



# Draft Wicklow Rathnew Draft LAP Amendment Stage Submission - Report

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Submission regarding proposed amendment no. 41 to the draft Wicklow Local Area Plan

Monday 10th March

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We wish to register our opposition to the proposed amendment (amendment 41) to expand the employment zone in Boloney North and support the Chief Executive Officer's recommendation that this not be so zoned.

Whilst Councillors not familiar with the site may not be aware, this site is vulnerable as explained by the CEO. It might look like a simple extension however Friends of the Murrough used to regularly walk this route beside Broadlough and had hoped one day to fund and organise a circular walk north along the beach, down the Avenue and return south towards the town above the high tide mark in these areas.

We had to pause this project due to a massive spread of Japanese Knotweed which is growing all along the area this zoning relates to and is the reason we had to stop progress of this proposed walk many years ago.

We believe it would be a terrible missed opportunity if resolving both these issues was constrained by allowing this extension of ancillary port services and undoubtedly risking the integrity of the Special Area of Conservation.

Kind regards, Malcolm Spencer.

Committee member of Friends of the Murrough.