



Draft Wicklow Town – Rathnew LAP Submission - Report

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Topic

Overall Vision and Strategy of LAP

Submission

We need more time and more diverse input to give a comprehensive vision . The people who are affected by the LAP should have more say . They are the ones who have invested time and money in the area.

Topic

Residential Development

Submission

We need to slow down building large scale developments
Let's improve services, infrastructure and the quality of life of the local population

Topic

Wicklow Town Centre Strategy

Submission

The one way system needs tweaking it has killed off shopping in the town .

Topic

Rathnew Village Centre Strategy

Submission

It would be nice to have some funding for projects unique to Rathnew . Such as rebuilding the illegally demolished Coach house. It could be used as a local hub / arts / historical venue .

Topic

Community Development (inc. sports facilities & schools, etc)

Submission

A running track in the area and facilities for other track and field sports would be nice .

Topic

Tourism

Submission

Return The Grand Hotel to a fully functioning hotel . A new hotel maybe along the old Vaha site . These hotels

are needed to facilitate attracting tourists to the area . More could be done to highlight local historical sites again to attract tourists

Topic

Infrastructure (inc. Infrastructure Delivery Schedule)

Submission

We need to cease development and let infrastructure catch up..

Topic

Transport Assessment / Transportation Strategy Map

Submission

Obviously the rail line needs protecting .

Topic

Heritage / Biodiversity / Heritage Maps

Submission

We need to do more to protect our local heritage and biodiversity.

Topic

Green Infrastructure / GI map

Submission

Must be welcomed .

Topic

Land Use Zoning Map

Submission

An Bord Pleanála stated that Rathnew is overzoned for housing . Can we take this on board ?

Topic

Strategic Flood Risk Assessment & SFRA Map

Submission

So much of Rathnew is on a flood plain . However all the developments have put extra pressure on the fragile balance . The developments drain into rivers and streams that flow through these flood plains . So many Rathnew households cannot obtain flood cover on their house insurance . So what happens if through poor planning and nature we get flooding in these areas ? Who will compensate the existing threatened households .

Topic

Strategic Environmental Assessment (LAP)

Submission

We need to really up our game to protect the wonderful nature reserve at Broadlough and Murrough . We need to protect the salmonoid rivers that flow into the Broadlough . A green corridor should be applied around the area to protect it from future development.

Topic

[Any other issues](#)

Submission

The people who the LAP directly affects should have the biggest say ie the local population . The LAP should be fair and intelligently drawn up . Not drawn up to facilitate financial gain by some entities. It's a beautiful place to live . Let's make it a better place to live rather than a worse place to live . Don't follow the money but rather what is best for the community in general .

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