

# First Stage Manager's Report Amendment on Wicklow Town, Environs and Rathnew Plan 2013 - 2019

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Amendment put forward by Cllr. Pat Kavanagh on the 4/1/2012, passed by Wicklow Town Council on the 4/1/2012 and passed by Wicklow County Council on the 9/1/2012.

(Amendment wording in blue and bold below)

## Appendix A

### Working Draft 'Vision and Core Strategy'

#### Vision

For Wicklow Town, Environs and Rathnew to be a prosperous and growing community in the garden County of Wicklow, offering a unique and high quality of life by providing for a sustainable and local work/life balance; within a quality environment for all who live, work and visit the area.

This will be achieved through:

- Strengthening and consolidating Wicklow Town as the County town to ensure that it remains the economic and social hub of the community; by making the town a more attractive place to live and do business; by improving the public realm, by encouraging infill development and brownfield regeneration, by protecting the built and natural heritage and by improving movement throughout the town;
- Re-enforcing and protecting the identity of Rathnew as a separate stand alone entity in the wider settlement; by providing local services in an attractive, thriving village and to facilitate the educational potential of Clermont Campus for the benefit of the local and regional community;
- Integrating land use planning and transport planning, with the dual aim of reducing the distance that people need to travel to work, shops, schools and places of recreation and social interaction and facilitating the delivery of improved public transport;
- To enhance existing housing areas and to provide for high quality new housing at appropriate locations and to ensure the development of a range of house types, sizes and tenures in order to meet the differing needs of all in society and to promote balanced communities;
- Cultivating the port and manufacturing employment tradition in the settlement while facilitating a broad range of enterprise development thereby avoiding dependence on a specific sector;
- Strengthening the tourism and recreational role of the settlement, by building on its seaside location, its maritime history and its natural environment; **“and by developing existing traditional coastal and estuarine walks”**
- Supporting social and community development and in particular, to link the development of new housing to the delivery of necessary community facilities, including schools, playing pitches, health facilities and other community services;

- To recognise the needs of all society and ensure that all strategies, policies and objectives do not inhibit or exclude any individuals or groups from being part of their community's development;
- Maximising the use of existing infrastructure and targeting new investment in infrastructure to that which can generate the highest returns to the community
- To address the climate change challenge as a plan dynamic, directly in the areas of flooding and renewable energy and indirectly through integrating climate change and sustainable development into all aspects of plan policy and objectives.