



WICKLOW COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028
DRAFT 'BLESSINGTON LOCAL AREA PLAN 2025'
HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR AREA!!

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 make a new Local Area Plan (LAP) for **Blessington**. This plan will, when adopted, replace the existing The new LAP should be read in conjunction with the Wicklow County Development Plan (CDP) 2022 – 2028.

The 'Blessington LAP 2025' 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. Appendices include;

- An Environmental Report on the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the LAP – pursuant to the European Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (2001/42/EC) and the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (as amended).
- Habitats (Appropriate) Assessment Stage 2 Report (Natura Impact Report) - pursuant to Article 6[3] of the European Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended); and
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment – pursuant to Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

DISPLAY OF LAP

The 'Draft Blessington LAP 2025' and associated documents will be available to view at the following locations, during their normal opening hours, from **Wednesday 30 October 2024 to Wednesday 11 December 2024** inclusive:

- Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Station Road, Wicklow Town.
- Baltinglass Municipal District Office, Civic Offices, Blessington Business Park, Blessington.
- Blessington Library
- Copies of the plan are 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.

PUBLIC INFORMATION DAY

Everyone is invited to a public information day that will be held in the Civic Offices, Blessington Business Park, Blessington, Co. Wicklow, W91 RTV0 on **Thursday 21 November 2024** from **11.00 to 13.00** and **16.00 to 19.00**. The plan team will be available on the day to answer any questions on the draft plan, the plan process and to help guide the public on how to make a submission. Local community / sporting groups are invited to arrange a one to one meeting between 13.00 and 16.00 on that day. Please ring 0404 20148 to arrange a one to one meeting.

MAKING A SUBMISSION

Submissions or observations regarding the draft LAP and the associated reports are hereby invited from the public and interested bodies. 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 **11 December 2024** 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.

