

Draft Wicklow Town – Rathnew LAP Submission - Report

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Transport Assessment / Transportation Strategy Map **Submission**

Having recently moved to close to Wicklow town, and with three children across college age, secondary school and primary school age, the biggest issues for us is transport. We both work, and there is currently very poor transport available. Whether it is bus, dart or intercity train, all of the services available are infrequent, overcrowded, or completely unreliable. The intercity train comes once a hour and is overcrowded (for those getting into dublin or anywhere along the route north). It has been unreliable, late, and cancelled. Similarly the dart service if we drive to say Greystones is equally late and totally unreliable. There are too few busses and again these are notoriously unreliable. Having adequate transport is so important when planning additional building/housing as the reality is now that going by car may be the only way (not environmentally sustainable and the M50/M11 is bumper to bumper from 6.30am). Something has got to be done about transport for Wicklow, and any forum for local to Wicklow will highlight the frustrations that people have about this.

The issues need to be identified and funding found in order to meet the needs of people from Wicklow who need to be able to rely on transport services. Please can something be done to account for this when planning new developments. It is only going to cause total chaos if more houses are built without appropriate social and infrastructure to include transport needs.