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Leonora Earle

From: Angela Armstrong [a]
Sent: 13 February 2016 06:48
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Objective in support of RT17 in chapter 6
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Draft WCDP (1) (1).docx

Attached is submission in support of objective RT17. Please confirm receipt of this objection.

Sincerely
Angela Armstrong

33 Blacklion Manor,
Greystones,
Co. Wicklow.
2nd February 2016.

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

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Yours Sincerely,

Gerry and Angela Armstrong

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From: Asoi Information 
Sent: 16 February 2016 16:10
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: Committee
Subject: ASOI
Attachments: ASOI submission Wicklow.pdf

To Whom It May Concern,
Please see the ASOI submission attached in regard to No Fry Zone.
Kind Regards,
Grace.

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ASOI Committee
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RE: Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17 (excluding fast food outlets within 400m of schools) draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-22.

To County Development Plan Review group,

I am writing to you as Chair of the Association for the Study of Obesity on the Island of Ireland, as Secretary of the European Childhood Obesity Group and a Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist in Paediatrics, to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

I particularly wish to comment on RT17, Objectives for Centres and Retail:

*'Exclude any new fast-food outlets which offer foods that re high in fat, salt or sugar from being built or from operating within 400m of the gates or site boundary of schools, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre;
Fast food outlets/takeaways with proposed drive through facilities will generally only be acceptable within Major Town Centres or District Centres and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.'*

Health organisations including Temple Street Children's University Hospital, the ASOI membership and the public are increasingly concerned about the impact on children of the number of fast-food restaurants located in close proximity to schools. The need for action to protect Irish children is strong – more Irish children are overweight than in most European countries.¹ The Growing Up in Ireland study also clearly shows that social inequalities increase the risk of overweight and obesity from an early age.

Fast food is readily available beside Irish schools. Currently, 75% of Irish schools have at least one and almost 30% have at least five fast food outlets within 1km.² In the absence of proper regulation this situation can only deteriorate further.

Planning policy at local and national level has a crucial role to play in helping to create healthy environments and support people to consume healthy diets. The policy of no-fry zones is increasingly attracting international and national attention. This January, the report of the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity published by the World Health Organisation³ highlighted the potential for establishing exclusion zones around schools to restrict the sale of unhealthy food and drinks.

I strongly support the inclusion of a no-fry zone adjacent to schools in the Wicklow Development Plan. I urge the Council to consider increasing the size of the exclusion zone outlined in RT17 from 400m to 1km (approximately a 10-minute walk). Wicklow has the opportunity to lead the way on this matter in Ireland and encourage other Councils to follow it's progressive lead.

Grádaí

Dr. Grace O'Malley PhD MSc BSc
ASOI, Bishops Square, D2

¹ P. B. Layte, R. and McCrory, C. (2011) *Growing up in Ireland - Overweight and obesity among 9-year olds*. Dublin: The Stationary Office.

² Callaghan, M, J Malcho, M., Nic Gabhainn, S. and Kelly, C. (2015) 'Food for thought: analysing the internal and external school food environment'. *Health Education*, 115(2), 152-170.

³ http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/204176/1/9789241510066_eng.pdf?ua=1

Leonora Earls

From: John Aylmer
Sent: 18 February 2016 15:25
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No Fry Zone Submission

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Carrignameel
Kiltegan
Co. Wicklow

18 February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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Yours sincerely,

John & Joan Aylmer

Leonora Earls

From: Louise Aylmer
Sent: 18 February 2016 12:56
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in Support of Objective RT17 No Fry Zones

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77 Blacklion Manor
Greystones
Co. Wicklow

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I believe this amendment is **VITAL** for the health of our citizens and for the future welfare of our people.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Aylmer
Member of Campaign Group
NoFryZone4Kids

Leonora Earls

From: nessa aylmer
Sent: 18 February 2016 22:31
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Objective RT 17

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Nessa Aylmer
3 Beechlawn,
Strawhall,
Carlow

Date: 18th of February, 2016

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Yours sincerely,

Nessa aylmer.

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Leonora Earls

From: Grainne Aylmer
Sent: 19 February 2016 15:29
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Objective RT 17

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Grainne Aylmer

Carlow Gateway Business Centre

Athy Road

Co. Carlow

Date: 19th of February, 2016

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Grainne Aylmer

Leonora Earls

From: Linda Ayres
Sent: 19 February 2016 22:12
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Request for Submissions to Support a No Fry Zone 4 Kids in Wicklow (and ultimately nationwide) D7

4 Sweetman house
Myrtle avenue
The coast
Baldoyle
Dublin 13

Date - 19 February 2016

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Yours sincerely,
Linda Ayres

Laura Earls

From: Louise Barrett
Sent: 10 February 2016 17:38
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Submission on Objective RT 17
Attachments: Letter to Wicklow County Council.pdf

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Dear Sirs,

Please see attached.

Kind regards,

Louise Barrett

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417 Castleforbes Square
Castleforbes Road
Dublin 1

County Development Plan Review,
Planning Department,
Wicklow County Council,
Station Road,
Wicklow
Co. Wicklow

10 February 2016

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Louise Barrett', written in a cursive style.

Louise Barrett

Leonora Earls

From: Bieve, Mauro |
Sent: 15 February 2016 09:26
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 MB.docx

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Dear all,
Please find attached the signed document in support of the Objective RT17.
Best regards,
Mauro Bieve

Mauro Blevé
222 Kestrel Building HSQ
St John's Road West
Dublin 8
15/02/2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

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From: Anna Boch
Sent: 19 February 2016 17:16
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
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Easthill
Newtownmountkennedy
Co. Wicklow

D10

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Yours sincerely,

Anna Boch

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Leonora E. [redacted]

From: [redacted] on behalf of valerie bradshaw
Sent: 09 February 2016 18:00
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: McDonalds

D11

I wish to object to the no fry zone . Mc donalds were about to recruit people in greystones . There are no jobs available for our teens . There are hundreds of food places beside schools non healthy and healthy . Valerie concerned citizen of greystones .

Leonora Earls

From: Victoria Bradshaw
Sent: 16 February 2016 15:44
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No fry zone

D12

Riva,
9 Galtrim Road
Bray

16th Feb 2016

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Yours sincerely,

Victoria Bradshaw

Leonora Earls

From: Caltriona Brady
Sent: 14 February 2016 10:24
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No Fry Zone Objection letter

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Address: 10 Cherry Court,
Delgany Wood,
Delgany,
Co. Wicklow

Date: 14-02-16

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Caltriona Brady

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From: Ciaran Burke
Sent: 16 February 2016 16:23
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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Ciaran Burke,
28 Briar Wood,
Vevay Road,
Bray,
Co Wicklow

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Yours sincerely,

Ciaran Burke

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"LA CASITA"
188, Redford Park,
Greystones,
Co. Wicklow

14th January 2016



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As a nation, we are now all too aware of the escalating issue of obesity and diabetes in this country, in particular amongst our children, which are one of the most vulnerable within our society. It is appalling to learn that 1 in 4 Irish children are now classified as being overweight or obese. The recent Children's Lifestyle Study found soaring high-blood pressure levels amongst 9-11 year olds was due to their weekly reliance on fast-food.

This has significant implications for the health and wellbeing of Irish children, which left unaddressed, will increase the proportion of obese adults in the future. Left unmanaged, this trend will reverse life expectancy, increase disability and will have significant implications for our country's health-care costs, the cost of obesity in this country is now running at €1billion.

Research in the US indicates that children who attend a school within 400m to a fast food outlet have a 25% greater risk of obesity. The UK has made considerable advances in this area and in recent years local authorities are now using the legal and planning system to regulate the location of fast food restaurants, including those near schools.

This is a nationwide problem, one which needs public policy to reverse the trend and a planned approach at every level in order to create a supportive environment in which children in particular can lead healthier lives.

No doubt you are aware, that during her previous tenure as Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald, initiated a review of Draft Local Area Plans to propose that they include a No Fry Zone around schools, playgrounds and youth sports facilities.

As we all know, Planning has a key role to play in the future development of our communities and as such has a responsibility towards the health and wellbeing of the people, young and old, that reside there.

It is for these reasons that I wish to support and request that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of schools. There is a place for everything and everything in its place; I am not adverse to Fast Food outlets, just that they be located in a sensible and suitable location.

Wicklow County Council now has the power to take the lead by implementing a No Fry Zone and safeguarding our school children from future exposure to unhealthy food (food that is high in sugar, fat and salt). The health and wellbeing of children, now and into the future, deserves to be at the forefront of any future planning application that could potentially adversely affect their wellbeing.

Yours sincerely,

Leonora Earls

From: Paul Byrne†
Sent: 02 February 2016 22:49
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No Fry Zone submission
Attachments: NOFRYZONE submission FEB2016.docx

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Hi there,
Hope you're good.
Please find attached my No Fry Zone submission.
Cheers,
Paul

Paul Byrne

77 Kindlestown Park
Greystones
Co Wicklow
2nd Feb 2016

Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Co. Wicklow and I am also a parent. My children attend St David's school. The school has implemented a healthy eating policy, children are taught about what constitutes healthy eating and encouraged to bring nutritious lunches to school. No doubt you are aware of the increase in the levels of childhood obesity in Ireland and of the effect that this will have on our health system in the future both in terms of our health and the cost of dealing with health problems. Research tells us that children who develop unhealthy patterns of eating are likely to become unhealthy adults.

I am appealing to Wicklow County Council to take action on this issue as the County Development Plan comes up for consideration. I would like the council to ensure that we do not allow fast food outlets to be built within 400m of schools and playgrounds. It is time for our council to take national guidelines into account and ensure that fast food outlets are not given planning permission to build right beside schools but that they are instead located on more suitable sites. I understand that Wexford County Council has already taken action in this regard and I hope that our council can also take a lead on this critical issue.

We will soon move to ban advertising of alcohol to children and cigarette advertising has also been curtailed. It is obvious that schools are chosen by fast food outlets so that they can more easily target their ideal customer. I cannot see any reason to encourage fast food outlets close to schools. Traffic management issues should also be a consideration as areas in the vicinity of schools are always congested at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Please support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the County Development Plan and play your part in keeping our children safe and healthy.

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Yours Sincerely,

Paul Byrne

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Sent: 18 February 2016 14:24
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Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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130 Harbour View
Crofton Road
Dun Laoghaire
A96 NY32

Date: February 18th, 2016

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William Byrne

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Sent: 19 February 2016 15:24
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No Fry Zone

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32 Lower Grattan Park
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Co. Wicklow

19/2/2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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I am well aware that it is parents' responsibility to monitor their own children's eating habits, and many parents take this responsibility seriously. However, there are also many parents who are negligent, lazy, and ignorant. It is the children of these parents who are at risk and that is why regulations need to be in place, to protect these children when their own parents won't do it.

Yours sincerely,

Hazel Byrne

Leonora Earls

From: Callaly, Colm [4]
Sent: 18 February 2016 10:08
To: Planning - Development Plan Review: nrfvzone4kids@gmail.com
Cc:
Subject: FW: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Draft WCDP (3).docx
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Draft WCDP (3).docx

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Dear Sirs,

Please see attached submission.

Colm Callaly.

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February 18 2016

**RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft
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I am writing to you as a concerned parent to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022. In particular Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, this looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

As a nation, we are now all too aware of the escalating issue of obesity and diabetes in this country, in particular amongst our children, which are one of the most vulnerable within our society. It is appalling to learn that 1 in 4 Irish children are now classified as being overweight or obese. The recent Children's Lifestyle Study found soaring high-blood pressure levels amongst 9-11 year olds was due to their weekly reliance on fast-food.

This has significant implications for the health and wellbeing of Irish children, which left unaddressed, will increase the proportion of obese adults in the future. Left unmanaged, this trend will reverse life expectancy, increase disability and will have significant implications for our country's healthcare costs, - the cost of obesity in this country is now running at €1billion.

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This is a nationwide problem, one which needs public policy to reverse the trend and a planned approach at every level in order to create a supportive environment in which children in particular can lead healthier lives. No doubt you are aware, that during her previous tenure as Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald, initiated a review of Draft Local Area Plans to propose that they include a No Fry Zone around schools, playgrounds and youth sports facilities. As we all know, Planning has a key role to play in the future development of our communities and as such has a responsibility towards the health and wellbeing of the people, young and old, that reside there. It is for these reasons that I wish to support and request that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of schools. There is a place for everything and everything in its place; I am not adverse to Fast Food outlets, I just wish to see that they be located in a sensible and suitable location.

Wicklow County Council now has the power to take the lead by implementing a No Fry Zone and safeguarding our school children from future exposure to unhealthy food (food that is high in sugar, fat and salt). The health and wellbeing of children, now and into the future, deserves to be at the forefront of any future planning application that could potentially adversely affect their wellbeing.

Yours sincerely,

COLM CALLALY.

Leonora Earls

From: Paolo Camattari
Sent: 16 February 2016 10:03
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: No Fry Zone submission - Paolo Camattari
Attachments: Submission.pdf

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Please find attached my submission to support the No Fry Zone for Kids proposal.

Kind regards,

Paolo Camattari

148 Charlesland Court
Greystones
Co. Wicklow

February 16th 2016

**RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft
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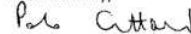
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Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,



Paolo Camattari

Leonora Earls

From: Alan Carroll
Sent: 16 February 2016 21:45
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Objection

D21

Alan Carroll
8 Ayrfield Road
Raheny
Dublin 13

Date: 16 Feb 2016

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Yours sincerely,

Alan Carroll

Sent from my iPhone

St Cronan's BNS,

Vevay Road

Bray

Co Wicklow

D22

Dear Sir,

I am in 5th class in St Cronan's School in Bray. I know that you are looking at the County Development plan and that you might be thinking about where fast food restaurants can be built. Here is what I think.

