

# WICKLOW TOWN ENVIRONS PLAN: 1994



PLANNING SECTION SECTION

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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#### PREFACE

Wicklow County Council made this plan for Wicklow town environs at its meeting of the 12th September, 1994 in accordance with Part III of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts 1963 - 1992. This Plan is a part of the 1989 County Development Plan in accordance with Section 19(5)(b) of the 1963 Local Government (Planning & Development) Act.

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#### PLAN

The Plan sets out the development plan policies and planning objectives for the environs of Wicklow town.

#### 1 Planning Goals

- 1.1 It is recognised that an increasing proportion of the growth of Wicklow Town will take place in the environs of the town.
- 1.2 It is intended to provide for the expansion of Wicklow town on lands close to the town which may be developed with least infrastructural expenditure and which provide good access to the range of social, educational and economic facilities available in the town.
- 1.3 It is intended to provide for the protection from development of areas of high visual amenity, special interest and scientific interest, including Ballyguile Hill above the 300 feet contour and Dunbur Head between the coast road and the sea.

#### 2 Zoning Objectives

#### 2.1 General

#### (a) Background

This section sets out the land use zoning objectives for different areas within Wicklow Environs and lists the uses which may or may not be acceptable within each zone. Zoning seeks to promote the development of uses that achieve the objectives for the area concerned and to prevent the development of incompatible uses.

#### (b) Public Infrastructure

Development areas are indicated on the zoning objectives map, where it is an objective of the Council to make public drainage facilities and other infrastructural improvements available in order to promote development. It should be noted that permission will only be granted for developments when essential physical infrastructure is available, or likely to be available within four years.

#### (c) Other Planning Criteria

The zoning objectives refer mainly to land use. It should be noted that other factors including density, height, design criteria nuisance and traffic generation are also important in establishing whether or not a development proposal conform with the proper planning and development of an area.

#### 2.2 Zoning Objectives

It is an objective of this plan to zone the lands shown on zoning objectives map No. 1, for the uses and purposes set out in Table 1 hereunder.

#### (a) Land Use Zones

There are five major land use zones in Wicklow Environs namely, residential, industrial, amenity, agricultural and greenbelt. There are thirteen zoning objectives used to indicate the various objectives for these areas. (See Table 1)

### (b) Acceptability of Development in Land Use Zones

Tables 3 to 14 inclusive give an indication of the acceptability of new developments or new uses in each zone. The tables are intended as a guideline and are not exhaustive. Uses shown as "normally permitted" are generally acceptable in principle in the relevant zones. Uses shown as "may be permitted" are uses which could not be considered acceptable in principal in all parts of the relevant use zone and will only be accepted where the Council is satisfied that the use would not have undesirable consequences for the

permitted uses. Uses which are not indicated as permitted" or "may be permitted" will not be permitted. However, other uses not mentioned throughout the use tables will be considered in relation to general policy and to the zoning objectives for the area in question. Uses which are temporary by nature, are open to consideration in all zones.

In the boundary areas of adjoining zones it is necessary to avoid developments which would be detrimental to the amenities of the more environmentally sensitive zone. For instance, in zones abutting residential areas a particular proposal might not be acceptable which could be acceptable in other parts of the zone.

#### (c) Density

The maximum density of residential development in the land use zones is set out in Table 2. The specified maximum densities refer to sites on which development is otherwise permissible and are subject to suitable landscaping, siting, urban design and housing layout in the interests of visual and residential amenity.

TABLE 1 : LAND USE ZONES AND ZONING OBJECTIVE

Zone	Map Ref.	Zoning Objective
Residential	RP	To preserve and improve
		residential amenities.
	R1	To provide for residential
		development in the short
		term.
	R1A	To provide for low-density
		residential development in
	0.921	the short term.
	R2	To provide for residential
		development in the medium term and agricultural
		development in the short
		term.
	DE.	To provide for infill
	RF	residential development
		along the road
		frontage and to complete
		permitted residential
		development. To
		preserve and improve
		residential amenities.
	TS	To provide for traveller
		settlement.
Industrial	11	To provide for industrial
		and related uses in the
		short term.
	12	To provide for industrial
		and related uses in the
		medium term. To provide
		for agricultural use in the
		short term.
Amenity	AR	To provide for recreational
		/amenity use.
	AM	To preserve and improve the
		landscape value and
		scientific amenities of the
		Murrough, Area of
		Scientific Interest of National Importance. To
		provide for agricultural
		use.
	AC	To preserve and improve the
	no.	landscape and amenities of
		the coast. To preserve
		the scientific value of
		Wicklow Head, area of
		scientific interest of
		local importance. To
		provide for agricultural
		use.

