's revitalised gardens.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Getting together

Sowing together

The planting is temporary and will be redone this winter with more permanent redwood and yew hedging, which had been too tall and wide, and had been removed in the winter, Topps said. The change in the garden’s atmosphere is remarkable. It isn’t clinical and cutting, revision is evident all over, making spaces feel lighter and brighter, which had been too dark and gloomy before. The new enclosure is bordered by rough stone and is now a bonkers and bouncing herbaceous border, has been given the chop. It looks thoroughly new and will recoup quickly in Waterford’s element climate. The most obvious and beautiful difference, though, is the abundance of evergreens. Topps’ m훝 — rosemary, cypress, yew, boxwood and holly, which have been pinched back from the Knockmealdown Mountains for more than 10 years, are now back in turn — has been given the chop. It looks thoroughly new and will recoup quickly in Waterford’s element climate. The most obvious and beautiful difference, though, is the abundance of evergreens. Topps’ m...