Mc Donalds in Bray is very close to St Patrick's school and I think that is bad. I see children going in there every Friday. Fast food restaurants should not be built near schools because if they are then kids will want to go there every Friday with their friends. If they go there too often they will get fat and they might even get obesity. I think that they should be at least 400 metres from schools.

Local people would agree with what I have said. Would you like it if you saw your child pestering you to go to McDonalds every Friday and watching them get more obese?

I hope that Wicklow County Council can have a rule so that this will not happen in the future,

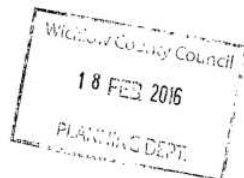
Yours Sincerely,

Thomas Cassidy

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

18 FEB 2016

Corporate Affairs



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Leonora Earls

From: Shane Eivers
Sent: 18 January 2016 08:34
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: Carol Buckley; Ruairi Farrell; Cllr. Nicola Lawless; Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore; Cllr. Shay Cullen; Paula Lynch; Cllr. Tim Short; Aoibheann O'Gara; James Gilnagh; Clare Kilbride
Subject: Development Plan Submission
Attachments: Submission to County Development Plan.pdf

To whom it concerns

Please note the attached letter in support of Objective RT17 in Chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

Regards

Shane Eivers

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Board of Education, Office of
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Education and Training Board

Monday 18th January 2016

County Development Plan Review
Planning Department
Wicklow County Council
Station Road
Wicklow Town

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in Chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

To whom it may concern

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Management, Coláiste Chraobh Abhann, Kilcoole, Co Wicklow to support Objective RT17 of the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

Objective RT17, Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail seeks to "Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

In 2015, the World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that Ireland is on course to become the fattest nation in Europe. The direct and indirect costs of overweight and obesity in 2009 were estimated at €1.13 billion. (Page 3, Executive Summary, The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014-2020). The Irish Heart Foundation estimates that the cost of obesity will be €5.4 billion by 2030 if we do not act. Healthcare experts are now predicting that our generation will have a shorter life expectancy (up to 5 years) than previous generations primarily due to obesity.

The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research & studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.

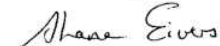
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It is clear that Planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tackling this issue. We have a responsibility to invest and safe guard our children and young people.

Adopting objective RT17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

For the reasons and information outlined above, the Board of Management fully support Objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016–2022 County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

Yours Sincerely



Shane Eivers
Secretary to the Board of Management
Coláiste Chraobh Abhann
Kilcoole
Co Wicklow

D24

-Leonora Earls

From: Collins, Michael [i]
Sent: 18 February 2016 08:56
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.
Attachments: No FRy Zone Letter..pdf

Dear Wicklow County Council,

Please find attached a copy of my submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

Kind regards,

Michael Collins

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Michael Collins
7 Holywell Row,
Holywell, Feltrim Road
Swords
Co, Dublin.

Date 18.02.2016

**RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft
Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.**

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the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in
particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

This is an opportunity for Wicklow County Council to lead the way for other counties in dealing with
the epidemic of childhood obesity.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Collins.

Michael Collins

Leonora Earls

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From: maeve.cotter
Sent: 10 February 2016 20:33
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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Yours sincerely,



Maeve Cotter



Leonora Earls

From: Jennie Coughlan
Sent: 15 January 2016 15:29
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

215 Charlesland Wood
Greystones
Co. Wicklow

14th Feb. 2016

Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Co. Wicklow and I am also a parent. My eldest child attends Greystones Educate Together school. The school has implemented a healthy eating policy, children are taught about what constitutes healthy eating and encouraged to bring nutritious lunches to school. No doubt you are aware of the increase in the levels of childhood obesity in Ireland and of the effect that this will have on our health system in the future both in terms of our health and the cost of dealing with health problems. Research tells us that children who develop unhealthy patterns of eating are likely to become unhealthy adults.

I am appealing to Wicklow County Council to take action on this issue as the County Development Plan comes up for consideration. I would like the council to ensure that we do not allow fast food outlets to be built within 400m of schools and playgrounds. It is time for our council to take national guidelines into account and ensure that fast food outlets are not given planning permission to build right beside schools but that they are instead located on more suitable sites. I understand that Wexford County Council has already taken action in this regard and I hope that our council can also take a lead on this critical issue.

We will soon move to ban advertising of alcohol to children and cigarette advertising has also been curtailed. It is obvious that schools are chosen by fast food outlets so that they can more easily target their ideal customer. I cannot see any reason to encourage fast food outlets close to schools. Traffic management issues should also be a consideration as areas in the vicinity of schools are always congested at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Please support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the County Development Plan and play your part in keeping our children safe and healthy.

Yours Sincerely,
Jennie Coughlan

Lectura Earls

From: Denise Healy [mailto:denise.healy@wco Wicklow Partnership]
Sent: 19 February 2016 14:34
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission to Wicklow Co. Council development plan review
Attachments: Submission to Bryan Doyle re RT17.pdf

Dear Sir,

Please find attached a submission to Wicklow Co. Council development plan review.

Thanking You.


Kind regards,

Denise Healy

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RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

Mr. Bryan Doyle
CEO Wicklow Co. Council
/ Director of Services, Planning Section
Wicklow Co. Council
Whitegates,
Wicklow

Dear Mr. Doyle,

Co. Wicklow Partnership wishes to make a submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. In particular, Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, which looks to:

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CWP has a particular interest in promoting healthy eating as we work in tandem with the HSE to deliver a Healthy Food Made Easy programme in Co. Wicklow. Annually, the programme delivers over 50 courses to community groups, schools and service provider groups.
In 2015, 593 individuals benefited from the courses.

The statistics regarding children in Ireland are very worrying, 25% of children are over-weight with 1 in 4 9 year old girls and 1 in 5 9 year old boys defined as obese.

The root causes of many obesity issues in adults can be traced to childhood. Research & studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.

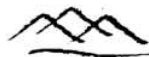


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In addition, the Healthy Ireland Strategy 2013 -2025 supported by all government departments outlines in goal I the need for policy at local government and national levels.

Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society, our economy and in addressing needed policies if we are to achieve a healthy society in Ireland.

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Frank d'Arcy
CEO, Co. Wicklow Partnership



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Leonora Earls

From: Aislinn Meehan.
Sent: 25 January 2016 13:10
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Wicklow County Development Plan

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Aislinn & Patrick Creed
50 Priory Drive
Edengate
Belgany
Co. Wicklow

25 January 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail,
draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 –2022.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to you as parents of school going children who wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016–2022. In particular Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, this looks to:

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With best wishes

Yours sincerely,

Aislinn & Patrick Creed

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Leonora Earls

From: Neil Crowe
Sent: 19 February 2016 23:37
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail , draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022.

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I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public and wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

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 Yours sincerely,

Neil and Jean Crowe



Leonora Earls

From: Niamh Daly
Sent: 18 January 2016 16:40
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No fry zone

I am writing to ask you to institute a no fry zone around schools in wicklow.
Yours sincerely,
Niamh daly,
46 heathervue,
Greystones,
Co wicklow

LeoBorg Earls

From: Rachel C
Sent: 10 February 2016 22:13
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No Fry Zone

1 Priory Way
Delgany Wood
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Co Wicklow

9 February 2016

Date

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Yours sincerely,

Rachel Dempsey

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Leonora Earls

From: Anne-Marie Derham
Sent: 15 February 2016 11:00
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Implementation of a No Fry Zone

46 Burnaby Heights
Greystones
Co. Wicklow

15/02/2016

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Yours sincerely,
Anne-Marie Derham

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Leonora Earls

From: Elizabeth Dillon
Sent: 06 February 2016 09:00
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: No Fry Zone
Subject: No Fry Zone

Liz Dillon
50 Rathdown Park
Greystones
Co. Wicklow

6th February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail,
draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 –2022.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to you as parents of school going children who wish to make a
submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016–2022. In
particular Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, this looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town
centre"

We are now all aware of the escalating issue of obesity and diabetes in this
country, in particular amongst our children, which are one of the most
vulnerable within our society. We know that 1 in 4 Irish children are now

classified as been overweight or obese. The recent Children's-Lifestyle Study found soaring high-blood pressure levels amongst 9-11 year olds was due to their weekly reliance on fast-food.

This has significant implications for the health and wellbeing of Irish children, which left unaddressed, will increase the proportion of obese adults in the future. Left unmanaged, this trend will reverse life expectancy, increase disability and will have significant implications for our countries health-care costs, the cost of obesity in this country is now running at €1 billion.

Research in the US indicates that children who attend a school within 400m to a fast food outlet have a 25% greater risk of obesity. The UK has made considerable advances in this area and in recent years local authorities are now using the legal and planning system to regulate the location of fast food restaurants, including those near schools.

No doubt you are aware, that during her previous tenure as Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald, initiated a review of Draft Local Area Plans to propose that they include a No Fry Zone around schools, playgrounds and youth sports facilities.

As we all know, Planning has a key role to play in the future development of our communities and as such has a responsibility towards the health and wellbeing of the people, young and old, that reside there.

It is for these reasons that we wish to support and request that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of schools.

Wicklow County Council now has the power to take the lead by implementing a No Fry Zone and safeguarding our school children from future exposure to unhealthy food (food that is high in sugar, fat and salt). The health and wellbeing of children, now and into the future, deserves to be at the forefront of any future planning application that could potentially adversely affect their wellbeing.

I personally have objected twice to Wicklow County Council and twice as a group objections to An Bord Pleanala to McDonalds planning application to locate within metres of three schools at Blacklion Greystones. I am delighted that the Greystones Councillors have submitted a motions on the DDP regarding the NoFryZone following on from An Bord Pleanala recommendations in the first objection. In my opinion communities should not have to fight the councils and planning departments regarding fast food chains locating beside schools and I really hope that the councillors will have the courage and conviction to vote for this amendment in the draft development plan.

Can this letter please be included on the final DDP report.



With best wishes

Yours sincerely,

Liz Dillon



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Leonora Earls

From: Donnelly, Liz
Sent: 19 January 2016 16:07
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No Fry Zone Letter attached
Attachments: No Fry Zone letter - Wicklow cc.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,
Please see attached letter.
Kind Regards
Liz

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70 Charlesland Park

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Co. Wicklow

Tuesday 19th February 2016

Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Co. Wicklow and I am also a parent. My children attend Bray School Project school. The school has implemented a healthy eating policy, children are taught about what constitutes healthy eating and encouraged to bring nutritious lunches to school. No doubt you are aware of the increase in the levels of childhood obesity in Ireland and of the effect that this will have on our health system in the future both in terms of our health and the cost of dealing with health problems. Research tells us that children who develop unhealthy patterns of eating are likely to become unhealthy adults.

I am appealing to Wicklow County Council to take action on this issue as the County Development Plan comes up for consideration. I would like the council to ensure that we do not allow fast food outlets to be built within 400m of schools and playgrounds. It is time for our council to take national guidelines into account and ensure that fast food outlets are not given planning permission to build right beside schools but that they are instead located on more suitable sites. I understand that Wexford County Council has already taken action in this regard and I hope that our council can also take a lead on this critical issue.

We will soon move to ban advertising of alcohol to children and cigarette advertising has also been curtailed. It is obvious that schools are chosen by fast food outlets so that they can more easily target their ideal customer. I cannot see any reason to encourage fast food outlets close to schools. Traffic management issues should also be a consideration as areas in the vicinity of schools are always congested at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Please support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the County Development Plan and play your part in keeping our children safe and healthy.

Yours Sincerely,



Liz Donnelly

Leonora Earls

From: Ruth Doris,
Sent: 12 February 2016 14:13
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17

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11/2/2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

To whom it may concern,
I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public and wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

We are all aware of the escalating obesity problem in this country and the many measures that need to be taken now to address this. Planning has a key role to play in supporting health within our community, by ensuring that the physical environment allows for active, healthy lifestyles.

It is for this reason that I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Doris

Leonora Earls

From: Niall Moyna
Sent: 18 February 2010 13:31
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No Fry Zone Support
Attachments: Wicklow Co CO.pdf

Dear County County Official

Please find attached a letter in support of the No Fry Zone initiative. I have included information on a recently completed research study in DCU that gives serious cause for concern.

Regards,

Niall Moyna

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"Tá an ríomhphost seo agus aon chomhad a sheoltar leis faoi rún agus is lena úsáid ag an seolai agus sin amháin é. Tá cosc iomlán ar scaipeadh, dháileadh nó chóipeáil neamhúdaraithe ar an teachtaireacht seo agus ar aon cheangaltán atá ag dul leis. Má tá an ríomhphost uaidir agus sin amháin atá in aon tuairimí nó dearchthai atá curtha i láthair sa ríomhphost seo agus níor chóir glacadh leo mar thuairimí nó dearchthai Ollscoil Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath. Ní ghlactar leis go bhfuil cumarsáid ríomhphoist den sórt seo saor ó víreas, in am, slán, nó saor ó earráid agus ní ghlacann Ollscoil Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath le díteanas in aon chás den sórt sin ná as aon iarmhairt a d'éascródh astu. Cuimhnigh ar an timpeallacht le do tholl sula gcuireann tú an ríomhphost seo i gcló."



School of Health and Human Performance
Faculty of Science and Health

January 20, 2016

RE: RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To Whom It May Concern:

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Obesity is a major issue in Ireland today. Presently, 39% of adults are overweight, 25% are obese and the number of children who are significantly overweight has trebled over the past decade. One in four children are over-weight. Currently, 1 in 4 9 year old girls and 1 in 5 9 year old boys defined as obese. In 2015, the World Health Organization (WHO) stated that Ireland is on course to become the fattest nation in Europe.

