

**Leonora Earls**

**From:** John Dolan [John.Dolan@Oireachtas.ie]  
**Sent:** 16 August 2016 11:51  
**To:** Planning - Admin  
**Subject:** No Fry Zone 4 Kids Committee.  
**Attachments:** Submission on Amended Objective RT17 template....doc

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Yours Sincerely,

John

Senator John Dolan - Independent - Public Administration Panel  
Seanad Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2  
Phone. 01 618 3648

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Date: 05/08/2016 15:20  
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It would also appear that amending the objective will ensure that responsible, consistent planning decisions are made with respects to proximity of fast food outlets to schools. Fast food outlets are not being banned outright; just not permitted within 400metres of school boundaries or playgrounds.

It is clear from all of the research carried out and evidence available, that a minimum distance of 400metres between a fast food outlet and school is required for the no fry zone to be effective.

I am encouraged that councillors kept this distance in the objective as childhood obesity is a matter of public health. Implementing meaningful no fry zones around schools is a preventative, effective step which will overtime help to reduce childhood obesity.

The number of overweight children in Ireland has increased by 300% since 2006 and from the preliminary findings of the census 2016, approx. 28% of Wicklow's population is aged under 18. 20% of these are under the age of 11 and adopting the amended Objective RT17 into the County Development Plan will greatly safeguard their health.

I sincerely hope that the Wicklow Councillors will adopt the amended objective (which is further enhanced by the proposed changes) into the County Development plan 2016 – 2022 as I believe it will have a positive, measurable impact on the health of children and young people in Wicklow.

Yours Sincerely,



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**From:** Shane Smyth [Shane.Smyth@Oireachtas.ie] on behalf of Deputy Stephen Donnelly T.D.  
**Sent:** 26 August 2016 15:31  
**To:** Planning - Plan Review  
**Subject:** County Development Plan 2016- 2022  
**Attachments:** 20160826 CountyDevPlanRT17.pdf

To Whom It May Concer,

Please see attached submission in support of amendments to objective RT17.

*(See attached file: 20160826 CountyDevPlanRT17.pdf)*

Regards,

Shane Smyth

on behalf of

Stephen Donnelly TD

*Social Democrat TD for Wicklow & East Carlow*

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**Social  
Democrats**

Administrative Officer  
Planning Department  
Wicklow County Council  
Wicklow

August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**RE: Submission regarding objective RT17, Wicklow County Development Plan (Amendment 21)**

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to make a submission in relation to the proposed amendment of objective RT17 in the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 – 2022.

I support this amendment. I believe that RT17 as amended would both strengthen and clarify the Development Plan with reference to the development of fast food outlets, allowing the plan to better serve the spirit in which it has been included.

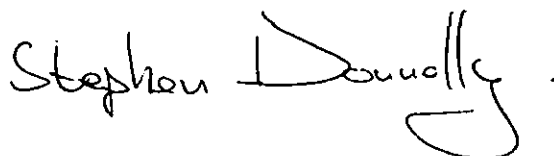
The inclusion of takeaways, the definition of fast food/ takeaway outlet, and the inclusion of what constitutes food that is high in fat, salt or sugar add much needed clarity to the objective. The definition of a fast food/ takeaway outlet as one for which the primary activity is the sale of fast food will ensure that there is not undue constraint on other businesses who may wish to operate a small take away service.

It is my opinion that these changes are necessary in order to improve the long term health of young people in Wicklow and to address rapid increases in obesity. Between 1990 and 2011, obesity in Ireland rose from 8% to 26% in men; and from 13% to 21% in women, according to the National Adult Nutrition Survey. In 2011, the Growing Up in Ireland study reported that 19% of nine-year-olds were overweight and 7% were obese.

A number of studies have indicated that the location of a fast food outlet in the vicinity of a school will lead to an increase in obesity levels. Specifying a distance of 400 metres is supported by research from several international sources. One US study indicates that children who attend schools located less than 400 metres away from a fast food outlet have a 25% greater chance of obesity. In Ireland, both Donal O'Shea and Catherine Hayes of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland and a number of other health professionals have indicated that 400m is appropriate.