TABLE 1 CONTINUED : LAND USE ZONES AND ZONING OBJECTIVE

Zone	Map Ref.	Zoning Objective
Amenity	AB	To preserve and improve the landscape amenity value of Ballyguile Hill. To provide for agricultural use.
Agricultural	A	To provide for agricultural use.
Greenbelt	GB	To protect the open rural character of the land between Wicklow Town & Rathnew. To provide for agricultural use.

TABLE 2 RESIDENTIAL DENSITY STANDARDS

Zone	Gross Maximum Density	
RP	Prevailing density in the zone and suitable compliance with S.R.6:1991, when appropriate.	
R1, R2	Twenty houses per hectare on public piped sewerage facilities.	
R1A	7.5 houses per hectare on public piped sewerage facilities.	
RF	Site curtilages with septic tanks to comply with the requirements of S.R.6:199	
A, TS	Where permissible, site curtilages with septic tanks to comply with the requirements of S.R.6:1991.	
AR, AM, AC, AB, GB	Where permissible, the minimum area of site curtilage to be 2 hectares.	

## ACCEPTABILITY OF USES IN THE RP ZONE

Zoning Objective: To preserve and improve residential amenities.

Description of Use	Acceptability
Dwellings excluding purpose built flats and sub-division	Normally Permitted
Open space and outdoor recreation incidental to residential use	Normally Permitted.
Residential institution for use by members of a religious or analogous community	Normally Permitted
Home based employment ancillary to the use of an existing dwelling house	May be Permitted.
Medical clinic/surgery as part conversion of, or extension to a private residence, but excluding veterinary surgeries	May be Permitted.
Small private educational establishments	May be Permitted.
Public services and cultural buildings	May be Permitted.
Accommodation for paying guests	May be Permitted.
Flats by sub-division only	May be Permitted.

#### ACCEPTABILITY OF USES IN THE R1 ZONE

Zoning Objective: To provide for residential development in the short term.

Description of Use	Acceptability
Uses "normally permitted" or "may be permitted" in the RP zone	Normally Permitted.
Educational establishments	Normally Permitted.
Community halls	Normally Permitted.
Open space	Normally Permitted.
Churches	Normally Permitted.
Recreational buildings	May be Permitted.
Recreational facilities/Sports clubs	May be Permitted.
Neighbourhood shopping	May be Permitted.
Purpose built flats	May be Permitted.
Agricultural development	May be Permitted.

## ACCEPTABILITY OF USES IN RIA

Zoning Objective : To provide for residential development in the short term.

Description of Use	Acceptability
Uses "normally permitted" or "may be Permitted" in the RP zone.	Normally permitted.
Educational establishments	Normally permitted.
Open space	Normally permitted.
Recreational buildings	May be permitted.
Recreational facilities/sports clubs	May be permitted.
Agricultural development	May be permitted.

#### ACCEPTABILITY OF USES IN THE R2 ZONE

Zoning Objective:

To provide for residential development in the medium terms and agricultural development in

the short term

Description of Use	Acceptability
Dwellings and purpose built flats when infrastructural services are available and when adjacent R1 zones have been substantially developed	Normally Permitted.
Agricultural (excluding livestock, bloodstock or other agricultural accommodation, or effluent storage, which would be prejudicial to residential use)	Normally Permitted.
Open space and outdoor recreation incidental to residential use	Normally Permitted.
Churches	Normally Permitted.
Agricultural structures, which would not be prejudicial to the residential use of these or adjacent lands	May be Permitted.
Recreational buildings	May be Permitted.
Recreational facilities/Sports clubs	May be Permitted.

## ACCEPTABILITY OF USES IN THE RF ZONE

Zoning Objectives

To provide for the infill residential development along the road frontage and to complete permitted development. To preserve and improve residential amenities.