The direct and indirect costs of overweight and obesity in 2009 were estimated at €1.13 billion. (Page 3, Executive Summary, The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014 – 2020). The Irish Heart Foundation estimates that the cost of obesity will be €5.4 Billion by 2030 if we do not act. Healthcare experts are now predicting that our generation will have a shorter life expectancy (up to 5 years) than previous generations primarily due to obesity.

The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research and studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non-communicable diseases such as cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes mellitus among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.

In a recently completed research study undertaken by one of my students (Dr. Sinead Sheridan) we found that the blood vessels of 1 in 3 overweight/obese 15 year old Irish boys had already aged to that of a healthy normal 55-65 year old men. In addition to vascular aging, blood vessel function was significantly impaired in 4 in 10 obese boys indicating that they already have significant disease in the coronary arteries supplying blood to the heart and brain. In effect, the results indicate that at the age of 15 years a large proportion of overweight and obese Irish boys

have already significantly increased their risk of a cardiovascular event such as a heart attack, stroke or death and neurodegenerative diseases such as dementia.

Studies in the US have found a significant relation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. It was found that the rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food (foods high in sugar, salt and fats) outlets were located within 400 metres of schools.

It is clear that Planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tackling this issue. We have a **duty** to safe guard our children and young people. Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

For the reasons and information outlined above, I fully support objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016 – 2022 County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

We must act now.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,



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Professor
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Leonora Earls

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From: Anthony Staines []
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Subject: No Fry Zone proposal - Wicklow County Development Plan
Attachments: No Fry ZoneLetter to Wicklow.docx

Dear sirs,

I write in support of the proposed amendment to the County Development Plan to introduce a 'no-fry' zone around schools, to protect children. This says :-

Chapter 6, Centres & Retailing. Under Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail and under the Heading "Retail uses" is RT17 below.

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, including those with a drive through facility:

- Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre; • Fast food outlets/takeaways with proposed drive through facilities will generally only be acceptable within Major Town Centres or District Centres and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis; • Location of vents and other external services and their impact on adjoining amenities in terms of noise/smell/visual impact.

Obesity is one of the main challenges facing Irish children (1). Obesity rates are high in Ireland, and the cost of current and future obesity, both to individual, and to the health service is very high (2). A national response to obesity is needed which covers both individual changes in behaviours, and larger changes in the environment in which our children grow up (1).

number of cities have brought in zoning or planning restrictions to limit the accessibility of fast food (3). There is very good evidence that more deprived areas are less likely to have access to a wide range of foodstuffs, and more likely to have access to fast food sources (4-9). There is some evidence that restricting access to fast food outlets, may reduce obesity, and improve diet (3,4,10-12). This evidence is not uniform, and not consistent, but given the extreme difficulty of studying the topic (3), that is not too surprising. I have a lot of experience in child public health, and I have worked on obesity in Ireland quite recently (2,13). My judgement is that the evidence, though limited, is sufficient to support the proposed amendment. I believe that the proposed amendment is a low-cost, low-risk contribution to a major public health issue, and I would ask you to support it.

Regards,
Anthony Staines

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sin ná as aon iarmhairt a d'eascródh astu. Cuimhnigh ar an timpeallacht le do thoil sula
gcuireann tú an ríomhphost seo i gcló."*

Leonora Earls

From: Fiachra Duffy
Sent: 16 February 2016 10:29
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

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It has been conclusively shown by studies in the US that there is a correlation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed that rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 400 metres of schools. Fast foods being those high in sugar, salt and fats.

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We must act now.

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Yours Sincerely,
Fiachra Duffy

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Leonora Earls

From: Kate Duggan [A]
Sent: 31 January 2016 20:39
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Subject: Submission to Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17-2.pdf

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached my letter in relation to the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 to 2022 and particularly my concern to protect our children and schools from fast food outlets being built within close proximity.

I urge you to make the right decision for our young generation.

Sincerely,

8 Kate Duggan

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113 Charlesland Wood
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31st January 2016

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Yours Sincerely,

Kate Duggan

Leonora Earls


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01st Feb 2016

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Drew Duggan

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Leonora Earls

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RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To Whom It May Concern,

☐ Please find attached my submission in support of the "No-Fry Zone" clause to be added to the Wicklow County Development Plan.

Best regards

JC Durbin

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Greystones

18th February, 2016

**RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft
Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.**

To whom it may concern,

As the Chairman of the Greystones Educate Together Parents Association I participated in numerous meetings with concerned parents and various council members in our 3 year battle to prevent a McDonalds from being built immediately adjacent to 3 schools in Greystones.

It was in this role as a representative of the 400+ families of our school that I was able to witness first-hand how some of these same representatives had/have a strong resistance to insert a "No-Fry" proposal into the Wicklow County Local Area Plan which would prevent a similar situation from happening either here or anywhere in this county in the future.

After the three year battle which required one of the 3 schools to take on a court battle with an expected minimum legal bill of over C450,000, it was not the County Council, An Bord Pleanála, nor any of our duly appointed representatives that protect our community and children - but Lidl, the owners of the land, who realized the folly of the situation and put a halt to the development of the McDonalds.

We are aware of the various arguments put forth regarding the concept of healthy food and also recognize that McDonalds and other fast food outlets are not the only sources of the problem. We also recognize the importance of protecting the ability of small retail business owners to be able to conduct business.

The argument put forth by the multi-national food lobbies that states that a healthy business enterprise in a small village is not compatible with proposals such as a 'No Fry Zone' is invalid and contrary to evidence in countries like the UK and US where there are similar and successful policies already in place.

The other argument put forth stating that it is a parent's responsibility, not the states, to monitor a child's diet flies in the face of other legislation that protects children such as age limits on alcohol and tobacco consumption.

With Operation Transformation in full swing throughout Ireland we are all aware of the obesity problem in this country and the evidence that points to the importance of healthy eating habits starting in childhood as well as the vulnerability of small children to predatory food marketing and branding.

It is time now to do what is right. It is time to prevent another incident that requires a school to take on another court battle and achieve what should have been handled years previously by the Council. The council was warned in writing by An Bord Pleanála previously that if the LAP wasn't changed that McDonalds would be back. Those warnings went unheeded.

Let Wicklow County Council be leaders throughout Ireland – be trailblazers and be remembered for doing the right thing - stand up and support the No Fry Zone being added to the Wicklow County Local Area Plan.

Regards

JC Durbin



East Glendalough School Parents' Association
Station Road
Wicklow Town
Co. Wicklow
16 February 2016



RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to you as the concerned Parents' Association of East Glendalough School to make a submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. In particular, Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, which looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre."

Obesity is a huge issue in Ireland today, 39% of adults are overweight, 25% are obese and the number of children who are significantly overweight has trebled over the past decade. 25% of children are over-weight with 1 in 4 9 year old girls and 1 in 5 9 year old boys defined as obese. In 2015, the World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that Ireland is on course to become the fattest nation in Europe.

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It is clear that Planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tackling this issue. We have a responsibility to invest and safe guard our children and young people. Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

For the reasons and information outlined above, we support objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016 – 2022 County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools. Many schools, including our own, have healthy eating policies which would be undermined by permitting such outlets close by.

We must act now.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

Muriel Norse (Chair), Paula Cooke, David Gillanders, Stuart Daunt Smyth, Siobhan Schmidt, David Howell, Mairead Wynne-O'Sullivan and Iain Fisher

D43

Leonora Earls

From: Luke O'Shaughnessy
Sent: 18 February 2016 23:42
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of the No Fry Zone 18/2/16
Attachments: 20160218_NoFryZone.pdf

To whom it may concern, please see attached a submission in support of the No Fry Zone.

Regards,

Luke O'Shaughnessy
Educate Together



Educate
Together

18 February 2016

**Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for
Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you from the Educate Together national office to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022. Educate Together is the representative organisation for equality-based schools in Ireland.

Educate Together is fully in support of our local school communities that are campaigning against the provision of unhealthy fast food outlets close to their premises. We strongly support the Greystones Educate Together community in their support of a 'No fry Zone'.

Please support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the County Development Plan and play your part in keeping children safe and healthy.

Yours Sincerely,

Luke O'Shaughnessy

Advocacy Manager

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Leonora Earls

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From:
Sent: 11 February 2016 14:44
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

9 Holywell Way
Sea Road
Kilcoole

11/2/16

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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Yours sincerely,

Nancy Falkow

Leonora Earls

From: Daragh Farren
Sent: 15 February 2016 22:58
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

The Stewards House,
Killruddery,
Bray
Co. Wicklow

15th February 2016

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Yours sincerely,

Daragh Farren

Leonora Earls

From: Karen Fields
Sent: 16 February 2016 15:53
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No fry zone planning

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16/02/16

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Yours sincerely,

Karen Fields

Sent from my iPhone

Leonora Earls

From: Elise Fisher
Sent: 01 February 2016 22:06
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17.docx

Elise Fisher
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Court

Greystones
 Co. Wicklow

1st February 2016

☐ Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

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I am appealing to Wicklow County Council to take action on this issue as the County Development Plan comes up for consideration. I would like the council to ensure that we do not allow fast food outlets to be built within 400m of schools and playgrounds. It is time for our council to take national guidelines into account and ensure that fast food outlets are not given planning permission to build right beside schools but that they are instead located on more suitable sites. I understand that Wexford County Council has already taken action in this regard and I hope that our council can also take a lead on this critical issue.

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Please support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the County Development Plan and play your part in keeping our children safe and healthy.

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Yours Sincerely,
 Elise Fisher

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Yours Sincerely,

Elise Fisher

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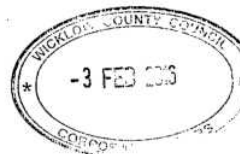
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Leonora Earls

From: Killian FitzGerald [
Sent: 05 February 2016 18:24
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: Moyles, Philip
Subject: Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 .docx

Please find attached submission re retail Objective RT17

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3/2/2016

**RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft
Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.**

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Killian FitzGerald

Leonora Earls

From: Amy Shorten [✉]
Sent: 05 February 2016 15:30
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com; jane.sullivan@gmail.com
Subject: Submission re Development Plan
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17.docx

Dear Sirs,

Please find submission attached.

Kind regards,

Amy Fitzpatrick.

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25 Saran Wood,
Killarney Road,
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Co. Wicklow.

5th February 2016

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Yours sincerely,

Amy Fitzpatrick

Leonora Earls

From: Sinead Fox
Sent: 21 February 2016 22:05
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: "No fry zone"

Johnstown,
Kilpedder,
Greystones,
Co. Wicklow.

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Yours sincerely,
Sinead Fox

Leonora Earls

From: fiona french [mailto:fiona.french@wcpd.ie]
Sent: 25 January 2016 23:00
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: WCPD OBJECTIVE RT17 section 6.3

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

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Yours Sincerely,
 Fiona French

Leonora Earls

From: Anna Fullam
Sent: 11 February 2016 20:44
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of NoFryZone

Annacurra
Blacklion
Greystones
Co Wicklow

Date 11/02/2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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I wish to support a No Fry Zone to be implemented in Wicklow, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools. The reasons I support this move is due to the escalating obesity problems that Ireland is facing. As a society we should not promote an unhealthy lifestyle that can only put further pressure on an already overburdened health system. Planning has a key role to play in supporting health within our community, by ensuring that the physical environment allows for active, healthy lifestyles.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Fullam

Leonora Earls

From: Evan Furlong
Sent: 14 February 2016 00:23
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

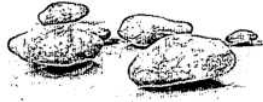
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regards

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Co. Chill Mhantáin

12ú Eanáir 2016

Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin
Aras an Chontae,
Na Geataí Bána,
Cill Mhantáin

No Fry Zone – Submission to Draft Development Plan

A Chara,

I write to you as Chairperson of the Coiste na dTuismitheoirí (Parent's Association) of Gaelscoil na gCloch Liath. At our last Coiste (PA) meeting it was decided by unanimous vote to send in a submission to you, Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin, to propose an amendment to the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 – 2022.

We wish that the Wicklow County Development Plan include compliance with the Department of Environment's local area plan guidelines, which state "exposure of children to the promotion of foods high in fat, salt or sugar should be reduced" by "careful consideration of the location of fast-food outlets in the vicinity of schools and parks".

Of course the word above, "vicinity" is very vague, therefore it is proposed by our parents, that the Development Plan be updated with a 400m distance from school/park/playground.

We request that the following be considered and inserted into the plan:

A provision for a 'no fry zone' in Wicklow whereby fast food outlets will be prohibited from being developed within 400m of a school/park/playground.

Is mise le meas,

acknowledged P

Róisín NíLoinsigh

An Cathaoirleach,
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12 Feabhra 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

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I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Management of Gaelscoil na gCloch Liath to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022. In particular Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, this looks to:

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The Board believes this is an issue which needs public policy and a planned approach at County level in order to create a supportive environment in which children in particular can lead healthier lives.

No doubt you are aware, that during her previous tenure as Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald, initiated a review of Draft Local Area Plans to propose that they include a No Fry Zone around schools, playgrounds and youth sports facilities.

Planning has a key role to play in the future development of our communities and as such has a responsibility towards the health, wellbeing and safety of the people, young and old, that reside there.

It is for these reasons that the Board wish to support and request that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of schools. I wish to point out that the Board is not adverse to Fast Food outlets, just that they be located in a sensible and suitable location.

