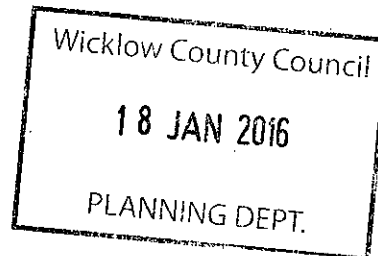


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18 January 2016.

Submission on the Draft County Development Plan in support of NoFry Zone:

Dear Sorcha,

I write in support of the submissions to amend the County Development Plan to reflect the existing policies of Wicklow County Council regarding the importance of promoting the physical health and well being of all citizens but particularly children and young people generally. The inclusion of an addition to Objective RT17 which has been proposed by supporters of the No Fry Zone is worded as follows :

“To exclude any new fast food outlets which offer foods that are high in fat, salt or sugar from being built or from operating within 400m of the gates or site boundary of schools, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre.”

I fully support this proposed amendment and while it is only one aspect of dealing with the potential health time bomb of childhood obesity it is consistent with other policies of the Council which promote exercise and healthy living generally.

I ask that this letter be included as a submission on the Draft Development Plan.

Many thanks,


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Joe Behan. Member of Wicklow County Council.

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Leonora Earls

From: John Brady [johnbradysf@gmail.com]
Sent: 18 February 2016 08:29
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Subject: Submission to CDP
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A chara,

Please find attached submission for the County Development Plan.
Any problems please let me know.

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18/02/2016

Re: Submission in Support of Objective RT17, Chapter 6, Centre & retail of the Draft County Development plan.

To whom it may concern

I am writing in support of the above submission under Centre and retail section. Which states:

“Exclude any NEW FAST FOOD out lets which offer foods that are high in fat, salt or sugar from being built or from operating within 400 metres of the gates or site boundary of schools, parks or playgrounds, EXCLUDING premises zoned in town centres”

Obesity is a huge issue in Ireland today 39 % of adults are overweight with 25% obese. The number of children who are significantly overweight has trebled over the past 10 years.

25% of children are overweight with 1 in 4, 9 year olds girls and 1 in 5, 9 year old boys defined as obese.

It has been conclusively shown by studies in the Us that there is correlation between fast foods Child hood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed the rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25%, when fast food outlets were located within 400 metres of schools. Fast food being those high in sugar and salt and fats.

It is clear that planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tacking this issue. Already Wexford County Council have voted and approved this in their CDP and South County Dublin is considering this as well.

When it comes to planning permission for schools, consideration should also be taken, that these schools are not build in close proximity to neighbouring retail centres which would further expose our children’s health.

It is for the above reasons that I wish to support and request that a NO FRY ZONE be implemented within the Wicklow CDP in particular within 400 metres of schools.

There is a place for everything and everything in its place. I am not adverse to fast food outlets or blocking employment, just that they be located in a sensible and suitable location.

Yours Sincerely

Cllr John Brady

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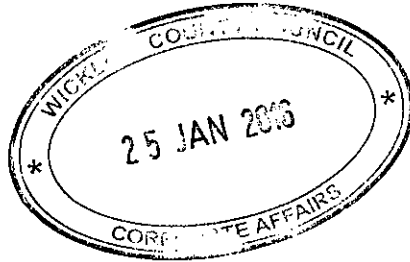


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22nd January 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a public representative to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022. In particular Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, this looks to:

“Exclude any new fast-food outlets which offer foods that are high in fat, salt or sugar from being built or from operating within 400m of the gates or site boundary of schools, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre”

As a nation, we are now all too aware of the escalating issue of obesity and diabetes in this country, in particular amongst our children, which are one of the most vulnerable within our society. It is appalling to learn that 1 in 4 Irish children are now classified as being overweight or obese. The recent Children's Lifestyle Study found soaring high-blood pressure levels amongst 9-11 year olds was due to their weekly reliance on fast-food.

This has significant implications for the health and wellbeing of Irish children, which left unaddressed, will increase the proportion of obese adults in the future. Left unmanaged, this trend will reverse life expectancy, increase disability and will have significant implications for our countries health-care costs, the cost of obesity in this country is now running at €1 billion.

Research in the US indicates that children who attend a school within 400m to a fast food outlet have a 25% greater risk of obesity. The UK has made considerable advances in this area and in recent years local authorities are now using the legal and planning system to regulate the location of fast food restaurants, including those near schools.



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This is a nationwide problem, one which needs public policy to reverse the trend and a planned approach at every level in order to create a supportive environment in which children in particular can lead healthier lives.

No doubt you are aware, that during her previous tenure as Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald, initiated a review of Draft Local Area Plans to propose that they include a No Fry Zone around schools, playgrounds and youth sports facilities.

As we all know, Planning has a key role to play in the future development of our communities and as such has a responsibility towards the health and wellbeing of the people, young and old, that reside there.

It is for these reasons that I wish to support and request that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of schools. There is a place for everything and everything in its place; I am not adverse to Fast Food outlets, just that they be located in a sensible and suitable location.

Wicklow County Council now has the power to take the lead by implementing a No Fry Zone and safeguarding our school children from future exposure to unhealthy food (food that is high in sugar, fat and salt). The health and wellbeing of children, now and into the future, deserves to be at the forefront of any future planning application that could potentially adversely affect their wellbeing.

Yours sincerely,

PP. Liz Cassin.
Clare Daly TD

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**RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft
Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent (guardian/ teacher/member of the public *(delete as appropriate)*) to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

It was with huge regret and anger that I witnessed the 3 year battle local concerned residents in Greystones endured with Wicklow County Council, An Bord Pleanála, McDonalds and most recently Lidl, in an effort to safeguard the welfare of 1,800 school children.