Description of Use	Acceptability
Dwellings on infill sites along the road frontage at pertaining densities and in accordance with public health requirements i.e. septic tank development	Normally Permitted.
Dwellings to complete existing permitted developments	Normally Permitted.
Open space and outdoor recreation incidental to residential use	Normally Permitted.
Home based employment, ancillary to the use of an existing dwelling house	May be Permitted.
Medical clinic/surgery as part conversion of or extension to a private residence, but excluding veterinary surgeries	May be Permitted.
Small private educational establishments	May be Permitted.
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## ACCEPTABILITY OF USES IN THE TS ZONE

Zoning Objective : To provide for traveller settlement.

Description of Use	Acceptability
Permanent traveller settlements including residential caravan parks Agricultural buildings (excluding buildings which seriously interfere with listed views of special amenity	Normally Permitted
value/interest)	Normally Permitted
Dwelling houses for applicants with a need to live in this rural amenity area and where no suitable alternative location is available specifically: a house for sons/daughters of farm holders - a replacement house - a need to live in close proximity to the applicants employment - a house for sons/daughters of existing	
house owners in the area	Normally Permitted
Cemetery	Normally Permitted
Open space and ancillary uses	Normally Permitted
Recreational facilities/sports club	Normally Permitted
Sports club houses/pavilion	Normally Permitted
Recreational buildings	Normally Permitted
Viewing stands	Normally Permitted
Accommodation for paying guests in existing dwelling houses	May be Permitted
Car park	May be Permitted
Community facility	May be Permitted
Garden centre	May be Permitted

## ACCEPTABILITY OF USES IN THE I1 ZONE

Description of Use	Acceptability
Storage, repair, manufacture or processing of any material (excluding special industry)	Normally Permitted
Wholesale and "cash and carry" type warehousing	Normally Permitted
Commercial uses ancillary to the use of the land for industrial purposes	Normally Permitted
Enterprise units	Normally Permitted
Open space	Normally Permitted
Car parking	Normally Permitted

## ACCEPTABILITY OF USES IN THE 12 ZONE

Zoning Objective :

To provide for industrial and related uses in the medium term. To provide for agricultural development in the short term.

Description of Use	Acceptability
Agricultural use (excluding livestock, bloodstock or other agricultural	
accommodation and effluent storage)	Normally Permitted
Open space	Normally Permitted
Car parking	Normally Permitted
Uses "normally permitted" in the I1 zone, when infrastructural services are available and when adjacent I1 zoned lands have been substantially	
developed	Normally Permitted
Uses which "may be permitted" in the Il zone, when infrastructural services are available and when adjacent Il zoned lands have been substantially developed	May be Permitted.

TABLE 11

ACCEPTABILITY OF USES IN THE AR ZONE

Zoning Objective: To provide for recreational/amenity use.

ptability	Description of Use
ally Permitted	Community facility
ally Permitted	Open space and Ancillary Uses
nally Permitted	Recreational facilities/sports club
nally Permitted	Play equipment
be Permitted	Sports clubhouse/pavilions
be Permitted	Recreational buildings
be Permitted	Viewing stands
be Permitted	Car parking
k	Car parking

## TABLE 12 - ACCEPTABILITY OF USES IN THE AM, AC, AB AND GB ZONES

To preserve and improve the landscape AM Zoning Objective : value and scientific amenities of the

Murrough, Area of Scientific Interest of Natural Importance. To provide for

agricultural use.

To preserve and improve the landscape and AC Zoning Objective :

amenities of the coast. To preserve the scientific value of Wicklow Head, area of scientific interest of local importance.

To provide for agricultural use.

To preserve and improve the landscape and AB Zoning Objective :

the amenity value of Ballyguile Hill. To

provide for agricultural use.

To protect the open rural character of GB Zoning Objective :

land between Wicklow Town and To provide for agricultural Rathnew.

use.

## Description of Use

#### Acceptability

Agricultural use of buildings (excluding buildings which seriously interfere with listed views of special amenity value/interest)

Normally Permitted.

Dwelling houses for applicants with a need to live in this rural amenity area, and where no suitable alternative location is available specifically:-

- a house for sons/daughters of farm holders

- a replacement house

- a need to live in close proximity to the applicants employment

- a house for sons/daughters of existing

house owners in the area

Normally Permitted.