Wicklow County Council now has the power to take the lead by implementing a No Fry Zone and safeguarding our school children from future exposure to unhealthy food (food that is high in sugar, fat and salt). The health and wellbeing of children, now and into the future, deserves to be at the forefront of any future planning application that could potentially adversely affect their wellbeing.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Is mise le meas,

Bernadette Ní Ógáin

Bernadette Ní Ógáin
Cathaoirleach an Bhoird



Leonora Earls

From: Georgia and Hugh Gallagher
Sent: 19 February 2016 14:20
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R

Georgia Gallagher
Cushdara
Bohilla Lane
Kilmacanogue
Bray
Co Wicklow

19 February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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Yours sincerely,

Georgia Gallagher

Leonora Earls

From: Sheila Gallagher [
Sent: 11 February 2016 13:19
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

15 Kindlestown Lower
Greystones
Co. Wicklow

11 February 2016
RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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Yours sincerely,

Sheila Gallagher

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Greystones
Co Wicklow

Planning Department
Wicklow County Council
Station Road
Wicklow Town



Date 1st February 2016

**RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft
Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent of two young boys, to make a submission to the Draft
Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

My children attend Greystones Educate Together NS and it was with huge regret and anger that I
witnessed the 3 year battle local concerned residents in Greystones, including myself, endured with
Wicklow County Council, An Bord Plenála, McDonalds and most recently Lidl, in an effort to safeguard
the welfare of 1,800 school children.

We are all aware of the obesity problem in this country, in particular amongst children and how
important it now is to look what we can do in our homes, schools, and community etc to reverse this
serious health epidemic.

Thankfully, on this occasion, Lidl had a change of heart and the proposed development, which
potentially could have put the health of our local children at risk, will now not go ahead

So, in order to prevent this from happening to other schools within Wicklow County, I wish to support
the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in
particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,


Dara Gallanagh



Leonora Earls

From: JohnGerrard:
Sent: 19 February 2016 15:40
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R
Attachments: SubmissionWicklowCounty Development Plan.pdf

Dear Sirs

Please find attached my submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

Please confirm receipt of my submission.

Regards

John Gerrard

6 Bellevue Park
Greystones
Co Wicklow

Wicklow County Council
County Buildings
Whitegates
Wicklow Town

19th February 2016

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Yours sincerely,



John Gerrard

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Leonora Earls

From: Rebecca Gill [b]
Sent: 15 February 2016 11:38
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

3a Arch Villas
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15th Feb 2016
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Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Gill.

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Leonora Earls

From: Greystones CNS [redacted]
Sent: 14 January 2016 11:18
To: Planning - Planning and Development Secretariat
Subject: Fw: No Fry Zone amendment
Attachments: No Fry Zone- Greystones CNS.docx

Hi,

Please find attached submission re no fry zone amendment.

Many thanks,

Rory Kinane
Principal

Greystones CNS,
Greystones Rugby Club,
Mill Road,
Greystones

Roll no: 20473i

Ph: [redacted]
Web: www.greystonescns.ie

From: Greystones CNS
Sent: 14 January 2016 11:08:27
To: planreview@wicklowcoco.ie
Subject: No Fry Zone amendment

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached submission on behalf of Greystones CNS in relation to No Fry Zone Amendment.

Many thanks,

Rory Kinane
Principal

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Greystones Rugby Club,
Mill Road,



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Greystones Rugby Club,
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Greystones
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Roll no: 204731

Re: No Fry Zone Amendment to Wicklow County Development

4th January 2016

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of the staff, parents and children of Greystones CNS to indicate our support for the above amendment to the Development Plan. We believe that having fast-food retail outlets close to schools can only be detrimental to the health of our children and would hope that the below amendment could be made.

Chapter 6, Centres & Retailing. Under Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail and under the Heading "Retail uses" is RT17 below.

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, including those with a drive through facility:

- Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre;
- Fast food outlets/takeaways with proposed drive through facilities will generally only be acceptable within Major Town Centres or District Centres and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis;
 - Location of vents and other external services and their impact on adjoining amenities in terms of noise/smell/visual impact.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

Rory Kinane
Principal

Leonora Earls

From: School Office [
Sent: 17 February 2016 14:58
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No FRY Zones amendment

To whom it may concern,

As a school principal, I am aware of the rising levels of childhood obesity in Ireland. And whilst there are guidelines and strategies in place at a national level to try to tackle this growing problem, it is crucial that these same strategies are also implemented at a local level. To date, planning guidelines and local development plans have not been drafted with the rising levels of childhood obesity in mind. They do not take into account the vulnerability of children and the potentially harmful effects of certain commercial developments established in close proximity to schools.

Additionally, The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014 – 2020 identifies that the Government recognises the core role that education and schools play in promoting healthy lifestyles among children and young people by stating...

"Schools play a very important role in supporting children and young people to be physically healthy through education, promotion of healthy eating policies, skills development and integration of sports, exercise and physical activity into the school day".

NO FRY ZONES

Research in the US indicates that children who attend a school in close proximity to a fast food outlet are at greatly increased risk of obesity; rate of obesity increases by at least 25% if fast food outlets are located within 400 metres of schools. It also suggests that policy interventions limiting the proximity of fast-food restaurants to schools could help reduce adolescent obesity.

Conscious of the fact that planning has an important role to play in promoting and facilitating active and healthy living patterns for local communities, I am requesting that the following criteria will be taken into account in the assessment of Wicklow Council development proposals for fastfood/takeaway outlets, including those with a drive through facility:

- **Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre;**
- Fast food outlets/takeaways with proposed drive through facilities will generally only be acceptable within Major Town Centres or District Centres and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

I sincerely hope that all Wicklow councillors will support such an amendment and pass it into the WCDP.

Thank you,

Catherine Sadlier

Leonora Earls

From: Nanda Griffioen [mailto:nanda.griffioen@wco.ie]
Sent: 19 February 2016 08:57
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016

Mrs. Nanda A. Griffioen,
11 Charnwood Green
Clonsilla, Dublin 15

19 February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public and wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

We are all aware of the escalating obesity problem in this country and the many measures that need to be taken now to address this. Planning has a key role to play in supporting health within our community, by ensuring that the physical environment allows for active, healthy lifestyles. It is for this reason that I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely,

Nanda A. Griffioen

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Leonora Earls

From: Sylwia Gumulka
Sent: 15 February 2016 09:48
To: Planning Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

38 Seabourne View,
Charlesland,
Greystones,
Co.Wicklow

Date:15/02/16

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public and wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022. We are all aware of the escalating obesity problem in this country and the many measures that need to be taken now to address this. Planning has a key role to play in supporting health within our community, by ensuring that the physical environment allows for active, healthy lifestyles. It is for this reason that I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely,

Sylwia Gumulka

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Leonora Earls

From: Brendan Harold J
Sent: 16 February 2016 08:53
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public and dietitian to make a submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. In particular, Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, which looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

Obesity is a huge issue in Ireland today, 39% of adults are overweight, 25% are obese and the number of children who are significantly overweight has trebled over the past decade.

- 25% of children are over-weight with 1 in 4 9 year old girls and 1 in 5 9 year old boys defined as obese.
- In 2015, the World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that Ireland is on course to become the fattest nation in Europe.

The direct and indirect costs of overweight and obesity in 2009 were estimated at €1.13 billion. (Page 3, Executive Summary, *The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014 – 2020*). The Irish Heart Foundation estimates that the cost of obesity will be € 5.4 Billion by 2030 if we do not act. Healthcare experts are now predicting that our generation will have a shorter life expectancy (up to 5 years) than previous generations primarily due to obesity.

The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research & studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.

It has been conclusively shown by studies in the US that there is a correlation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed that rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 400metres of schools. Fast foods being those high in sugar, salt and fats.

It is clear that Planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tackling this issue. We have a responsibility to invest and safe guard our children and young people.

Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

For the reasons and information outlined above, I fully support objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016 – 2022 County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

We must act now.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

Brendan Harold
Senior Dietitian
Peamount Health Care

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Leonora Earls


From: Colette Harte ' 
Sent: 16 February 2016 21:50
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No Fry Zone

Apartment 21 The Orchard
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Dublin 13

16 February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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Yours sincerely,
Colette Harte

Leonora Earls

From: Trish Harte
Sent: 15 February 2016 13:16
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

Damian Harte

35 Briarwood

Vevay Road

Bray

Co Wicklow

Date 12 February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

I was with huge regret and anger that I witnessed the 3 year battle with extremely concerned school parents had to endure with Wicklow County Council, An Bord Plenála, McDonalds and most recently Lidl, in an effort to safeguard the welfare of 1,800 school children. Our children attend one of the schools affected and it seems clear that no regard was afforded to the traffic congestion or more importantly their health.

We are all aware of the obesity problem in this country, in particular amongst children and how important it now is to look what we can do in our homes, schools, and community etc to reverse this serious health epidemic.

So, in order to prevent this from happening to other schools within Wicklow County, I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Harte

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Leonora Earls

From: Trish Harte [i]
Sent: 15 January 2016 15:16
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: ministersoffice@health.gov.ie; Cllr. Joe Behan; Cllr. John Brady MCC; Cllr. Christopher Fox MCC; Cllr. Steven Matthews; Cllr. Oliver O'Brien; jryan@greatplacetowork.ie; Cllr. Brendan Thornhill; Cllr. Pat Vance MCC
Subject: County Development Plan Review - Submission in support of Objective RT17

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15 January 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent of three young school going children and wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022. In particular Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, this looks to:



"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

It was with huge regret and anger that I witnessed the 3 year battle local concerned residents in Greystones endured with Wicklow County Council, An Bord Plenála, McDonalds and most recently Lidl, in an effort to safeguard the welfare of 1,800 school children by not exposing them daily to foods that are high in fat salt and sugar are are known to cause health risks when over consumed.

As a nation, we are now all too aware of the escalating issue of obesity and diabetes in this country, in particular amongst our children, which are one of the most vulnerable within our society. It is appalling to learn that 1 in 4 Irish children are now classified as been overweight or obese. The recent Children's Lifestyle Study found soaring high-blood pressure levels amongst 9-11 year olds was due to their weekly reliance on fast-food.

This has significant implications for the health and wellbeing of Irish children, which left unaddressed, will increase the proportion of obese adults in the future. Left unmanaged, this trend will reverse life expectancy, increase disability and will have significant implications for our countries health-care costs, the cost of obesity in this country is now running at €1billion.

Research in the US indicates that children who attend a school within 400m to a fast food outlet have a 25% greater risk of obesity. The UK has made considerable advances in this area and in recent years local authorities are now using the legal and planning system to regulate the location of fast food restaurants, including those near schools.

This is a nationwide problem, one which needs public policy to reverse the trend and a planned approach at every level in order to create a supportive environment in which children in particular can lead healthier lives.

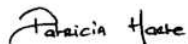
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As we all know, Planning has a key role to play in the future development of our communities and as such has a responsibility towards the health and wellbeing of the people, young and old, that reside there.

It is for these reasons that I wish to support and request that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of schools. There is a place for everything and everything in its place; I am not adverse to Fast Food outlets, just that they be located in a sensible and suitable location. Our children's school, along with many others, operates a healthy eating policy, to enact a No Fry Zone around schools would be of great support to our teachers and schools who strive to educate and encourage healthy eating practices amongst children.

Wicklow County Council now has the power to take the lead by implementing a No Fry Zone and safeguarding our school children from future exposure to unhealthy food (food that is high in sugar, fat and salt). The health and wellbeing of children, now and into the future, deserves to be at the forefront of any future planning application that could potentially adversely affect their wellbeing.

Yours sincerely,



Patricia Harte

Leonora Earls

From: Sinead Keenan [sinead.keenan@healthyfoodforall.com]
Sent: 18 February 2016 17:46
To: Planning - Development Plan Review; hartet@gmail.com
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Submission on Objective RT17
Attachments: 2016-02-17_HFFA-WicklowDevelopmentPlan-2016-2022.doc

Hello,

Please find attached a submission to Wicklow County Council's Local County Development Board. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Best wishes,

Sinéad

Sinéad Keenan
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Submission to Wicklow County Council
Wicklow Development Plan

February 2016

Introduction

Healthy Food for All (HFFA) is an all-island not-for-profit addressing food poverty by promoting access, availability and affordability of healthy food for low-income groups. Food poverty is defined as the inability to access an adequate and nutritious diet due to issues of affordability and access to food. Social inequalities increase the risk of overweight and obesity from an early age. It is essential that the social determinants of health are taken into account planning decisions, particularly where these decisions impact on the health and well-being of children.

HFFA welcomes the opportunity to input into this consultation on the Wicklow Development Plan. As stated in Government's national policy framework on public health, Healthy Ireland, local planning authorities have a responsibility to promote healthy communities. All sectors of society have a role to play in addressing the complex issue of childhood obesity and creating a positive food environment which promotes and encourages healthy dietary choices. This is a serious public health concern with one in five children is overweight or obese.

Wicklow County Council has an opportunity to take a high profile stand to address the public policy crisis of obesity and to impact positively on the existing obesogenic environment in Irish society. During her previous tenure as Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald, initiated a review of Draft Local Area Plans to propose that they include a No Fry Zone around schools, playgrounds and youth sports facilities.

Research into the affordability of healthy eating for low-income groups under ~~taken by~~ Healthy Food for All found that it is up to ten times cheaper to provide calories in the ~~form of~~ form of healthy foods that are high in fat, salt and sugar than it is in the form of protective foods such as fruit and vegetables and other important foods such as lean meat and fish. Research published by safe food in 2015 found that families dependent on social welfare would have to spend one quarter of their weekly budget on food in order to obtain a healthy diet. Even though low-income families spend a higher proportion of their income (23-25%) on food compared to other socio-economic groups (17%) they tend to have poorer nutritional intake. Studies in the US have identified a correlation between fast food outlets, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed that rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 400metres of schools. Given the challenges faced by low-income families in accessing a healthy diet it is critical that all sectors of society work to create healthy communities where the healthier choice becomes the easier choice.

Children need to be protected from the marketing of energy-dense nutrient poor foods that are high in fat, sugar and salt. The World Health Organisation published a report (2006) linking the marketing of unhealthy food to poor diet in children. These foods have been shown to influence children's food choices and to be a contributing factor to the problem of obesity (Children's Food Campaign,

2008). Young people are influenced by food advertising. The Hastings Review in the UK found a causal link between HFSS food advertising and childhood obesity. The majority of foods marketed to children are high in energy dense, nutrient poor foods. At the World Health Assembly in May 2010 the World Health Organisation called on member states to reduce the impact of marketing of foods high in saturated fats, trans-fatty acids, free sugars or salt.