We are all aware of the obesity problem in this country, in particular amongst children and how important it now is to look what we can do in our homes, schools, and community etc to reverse this serious health epidemic.

Thankfully, on this occasion, Lidl had a change of heart and the proposed development, which potentially could have put the health of our local children at risk, will now not go ahead

So, in order to prevent this from happening to other schools within Wicklow County, I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Intern SDonnelly [Intern.SDonnelly@Oireachtas.ie] on behalf of Stephen Donnelly [Stephen.Donnelly@Oireachtas.ie]
Sent: 19 February 2016 11:23
To: Planning - Planning and Development Secretariat
Subject: Wicklow COunty Development Plan, Stephen Donnelly TD Submission
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Draft WCDP.docx

To Whom it May Concern,

Please find attached Deputy Stephen Donnelly TD's submission to the Wicklow County Development plan. Could you please acknowledge receipt of our submission?

Warm Regards

Jack Larkin, Parliamentary Assistant
on behalf of
Stephen Donnelly TD
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19th February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in my capacity as TD for the Wicklow & East Carlow Constituency in order to make a formal submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022.

I wish to support The Greystones Municipal District Council in their proposed Objective RT17 in Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail in chapter 6 of the Development plan, which is detailed as follows:

'RT17 Conscious of the fact that planning has an important role to play in promoting and facilitating active and healthy living patterns for local communities, the following criteria will be taken into account in the assessment of development proposals for fast food/takeaway outlets, including those with a drive through facility:

- ***Exclude any new fast-food outlets which offer foods that are high in fat, salt or sugar from being built or from operating within 400m of the gates or site boundary of schools, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre;***
- *Fast food outlets/takeaways with proposed drive through facilities will generally only be acceptable within Major Town Centres or District Centres and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis;*
- *Location of vents and other external services and their impact on adjoining amenities in terms of noise/smell/visual impact.'*

I fully support the adoption of this objective based on the recent planning issues encountered with McDonalds company in their attempt to build a drive-through restaurant in close proximity to three national schools in Greystones. This arose primarily due to existing inadequacies in the current County Development Plan.

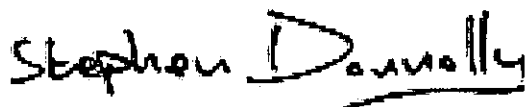
I support the aims of the Greystones Municipal District Council in resolving these inadequacies through this reasonable and proportionate objective. It will enable responsible planning when it comes to fast food outlet planning applications and will also bolster the existing planning guidelines for Local Authorities issued by The Department of The Environment which advises Local Authorities to take into account the proximity of fast food outlets to schools and parks ('Planning Guidelines for Local Authorities' Pg 32, 2013, Department of Environment, Community, and Local Government).

Ireland faces an enormous challenge in tackling obesity. In 2015, the World Health Organisation stated that Ireland is on course to become the fattest nation in Europe (. Effective planning at the local level is the best step we can take to halt this course. This objective is an example of such planning and should now be implemented.

For the reasons and information outlined above, I support objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016 – 2022 County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

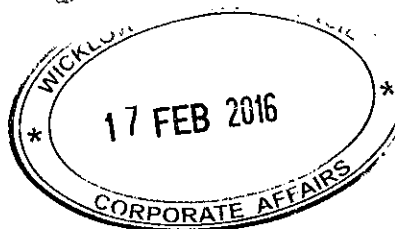
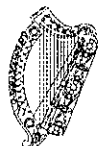
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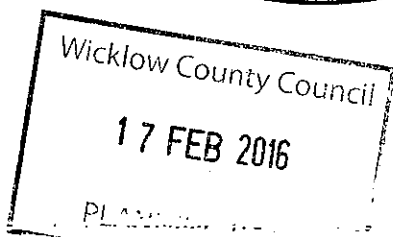
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Stephen Donnelly TD.

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February 16th 2016



Anne Ferris TD

Parliamentary Party Deputy Chairperson
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**RE: Draft County Development Plan 2016-2022 submission in support of Objective RT17;
Chapter 6, Centres and Retail.**

A Chara,

This submission is made in support of Objective RT17 or any other agreed Objective in the new County Development Plan which will have the same intended effect of restricting or prohibiting retailers of fast food from establishing in close proximity to schools and other locations mainly frequented by children.

The wording of the proposed Objective RT17 is as follows:

“Exclude any new fast-food outlets which offer foods that are high in fat, salt or sugar from being built or from operating within 400m of the gates or site boundary of schools, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre”

In the recent past, similar wording has been rejected by Wicklow Council officials when proposed as a statutory variation of current development planning. **I cannot stress strongly enough how wrong it would be for proposed Objective RT17 to be rejected out of hand without a compromise wording being put to Councillors with the aim of achieving the same effect as the currently worded proposed Objective RT17.**

Restrictions on the development of fast food restaurants have been successfully achieved in other jurisdictions through their planning and zoning regimes.

In the United States, a nation having a high level of constitutional protection for property owners, the Detroit City Code has, since the 1980s successfully applied a zoning restriction on the development of fast food restaurants within 500 feet of schools. The zoning ordinance balances the development restriction with a waiver clause which allows the developer to make a case about the suitability of their product offering. This has the effect of placing the onus on the developer to prove to the planners that the food offered by the proposed restaurant will not risk



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the health of children. Planning officials may find it more straightforward to apply a high burden of proof on the restaurant developer to demonstrate beyond reasonable doubt that the food is healthy rather than assuming the responsibility themselves of determining what is high salt, high fat or high sugar.

Another concept that I urge the Wicklow CC planners to consider is to incorporate in the County Development Plan a restriction on so called 'formula businesses'. Such restrictions are successfully applied in zoning within San Francisco and Washington.