I believe that amending objective RT17 as proposed will allow Wicklow to take appropriate action as part of the national effort to address the growing problem of childhood obesity.

Yours Sincerely,



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Stephen Donnelly TD.

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**From:** Deputy Andrew Doyle T.D.  
**Sent:** 26 August 2016 09:51  
**To:** Planning - Plan Review  
**Subject:** Amended Objective RT17

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in support of the inclusion of Amended Objective RT17 on the draft County Wicklow Development Plan.

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Including an objective in terms specified in Amended Objective RT17 will provide clear guidance to the planning authority for any future cases. I hope that this amendment will be supported by the Council and be included in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Doyle

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**From:** Cllr. Tom Fortune MCC  
**Sent:** 24 August 2016 15:55  
**To:** Planning - Plan Review; Aisling Mac Namara; Sorcha Walsh  
**Subject:** County Development plan 2016-- 2022

Ref: Ecologic Data Centres Limited  
Mountkennedy Demesne  
Newtownmountkennedy.

Submission to the proposed county development plan 2016- 2022  
Proposal: To rezone 82 acres of land from Data Centre use to Business, Science and Technology to include Data Centre and Energy Recovery uses.

I fully support this proposal . As previously communicated this is a project that should receive our priority attention. There has been confirmation recently of a development such as this in Galway. It is important Wicklow puts itself in a strong position to develop a project as put before us.

I attended a seminar in the Druids Glen on a proto type demonstration of such a project. It was attended by a large number of people from this industry.

It is very important we facilitate this project and adapt the proposal before us. My understanding is this is very live so action from us is urgent.

Also while the above process is on going , as previously requested, we need to meet urgently with the project proposers so as to ensure this important opportunity is not lost to Wicklow.

This is a unique opportunity for Wicklow to have a world class design centre and administration facility for the roll out of Data Centres throughout Europe, North America and Asia.

Cllr Tom Fortune

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**From:** Deputy Simon Harris T.D.  
**Sent:** 09 August 2016 13:58  
**To:** Planning - Plan Review  
**Cc:** nofryzone4kids@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Submission in relation to the amendment to objective RT17 in the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 – 2022

The Planning Department  
Wicklow County Council  
Wicklow Town  
Co. Wicklow

9th August 2016

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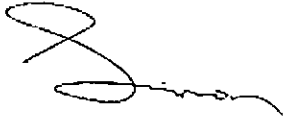


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I fully support the objectives of the No Fry Zone initiative.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this submission and I would ask that you take on board these points and the points made by many Wicklow residents in their submissions on this application.

Yours sincerely,



**Simon Harris TD**

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**From:** Oisín Crotty [Oisín.Crotty@Oireachtas.ie] on behalf of Josepha Madigan [Josepha.Madigan@Oireachtas.ie]  
**Sent:** 22 August 2016 16:47  
**To:** Planning - Plan Review  
**Attachments:** no fry zone submission.doc

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find attached the submissions of Deputy Josepha Madigan.

Best wishes,

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PA to Deputy Madigan

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- Location of vents and other external services and their impact on adjoining amenities in terms of noise/smell/visual impact.

I give my full support to this amendment as it brings clarity and certainty to the spirit of this objective. We have seen in the recent past that the absence of an objective in the Development Plan and relying on National Guidelines for Planning authorities issued by Dept. of Environment in 2013 did not serve to prevent a large fast food outlet from being granted permission to build very close to the sites of 3 large schools in Greystones.

Specifying a distance of 400 metres is evidence-based and is supported by research from several international sources. The addition of a definition of what constitutes a fast food/takeaway outlet is clear and will ensure that the objective will not affect businesses which may operate a small takeaway facility as long as that is not their primary business. I also welcome the fact that drive-through facilities will generally only be permitted within major town centre/District centre locations. I believe that the fact that applications for such businesses in other locations can be considered on a case by case basis will ensure that planning decisions will take account of the health implications of such businesses as well as giving careful consideration to traffic management issues.