In 2015, the World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that Ireland is on course to become the fattest nation in Europe. The direct and indirect costs of overweight and obesity in 2009 were estimated at €1.13 billion. Healthcare experts are now predicting that our generation will have a shorter life expectancy (up to 5 years) than previous generations primarily due to obesity.

I would like to commend Wicklow County Council for including Objective RT17 in your draft plan and would urge you to implement this objective in full it is for these reasons that I wish to request that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan to limit access to fast food and the promotion of unhealthy foods within 400m of schools. Wicklow County Council now has the opportunity to become the first local authority in Ireland to stand up for children's health and well-being by implementing a No Fry Zone and safeguarding our school children from future exposure to foods that are high in sugar, fat and salt. This would help ensure that the environment around new and existing schools is healthy and suitable for children.

Signed:

Date: 18th February 2016



Sinéad Keenan
Project Co-ordinator

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Leonora Earls

From: Healy, Christine [x]
Sent: 13 January 2016 13:44
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: Cllr. Joe Behan; Cllr. John Brady MCC; Cllr. Christopher Fox MCC; Cllr. Steven Matthews; Cllr. Oliver O'Brien; jryan@greatplacetowork.ie; Cllr. Brendan Thornhill; Cllr. Pat Vance MCC
Subject: No Fry Zone Submission
Attachments: No Fry Zone Submission on Objective RT 17 - 160113.pdf
Importance: High

To whom it may concern

Please find attached my submission in relation to the No Fry Zone in Wicklow.

Yours sincerely
Christine Healy



Christine Healy
84 Hollybrook Park, Bray, Co Wicklow
Phone: Mobile:



Christine Healy
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Co Wicklow

13 January 2016

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The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research & studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.

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It is clear that Planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tackling this issue. We have a responsibility to invest and safe guard our children and young people. Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

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We must act now.

Yours Sincerely,

Christine Healy

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Leonora Earls

From: Aoife Hearne |
Sent: 16 February 2016 08:34
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 .pdf


To Whom it Concerns,

Please see my submission attached.

Kind Regards,

Aoife

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Aoife Hearne Dietitian
 *Making Good Nutrition Simple*



8 Brandon Way
Earlscourt
Waterford
16/02/16

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned health professional to make a submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. In particular, Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, which looks to:

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Yours sincerely,

Leonora Earls

From: {
Sent: 18 February 2016 22:03
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

47 Upper Grattan Park,
Greystones,
Co Wicklow.

18/02/2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public and wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools. I believe it is of utmost importance that the health of our children is taken seriously and not compromised by big business and bad planning decisions. Healthy eating policies should be promoted in schools and not deterred by fast food outlets in the vicinity.

Yours sincerely,

Trish Hennessy.

Leonora Earls

From: julie #
Sent: 10 February 2016 18:12
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

20 Linden Place,
Grove Ave,
Blackrock,
Co. Dublin.

10/02/2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft
Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Hennessy

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Leonora Earls

From: Celine Horner
Sent: 11 February 2016 09:31
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

37 Upper Grattan Park, Greystones, Co Wicklow

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

I think we should as public and planners do all we can to create and promote healthy choices for children living in an increasingly overweight society. Forcing children to walk through the fatty salty smell of junk food cooking is too much of a temptation after a long day at school even for those with the healthiest of intentions.

Yours sincerely,

Celine Horner

Leonora Earls

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From: Sophie Imarzouk
Sent: 18 February 2016 20:51
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: Sophie Imarzouk
Subject: RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

Address: 146 charlesland park, greystones co wicklow

Date 18-0202016

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Yours sincerely,
Sophie Imarzouk

Leonora Earls

From: Communications
Sent: 15 February 2016 23:01
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Support for 'No Fry Zone' in Wicklow County Development Plan

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a dietitian and a representative of the Irish Nutrition and Dietetic Institute to make a submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. In particular, Objective RT17 **Section 6.2** Objectives for Centres & Retail, which looks to:

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Yours Sincerely,

Louise Reynolds

Louise Reynolds, MSc. MINDI
Communications Manager



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Leonora Earls

From: _____
Sent: 19 February 2016 23:10
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No Fry Zone

113 Rathdown Park
Greystones
Co Wicklow

February 19th 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.
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Yours sincerely

Ciara Jenkins
Sent from my iPhone

Leonora Earls

From: Mark Hopcyn Jenkin
Sent: 20 February 2016 00:22
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No fry-zone

113 Rathdown Park
Greystones
Co Wicklow

February 19th 2016

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Yours sincerely

Mark Jenkins.

Leonora Earls

From: Deborah Jordan
 Sent: 01 February 2010 18:26
 To: Planning - Development Plan Review
 Subject: NO FRY ZONE

I wish to write to demonstrate my support for a NO FRY ZONE near any schools in the County of Wicklow (and beyond).

I live in Blacklion Manor in Greystones, my son was a pupil of Greystones Educate Together and is currently a pupil in Temple Carrig Secondary School.

I was very concerned and angered at the possibility of McDonald's being situated where it had intended to be and even more outraged to find that they had received planning for same.

- ☐ have always educated my son about healthy eating; I do my utmost, despite the expense, to provide my son with the most healthy and balanced diet I can. I don't have sweets in the apartment; even white bread is a treat occasionally and I am very proud to live in a neighbourhood that supports this attitude and includes the likes of The Happy Pear to promote those policies.

Nationally and internationally, our schools, pre-schools and everywhere in between, work tirelessly to educate parents and children on healthy eating policies, drawing plans up that support that and having information platforms and people who come into schools to do the same. The government are constantly going on and on about the "obesity problem" that is growing in this country and yet planning laws have not yet come up to speed??? To me it begs the question of monies; in other words; are the government and other such bodies incurring more money gaining taxes and economic spending in these fast food places than they are spending on obesity at the current moment and that is the reason for the hesitation?

- ☐ it is all well and good to say "it's up to the parents" however, we all know as our children get older it becomes far more difficult to control what they eat. My son only gets a very small amount of pocket money, and I have to have rules on what he spends it on as he tries to get the most out of it ... and he is only 13. He has been given money by other friends and so on that make it a constant battle to keep him healthy. This will be made more difficult when he reaches 16. I am a single-mother but I also believe in him learning the value of money. As a result, I will require him to obtain part-time employment when he reaches the age as, I'm sure, many parents will do... how do you control it then?? I can only say I am truly grateful that McDonald's isn't over my back wall and opposite his school, however, I fear it's only a matter of time until they're in the town or elsewhere, no doubt near another school!

I feel there is absolutely an onus on the Planning Departments to protect the children in their region and to implement a "No Fry Zone". It is imperative for the long term health of our country. No longer is it satisfactory to put this into action. I cannot listen to any more talk of "childhood obesity" when there is not sufficient support and boundaries to put proper measures in place.

YES TO A NO FRY ZONE!!!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Deborah Jordan

Leonora Earls

From: Leonora Earls
Sent: 07 January 2016 18:44
To: Leonora Earls
Subject: Fwd: URGENT PLANNING ISSUE RE AMENDMENT RT17. I SUPPORT THE AMEMENDMENT.

Sent from my HTC

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From: "Anne Keatings" <plandev@wicklowcoco.ie>
To: "Planning - Planning and Development Secretariat" <plandev@wicklowcoco.ie>
Subject: URGENT PLANNING ISSUE RE AMENDMENT RT17. I SUPPORT THE AMEMENDMENT.
Date: Thu, Jan 7, 2016 16:11

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From: **Anne Keatings** <planreview@wicklowcoco.ie>
Date: Thu, Jan 7, 2016 at 12:51 PM
Subject: URGENT PLANNING ISSUE RE AMENDMENT RT17. I SUPPORT THE AMEMENDMENT.
To: planreview@wicklowcoco.ie

My name is Anne keatings,

I live in Greystones and am overweight. I have two kids aged 6&8 who attend school at BlackLion in Greystones (GETNS). I was saddened to see the effort that had to be made by the general public to fight for the right to have an area near our schools that would free from the constant temptation of fast food. The smell from vents appeals to all there is no doubt, but changes MUST be made to the health of the kids, especially as habits formed in childhood and teenage years impact on people as adults.

Please bear in mind that our family and many friends want to change things for the future of our kids in alignment with the Healthy Ireland government plans.

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS EMAIL AND EMAIL ME A RECEIPT THAT THIS EMAIL IS COUNTED.

**i HOPE THAT EVERY COUNCILLOR WILL SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT:
 PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

If passed, the WCDP would be amended to include the following protection for children:

Chapter 6, Centres & Retailing. Under Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail and under the Heading "Retail uses" is RT17 below.

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 fastfood/takeaway outlets, including those with a drive through facility:

- Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre;
- Fast food outlets/takeaways with proposed drive through facilities will generally only be

acceptable within Major Town Centres or District Centres and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis;
• Location of vents and other external services and their impact on adjoining amenities in terms of noise/smell/visual impact.

N.B. This amendment would only affect new planning applications and would have no impact on businesses which are already in operation.

Kind regards,

PLEASE REPLY TO CONFIRM THAT OUR VOICES HAVE BEEN HEARD BY THE WICKLOW CO.CO.
Anne Keatings, Trevor Maginness, Matthew Maginness, Eleanor maginness

Leonora Earls

From: Nilgun Kelle
Sent: 16 February 2016 21:05
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Re: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R

16.02.2016

33 Richmond Park
Bray
Co. Wicklow

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Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

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Yours sincerely,

Nilgun Kells

Sent from my Samsung device

Leonora Earls

From: Annette Vaucanson Kelly [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 February 2016 17:31
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Submission re Wicklow Development Plan 2016-22

Annette Kelly
49 Hillside
Greystones
Co Wicklow

15th February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

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Yours sincerely,

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Annette Kelly

Tel. +353

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Leonora Earls

From: Emer Kenny
Sent: 17 February 2016 19:48
To: Planning - Development Plan Review; Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin MCC
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Emer Kenny.docx

Dear Sir/Madam & Councillor.

Please find attached correspondence in relation to a submission in support of Objective RT1.

Kind regards,

Emer Kenny

242 Charlesland Court
Greystones
Co. Wicklow

15/02/16

Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Co. Wicklow and I am also a parent. My children attend Gaelscoil Na gCloch Liath. The school has implemented a healthy eating policy, children are taught about what constitutes healthy eating and encouraged to bring nutritious lunches to school. No doubt you are aware of the increase in the levels of childhood obesity in Ireland and of the effect that this will have on our health system in the future both in terms of our health and the cost of dealing with health problems. Research tells us that children who develop unhealthy patterns of eating are likely to become unhealthy adults.

I am appealing to Wicklow County Council to take action on this issue as the County Development Plan comes up for consideration. I would like the council to ensure that we do not allow fast food outlets to be built within 400m of schools and playgrounds. It is time for our council to take national guidelines into account and ensure that fast food outlets are not given planning permission to build right beside schools but that they are instead located on more suitable sites. I understand that Wexford County Council has already taken action in this regard and I hope that our council can also take a lead on this critical issue.

We will soon move to ban advertising of alcohol to children and cigarette advertising has also been curtailed. It is obvious that schools are chosen by fast food outlets so that they can more easily target their ideal customer. I cannot see any reason to encourage fast food outlets close to schools. Traffic management issues should also be a consideration as areas in the vicinity of schools are always congested at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Please support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the County Development Plan and play your part in keeping our children safe and healthy.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

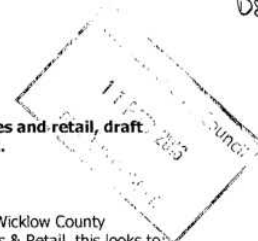
Emer Kenny

Sonja Lüscher Keogh + Mark Keogh
79 Hollybrook Park
Bray, Co. Wicklow

9/1/2016



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RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as concerned parents to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022. In particular Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, this looks to:

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This is a nationwide problem, one which needs public policy to reverse the trend and a planned approached at every level in order to create a supportive environment in which children in particular can lead healthier lives.

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As we all know, Planning has a key role to play in the future development of our communities and as such has a responsibility towards the health and wellbeing of the people, young and old, that reside there.

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Wicklow County Council now has the power to take the lead by implementing a No Fry Zone and safeguarding our school children from future exposure to unhealthy food (food that is high in sugar, fat and salt). The health and wellbeing of children, now and into the future, deserves to be at the forefront of any future planning application that could potentially adversely affect their wellbeing.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,

Leonora Earls

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From: Conor Kerley
Sent: 12 February 2016 16:16
To: Planning - Development Plan Review; nofryzone4us@gmail.com
Subject: no fry zone

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

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Wicklow County Council now has the power to take the next step in documenting a strategy for safeguarding all school children from future exposure to unhealthy food (too high in sugar, fat and salt). The health and wellbeing of children, now and into the future, deserves to be at the forefront of any future planning applications that could potentially adversely affect their wellbeing.

Yours sincerely,

Conor Kerley

Dietitian and nutrition researcher

PhD, BSc, MINDI

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<https://twitter.com/conorkerley>

<https://www.facebook.com/conor.kerley>

Leonora Earls

From: Tracey Kerr
Sent: 19 February 2016 10:51
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Draft County Development Plan

4 Cherry Grove
Delgany Wood
Delgany
Co Wicklow
18 February 2016

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Yours sincerely,

Tracey Kerr

Leonora Earls

From: Alison Fox [AlisonFox@kwetb.ie]
Sent: 19 February 2016 15:15
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com; Catherine Byrne
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022

To Whom It May Concern

"Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB) is in favour of healthy food and lifestyle for our students and young people generally. We support the promotion of healthy eating policies both within KWETB and the wider community. In turn we are happy to endorse the proposed 'No Fry Zone' proposal for Co. Wicklow."