Formula businesses are franchise type outlets typically described as shops and restaurants that have standardised services, décor, methods of operation, and other features that make them virtually identical to similarly branded businesses elsewhere. There are obvious benefits to be had for the streetscape of traditional towns from restricting formula businesses to a set number in a particular location at any one time.

Yet another option that could be discussed with Councillors is the conditioning of restricted opening hours for food establishments that may otherwise attract children during school hours. Such restrictions would prevent fast food sales during school hours and for a reasonable period before and after.

There is no doubt as to the merit of the underlying objective of the 'no-fry zone' proposal to restrict fast food outlets near schools. Childhood obesity is a growing problem and as well as causing life-threatening conditions, it will place a significant strain on the country's health system into the future. It makes sense to combine health education in our schools with zoning restrictions outside of our schools.

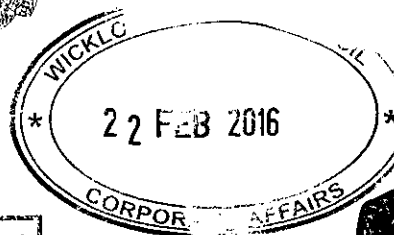
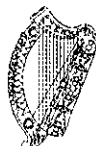
I support this initiative and I urge Wicklow CC to agree a form of wording in the County Development Plan that will allow planners to prohibit the development, in proximity to schools, of food outlets retailing unhealthy types of cheap food.

Yours sincerely,

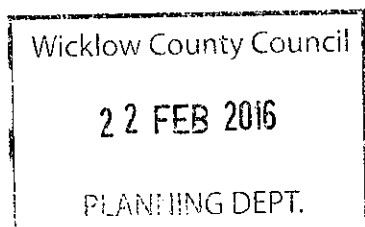


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Re: County Development Plan 2016 – 2022; Submission by Anne Ferris on Avoca Plan.

A Chara,

I would be grateful if you could take on board the following comments in relation to the town planning objectives for Avoca as described in the Draft County Development Plan under consultation at present.

1. The plan aims for what is referred to as a 'target' population increase of 118 people by 2022. This is to be accompanied by a planned housing increase of 120 new homes. There is clearly something wrong with these numbers. A large influx of single people into the town over this period seems quite unlikely. If the Council is to zone more land for housing, in the manner proposed, it is important to have accurate forecasting of population and housing need.
2. The existing wastewater treatment plant at Ballanagh is overloaded and according to the Council there is no extra capacity. Furthermore it has primary treatment only, with no preliminary screening and no secondary aerobic treatment. This means effectively that raw sewage is being pumped into the River Avoca, particularly in times of high rainfall when the primary treatment has little effect. How it has come to this, after more than a decade of high expenditure on wastewater infrastructure during the late 1990s and 2000's is not clear. It is a pity, to say the least, that this plant wasn't upgraded by Wicklow County Council when there was ample finance for this type of work, including EU Structural Funding.

There is no mention in the plan about the likely timescale assumed for Irish Water, the recent inheritors of the waste water treatment plant, to upgrade the capacity. Unless there are plans currently at an advanced stage, it seems that the planned 120 homes (if this number is accurate) may be delayed for some time. The plan needs to be clearer about this issue.

3. Avoca is a very attractive village with an active community working hard to attract tourism jobs. The area has a lot to offer tourists including the mining heritage and access to walking trails and great views. The development plan doesn't place enough emphasis on these potential growth areas for tourism, and employment. The *Ballykissangel* television



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programme is fading from memories and it's not strong enough to sustain tourism into the future, yet the Avoca development plan places as much emphasis on it as on the mining heritage which is a clear growth opportunity. Indeed the Avoca plan is quite scant compared to some of the other settlement plans and there is no reason why it couldn't be expanded to include development objectives for mining and environmental tourism.

4. There is no mention of the important red kite bird population in the area and its value for education and eco-tourism, nor the tourism development potential of the River Avoca for angling and walking tourism.
5. The surrounding area has a considerable population of creative and crafts people whose knowledge and skills could be harnessed as part of developing a high-end natural environmental tourism offering. If this is to development plan is serious about its objectives to promote the area as a sustainable tourism offering for more than just a few months a year then there needs to be a stronger engagement between the planners and the local community.

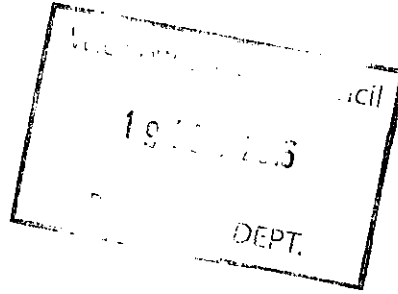
I urge you to give these matters your considered attention. Avoca and the surrounding areas of Woodenbridge, Conary and the Meeting of the Waters have a special place in the hearts of Wicklow people and deserve close attention when it comes to planning matters. This area also has considerable potential for job creation and local economic growth.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Feehan



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Re: County Development Plan 2016 - 2022; Submission on Enniskerry Plan.

A Chara,

I would be grateful if you could take on board the following comments in relation to the town planning objectives for Enniskerry as described in the Draft County Development Plan under consultation at present.

1. The population and housing projection numbers need more analysis and more clarity. The Council's draft plan for Enniskerry is based on a population growth projection of 362 people between now and 2022. This assumes what is referred to as a *target population* of 2302 people in 2022. There is no deeper analysis of the target number so it is impossible to determine how real it is. This is not a good basis for urban planning.

