



Draft Wicklow Town – Rathnew LAP Submission - Report

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Topic

Land Use Zoning Map

Submission

Ref, Draft Zoning map 2025 and land at Ballyguile Beg, Wicklow.

From; John and Julie Fitzgerald, [REDACTED]

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A substantial area, triangular in shape, including an old disused water tower, has been removed from the area zoned residential, with no stated reason or explanation. The area in question measures approx 32 meters deep on the widest (southerly) perimeter and approx 130m from the southern boundary to the northern perimeter. We invested considerable expense, exploring possible development on this land, based on the 2013-2019 zoning map and following consultation with Wicklow Council planning department. We cleared overgrown ground and consulted architects in anticipation of lodging a planning application, based on the 2013-2019 plan. We are dismayed to discover that expense would now have to be written-off and the value of that portion of our land would be significantly reduced if that area is to be de-zoned, as shown in the draft zoning map issued in October 2024.

Reducing the development area is inconsistent with the council's stated objective of providing for the housing needs of a growing population and with national policy.

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Submission ref draft zoning map Nov 2024.pdf, 0.3MB

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