

# **Draft Wicklow Town - Rathnew LAP Submission - Report**

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## **Topic**Retail /Opportunity Sites **Submission**

#### **Economic Development**

Support for Local Businesses: Create initiatives that support local entrepreneurship through grants, mentorship programs, and low-interest loans. Promote local markets and festivals to encourage community engagement and shopping locally.

Business Incubation Spaces: Develop co-working spaces or business incubation centers that provide resources and support for startups and small businesses. This can stimulate innovation and create job opportunities.

#### **Topic**

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

#### Submission

Public Spaces and Parks: Invest in the creation and maintenance of public parks and recreational facilities to enhance community well-being and provide spaces for social interaction.

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### Transport Assessment / Transportation Strategy Map **Submission**

#### 1. Enhanced Transportation Services

Airport Coach Service: Establish a reliable coach service to and from the nearest airports (Dublin Airport and others) operating throughout the day and night. This would cater to residents traveling for work, leisure, or family visits, improving connectivity and accessibility.

Free Parking at Train Station: Introduce free parking near the train station to alleviate the burden of expensive train tickets and to provide residents with a convenient way to access rail services without additional costs. This encourages public transport use and reduces traffic congestion.

#### 2. Public Transport Improvements

Expanded Bus Routes: Develop a more comprehensive bus network that connects residential areas with key locations in Wicklow, including the train station, shopping districts, and recreational areas. This would help residents who rely on public transport and encourage a reduction in car use. Flexible Working Hours for Public Transport: Introduce more frequent bus and train services during early morning and late evening hours to accommodate varying work schedules. This includes additional services during peak commuting times and late-night services for hospitality and shift workers.

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