Open space and ancillary users

Normally Permitted.

Recreational facilities/sports clubs

May be Permitted.

Sports clubhouses/pavilions

May be Permitted.

Recreational buildings

May be Permitted.

Viewing stands

May be Permitted.

## ACCEPTABILITY OF USES IN THE A ZONE

Zoning Objective : To provide for agricultural use.

Description of Use	Acceptability
Agricultural buildings (excluding buildings which seriously interfere with listed views of special amenity value/interest)	Normally Permitted
Owelling houses for applicants with a need to live in this rural amenity area and where no suitable alternative location is available specifically: a house for sons/daughters of farm holders - a replacement house - a need to live in close proximity to the applicants employment	
<ul> <li>a house for sons/daughters of existing house owners in the area</li> </ul>	Normally Permitted
Cemetery	Normally Permitted
Open space and ancillary uses	Normally Permitted
Recreational facilities/sports club	Normally Permitted
Sports club houses/pavilion	Normally Permitted
Recreational buildings	Normally Permitted
Viewing stands	Normally Permitted
Accommodation for paying guests in existing dwelling houses	May be Permitted
Car park	May be Permitted
Community facility	May be Permitted
Garden centre	May be Permitted

#### 3 DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

This section sets out the development objectives of the Council in relation to Wicklow Environs and which are shown on Map No. 2.

#### 3.1 Finance

- (a) The implementation of development objectives is based on the assumption that the necessary capital monies, permissions and approvals will be forthcoming from central government. Should such funding not be available or should compulsory acquisition of lands etc. not be confirmed by the relevant Minister of Government, objectives so affected will be excluded from statutory implementation.
- (b) The Council, considering the capital expenditure necessary for the provision of physical infrastructure to accommodate the anticipated population growth, will require contributions towards such expenditure from developments benefiting from this expenditure.
- (c) Detailed cost estimates have not been included in this plan because such costings are only possible when detailed proposals are designed. However, it is clear that the proposed compact development area and the consolidation of existing development areas, offers opportunities to minimise the costs of infrastructure provision whilst providing optimum social, economic and environmental benefits.

#### 3.2 Sanitary Services Objectives

S1 It is an objective of this plan to extend the public S2 sewerage network to serve the zoned lands at Marlton Road, as shown on Map No. 2.

#### 3.3 Roads Objectives

R1 To reserve the road line as an access route to the Wicklow Industrial Estate at the Murrough and Wicklow Port. (See Map No. 2)

- R2 To consider the feasibility of linking the proposed port access route with the proposed N11 Ashford to Rathnew Bypass.
- R3 To provide for an automated level crossing or a bridge over the railway line at Bollarney Murrough, to provide safe access to zoned lands at Bollarney and Murrough when finances permit.
- R4 To provide for public lighting extensions at Marlton Road, Ashtown Lane, Ballynerrin Road and Ballyguile Road.
- R5 To provide for public footpaths at Rathnew back road, Rocky Road, Ashtown Lane, Marlton Road, Ballynerrin Road and Ballyquile Road.
- R6 To provide for road realignment and increased carriageway width at Rathnew back road, Rocky Road, Ashtown Lane, Ballynerrin Road and Ballyguile Roads.

#### 3.4 Traveller Settlement

TS It is an objective to reserve a site for a traveller settlement at Ballinteskin and to provide such a settlement (see Map No. 1 and Map No. 2) containing not more than six bays or not more than twelve caravans.

#### CONSERVATION/AMENITY OBJECTIVES

This Section sets out the Council's objectives in relation to conservation, amenity and recreation in the Wicklow Town Environs. (See Map No. 2).

#### 4.1 Views

To preserve the following views of special amenity value and/or special interest, as shown in Table 14 and Map No. 2.

