



# Draft Wicklow Rathnew Draft LAP Amendment Stage Submission - Report

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## Topic

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## Submission

I am very disappointed to see that Councillors wish to see this land around Fernhill House changed from Community to Residential zoning for the landowner. There is plenty of land around Wicklow for housing but none of it will provide such a good opportunity for a retirement village. Whilst the population here is still quite young we know it is an increasing problem to provide suitable housing for older people. This was an ideal site zoned Community, close to the town so not isolating this generation. Where else would provide such an opportunity for some form of sheltered housing? Whilst current tax incentives may not particularly favour this type of development we can expect that to change. Perhaps a slight amendment to the wording of SO9 could make such a proposal more likely.

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