



# Draft Wicklow Town – Rathnew LAP Submission - Report

Who are you:	Group
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## Topic

Community Development (inc. sports facilities & schools, etc)

## Submission

We are concerned with the ad hoc manner in which land is allocated for active open space , it seems to be residential first and then AOS allocated. Numerous plots all over the town. When Gov. strategy is clearly encouraging clubs to share spaces this seems to counter that strategy.

We would like to see SLO6 residential changed to AOS, which would see the larger area running from Hawkstown road to Rocky road becoming one large block allocated for formal sports facilities.

This would compensate for the fact that none of the AOS from the last LAP actually became AOS, so there is shortfall in space allocated for clubs to grow. This is noted repeatedly throughout the report (currently 450 juveniles on waiting lists in Wicklow town area).

A large sports hub, which would have multiple entry points from both the Rocky Road, and Hawkstown road, will give the community a focus, it will suit parents/guardians as they may be dropping multiple kids to various sports, it keeps traffic through the town clearer. It has the potential space to develop playgrounds and rent out space to commercial Fun Zone/Gyms etc, to help cover the running costs. For Inbhear Dee a running/walking trail could be put around the perimeter with solar lights which would take our athletes off the road in winter.

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