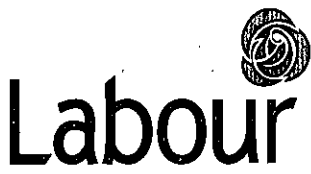
The number confusion goes further when the housing projection is examined. The plan identifies a need for 470 new homes to house the targeted population increase of 362 people. There is no clear correlation between these numbers.

Confidence in the numbers is important for everybody. Population analysis has wider implications for the planning of future roads and schools to serve the area. It is very difficult to assess the plan's assumptions with regard to water and sewerage capacity while the population numbers lack clarity.

2. The plan proposes a significant concentration of development at Parknasilloge. The plan for 12.5 ha of development in this area covers a larger area than the core area of Enniskerry village as it stands. There is no clear vision as to how this new area is to be connected with Enniskerry. It will have its own schools, recreational areas and other services, and may be at risk of becoming almost a separate village centre.

The Council's history of development at Parknasilloge does not inspire confidence. Occupants of the existing Parknasilloge estate complain about the high housing density, lack of sufficient space for children to play, lack of definition of amenity space and lack of parking. The homes themselves were poorly constructed and poorly supervised during construction leading to insulation problems, faulty roof drainage and on-going legal action. Of significance to future development in that area are complaints of poor land drainage, high water table and dampness. These issues have to be confronted, addressed and learned from in advance of any further development plans for Parknasilloge.

3. The plan is very light on the conservation value of Enniskerry village. Indeed it envisages new streets of modern buildings. This highlights an overall problem with the draft County Development Plan in its



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entirety, namely the lack of a cohesive approach in the drafting. For example the Dunlavin plan appears to have been written by a different person with a different approach to conservation and heritage. It would be of benefit to have all the town plans reviewed by the County Heritage Officer and an independent conservation expert.

4. The approach taken in relation to tourism employment is very narrow. There's an inherent assumption that the proposed 144 new jobs envisaged for business units will be superior to any future job creation that is based on the tourism value of Enniskerry. There is no consideration given to the possibility of diversifying tourism roles into craft, culture, local food and specialist retail. The fact that 200,000 visitors to Powerscourt pass through Enniskerry every year is largely ignored in this plan, despite the fact that Enniskerry is the estate town of the Powerscourt estate.

This lack of vision is disappointing. Enniskerry and its environs has a high percentage of creative people amongst its population. Harnessing this creativity and making it a catalyst for development, in order to attract a sustainable tourist income should be a focus of this plan, as should connecting the village to the successful tourism destination of Powerscourt.

The vast potential of green tourism and the strategic location of Enniskerry as the gateway to the Wicklow Mountains barely gets a mention. There needs to be more emphasis on conserving and enhancing the natural and historic attributes of Enniskerry, in order to benefit the wider local economy in a sustainable manner. There is a significantly higher economic value for County Wicklow as whole to take a conservation approach to Enniskerry rather than the suburban town approach taken in this plan.

5. The plan envisages a new road from the Fassaroe interchange in Bray to Monastery. This route passes archaeologically and environmentally sensitive areas yet no reference has been made to these important considerations. There's also no timescale for this route or consideration of how the traffic growth is to be managed through the already congested village centre and periphery. There should be an emphasis on green belt protection in this zone.
6. The reference to the sewage treatment capacity lacks clarity. We are told that a significant part of the current capacity is being used to accommodate sludge arising elsewhere. More information needs to be provided on this, together with an explanation about the utilisation of the additional treatment capacity that was provided by the Ritz Carlton group as a condition attached to the construction of their former hotel. The plan is ambiguous about effluent treatment capacity, hinting at a lack of available capacity, yet there is a proposal for 470 new homes in the village by 2022.

The development proposals lack credibility given the absence of clarity about the capacity of essential services, or indeed the likelihood of being able to expand these services within the short timeframe of the plan. If Irish Water has a well advanced proposal for expanding the Enniskerry sewerage system and treatment capacity by 2022, then this Enniskerry plan is being remarkably quiet about it.

7. While I welcome the protection that is being afforded to the Knocksink Wood and Ballyman Glen SAC sites, more could be done to link these areas to other established walking routes, for example linking Knocksink to Kilgarron Hill.

I urge you to adopt a precautionary approach to the development of Enniskerry Village. Any damage done now will be impossible for future generations to reverse.

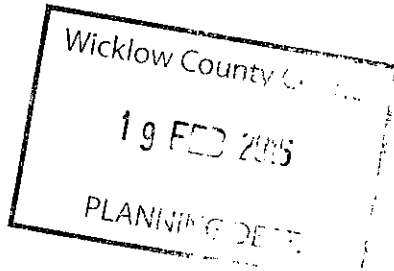
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Re: County Development Plan 2016 - 2022; Submission on Dunlavin Plan.

A Chara,

I would be grateful if you could take on board the following comments in relation to the town planning objectives for Dunlavin as described in the Draft County Development Plan under consultation at present:

1. The plan proposes to almost treble the population of Dunlavin from the 2011 population of 793 people to a target 2022 population of 2134 people. The plan proposes 840 new homes to be constructed in the same timeframe. There is no deeper analysis into the origin of these projections. Clearly this is significantly higher than just local population growth. Without a proper basis for the figures it is impossible to determine how 'real' these projections are. What is clear is that a population increase of this magnitude in such a short period of time would have a dramatic effect on the town of Dunlavin. There is nothing in the wording of this development plan to convince me that the effect would be all positive.
2. The plan places a strong emphasis on the need to conserve the traditional character of Dunlavin. This is welcomed, however it is difficult to see how this can be achieved with a near trebling of population in a six year period. To start with, it's hard to see how 840 new houses wouldn't have a significant social and visual effect. Secondly, given the lack of public transport serving the town, the new residents would be very car dependent, which would also bring new traffic problems on what in many places are substandard approach roads.
3. There is a real problem with water supply to the town too. Irish Water has inherited the challenge of providing a new water source to meet future needs of the town. It is unclear as to why this was not achieved during the early to mid-2000s when public money was more plentiful. What is certain is that the current well supply will not meet the needs of any significant increase in population. The plan refers to the old plan of extending the Ballymore Eustace Supply Scheme to Dunlavin and constructing a new reservoir. This seems achievable but not in the context of the timeframe for the building of the 840 new homes envisaged by the plan authors. This issue really needs to be bottomed out before any meaningful plan can be made for Dunlavin.