Yours sincerely

Alison Fox

○
Youth Officer
Kildare & Wicklow ETB
Church Street
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Leonora Earls

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From: ciara king
Sent: 11 February 2016 21:00
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No Fry Zone- Development Plan

179 Applewood Heights
Greystones
Co. Wicklow

11 February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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Yours sincerely,
Ciara King

Leonora Earls

From: Jerry Kingston
Sent: 09 February 2016 10:29
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Fast food outlets and childhood obesity

Dear wcoco,

Please add my name to the list of submissions being made to the council with the aim of excluding Fast Food outlets from the vicinity of schools.

Sincerely,

Jerry Kingston

Leonora Earls

From: Niamh Kingston
Sent: 11 February 2016 21:01
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Childhood obesity

Please add my name re no fast food outlets within 500 metres of any school. Niamh Kingston

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Leonora Earls

From: Edel Kirley
Sent: 18 February 2016 20:20
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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Yours sincerely,

Edel Kirley
53 Philipsburgh Avenue
Dublin 3

Leonora Earls

From: Vicki Kummer,
Sent: 18 February 2016 21:13
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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Delgany,
Co.Wicklow

18th February 2016

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Yours sincerely,
Vicki Kummer

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Leonora Earls

From: Ann-Marie Larkin
Sent: 19 February 2016 16:32
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022
Attachments: AM CDP Submission.pdf

Dear sir/madam,

Attached please find my submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022, to create 'no fry zones' near schools, parks and playgrounds.

I would appreciate an acknowledgment of receipt.

Best regards,

Ann-Marie Larkin

Ann-Marie Larkin, DipBWY, DipYTI, AyS
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19 February 2016

Planning Department
Wicklow County Council
County Buildings
Wicklow

Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Greystones and a parent whose daughter attends Temple Carrig School. This school has implemented a healthy eating policy, children are taught about what constitutes healthy eating and are encouraged to bring nutritious lunches to school.

No doubt you are aware of the increase in the levels of childhood obesity in Ireland and of the effect that this will have on our health system in the future both in terms of our health and the cost of dealing with health problems. Research tells us that children who develop unhealthy patterns of eating are likely to become unhealthy adults.

Just this morning I have seen the results of a research project carried out by the the School of Health and Human Performance at DCU, and these results are truly horrifying. I quote:

"A research study recently completed at DCU's School of Health and Human Performance has found that the blood vessels of 1 in 3 overweight/obese 15 year old year old Irish boys had already aged to that of a healthy, normal 55-65 year old man.

"In addition to vascular aging, blood vessel function was significantly impaired in 4 in 10 obese boys, indicating that they already have significant disease in the coronary arteries supplying blood to the heart and brain.

"In effect, the results indicate that at the age of 15 years a large proportion of overweight and obese Irish boys have already significantly increased their risk of a cardiovascular event such as a heart attack, stroke or death and neurodegenerative diseases such as dementia."

Heart attacks and disease, diabetes, strokes, DEATH.

That is what planning authorities are condemning many children to if they don't act to make the healthy eating policies they espouse into a reality. To me, that would be homicide by wilful negligence.

To me, there is no practical reason or excuse drawn from the well of bureaucratic 'reasons' why something can't be done, which trumps the need to reduce the risks to health and to life itself among our children.

Children's lives and wellbeing MUST trump legalistic excuses.

I am appealing to the chief executive of Wicklow County Council and to planning supremo Des O'Brien— please drop your opposition to this measure. None of the reasons you have given previously have any validity when placed against this clear and present danger to the children of our county, and the children of this nation.

Their weight is nothing compared to the weight of even one life lost because you allowed a McDonald's, a KFC, a Burger King or a Domino's Pizza to open its doors next to a school or a park.

I am therefore appealing to Wicklow County Council to take action on this issue as the County Development Plan comes up for consideration. I would like the council to ensure that we do not allow fast food outlets to be built within 400m of schools, parks and playgrounds.

Obesity is a huge issue in Ireland today — 39% of adults are overweight, 25% are obese and the number of children who are significantly overweight has *trebled* over the past decade. About 25% of children are overweight with one in four 9-year-old girls and one in five 9-year-old boys defined as obese.

In 2015, the World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that Ireland is on course to become the fattest nation in Europe. The direct and indirect costs of overweight and obesity in 2009 were estimated at €1.13 billion. (Page 3, Executive Summary, *The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014 – 2020*).

The Irish Heart Foundation estimates that the cost of obesity will be € 5.4 billion by 2030 if we do not act. Healthcare experts are now predicting that our generation will have a shorter life expectancy (up to five years) than previous generations, primarily due to obesity.

The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research shows that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related diseases such as Type 2 Diabetes among children and young people, which will follow them into adult life.

It has been conclusively shown by studies in the US that there is a correlation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity of fast food outlets to schools. The conclusions showed that the rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 400 metres of schools. Fast foods being those high in sugar, salt and fats.

It is clear that planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tackling this issue. We have a responsibility to invest in and safeguard our children and young people.

Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one small but necessary step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

The Minister for the Environment issued the *Local Area Plans: Guidelines for Planning Authorities* in June 2013. It is specified under Section 5.2 of the guidelines (Focussing on the needs of Local communities through the Local Area Plan), that planning authorities should "*seek to promote active and healthier lifestyles by ensuring that exposure of children to the promotion of food that are high in fat, salt or sugar is reduced with careful consideration of the appropriateness and /or location of fast food outlets in the vicinity of schools and parks*".

It is high time for our council to take national policy and these national guidelines into account, implement them in the CDP and LAPs, and ensure that fast food outlets are not given planning permission to build right beside schools but that they are instead located on more suitable sites.

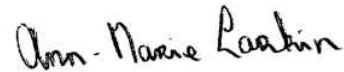
Personally, I believe that local government officials have an over-riding moral obligation to use the planning process to safeguard our children and improve their chances of leading healthy lives, and should therefore immediately move to implement the proposed amendment and drop any 'practical' objections to it they may have.

I understand that Wexford County Council has already taken action in this regard and I hope that Wicklow County Council will also take this opportunity to implement the National Guidelines and give a lead on this critical issue.

Ireland will soon move to ban advertising of alcohol to children and cigarette advertising has also been curtailed. It is obvious that schools are deliberately chosen by fast food outlets so that they can more easily target their ideal customer. I cannot see any reason to encourage fast food outlets close to schools. Traffic management issues should also be a consideration as areas in the vicinity of schools are always congested at school drop-off and pick-up times.

These are the reasons why I support the inclusion of the above amendment in the County Development Plan, which proposes to "Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre" and its incorporation into Local Area Plans.

Yours sincerely,



Ann-Marie Larkin

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Leonora Earls

From: Stephanie Long [r]
Sent: 19 February 2016 20:41
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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>> Crofton Road
>> Dun Laoghaire
>> A96 NY32
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>> Date: February 19th, 2016
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>> Yours sincerely,
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>> Stephanie Long

Leonora Earls

From: Sharon Loughrey [
Sent: 15 February 2016 21:38
To: Planning - Development Plan Review; nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public and dietitian to make a submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. In particular, Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, which looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

Obesity is a huge issue in Ireland today, 39% of adults are overweight, 25% are obese and the number of children who are significantly overweight has trebled over the past decade.

- 25% of children are over-weight with 1 in 4 9 year old girls and 1 in 5 9 year old boys defined as obese.
- In 2015, the World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that Ireland is on course to become the fattest nation in Europe.

The direct and indirect costs of overweight and obesity in 2009 were estimated at €1.13 billion. (Page 3, Executive Summary, *The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014 – 2020*). The Irish Heart Foundation estimates that the cost of obesity will be € 5.4 Billion by 2030 if we do not act. Healthcare experts are now predicting that our generation will have a shorter life expectancy (up to 5 years) than previous generations primarily due to obesity.

The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research & studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.

It has been conclusively shown by studies in the US that there is a correlation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed that rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 400metres of schools. Fast foods being those high in sugar, salt and fats.

It is clear that Planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tackling this issue. We have a responsibility to invest and safe guard our children and young people.

Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

For the reasons and information outlined above, I fully support objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016 – 2022 County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

We must act now.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

Sharon Loughrey

Leonora Earls

From: Colette Lynch
Sent: 18 January 2016 14:18
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6

Re: Submission in support of objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

It was with huge regret and anger that I witnessed the 3 year battle local concerned residents in Greystones endured with Wicklow County Council, An Bord Plenala, McDonalds and most recently, Lidl in an effort to safeguard the welfare of 1,800 school children.

We are all aware of the obesity problem in this country, in particular amongst children and how important it now is to look what we can do in our homes, schools, and community etc., to reverse this serious health epidemic.

Thankfully on this occasion, Lidl had a change of heart and the proposed development which potentially could have put the health of our local children at risk, will now not go ahead.

So in order to prevent this from happening to other schools within Wicklow County, I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates of site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely,

Colette Lynch

Colette Lynch
Mob: 00 353

Leonora Earls

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From: Elma Madden
Sent: 18 February 2016 23:45
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: NO FRY ZONE - GREYSTONES

1, Bellevue Lawn,
Delgany,
County Wicklow.

Date: 18/2/2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to you as concerned parents and wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

We wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan. We are all aware of the escalating obesity problem in this country and the many measures that need to be taken now to address this. Planning has a key role to play in supporting health within our community, by ensuring that the physical environment allows for active, healthy lifestyles. It is for this reason that we wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely,

Elma Madden.
Gareth Madden.

Leonora Earls

From: Anne Keatings
Sent: 16 February 2016 08:59
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Please listen

We are Matthew and Eleanor Maginness aged 7 and 8. We will be happy if we can go to and from school without the fast food temptation especially when we are older and walking or cycling to school (cycle paths please)

Please amend the plan to include the amendment for the No fry zone

Please please . We don't want to be fat.

Matthew Maginness

Eleanor maginness

Leonora Earls

From: Anne Keatings
Sent: 16 February 2016 09:02
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Amend to include no fry zone we forgot to put address

Address for Matthew and Eleanor maginness
52 kindlestown pk
Greystones
Co wicklow

Leonora Earls

From: Adey Marsh &
Sent: 08 February 2016 10:46
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com; Cllr. Tom Fortune MCC; Cllr. Nicola Lawless; Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin MCC; Derek Mitchell; Cllr. Gerry Walsh; Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore; Deputy Stephen Donnelly T.D.; Deputy Simon Harris T.D.; Deputy Anne Ferris T.D.
Subject: Submission on Objective RT 17 for the Draft Wicklow County Council Development Plan - No Fry Zones
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Draft WCCDP AMJQ 080216.pdf

To Whom It May Concern,

Please see the attached letter regarding our submission for the inclusion of a "No Fry Zone" around all schools within County Wicklow to be contained within the updated WCC Development Plan.

Please confirm that this submission will be recorded on file, many thanks.

Kind Regards

Adey Marsh & Joanne Quinlan
43 Blacklion Manor
Greystones
Co. Wicklow

Adey Marsh & Joanne Quinlan

43 Blacklion Manor

Greystones

Co. Wicklow

Monday 8th February 2016

Re:

Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are residents living in Greystones, Co. Wicklow and the parents of three young children aged nine, seven and four years of age. Our eldest child attends St Kevin's and our middle child attends Greystones Educate Together while our youngest will attend St Kevin's from this coming September. Both schools have healthy eating policies with children taught about what constitutes healthy eating and encouraged to bring nutritious lunches to school.

No doubt you are aware of the increase in the levels of childhood obesity in Ireland and of the effect that this will have on our health system in the future both in terms of our health and the cost of dealing with health problems. Research tells us that children who develop unhealthy patterns of eating are likely to become unhealthy adults.

Wicklow County Council will be aware of the recent application by McDonalds to build at Blacklion in Greystones and that it was only through the actions of a community led group of residents, parents, schools and local TD's that this was avoided. The strength of feeling that this issue provoked within the community should be an indication of the huge concern that parents now have on the issue of childhood obesity. Parents want their children's exposure to fast food and the marketing campaigns that these companies undertake to be reduced as far as possible.

Therefore, we are appealing to Wicklow County Council to take action on this issue as the County Development Plan comes up for consideration. We would like the council to ensure that we do not allow fast food outlets to be built within 400m of schools and playgrounds. It is time for our council to take national guidelines into account and ensure that fast food outlets are not given planning permission to build right beside schools but that they are instead located on more suitable sites. We understand that Wexford County Council has already taken action in this regard and we hope that our council can also take a lead on this critical issue.

We will soon move to ban advertising of alcohol to children and cigarette advertising has also been curtailed. It is obvious that schools are chosen by fast food outlets so that they can more easily target their ideal customer. We cannot see any reason to encourage fast food outlets close to schools.

In addition to obvious health issues associated with the McDonalds application to build at Blacklion were the traffic management problems that such a development would have brought to the area. This is a general issue, particularly within Greystones and we would assume within the rest of County Wicklow, which should also be a consideration as areas in the vicinity of schools are always congested at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Please support the inclusion of the No. Fry Zone amendment in the County Development Plan and play your part in keeping our children safe and healthy.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

Adey Marsh & Joanne Quinlan

Leonora Earls

From:
Sent: 10 February 2016 21:20
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Draft County Development plan.

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.
Dear sirs

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There can be no legitimate basis for excluding a No Fry Zone from the new development plan and I cannot support any county councillor who does not support a No Fry Zone. Parents in the county are united in this issue and will be relentless in its pursuit.

Please take on board our views and protect the health of young and vulnerable children in the county.

