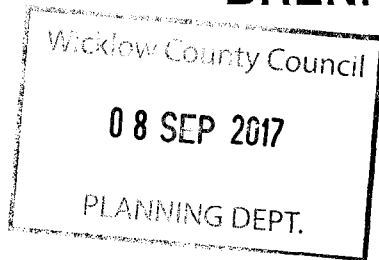


BRENNANSTOWN RIDING SCHOOL



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We believe that this proposal is a disaster for the area for the following reasons:

1. Riding school will be cut off from its vital trekking areas.

The proposal will cut Brennanstown Riding School off from the vital trekking areas which have been enjoyed by its pupils and patrons for so many years. The imposition of a new roadway to accommodate heavy goods vehicles and fast moving cars is entirely incompatible with the activities of the riding school, and particularly with the business of tutoring younger horseriders. The provision of an underpass or a link bridge will not address this matter. The proposal is simply outrageous!

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We are bemused to note that Wicklow County Council proposed the provision of a new tourist office in Kilmacanogue village, but we can not reconcile this noble aspiration with their careless attitude to this existing successful tourist amenity. Brennanstown Riding School attracts large numbers of tourists to this area from both the surrounding areas and from much further afield. They come to enjoy the very best of horseriding in the most beautiful and unspoiled of surroundings. This proposal will destroy this wonderful setting and set all of our efforts over many years to nought!

3. FAS placements programmes will not survive.

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4. Scenery and wildlife.

The wonderful trekking grounds in the vicinity of the riding school provide a rich and diverse habitat for large populations of deer and pheasant, as well as for a wide array of small birds and wild flowers. This proposal by Wicklow County Council will simply destroy these good things in return for traffic chaos!

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Running any business these days is difficult indeed, and outrageous proposals like this from Wicklow County Council do not help. We suggest that the business of our Local Authorities should be to support and to nourish conditions in which our existing businesses can trade successfully!

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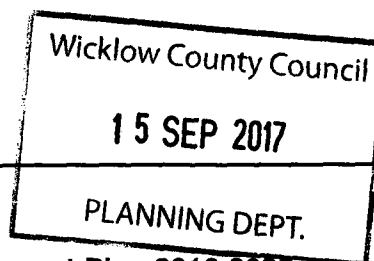
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