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4. The planners maintain that the new sewage treatment plant has sufficient capacity for the new population of 2134 people + the treatment demands of employers of 380 existing jobs and a projected increase of 580 new jobs. Yet the new waste water treatment plant is only licensed by the EPA up to a maximum population equivalent of 2,000 (including commercial and industrial loading). The new sewage plant is still really only in commissioning stage and I have received quite a few complaints about odour, relating to it and also to the nearby meat and bonemeal plant. There are also concerns about the impact on water quality in the River Greese from the new sewage plant and the plants it replaced. Before any meaningful plan can be made for Dunlavin it is essential to establish Irish Water's programme of work on water and sewerage systems, over the six year period of this Dunlavin plan.
5. The plan correctly identifies Dunlavin as a potential gateway town for tourism between Wicklow and Kildare. The plan needs concrete commitments to developing this beyond an observation to an economic and conservation opportunity for the town.
6. The proposal to site a new all-purpose sporting complex adjacent to the GAA grounds is to be welcomed. It would suit well a modest expansion in population but I'm not convinced that it's sufficient to meet the amenity needs of the level of population increase that is envisaged. The plan to construct a continuous footpath along the Sparrow Road from the town centre to the GAA ground is welcome and long overdue.
7. The lack of public transportation has not been addressed adequately in the plan. I don't believe it's sufficient just to observe that Bus Eireann is available at Annalecky Cross on the N81 or at Kilcullen. There aren't even adequate footpath or cycle lane links to these locations, never mind shuttle bus links. It's really not credible to discuss a projected population increase of the volume planned in this document without making a real attempt to address the public transport deficit. This will require a strong input to the plan by the various transport providers.

Please give the above matters your careful attention. We only have one Dunlavin, and Co. Wicklow is so lucky that this historic town escaped the building boom of the 2000s without too much damage to its heritage character. The town has so much untapped potential and this plan needs to concentrate on how to create sustainable employment and high quality tourism business. Development can be good for the town but too much of the wrong kind of development or development introduced too quickly without the necessary services would be a disaster for Dunlavin and its hinterland.

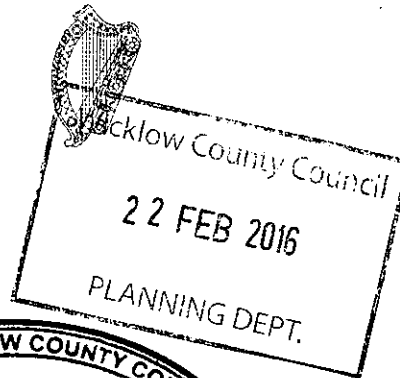
Yours sincerely,

Anne Feehan

By email and Post

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February 18th 2016



Anne Ferris TD

Parliamentary Party Deputy Chairperson
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Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality

Re: County Development Plan 2016 – 2022; Submission by Anne Ferris on the Baltinglass Plan.

A Chara,

I would be grateful if you could take on board the following comments in relation to the town planning objectives for Baltinglass as described in the Draft County Development Plan under consultation at present.

1. The plan aims for what is referred to as a 'target' population increase of 786 people by 2022, **bringing the population of Baltinglass to 2,572.** This is to be accompanied by a planned housing increase of **521 new homes.** The basis of these numbers and the relationship between the housing and population projections is unclear. If the Council is to zone more land for housing, in the manner proposed, it is important to have accurate forecasting of population and housing need.
2. The existing wastewater treatment plant at Lathaleere has limited extra capacity at the standard that it was designed to treat to back in the 1990s when it was constructed. In reality though **the sewage plant doesn't have the capacity to treat sewage to the standard acceptable for discharge into the highly protected River Slaney.** This is of concern to people living downstream in places like Rathvilly, and also for fish life and for the conservation of the very sensitive and highly protected fresh water mussel. It is a pity, to say the least, that the Baltinglass plant wasn't upgraded by Wicklow County Council when there was ample finance for this type of work, including EU Structural Funding.

The Baltinglass sewage treatment plant is managed very well by the caretaker and staff but the design is simply too old for the modern loading imposed by recently constructed housing developments and the latest environmental and health standards.

There is no mention in the plan about the likely timescale assumed for Irish Water, the recent inheritors of the waste water treatment plant, to upgrade the capacity. Unless there are upgrade plans currently at an advanced stage, it seems that the planned 521 homes (if this number is accurate) may be delayed for some time. The plan needs to be clearer about this issue.