TABLE 14 - VIEWS OF AMENITY VALUE/INTEREST

Map Ref.	Description
V1	View from Rathnew back road at Burkeen in a northerly direction towards Broadlough and the Kilcoole Marshes.
V2	View from Rocky Road at Ballynerrin in a northerly direction towards Broadlough and the Kilcoole Marshes.
<b>v</b> 3	View in a southerly and southeasterly direction from Rocky Road across the valley of the Marlton stream towards Ballyguile Hill and across Wicklow Town.
V4	View in an easterly and southeasterly direction across Wicklow Town and towards Ballyguile Hill from the northern end of Ashtown Lane.
V5	View from Ballynerrin Road in a northerly and northeasterly direction towards Broadlough and across the Marlton stream valley.
V6	View from Ballyguile Road in an easterly and northeasterly direction towards Hawkstown
V7	View towards Ballygonnell from County Road No. 102 at Ballynerrin Upper.
V8	View from Greenhill Road at Dunbur Lower towards Silver Strand at Blainroe.
V9	View/panorama from coast road towards Wicklow Golf Course, Brides Head, Wicklow Head and the coastline.
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#### 4.2 Trees

It is an objective to consider the preservation and the making of tree preservation orders to protect the trees of special amenity value detailed in Table 15, and shown on Map No. 2.

TABLE 15 - TREES OF AMENITY VALUE

Map Ref.	Location	Description
T1	Knockrobin	Oak and ornamental species forming the avenue to Knockrobin House.
T2	Knockrobin	A copse of European Larch, Scots Pine and Sycamore, or Knockrobin Hill.
т3	Burkeen	A deciduous woodland overlooking the Wicklow to Rathnew Road.
T4	Ballynerrin	A deciduous woodland forming the valley of the Marlton Stream.

#### 4.3 Coastal Protection

BA It is an objective to protect the bathing area of the Murrough in the vicinity of the 'Terrapin' factory by designing and providing coastal protection works, beach nourishment or groynes and a promenade.

#### 4.4 Pedestrian Access

(a) It is an objective to preserve public rights of way to the following places of natural beauty or recreational utility, as shown in Table 16 and Map No. 2.

## TABLE 16

#### PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Map Ref.	Description
P1	From the Wicklow town boundary, along the coastline of Bollarney Murrough, Knockrobin Murrough and Tinakilly Murrough.
P2	From the Wicklow Town boundary along the coastline to Brides Head and Lime Kilm Bay.
Р3	From Rocky Road to Rathnew back road along the western boundary of Wicklow Environs.
P4	Along old coast road at Dunbur Lower from Seafield housing estate to public road.

(b) It is an objective to improve public access to the following places of natural beauty or recreational utility as detailed in Table 17 and shown on Map No. 2. The creation of new public rights of way will be a consideration in dealing with planning applications in the vicinity of the listed amenity destinations and any other amenity areas.

## TABLE 17 IMPROVED PUBLIC ACCESS

Map Ref	Description
11	From Coast Road at Dunbur to Old Octagonal Lighthouse at Dunbur Head.
12	From the end of the Councils industrial road at Knockrobin Murrough along the side of Broadlough to the Western boundary of the Wicklow Environs.
13	From the Marlton Road, along the valley of the Marlton stream to Ashtown Lane.
	From Bride Head to Wicklow Head.

#### 4.5 Marlton Reservoir

MR It is an objective to investigate with Wicklow Urban District Council recreational uses for the disused Marlton Reservoir at Ashtown Lane.

#### 4.6 Scenic Landscape

SL It is an objective to protect the scenic landscape of Ballyguile Hill as shown on Map No. 11, in the interests of visual amenity.

#### 4.7 Areas of Scientific Interest

It is an objective to conserve the characteristics of the Areas of Scientific Interest listed in Table 18 and to consider the making of Special Amenity Area Orders and Conservation Orders in respect of these areas.

TABLE 18

AREAS OF SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

Map Ref.	Description	Habitat	Interest
AS1	The Murrough	Lake, marsh fen, grassland	National
AS2	Wicklow Head	Heath, exposed rock	Local