I am encouraged by the level of support from our councillors for this amendment. I believe that amending objective RT17 as proposed will ensure that our county is taking appropriate action as part of what should be a comprehensive effort at national level to address the growing problem of childhood obesity. Wicklow has a very large and growing, population of young people. Approximately 28% of Wicklow's population is aged '0-18' years (38,175).

Given the size and significance of Wicklow's existing population cohorts in the 0-4 (8.4%) and 5-11(11.7%) age ranges, it is evident that the county's population is still growing and as a result and we have a great responsibility to safeguard their health.

I hope that this amendment will be supported when it comes to a vote as the inclusion of a comprehensive objective relating to No Fry Zones can only have a positive impact in our county in terms of our children's long-term health,

Yours.Sincerely,

Josepha Madigan T.D.

**Leonora Earls**

**From:** Catherine Blake [Catherine.Blake@Oireachtas.ie] on behalf of Catherine Noone [Catherine.Noone@Oireachtas.ie]  
**Sent:** 16 August 2016 15:14  
**To:** Planning - Plan Review  
**Cc:** Nofryzone4kids@gmail.com; Catherine Noone  
**Subject:** Submission on Amended Objective RT17



Dear Sir/Madam,  
 I wish to make a submission regarding the amendment proposed to objective RT17 in the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 – 2022.

The amendment which is proposed is as follows:

**RT17** Conscious of the fact that planning has an important role to play in promoting and facilitating active and healthy living patterns for local communities, the following criteria will be taken into account in the assessment of development proposals for fast-food/takeaway outlets<sup>[1]</sup>, including those with a drive through facility:

- Exclude any new fast-food//takeaway outlet which offer foods that are high in fat, salt or sugar from being built or from operating within 400m of the gates or site boundary of schools, ~~parke-~~ or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre;
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I fully support the amendment as the changes proposed to the wording bring extra clarity to the objective, thereby making it more robust.  
 I believe that defining what constitutes a fast food /takeaway outlet makes it clear what businesses are in scope of this objective – specifically & primarily fast food outlets (which can contribute to the childhood obesity problem) rather than exclude shops offering deli / take away foods.  
 This differentiation strengthens the objective by clearly identifying the type of business in scope.

It would also appear that amending the objective will ensure that responsible, consistent planning decisions are made with respects to proximity of fast food outlets to schools. Fast food outlets are not being banned outright; just not permitted within 400metres of school boundaries or playgrounds.  
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 I am encouraged that councillors kept this distance in the objective as childhood obesity is a matter of public health. Implementing meaningful no fry zones around schools is a preventative, effective step which will overtime help to reduce childhood obesity.

The number of overweight children in Ireland has increased by 300% since 2006 and from the preliminary findings of the census 2016, approx. 28% of Wicklow's population is aged under 18. 20% of these are under the age of 11 and adopting the amended Objective RT17 into the County Development Plan will greatly safeguard their health.

I sincerely hope that the Wicklow Councillors will adopt the amended objective (which is further enhanced by the proposed changes) into the County Development plan 2016 – 2022 as I believe it will have a positive, measurable impact on the health of children and young people in Wicklow.

Yours Sincerely,

Catherine Noone.

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**Sent:** 04 August 2016 16:33  
**To:** Planning - Plan Review  
**Cc:** nofryzone4kids@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Support for the 'No Fry Zone 4 Kids - Objective RT17  
**Attachments:** Submission on Amended Objective RT17.doc

To whom it may concern,

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Objective RT17 should be adopted into the County Development Plan 2016 - 2022 and it is something which I would like to see rolled out across the country.

With warm regards,

Senator Dr. Keith Swanick

*(See attached file: Submission on Amended Objective RT17.doc)*

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**Sent:** 04 August 2016 16:24  
**To:** Planning - Plan Review  
**Subject:** Support for the 'No Fry Zone 4 Kids

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