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3. There is also very **limited water supply capacity** at Tinornan and Parkmore supply wells. It's true that this is now the responsibility of Irish Water but only very recently, and one has to wonder how Baltinglass was allowed to expand without the Council achieving an alternative water supply when money was available to do so during the 2000s, and when income from development fees was at a peak. It very difficult to find this development plan credible when there is no water or sewage treatment capacity for the houses and businesses that it is proposing.
4. Baltinglass is an attractive and vibrant country town with a rich heritage and outstanding views. The area has a lot to offer tourists including archaeology, landscape and history, notably the historic and very striking Baltinglass Abbey. I don't know why the draft Baltinglass development plan doesn't make more of these attributes. The town could do with better signage and information boards. **A well signposted tourist walking route within the town could be very effective.** More footpaths and cycle-ways are needed and better connections between the two sides of the river.
5. This is a commuter town but it's not sufficient just to acknowledge that without putting in place a sustainable plan for local jobs. **Tourism is not being developed enough in this area.** I realise that this isn't the sole function of Wicklow County Council but the local authority does have a strong heritage conservation role which is connected to tourism. The Council also has a role in promoting arts and culture but **there's no mention of a theatre or cinema in the plan.** The Council has a planning duty to maximus the attractiveness of the area for business and development and also for living.
6. **Public transport services are not good enough** for a town that the Council is accepting to be part of Dublin's commuting belt. It's true that the Bus Éireann frequency was increased just last year but it's still not enough, particularly on the evening return to Baltinglass, where a later bus would suit so many people. It's also not good enough that the Council just accepts the lack of any real public transport connectivity with most of the rest of the county. Baltinglass is an important part of Wicklow yet in public transport terms it is being treated as a suburb of Dublin. **There needs to be more in the plan about encouraging more transportation links, as well as improved capacity for car commuters on the N81.**

I urge you to give these matters your considered attention. Baltinglass is an area with considerable potential for job creation and local economic growth if its tourism value was properly harnessed. Good town planning could provide a platform for investment in Baltinglass. Bad planning will have an effect for generations to come. It's important to get this right.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Feehan

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From: Simon Harris [Simon.Harris@Oireachtas.ie]
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Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail

Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022

Dear Planning Department,

I wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

I have been contacted by many local residents, parents and members of the public who have expressed their support for Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, which looks to:

“Exclude any new fast-food outlets which offer foods that are high in fat, salt or sugar from being built or from operating within 400m of the gates or site boundary of schools, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre”.

This is a matter of significance for local communities in Wicklow and I am requesting that this provision is included in the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

Such a provision would safeguard the health of children and also their safety, given the traffic which fast food outlets attract and its impact on children walking to and from school.

I would appreciate if this submission could be considered.

Yours sincerely,

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To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission for CDP
Attachments: submission for CDP 2016.docx

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To whom it may concern

Please find attached my submission on the CDP

Regards

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Planning – CDP

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Re: Submission in Support of Objective RT17, Chapter 6, Centre & retail of the Draft County Development plan.

To whom it may concern

I am writing in support of the above submission under Centre and retail section. Which states:

“Exclude any NEW FAST FOOD outlets which offer foods that are high in fat, salt or sugar from being built or from operating within 400 metres of the gates or site boundary of schools, parks or playgrounds, EXCLUDING premises zoned in town centres”

Obesity is a huge issue in Ireland today 39 % of adults are overweight with 25% obese. The number of children who are significantly overweight has trebled over the past 10 years.

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It has been conclusively shown by studies in the US that there is correlation between fast foods Child hood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed the rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25%, when fast food outlets were located within 400 metres of schools. Fast food being those high in sugar and salt and fats.

It is clear that planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tackling this issue. Already Wexford County Council have voted and approved this in their CDP and South County Dublin is considering this as well.

When it comes to planning permission for schools, consideration should also be taken, that these schools are not build in close proximity to neighbouring retail centres which would further expose our children's health.

It is for the above reasons that I wish to support and request that a NO FRY ZONE be implemented within the Wicklow CDP in particular within 400 metres of schools.

fast food outlets. There is a place for everything and everything in its place. I am not adverse to fast food outlets or blocking employment, just that they be located in a sensible and suitable location.

Yours Sincerely

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Cc: Cllr. Tom Fortune MCC; Derek Mitchell; Cllr. Gerry Walsh; Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore; Cllr. Nicola Lawless
Subject: Submission to the draft county development plan.
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Draft WCDP.docx

Please see attached submission I am making on behalf of all the councillors of the Greystones Municipal District.

Thank you

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RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as Cathaoirleach and on behalf of the Greystones Municipal District Council to make a formal submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022.

The Greystones Municipal District Council proposed Objective RT17 in Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail in chapter 6, which is detailed as follows:

RT17: Conscious of the fact that planning has an important role to play in promoting and facilitating active and healthy living patterns for local communities, the following criteria will be taken into account in the assessment of development proposals for fast food/takeaway outlets, including those with a drive through facility:

- **Exclude any new fast-food outlets which offer foods that are high in fat, salt or sugar from being built or from operating within 400m of the gates or site boundary of schools, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre;**
- Fast food outlets/takeaways with proposed drive through facilities will generally only be acceptable within Major Town Centres or District Centres and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis;
- Location of vents and other external services and their impact on adjoining amenities in terms of noise/smell/visual impact.

The Greystones Municipal District Council feel passionately about the adoption of this objective based on the recent planning issues encountered with McDonalds trying to build a drive-through in a completely inappropriate location. This was primarily due to the fact that the county Development Plan was inadequate in this regard.

The Greystones Municipal District Council want to bring clarity to this through the implementation of the objective which is a reasonable, workable step, inexpensive, preventative in nature and proven to be effective in reducing obesity amongst children. This will enable responsible planning when it comes to fast food outlet planning applications.

Obesity is a huge issue in Ireland today, 39% of adults are overweight, 25% are obese and the number of children who are significantly overweight has trebled over the past decade. 25% of children are over-weight with 1 in 4 9 year old girls and 1 in 5 9 year old boys defined as obese. In 2015, the World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that Ireland is on course to become the fattest nation in Europe.

The direct and indirect costs of overweight and obesity in 2009 were estimated at €1.13 billion. (Page 3, Executive Summary, *The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014-2020*). The Irish Heart Foundation estimates that the cost of obesity will be € 5.4 Billion by 2030 if we do not act. Healthcare experts are now predicting that our generation will have a shorter life expectancy (up to 5 years) than previous generations primarily due to obesity.

