



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN THE PROVISION OF LAND FOR PARKING

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1. INTRODUCTION

Wicklow County Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from landowners in the Laragh / Glendalough area who would be willing to sell a site in order to address the need for additional parking in the area.

The Glendalough and Wicklow Mountains National Park Visitor Experience and Management Masterplan (VEMMP) was launched in December 2023 and work has commenced on implementation of the actions contained within. The provision of additional parking to enhance the visitor experience is one such action. The VEMMP can be found at <https://www.failteireland.ie/Regional-experience-brands/Ireland-s-Ancient-East/Ireland-s-Ancient-East-experience-development/glendaloughmasterplan.aspx>

2. SUBMISSIONS

2.1 Information to be submitted

All submissions should include the following information:

Details of person / company, joint venture or collaboration submitting the proposal including the following:

- a) Name
- b) Address
- c) Contact phone and email
- d) Site location details of the potential site including the site location map, with site area clearly marked
- e) Description of existing site conditions
- f) Asking price
- g) Date the land would be available from

2.2 Evaluation of Submissions

When making a decision Wicklow County Council will consider the following list of criteria.

Each criterion is given a weighting as detailed below. The criteria will be used to rank submissions and will be of particular importance where the number of submissions received exceeds requirements in a particular area:

Criterion Weighting:

Description	Rating
Critical to viability of a site	Red
Important to viability of a site, issues have the potential to be addressed through design, health and safety , etc. but may add to the cost and time of the project	Yellow
Not critical but would be beneficial	Green

List of Criteria:

Proximity	Must be located within a maximum of 3km from Glendalough.	
Accessibility	The local road network must be able to accommodate free flow of traffic (2 way). The site should be accessible by car/ bus. Gradient from the road to the site should be relatively shallow and sightlines at the junction with the local road sufficient for visibility etc.	
Archaeology/Protected Structures	Critical to have a site free from archaeology and ideally without Protected Structures	
Planned land use	Lands may have zoning that does not support use of land as a car park	
Appropriate Assessment	Ideally a site should be sufficient distance away from SPA, SAC, etc.	
Site clearance and diversion of services	Ideally a site will not require significant site clearance or the necessity of diverting services.	
Site services	Land with easy access to ESB infrastructure is important	
Adjacent amenity or services	Proximity to an amenity is an advantage but not a requirement	

3. CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS

All costs and expenses incurred by applicants relating to and including the engagement of design consultants, securing planning permission, etc. is to be considered as 'work at risk' and no recovery of any costs from Wicklow County Council will be entertained. Wicklow County Council will have no financial liability prior to the signing of a contract. Proposers are advised not to make a submission if this condition is considered unacceptable.

Subject to Contract / Contract denied the acceptance of any proposal(s) by Wicklow County Council shall be subject to the final negotiation and agreement of satisfactory terms on contact with the applicant(s) and subject to availability of funding,

4. CONFIDENTIALITY

Wicklow County Council will use its best efforts to hold confidential any information provided by proposers, subject to its obligations under law, including the Freedom of Information Act 1997 and 2003. Wicklow County Council will consult with proposers about sensitive information before deciding on any FOI request received. Similarly, Wicklow County Council requires that all information provided pursuant to this invitation will be treated in strict confidence by tenderers. The submission (s) / expression of interest (s) will be considered by Wicklow County Council staff and any site deemed potentially feasible will be discussed with the elected representatives in a public forum.

5. IRISH LEGISLATION

Applicants should be aware that national legislation applies in other matters such as Official Secrets, Data Protection and Health and Safety. Applicants must have regard to statutory terms relating to minimum pay and to legally binding industrial or sectorial agreements in formulating proposals.

6. MEETINGS

Wicklow County Council reserves the right to meet with proposers if considered necessary, for the purposes of clarification of information received as part of the submission.

7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest on the part of an applicant, individual employees, agents, or subcontractors of an applicant must be fully disclosed to Wicklow County Council as soon as the conflict or potential conflict is or becomes apparent. In the event of any conflict or potential conflict of interest, the Council may invite applicants to propose means by which the conflict might be removed. The Council will, at its absolute discretion, decide on the appropriate course of action, which may in appropriate circumstances, include eliminating an applicant from the process or terminating any contract entered into by an applicant.

8. APPLICANT EXCLUSION

An applicant may be excluded if, to Wicklow County Council's knowledge at the time of the decision, the applicant has been convicted of an offence involving participation in a prescribed criminal organisation or corruption or fraud or money laundering.

An applicant may be excluded if the applicant:

- is subject to a bankruptcy or insolvency procedure or process of a kind specified in regulation 53, paragraph (5) of the European Communities (Award of Public Authorities' Contracts) Regulations 2006 or
- has been found guilty of professional misconduct by a competent authority that is authorized by law to hear and determine allegations of professional misconduct against persons that include the applicant or
- has committed grave professional misconduct provable by means that Wicklow County Council can demonstrate or
- has not fulfilled an obligation to pay a social security contribution as required by a law of Ireland or the country or territory where the applicant ordinarily resides or carries on business or
- has not fulfilled an obligation to pay a tax or levy imposed by or under a law of Ireland or the country or territory where the applicant ordinarily resides or carries on business or
- has provided a statement or information to Wicklow County Council or another such authority knowing to be false or misleading, or has failed to provide to Wicklow County Council or another such authority a statement or information that is reasonably required by Wicklow County Council or other authority for the purposes of making the decision concerned.

9. QUERIES

Queries can be made by email to economicdevelopment@wicklowcoco.ie

Any queries made that give rise to any new information or clarification, may be issued to all applicants depending on relevance. The identity of the applicant who raised the initial query shall not be disclosed to other interested parties.

10. RETURN OF SUBMISSIONS

All submissions must be made in writing and include all information requested. Submissions must be received by email to economicdevelopment@wicklowcoco.ie by 12:00pm on 23rd October 2024.