



# Draft Wicklow Rathnew Draft LAP Amendment Stage Submission - Report

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## Topic

LAP - Proposed Material Amendments No 1 Submission

## Submission

Please see submission below

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LAP - Proposed Material Amendments No 26 Submission

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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Objection to SLO-9 – Glebe / Fernhill House Lands

Regarding Proposed Material Amendments 1 & 26 to the Wicklow-Rathnew LAP 2022–2028 / 2025–2031

I wish to lodge my objection to the proposed rezoning of lands at Glebe/Fernhill House (SLO-9), where it is proposed to change the zoning from 'Community/Education' (CE) to 'New Residential' (RN1 and RN2).

My concerns are outlined below:

### 1. Loss of Essential Community Lands

This land was originally intended for community and educational use, which remains critically important as Wicklow continues to grow. Local schools are already under strain, and this site has been highlighted as a potential location for future educational facilities. Rezoning it for residential development now would be a step in the wrong direction.

### 2. Fernhill House and Surrounding Environment Must Be Preserved

Fernhill House is part of our local heritage and could be brought back into meaningful community use — such as a youth or cultural space. The site also contains mature trees and is home to wildlife, making it environmentally sensitive. New development in this area could permanently damage both its character and ecological value.

### 3. Concerns About Pedestrian/Cycle Access Through Glebemount

The idea of linking Friarshill to the R750 via a walking or cycling route may seem positive, but routing it through Glebemount Estate would create major issues. This is a quiet residential area not suited for through-traffic, and such a link could raise safety risks and lead to increased disruption for residents.

I respectfully ask that:

- The entire site remain zoned for Community/Education use.
- It continues to be considered for future school or public facility needs.
- Any proposal involving Fernhill House be community-driven and transparent.
- Glebemount is excluded from any future pedestrian or cycling route plans.

This land represents one of the last real opportunities to develop much-needed public infrastructure in Wicklow. Rezoning it for housing now would be a permanent loss to the wider community.

Sincerely,  
John Pfluger

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