



# Draft Wicklow Rathnew Draft LAP Amendment Stage Submission - Report

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Dear Sir/Madam

Upon review of Wicklow Town & Rathnew LAP, a rather tricky document to navigate, I see quite a bit of zoning of land for residential purposes. Whilst I will always acknowledge the need for housing for people, in particular for our young people who may well represent the first generation who will never own their own home. This being due to the lack of regulation of property prices and their increase against the average wage. However, I would urge you to consider the density of the population now and in the future of Wicklow Town/Rathnew.

Whilst the recent construction has brought a richness of people to the town it has laid bare our lack of infrastructure, in particular our transport infrastructure. The congestion of traffic in the town is now marked. I see no evidence in the plan for a fleet of hopper buses in the town to move residents in and out of the high street, thus the reliance on cars and parking will probably continue. Owing to the congestion and the relative lack of parking I have adjusted my behaviour and abandoned some of my quick visits to the town, and will start to buy groceries online.

Rather than the continued construction of property in the town I would urge you to consider a bigger picture longer term solution, and construct new towns in the county. I draw your attention to the story of Milton Keynes, UK. A city constructed in the 1960s to alleviate the congestion on North West London. As well as consider Wicklow's part of a robust national rail infrastructure. You might also consider the effect on the social discourse of the people in the town as busy and congested gives way to over crowding.

Many thanks for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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