The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research & studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non-communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.

It has been conclusively shown by studies in the US that there is a correlation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed that rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 400metres of schools. Fast foods being those high in sugar, salt and fats.

Furthermore, the following leading experts in Nutrition, public health, obesity, children health have all made submissions to Wicklow County Council in support of this objective. There are probably others too.

- Prof Donal O'Shea, Consultant Endocrinologist, Co-Chair Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI) Obesity Policy Group.
- Prof Catherine Hayes, Co-Chair Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI) Obesity Policy Group.
- Prof Ivan Perry, Professor on Public Health in UCC (HRB Centre for Health & Diet Research)
- Prof Anthony Staines, Professor in Public Children Health in DCU.
- Prof Joe Barry, Professor in Population Health Medicine in Trinity College.
- Dr Clíodhna Foley Nolan, Director of Human Health & Nutrition, Safefood.
- Prof David Hevey, Director of the Trinity College Research Centre for Psychological Health.
- ASOI Ireland – Association for the Study of Obesity on the Island of Ireland.
- Dr Ciara Kelly, RTE's Operation Transformation GP.
- Sarah O'Brien, Director, Healthy Eating Active Living Programme, HSE.
- Cliona Loughnane, Policy & Research Manager at Irish Heart Foundation.
- Paula Mee, Nutritionist & member of INDI (Irish Nutrition & Dietetic Institute).
- Alva O'Sullivan, Nutritionist & member of INDI.
- Gillian McConnell, Nutritionist & member of INDI.
- Aoife Hearne, Nutritionist & member of INDI, RTE's Operation Transformation Nutrition Expert.
- Conor Kerley, Dietitian & Nutrition Researcher.
- Sinead Keenan, Project Co-Ordinator Healthy Food for all.
- Dr Eoin Mac Donncha, President, Irish Student Health Association.

Surely, we must listen and pay heed to these leading healthcare experts who have all made submissions to Wicklow County Council to strongly support and endorse this objective.

We have a responsibility to invest and safe guard our children and young people.

Adopting objective RT.17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy:

For the reasons and information outlined above, the Greystones Municipal District Council support objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016 – 2022 County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely

Cllr Gráinne Mc Loughlin

On Behalf of the members of the Greystones Municipal District

Cllr Derek Mitchell

Cllr Gerry Walsh

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Population expansion of Greystones.

- The Plan provides for a population expansion of 6,000 from 17,208 in 2011. RO3 Delgany to Blacklion Road has been an objective on Development Plans since 1989 when the population target was 16,000. Some sections of the road have been built and a bit more should open this Summer. The road now has 4 large schools on it and one smaller one. The middle section is a very narrow road and footpath. Cars frequently have to mount the path to pass and wing mirrors of cars on the road hit children who are on the narrow path. Even though it is dangerous the Council has no plan to complete it. The 3 year Capital Investment Plan agreed in Spring 2015 does not even provide funds to design the road which is why I voted against the plan. This expansion must be conditional on this road and the Redford Park junction improvement, objective RO16, being completed
- Also Transport Ireland (TI) is planning to provide a worse rail and bus service South of Bray and it does not seem appropriate to plan any expansion there. TI are about to agree a 12% increase in DART journey times from Greystones without any increase in frequency. TI's Draft strategy to 2035 plans no improvement in Greystones DART service while the incompetent bus section of this Strategy plans to halve the present bus service! This will produce a modal shift from public transport to private car, the opposite of what is planned for the rest of the Greater Dublin Region.
- However TI's predecessor, the NRA, concluded in 2010 that the N11 'is not suited to cater for current traffic volumes'. Since then they have started 3 studies of the N11, 2 at the direct request of the Minister for Transport. The first resulted in a disagreement about solutions and the latter 2 never produced a report. It is a mistake to plan a population expansion with a planned worsening of public transport and no plan for the overcrowded N11, a recipe for chaos!

There should be an objective to link settlements up as follows: Footpaths

- Employment objective EMP12 map 5.06 has the necessary objective to provide a path to join the path from Greystones to the Kilpedder overbridge. This may not be enough to enable the Council to Compulsory Purchase the land for this path. If not then a separate objective for this path should be included elsewhere to enable a CPO.
- A footpath/cycleway shall be provided from Kilpedder to Newtown Mountkennedy separate to the N11.
- A footpath should link Kilcoole and Newtown and one link Newcastle to Newtown and Kilcoole to Newcastle.

No Fry zone near Schools

I support the inclusion of RT17 in Chapter 6 Centres and Retail.

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Coastal Erosion and protection of Bray Head

There should be an objective to reduce the rate of erosion of Greystones North Beach including the consideration of a land drainage scheme. The clay cliffs are eroding rapidly in places and will reach the DART line in the medium term. During heavy rainfall the cliffs dissolve as surface water runs over them. A deep clay colour can be seen in the sea water and current. Dealing with the surface water by piping it out under the beach will reduce erosion considerably. The 19th century walls and ditches on the Head had this function but they need upgrading and modernising. This will preserve the DART, coastal walks and area for a longer time. Otherwise a hard rock armour solution will have to be put in place within 10 years.

Erosion

The suggestion of bringing the rail line further inland should be considered with the rapid erosion and increasing sea levels.