#### 4.8 Sites and Monuments of Archaeological Interest

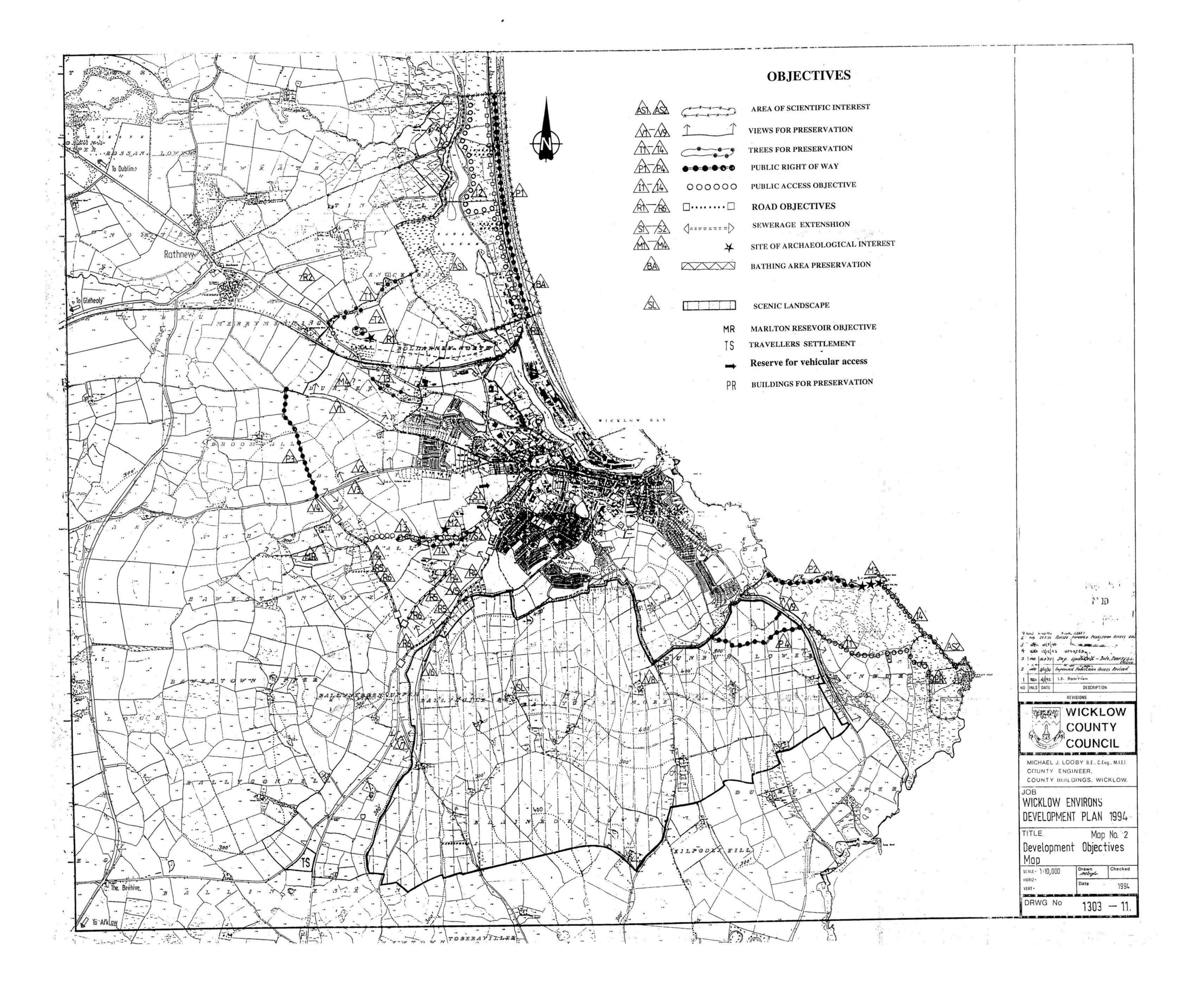
It is an objective to have regard to the list of sites and monuments contained in the Sites and Monuments Record for County Wicklow (1986) (See Table 19) published by the Office of Public Works, in dealing with all proposals for development in the vicinity of any item listed. In all such cases, the Council will consult with the National Monuments Advisory Council.

TABLE 19
SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD, WICKLOW ENVIRONS

Map Ref.	Description	Townland
м1	Early ecclesiastical remains church and font	Glebe
M2	Short cist grave	Ballynerrin
м3	Early ecclesiastical remains, church, holy well and possible souterraine	Dunbur Head
M4	Uncertain earthwork	Burkeen (not located).

#### 4.9 Structures of Artistic Interest

PR It is an objective of the 1989 County Development Plan to consider the preservation of the octagonal tower with brick dome (formerly a lighthouse) 1770 at Wicklow Head in the event of an application being made to alter or demolish it. (Map No. 2).



Zoning Objectives Map

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