



WICKLOW COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028 PROPOSED MATERIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT BLESSINGTON LOCAL AREA PLAN 2025-2031

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) that Wicklow County Council, being the planning authority for the area, proposes to **amend** the draft Local Area Plan (LAP) for **Blessington**. The proposed amendments would, if made, constitute a material alteration of the draft LAP which was published on 30 October 2024.

The 'Blessington LAP 2025-2031' will consist of a written statement indicating the objectives in detail as may be required by the planning authority for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, maps and appendices. This LAP will, when adopted, replace the existing Blessington Local Area Plan 2013-2019. The new LAP should be read in conjunction with the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

The Proposed Amendments are accompanied by the following additional reports or Addendums to the reports published with the draft LAP:

- Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination
- Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination
- Addendum I to the SEA Environmental Report for the draft LAP – this is a Screening for SEA, which provides information on the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the proposed amendments, pursuant to the European SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) and the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (as amended).
- Addendum I to the AA Natura Impact Report for the draft LAP – this is a Screening for AA, considering likely significant effects on the integrity of European sites - pursuant to Article 6[3] of the European Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended);
- Addendum I to the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, which provides a strategic flood risk assessment of the proposed amendments, carried out in accordance with 'Planning System and Flood Risk Management: Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DoEHLG/OPW, 2009 – pursuant to Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)).

DISPLAY OF PROPOSED MATERIAL AMENDMENTS

The 'Draft Blessington LAP 2025-2031' and the Proposed Material Amendments to the LAP (and associated SEA, AA and SFRA addendums) will be available to view at the following locations, during their normal opening hours, from **Monday 24 March 2025 to Wednesday 23 April 2025 (5.00pm) inclusive**:

- Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Station Road, Wicklow Town
- WCC Municipal District Office, Civic Offices, Blessington Business Park, Blessington
- Blessington Library
- Copies of the Draft LAP and the Proposed Material Amendments to the LAP will be available to download and view on the Council's website www.wicklow.ie through an online consultation portal. Scan the QR code on this notice to access the portal.

MAKING A SUBMISSION

Submissions or observations regarding **ONLY** the **Proposed Material Amendments** and the associated reports are hereby invited from the public and interested bodies between the dates **24 March 2025 and 23 April 2025**. Children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are entitled to make submissions or observations. Written submissions or observations made before midnight on **23 April 2025** will be taken into consideration before the making of the Local Area Plan.

Submissions may be made in one of the following ways:

1. Write to 'Blessington LAP', Administrative Officer, Planning Section, Wicklow County Council, Station Road, Wicklow Town.
2. Through the **online consultation portal** at www.wicklow.ie or scan the QR code on this notice.

NOTE

- YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO MAKE YOUR SUBMISSION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.
- All submissions are to be clearly marked with '**Blessington LAP**'.
- All submissions should include your name, a map (where appropriate) and, where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company etc., which you represent.
- Please make your submission by one medium only, i.e. hard copy or through the portal.
- All valid submissions will form a part of the statutory Chief Executive's report and will be available to view online.
- The planning process is an open and public one; therefore all submissions/observations are a matter of public record and will be available for public viewing. They may also be placed on the County Council's website and therefore should not include any personal information.
- LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Wicklow County Council is committed to Access For All. All of the above documents are available in alternative format on request. Please contact Wicklow County Council on 0404-20100 should you have any specific access requirements.