Yours faithfully

Ciara Matthews
Broom Cottage
Rocky Valley Drive
Kilmacanogue
County Wicklow

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Leonora Earls

From: Frankie Mc Bride
Sent: 11 February 2016 22:17
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

9 Holywell Way
Sea Road
Kilcoole

11/2/16

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Regards
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Leonora Earls

From: simone.mccann@...
Sent: 10 February 2016 13:51
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17.docx

Please find attached my submission on Objective RT 17.

3 Beechdale Crescent
Ballycullen
Dublin 24

10th February 2016

**RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft
Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.**

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Yours sincerely,

Simone McCann

Leonora Earls

From: Andreas McConnell
Sent: 09 February 2016 19:38
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022. [PLS-worksite.FID99137]
Attachments: Wicklow 'No fry zone'- Herald.pdf

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent (resident in Greystones) to make a submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. In particular, Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, which looks to:

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I note in addition the comments made by RCSI in the attached article.

The direct and indirect costs of overweight and obesity in 2009 were estimated at €1.13 billion. (Page 3, Executive Summary, The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014 - 2020). The Irish Heart Foundation estimates that the cost of obesity will be €5.4 Billion by 2030 if we do not act. Healthcare experts are now predicting that our generation will have a shorter life expectancy (up to 5 years) than previous generations primarily due to obesity.

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Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

I note that in certain sectors comments have been raised that by adopting a No fry zone local councils and councillors could expose themselves to being sued. I believe that there is a serious misapprehension in play here which probably arises from the Glencar Judgment which is the leading judgment on legitimate expectation. **I do not believe that this is a significant legal risk and further I do not believe that this is a valid excuse to avoid taking a decision which is clearly in the best interest of children in the local community.**

For the reasons and information outlined above, I fully support objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016 - 2022 County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

This is a no brainer - you must act now!

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

Andreas McConnell
"Cartref"
Redford
Greystones
Co. Wicklow

Please note this e-mail is sent strictly in my capacity as a local resident and not in a professional capacity (and nothing in this e-mail is to be regarded as legal advice to any party)

Andreas McConnell
PARTNER

PHILIP LEE

Philip Lee, 7-8 Wilton Terrace, Dublin 2, Ireland





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Leonora Earls

From: gillianmcconnell, on behalf of Gillian McConnell
Sent: 19 January 2016 21:03
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: No Fry Zone
Subject: No Fry Zone 4 Kids Submission Letter
Attachments: Submission Letter No Fry Zone .jpg

To whom it may concern,
Please see letter attached re. support for the No Fry Zone 4 Kids.

Kind Regards,
Gillian

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☐ Gillian McConnell
Consultant Dietitian
☐ BSc (Hons) Dietetics, MINDI, PgCert Applied Sports Nutrition

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Gillian McConnell

Leonora Earls

From: mona...
Sent: 15 February 2016 21:19
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Draft Wicklow County Development Plan - Objective RT17 Section 6.3
Attachments: NOFRYZONE.doc

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached my letter with regard to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan.

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Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours sincerely

Mona McCrea



60 Hillside
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15/02/16

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From: James Mcleod
Sent: 08 February 2016 10:09
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022

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James Mcleod.

Leonora Earls

From: Judy Meagher
Sent: 15 February 2016 08:11
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Draft County Development Plan

111 Rathdown Park
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Co Wicklow
15/2/16

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Yours sincerely,

Judith Meagher

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Leonora Earls

From: Paula Mee
Sent: 17 January 2016 13:34
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission on Objective RT 17
Attachments: Submission on Obesity and Fast Food Outlet.docx

To whom it may concern
Many thanks
Paula

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14/1/2016

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We know that accessibility and visibility of food trigger us to eat. We have evidence from behavioural scientists around the world. I would draw your attention to the influence of the environment as documented by Prof Brian Wansink in particular. His book is a great read – Mindless eating ; Why we eat more than we think.

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Dietitian

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From: Edelle Mellett
Sent: 03 February 2016 18:19
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No Fry Zone for Kids
Attachments: Letter to CC.docx



Edelle Mellett
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03 February 2016

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This has significant implications for the health and wellbeing of Irish children, which left unaddressed, will increase the proportion of obese adults in the future. Left unmanaged, this trend will reverse life expectancy, increase disability and will have significant implications for our countries health-care costs, the cost of obesity in this country is now running at €1billion.

Research in the US indicates that children who attend a school within 400m to a fast food outlet have a 25% greater risk of obesity. The UK has made considerable advances in this area and in recent years local authorities are now using the legal and planning system to regulate the location of fast food restaurants, including those near schools.

This is a nationwide problem, one which needs public policy to reverse the trend and a planned approach at every level in order to create a supportive environment in which children in particular can lead healthier lives.

No doubt you are aware, that during her previous tenure as Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald, initiated a review of Draft Local Area Plans to propose that they include a No Fry Zone around schools, playgrounds and youth sports facilities.

As we all know, Planning has a key role to play in the future development of our communities and as such has a responsibility towards the health and wellbeing of the people, young and old, that reside there.

It is for these reasons that I wish to support and request that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of schools. There is a place for everything and everything in its place; I am not adverse to Fast Food outlets, just that they be located in a sensible and suitable location.

Wicklow County Council now has the power to take the lead by implementing a No Fry Zone and safeguarding our school children from future exposure to unhealthy food (food that is high in sugar, fat and salt). The health and wellbeing of children, now and into the future, deserves to be at the forefront of any future planning application that could potentially adversely affect their wellbeing.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,

Edelle Mellett

Leonora Earls

From: Basil Miller [
Sent: 17 February 2016 14:54
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022
Attachments: CDP Submission.pdf; pastedGraphic.pdf

To whom it may concern:

I wish to support the inclusion of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022 in the final County Development Plan when adopted.

Copy of letter below is attached. Please acknowledge receipt.

☐ Many thanks,

☐ Basil Miller

17 February 2016

Planning Department
 Wicklow County Council
 County Buildings
 Wicklow

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The Minister for the Environment issued the *Local Area Plans: Guidelines for Planning Authorities* in June 2013. It is specified under Section 5.2 of the guidelines (Focussing on the needs of Local communities through the Local Area Plan), that planning authorities should "*seek to promote active and healthier lifestyles by ensuring that exposure of children to the promotion of food that are high in fat, salt or sugar is reduced with careful consideration of the appropriateness and /or location of fast food outlets in the vicinity of schools and parks*".

It is high time for our council to take national policy and these national guidelines into account, implement them in the CDP and LAPs, and ensure that fast food outlets are not given planning permission to build right beside schools but that they are instead located on more suitable sites.

Personally, I believe that local government officials have an over-riding moral obligation to use the planning process to safeguard our children and improve their chances of leading healthy lives, and should therefore immediately move to implement the proposed amendment and drop any 'practical' objections to it they may have.

I understand that Wexford County Council has already taken action in this regard and I hope that Wicklow County Council will also take this opportunity to implement the National Guidelines and give a lead on this critical issue.

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Yours sincerely,



Basil Miller

Leonora Earls

From: Derekanddel
Sent: 15 February 2016 19:14
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No fry zone

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Co wicklow

15/02/2016

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Derek mitchell
Phone: :

Kind Regards

Edel Mitchell Mulholland

Phone: _____

Leonora Earls

From: Sarah Barry
Sent: 10 February 2016 21:22
To: Planning - Development Plan Review

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10th Feb 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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Yours sincerely,

Sarah Molloy

Leonora Earls

From: Annarita Monaldi Dunne
Sent: 18 February 2016 12:39
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

7 Holywell Close

Sea Road,

Kilcoole, Co.Wicklow

Kilcoole 18th February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

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I am writing to you as a concerned parent, teacher and member of the public to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

It was with huge disbelief that I witnessed the 3 year long objection that local concerned residents and parents in Greystones and surrounding areas endured to contrast Wicklow County Council and An Bord Plenála decisions regarding the planning permission to build a McDonald's in Blacklion, Greystones, only metres away from 3 National Schools, in an effort to safeguard the welfare of 1,800 school children.

We should all be more than aware of the escalating obesity problem in this country, in particular amongst children, and how important it is right now to look at what we can do in our homes, schools and communities to reverse and control this serious health epidemic, mostly driven and caused by bad eating habits.

Thankfully, on this occasion, Lidl had a change of heart and the proposed development, which potentially could have put the health of our local children at risk, will now not go ahead. However, we should not rely on the conscience of a big supermarket chain to protect our children, which should rather be the job of a responsible civil society, through their representative bodies and processes!

As obvious as it may sound, decisions like these have significant implications for the health and wellbeing of Irish children which, left unaddressed, will increase the proportion of obese adults in the future. Left unmanaged, this trend will affect life expectancy, increase disability and will have significant implications for our countries health-care costs – and as we know, the cost of obesity in this country at present is already very high.

In order to prevent this from happening to other schools within Wicklow County, I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours Sincerely,

Annarita Monaldi Dunne

Leonora Earls

From: David Mooney
Sent: 14 February 2016 17:36
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
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Jennifer Whitmore
Subject: Submission to Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022
Attachments: Scan_20160214.jpg

Dear Sir/Madam,

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I would urge you to support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the Country Development Plan and play your part in keeping our children and our communities safe and healthy.

Best Regards,
David Mooney

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Co. Wicklow

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David Mooney

Leonora Earls

From: Dara Morgan
Sent: 19 February 2016 19:59
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
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Subject: Nofryzone4Kids
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To whom it concerns,

Please see attached my submission on Objective RT 17

All the best,

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19/2/2016

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The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research & studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.

It is clear that Planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tackling this issue. We have a responsibility to invest and safe guard our children and young people. Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

For the reasons and information outlined above, I fully support objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016 - 2022 County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

Dara,

Dara Morgan, Consultant Dietitian, Morgan Nutrition, www.morgannutrition.ie

Leonora Earls

From: Patrick Moroney |
Sent: 16 February 2016 16:01
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Liscannor

Harbour Road

Dalkey

Co Dublin

Date 16 February 2016



Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

No doubt you are aware of the increase in the levels of childhood obesity in Ireland and of the effect that this will have on our health system in the future both in terms of our health and the cost of dealing with health problems. Research tells us that children who develop unhealthy patterns of eating are likely to become unhealthy adults.

I am appealing to Wicklow County Council to take action on this issue as the County Development Plan comes up for consideration. I would like the council to ensure that we do not allow fast food outlets to be built within 400m of schools and playgrounds. It is time for our council to take national guidelines into account and ensure that fast food outlets are not given planning permission to build right beside schools but that they are instead located on more suitable sites. I understand that Wexford County Council has already taken action in this regard and I hope that our council can also take a lead on this critical issue.

We will soon move to ban advertising of alcohol to children and cigarette advertising has also been curtailed. It is obvious that schools are chosen by fast food outlets so that they can more easily target their ideal customer. I cannot see any reason to encourage fast food outlets close to schools. Traffic management issues should also be a consideration as areas in the vicinity of schools are always congested at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Please support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the County Development Plan and play your part in keeping our children safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely,

Very truly yours,

Anne Moroney

Leonora Earls

From: Pat Moroney
Sent: 15 February 2016 17:45
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

Liscannor
Harbour Road
Dalkey
Co Dublin

Date 15 February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public and wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

We are all aware of the escalating obesity problem in this country and the many measures that need to be taken now to address this. Planning has a key role to play in supporting health within our community, by ensuring that the physical environment allows for active, healthy lifestyles. It is for this reason that I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Moroney

Sent from my iPad

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Leonora Earls

From: Teresa Moyle
Sent: 02 February 2016 09:44
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Wicklow County Development Plan Submission - Support for Objective RT17
Attachments: 0779_001.pdf; ATT00001.htm

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached my Support for Objective RT17.

Regards
Teresa Moyles

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Teresa Moyles
19 Carrigmore Close
Saggart
Co. Dublin

02 February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022. In particular Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, this looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

As a nation, we are now all too aware of the escalating issue of obesity and diabetes in this country, in particular amongst our children, which are one of the most vulnerable within our society. It is appalling to learn that 1 in 4 Irish children are now classified as being overweight or obese. The recent Children's Lifestyle Study found soaring high-blood pressure levels amongst 9-11 year olds was due to their weekly reliance on fast-food.

This has significant implications for the health and wellbeing of Irish children, which left unaddressed, will increase the proportion of obese adults in the future. Left unmanaged, this trend will reverse life expectancy, increase disability and will have significant implications for our countries health-care costs, the cost of obesity in this country is now running at €1 billion.

Research in the US indicates that children who attend a school within 400m to a fast food outlet have a 25% greater risk of obesity. The UK has made considerable advances in this area and in recent years local authorities are now using the legal and planning system to regulate the location of fast food restaurants, including those near schools.

This is a nationwide problem, one which needs public policy to reverse the trend and a planned approach at every level in order to create a supportive environment in which children in particular can lead healthier lives.

No doubt you are aware, that during her previous tenure as Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald, initiated a review of Draft Local Area Plans to propose that they include a No Fry Zone around schools, playgrounds and youth sports facilities.

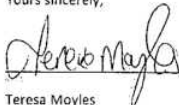
As we all know, Planning has a key role to play in the future development of our communities and as such has a responsibility towards the health and wellbeing of the people, young and old, that reside there.

It is for these reasons that I wish to support and request that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of schools. There is a place for everything and everything in its place; I am not adverse to Fast Food outlets, just that they be located in a sensible and suitable location.

