

Wicklow - Open for Business



Wicklow County Council

A Message from the County Manager

Wicklow is a sophisticated, modern and well developed County on the doorstep of Dublin. Strategically located and less than one hour from Dublin, it provides easy access to the M50 and national motorways which ensures fast and efficient transportation of goods and materials. The east of the County is serviced by the Euro Route E01, (N11) Belfast to Rosslare and the west of the County is serviced by the N81 allowing easy access to the City Centre.

County Wicklow has many benefits to offer businesses choosing to locate here. It has new modern business parks and enterprise centres, acres of zoned land available for development and an excellent telecommunications and internet infrastructure. It is closely located to universities and third level institutions so employers can expect to recruit from a highly skilled and educated workforce. Parallel to this, and in

partnership with IT Carlow, we are developing Wicklow County Campus to be a centre of excellence in education, enterprise and innovation providing lifelong learning, training and education courses. Also the results of a recent commuter survey carried out by the Council showed that almost 70% of commuters surveyed would be prepared to change jobs if it meant they could work closer to home and 73% of them have a 3rd level qualification.

With a quality of life that can only be described as unique and almost €500m invested in capital projects the future for the County is exciting. As Wicklow County Manager I can assure business developers that the Elected Members, Management and Staff are fully committed to the development of your business in our County.

Eddie Sheehy

Wicklow County Manager

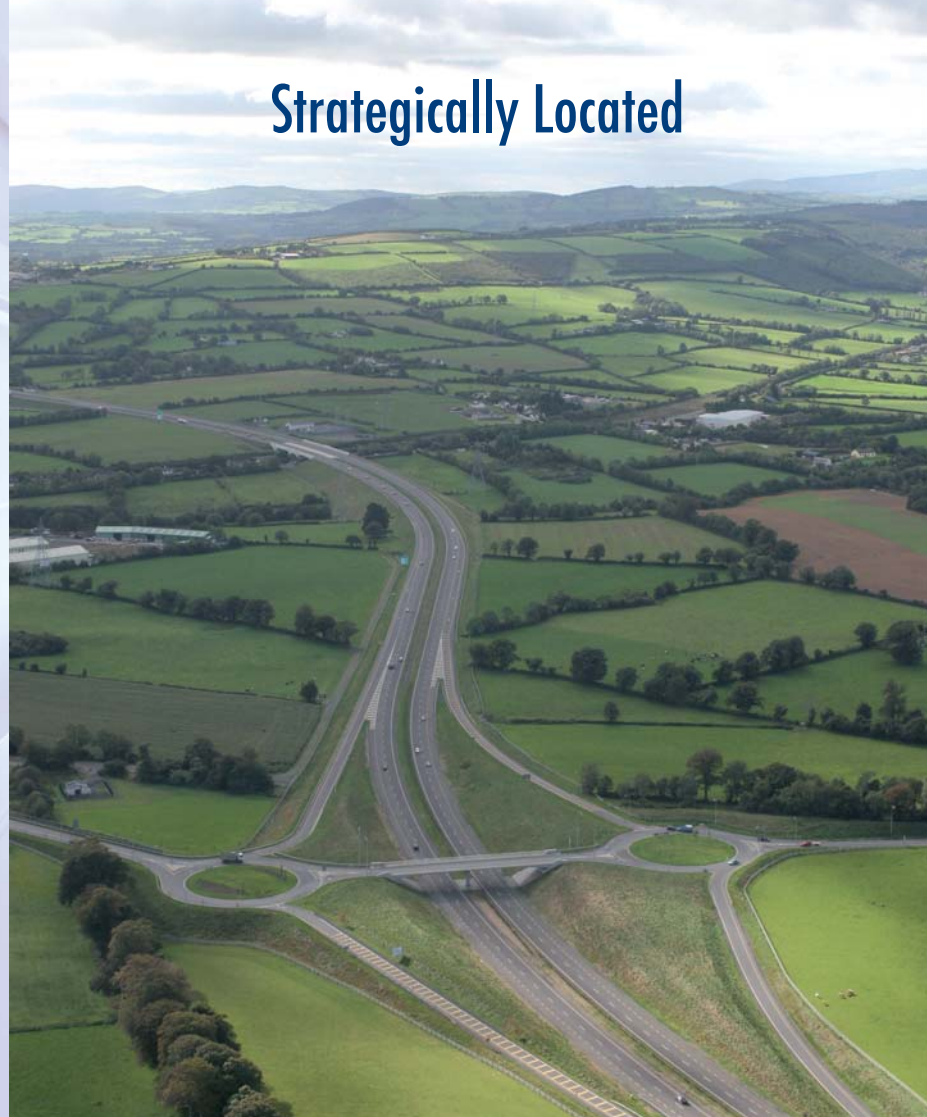


A sophisticated, modern and well developed County on the doorstep of Dublin - **WICKLOW** - the ideal location for your business.

Easy Access to:

- The M50
- Dublin Airport
- Euro Route E01 (N11) from Rosslare to Dublin - Belfast Corridor
- National Motorways
- Major Ports
- Dublin City from the N81

Strategically Located



All the Best Business Connections

- Wicklow has an excellent broadband and telecommunications infrastructure. The County is set to benefit further from the Government's broadband roll out programme which will address the need for high-speed, always-on internet access.
- Strategically positioned with access through the County to global telecommunications infrastructure.
- Revolutionary projects such as Arklow Wind Farm and proximity to Dublin ensures that Wicklow has all the energy that modern business demands.





A wide range of existing and developing modern business parks
Strategically located and highly accessible
Space to grow your business



Excellent Infrastructure

- First class roads network ensures ease of transport of goods and materials
- Modern water and waste water facilities
- Low commercial development contributions





Greystones Harbour Project



Subsea electricity cable that will link the UK and Ireland



Proposed Luas extension to Bray

The future is exciting

€500m invested in capital projects

A highly skilled workforce...

Right at your fingertips



Employers can recruit from a highly skilled and educated workforce. Results of a recent commuter survey revealed,

- 70% of commuters surveyed would be prepared to change jobs if it meant they could work closer to home
- 73% of commuters surveyed have a 3rd level qualification
- 60% would accept a decrease in salary to work in County Wicklow
- 68% were willing to change sector to work closer to home



Bray Esplanade



Aughrim - Tidy Towns Winner 2007



Druids Glen Golf Course



The Bridgewater Shopping Centre



Unique quality of life

Wicklow County Campus - The new seat of excellence

Wicklow County Campus is a unique venture developed in partnership with the Institute of Technology Carlow. It will be a centre of excellence in education, enterprise and innovation providing lifelong learning, training and education courses .



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