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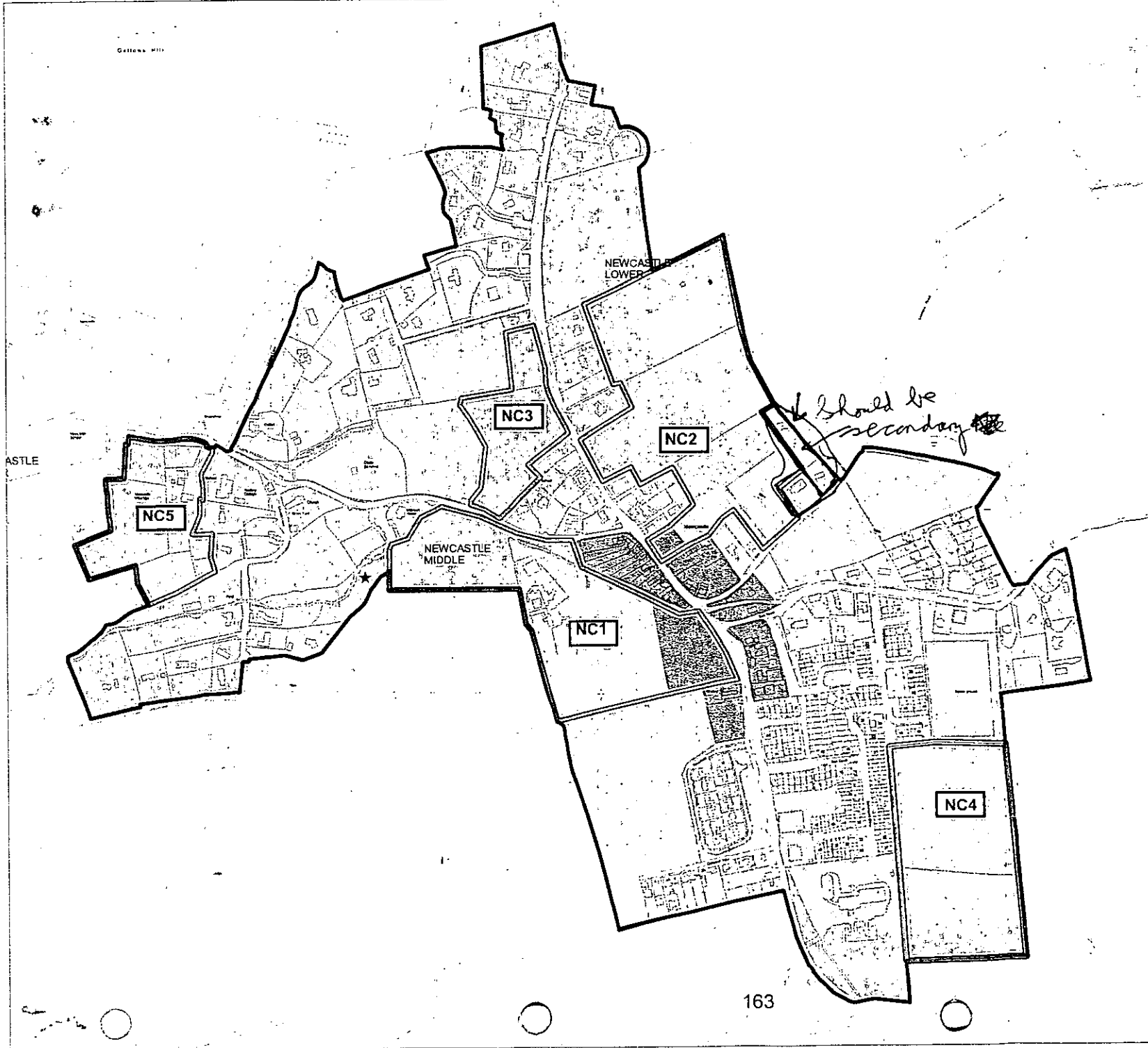
A minor adjustment should be made to the Newcastle plan to include the already developed land in the secondary development, marked on the attached map, rather than tertiary. The small parcel of land has 3 houses on it and would be best considered for development at the same time as the planned school next to it.

Faithfully
Derek Mitchell

Newcastle Settlement Plan

DRAFT WICKLOW COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2016-2022

-  Settlement Boundary
-  Primary Development Area
-  Secondary Development Area
-  Tertiary Development Area
-  NC1 Plan Objective
-  Plan Objective Boundary



Title: Land Use Zoning Objectives
Map No.: 1



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To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: County Development Plan

I wish to make the following brief submission on the Draft Development Plan.

I have received representations seeking a defined exclusion zone with respect to fast food outlets obtaining planning permission in proximity to educational facilities. I'm supportive of the principle of this restriction. However I would like to see a detailed response to this issue to ensure that there are no unintended consequences. In particular I would like a view on the implications if any for school buildings that maybe subject to a planning application in the proposed exclusion if a fast food takeaway is already established. In addition what is the impact of others such outlets as fast food eg deli counter and wraps .

Regards

Billy Timmins

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From: Jillian VanTurnhout [Jillian.VanTurnhout@Oireachtas.ie]
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Subject: Re: Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022, Objective RT17 Section 6.3
Attachments: Jillian van Turnhout submission no fry zone Wicklow Dev Plan 19.pdf

(See attached file: Jillian van Turnhout submission no fry zone Wicklow Dev Plan 19.pdf)

To whom it may concern,

I am writing by way of submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. I refer in particular to Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, namely: "Exclude any new fast-food outlets which offer foods that are high in fat, salt or sugar from being built or from operating within 400m of the gates or site boundary of schools, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

Since 75% of Irish schools have at least one, and 30% have at least five, fast food outlets within 1km, I would prefer if the Council would consider the Introduction of the no fry zones within 1 km of schools. That said, I welcome the proposal in the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 – 2022 setting a no fry zone of 400m. I see it as a principled step towards protecting our children's future health.

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Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours faithfully,

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JILLIAN VAN TURNHOUT
SENATOR

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Yours faithfully,

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