



# Draft Wicklow Town – Rathnew LAP Submission - Report

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## Topic

### Residential Development

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Lower Rathnew is classified entirely within Flood Zones A and B, which represent areas at high risk of flooding. The existing and proposed developments, including roads and housing situated either directly within or just above these flood-prone zones, exacerbate the susceptibility to future flooding events. This is due to increased surface runoff and reduced capacity for water infiltration caused by the expansion of impermeable surfaces in these areas.

Although this heightened flood risk has been acknowledged in planning documents, a waiver of responsibility has been included, effectively absolving those responsible from accountability for any future flooding impacts arising from these developments. This raises concerns about the long-term sustainability and safety of the area as further construction proceeds.

Additionally, while the inclusion of a pump house to mitigate flooding has been referenced in the plans, no definitive location has been established. Alarmingly, the proposed sites for the pump house are themselves located within flood-prone zones, further undermining its potential effectiveness. Without a clear and well-thought-out strategy for flood mitigation infrastructure, the area remains vulnerable to significant flooding incidents in the future.

Recent objection by ABP recently stated that the local area of Rathnew is over zoned and that there is sufficient housing for the area. It seems ridiculous that you see fit to include 4 story apartment blocks and more and more houses. What we don't have is sufficient services to meet the demand of the rising number of houses being built in the area. A mother advised that her child is 105th on waiting list for CCM, all the locals schools have waiting lists including the Gaelscoil. A friend today advised that there was a 6 week wait time for a Dr's appointment in Westmount clinic..where are all these additional people going to go school, dentist, GPS.

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### Rathnew Village Centre Strategy

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I think it is despicable and morally disgusting that wcc feel its appropriate to destroy a beautiful avenue that is 100s of years old to facilitate a road that is just going to become a bottleneck at Aldi and again at tinakilly Park. Has the planners even thought of any other alternatives or just stuck on an idea that was thought of over 15 years ago. Why cant the Rocky road be used to facilitate traffic into wicklow this would allow people to be directed to the port road and continue on their journey via Marlton, friars hill, ballynerrin. This would allow to free up rathnew village but also save our beautiful avenue that wicklow county council see fit to destroy.

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Wcc plan outlines saving our local environment and heritage and then is completely contradicting itself by destroying the beautiful avenue of tinakilly which is of cultural importance to the people of rathnew. Building 100s of houses so close to a protected environmental area..why couldn't wcc have the foresight to turn this area into a national park and gear it towards tourism etc. Wcc won't be happy until every bit of green space is destroyed.

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