



## Draft Wicklow Town – Rathnew LAP Submission - Report

Who are you:	State Body
Name:	Electricity Supply Board
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### Topic

Overall Vision and Strategy of LAP

### Submission

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Please see attached PDF document for detailed submission.

Best Regards.

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## Re: ESB Submission to Draft Wicklow Town Rathnew Local Area Plan 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

This submission by Electricity Supply Board (ESB), 27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, is in response to an invitation by Wicklow County Council for submissions to the Draft Wicklow Town - Rathnew Local Area Plan 2025. ESB is a landowner and employer in Wicklow with property and infrastructural assets throughout the County serving Wicklow Town – Rathnew area and its hinterland.

ESB acknowledges the aim of the Draft Plan to set out an outline for the spatial planning framework for the Wicklow Town - Rathnew area with planning policies directed at informing the private and public development sectors in line with established sustainable development guidelines from the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028. We recognise that the Draft Plan incorporates a framework for guiding the future development of a climate resilient town.

ESB notes the ambition of Wicklow County Council to facilitate the growth of the Wicklow Town Port/Waterfront area to a centre of excellence for the offshore renewable energy sector, among other activities. Employment Objective WTR13 as set out in Chapter 4 of the Draft Plan supports the development of the Wicklow County Campus and adjacent employment zoned lands for employment types such as renewable energy.

In regard to the above, ESB wish to highlight the significant opportunity available to Wicklow County Council through the review of the Wicklow Town - Rathnew LAP to favourably consider a significant landbank for the development of a Renewable Energy Hub. The Hub could potentially cater for a range of renewable energy projects, including, onshore & offshore support activities, battery storage solutions, renewables enabling dispatchable plant, anaerobic digestion and hydrogen fuel production.

ESB, is building a truly sustainable company by investing in smart networks, renewable energy and modernising the generation portfolio. ESB is implementing energy strategies that support the transition of Ireland to a low-carbon and ultimately post-carbon economy to become a competitive, resilient, and sustainable region. In this regard, we support the ambition of the Draft Plan to deliver an overarching land use strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the Wicklow Town - Rathnew area. If we can be of any further assistance, or if you wish to clarify any of the points raised, please do not hesitate in contacting the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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