Wicklow County Council now has the power to take the lead by implementing a No Fry Zone and safeguarding our school children from future exposure to unhealthy food (food that is high in sugar, fat and salt). The health and wellbeing of children, now and into the future, deserves to be at the forefront of any future planning application that could potentially adversely affect their wellbeing.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,


Teresa Moyles

Leonora Earls

From: Leonora Earls
Sent: 03 February 2016 07:44
To: Leonora Earls
Subject: Fwd: Wicklow County Development Plan Submission – Support for Objective RT17
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17.doc

Sent from my HTC

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From: "Paula Moyles" <planreview@wicklowcoco.ie>, "nofryzone4kids@gmail.com" <nofryzone4kids@gmail.com>
To: "Planning - Development Plan Review" <planreview@wicklowcoco.ie>, "nofryzone4kids@gmail.com" <nofryzone4kids@gmail.com>
Subject: Wicklow County Development Plan Submission – Support for Objective RT17
Date: Tue, Feb 2, 2016 18:11

Hi,

To Whom It May Concern

Can you please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Kind regards,

Paula Moyles

57 Sundale Park
Mountainview
Tallaght
Dublin 24

2nd February 2016

**RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft
Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent of the public make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

It was with huge regret and anger that I witnessed the 3 year battle local concerned residents in Greystones endured with Wicklow County Council, An Bord Plenála, McDonalds and most recently Lidl, in an effort to safeguard the welfare of 1,800 school children.

We are all aware of the obesity problem in this country, in particular amongst children and how important it now is to look what we can do in our homes, schools, and community etc to reverse this serious health epidemic.

Thankfully, on this occasion, Lidl had a change of heart and the proposed development, which potentially could have put the health of our local children at risk, will now not go ahead

So, in order to prevent this from happening to other schools within Wicklow County, I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

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Yours sincerely,

Paula Moyles

Leonora Earls

From: Robert Moyles [mailto:robert.moyles@wco.ie]
Sent: 02 February 2016 08:57
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Wicklow County Development Plan Submission – Support for Objective RT17
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17.doc

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Kind regards,

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57 Sundale Park
Mountainview
Tallaght
Dublin 24
2nd February, 2016

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent of the public to make a submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. In particular, Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, which looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

Obesity is a huge issue in Ireland today, 39% of adults are overweight, 25% are obese and the number of children who are significantly overweight has trebled over the past decade. 25% of children are over-weight with 1 in 4 9 year old girls and 1 in 5 9 year old boys defined as obese.

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The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research & studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.

It has been conclusively shown by studies in the US that there is a correlation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed that rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 400metres of schools. Fast foods being those high in sugar, salt and fats.

It is clear that Planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tackling this issue. We have a responsibility to invest and safe guard our children and young people. Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

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We must act now.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

Robert Moyles



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Leonora Earls

From: Paula Moyles
Sent: 28 January 2016 16:25
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Wicklow County Development Plan Submission – Support for Objective RT17 would be great.
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Draft WCDP Paula Moyles.docx

To whom it concerns,

Please find attached a letter of submission in support of objective RT17.

Kind regards,

Paula Moyles

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49 Blacklion Manor,
Greystones,
Co. Wicklow.

Date: 28th Jan 2016

**RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft
Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.**

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We are all aware of the obesity problem in this country, in particular amongst children and how important it now is to look what we can do in our homes, schools, and community etc to reverse this serious health epidemic.

Thankfully, on this occasion, Lidl had a change of heart and the proposed development, which potentially could have put the health of our local children at risk, will now not go ahead. However, it should not have been left to Lidl to do the right thing regarding social responsibility in our community. It is disgraceful that Wicklow County Council approved the planning of such a development on two occasions so close to schools. This is despite the current national guidelines regarding planning within close proximity to schools.

So, in order to prevent this from happening to other schools within Wicklow County, I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Please confirm receipt of my letter and please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

I look forward to the implementation of an updated and improved County Development Plan for Wicklow.

Yours sincerely,

Paula Moyles _____

Leonora Earls

From: Teresa Moyles
Sent: 03 February 2016 21:52
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: Andrew Moyles
Subject: Submission on Objective RT 17
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Draft WCDP (2).pdf

Please find my objection attached below.
Thanks

Sent from my iPad



19 Carrigmore Close
Citywest
Saggart

03/02/2016

**RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft
Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.**

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Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Moyles

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Leonora Earls

From: Moyles, Philip
Sent: 23 February 2016 16:50
To: Leonora Earls
Subject: RE: Submission in support of objective RT 17 in Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022
Attachments: Final Submission (2) on Objective RT 17 - Philip Moyles.pdf

Hi Leonora,

I hope this mail finds you well.

I have just reviewed my submission again and realised that I have made an error – On page 4, I listed the Greystones Municipal District Council as making a submission and have realised that I omitted Cllr Tom Fortune by mistake.

I have amended my submission to reflect this – see attached. Is there any possibility that you could use this submission instead?

It was a genuine error, nothing else in the letter has been changed.

☐ this is not possible, then my original submission is still fine, just not fully accurate!

Please let me know if you can accommodate this request.

Kind Regards,
Phil.

From: Leonora Earls [mailto:LEarls@wicklowcoco.ie]
Sent: 22 February 2016 15:19
To: Moyles, Philip <
Subject: RE: Submission in support of objective RT 17 in Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Hi Philip,

Once we have carried out the exercise on topics, volume etc, we will see the most efficient way of communicating the details of submissions online. As I say, at the moment our priority is to correlate and verify all the submissions received as they were received by post, email, in person etc, and we need to ensure proper recording of them all.

☐ Kind Regards

Leonora

From: Moyles, Philip [mailto:Philip.Moyles@wicklowcoco.ie]
Sent: 22 February 2016 13:47
To: Leonora Earls
Subject: RE: Submission in support of objective RT 17 in Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Hi Leonora,

Yes, I can appreciate that there were a lot of submissions made and you are beginning to process them.

Regarding putting the list on the website, is it just a list of names that will be published or names with submission matter or will the actual submissions be put up on the website?

Thanks in advance for clarifying.

Regards,
Phil.

From: Leonora Earls [mailto:LEarls@wicklowcoco.ie]

Sent: 22 February 2016 12:48

To: Moyles, Philip

Subject: RE: Submission in support of objective K1 17 in Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Hi Philip,

There are a large volume of submissions on a variety of different topics. As you can appreciate, with the closing date on Friday, we are only starting today starting on the cataloging, correlating and verifying submissions received.

We hope to have a list of all submissions completed during this week. They are presently available for viewing at our public counter and thereafter that we will endeavour to put the list of submissions on the website.

Work will start on assessing all applications this week with a view to the preparation of the Chief Executive's Report which will subsequently issue to the Elected Members

I hope this is of assistance to you

Kind Regards

Leonora Earls
Administrative Officer
Planning and Development

From: Moyles, Philip [mailto:Philip.Moyles@wicklowcoco.ie]

Sent: 22 February 2016 10:37

To: Leonora Earls

Subject: RE: Submission in support of objective RT 17 in Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Hi Leonora,

I hope you are well.

Thank you for confirming receipt of my submission.

Can you tell me what the next steps with this process please?

Can you tell me how many submissions were regarding the Draft County Plan and how many were related to Objective RT 17?

Kind Regards,
Phil

From: Leonora Earls [mailto:LEarls@wicklowcoco.ie]

Sent: 22 February 2016 09:55

To: Moyles, Philip

Subject: RE: Submission in support of objective RT 17 in Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email in connection with the above

Kind Regards

Leonora Earls
Administrative Officer
Planning and Development

From: Moyles, Philip [mailto:];
Sent: 19 February 2016 15:05
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: No Fry Zone; Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin MCC; Derek Mitchell; Cllr. Gerry Walsh; Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore; Tom Fortune; Nicola Lawless; Deputy Anne Ferris T.D.; Deputy Simon Harris T.D.; Deputy Stephen Donnelly T.D.; Deputy Andrew Doyle T.D.
Subject: Submission in support of objective RT 17 in Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022
Importance: High

Good afternoon sir / madam,

Please find attached my submission in strong support of Objective RT 17 in chapter 6, Retail and Centres in the Draft County Wicklow Development Plan 2016 - 2022.

Objective RT 17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail in chapter 6 detailed as follows:

RT 17 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, including those with a drive through facility:

- **Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre;**
 - Fast food outlets/takeaways with proposed drive through facilities will generally only be acceptable within Major Town Centres or District Centres and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis;
 - Location of vents and other external services and their impact on adjoining amenities in terms of noise/smell/visual impact.

Please confirm receipt of this submission and that the submission will be recorded in the County Development Plan.

I would be grateful if you could also outline the next steps in the process with time-lines please?

Kind Regards,
Philip Moyles

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No Fry 4Kids

49, Blacklion Manor
Greystones
Co. Wicklow
19th Feb 2016

**RE: Submission in support of Objective RT 17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft
Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as Chairperson of the No Fry Zone 4 Kids, a Wicklow action group, comprised of local parents, teachers and residents, to make a formal submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

I am a resident in Greystones, Wicklow and also a parent to two children, one who is in primary school and my other child is a baby.

The No Fry Zone 4 Kids Group are strongly in favour of Objective RT 17 being implemented into the Wicklow County Development, as a proactive measure in the struggle to tackle childhood obesity and in an effort to safeguard the long term health of school children in Wicklow.

Objective RT 17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail in chapter 6 detailed as follows:

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

No Fry Zone 4 Kids feel strongly and passionately about the adoption of this objective, which has been driven by the recent planning issues encountered with McDonalds trying to locate a drive-through outlet in a completely inappropriate location in Greystones. Over the past three years, McDonalds targeted a site in the Blacklion Retail centre, which is just 35 metres away from three schools, soon to be populated with 1,850 school children.

We objected on two occasions, which were subsequently approved by Wicklow County Council and appealed these decisions via An Bórd Pleanála. It is on record in all objections, that we do not have an issue with McDonalds, or any other food outlet coming to Greystones, but that they must located in an appropriate location. The Blacklion retail centre is simply not a suitable location for such an outlet.

If it were not for the positive media coverage of the local campaign to prevent this from happening, the decision by Temple Carrig Secondary School to seek a judicial review of An Bórd Pleanála's decision and ultimately good corporate governance on behalf of Lidl Ireland (owners of the land), this development would have gone ahead.

It is appalling that the three schools & three residents' associations / committees (Blacklion Manor, Redford Park/St. Crispins and Rathdown Park) located beside Blacklion Retail Centre, all six local elected officials across the political spectrum (Greystones Municipal District Council), the three sitting North Wicklow Based TD's (Anne Ferris, Simon Harris & Stephen Donnelly) and the many local residents were completely ignored over a three year period.

There were over 200 submissions made to Wicklow County Council in opposition to the proposed development by McDonalds, at a cost of € 20 per submission. A further 13 appeals were made to An Bord Pleanála at a cost of € 220 per appeal. Temple Carrig Secondary School took out a Judicial Review at a considerable costs and it could have been significantly more had Lidl Ireland not taken the decision they did.

None of the above costs and significant efforts to submit & appeal should have been incurred over a 3 year period if the Guidelines for Planning Authorities specifically on fast foods were adhered to.

Guidelines for Planning Authorities

Section 5.2 of the Guidelines for Planning Authorities, issued June 2013, and specifies that planning authorities should focus on the needs of local communities through the Local Area Plan. These Guidelines were issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) where both Planning Authorities and An Bord Pleanála are required to have regard to the guidelines in the performance of their functions under the Planning Acts.

The Guidelines state that planning authorities "shall seek to promote active and healthier lifestyles by ensuring that exposure of children to the promotion of foods that are high in fat, salt or sugar is reduced through careful consideration of the appropriateness and/or location of fast food outlets in the vicinity of schools and parks".

The interests of children in the Greystones community, that the above guidelines were trying to protect, were, in fact, completely ignored by Wicklow County Council on two occasions and by An Bord Pleanála on one - clearly indicating that there are fundamental issues with the planning process. Applicants can continue to apply and re-apply again and again until permission is granted.

The guidelines for Planning Authorities should have ensured that the McDonalds application was rejected out of hand 1st time at Wicklow County Council. The interests of a global multi-national corporation selling fast foods high in fat, sugar and salt were considered far more important than the interests of the school children.

It is not acceptable that Wicklow County Council can hide behind the lack of specifics in the planning guidelines with respects to the distances or wording.

One of primary reasons that the No Fry Zone 4 Kids group formed was to ensure that workable, meaningful distances are specified regarding proximity of schools and new fast food outlets.

Objective RT 17 provides specifics and clarity with regards to the proximity of fast food outlets to schools and adopting this into the Wicklow County Development Plan will ensure responsible planning decisions are taken.

It has been conclusively shown by studies in the US, UK & Finland ¹⁻⁴ that there is a correlation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed that rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 400metres of schools. Fast foods being those high in sugar, salt and fats.

Why should Objective RT 17 be adopted?

- Obesity is a huge issue in Ireland today, 39% of adults are overweight, 25% are obese and the number of children who are significantly overweight has trebled over the past decade.⁵
- 25% of children are over-weight with 1 in 4 9 year old girls and 1 in 5 9 year old boys defined as obese.⁴
- Obesity is one of the main challenges facing Irish Children.
- In 2015, the World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that Ireland is on course to become the fattest nation in Europe.⁵
- The direct and indirect costs of overweight and obesity in 2009 were estimated at €1.13 billion. (Page 3, Executive Summary, *The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014 – 2020*); The Irish Heart Foundation estimates that the cost of obesity will be €5.4 Billion by 2030 if we do not act.
- Healthcare experts are now predicting that our generation will have a shorter life expectancy (up to 5 years) than previous generations primarily due to obesity.
- The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research & studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.
- Three County Councils in Ireland have approved No Fry Zones within their County Development plans - South County Dublin & Fingal County Council. Wexford County Council have had a No Fry Zone within their development plan, prior to the issued Department of Environment Planning Guidelines 2013.
- No Fry Zones have been introduced and implemented in the EU, with the UK making considerable advances in this area
 - Waltham Forest Local Authority (London), 400m No Fry Zone around schools.⁶
 - Barking & Dagenham Local Authority, 400m No Fry Zone around schools.⁷
 - St. Helens Local Authority, 400m No Fry Zone around schools.⁸
- Objective RT 17 is in line with the National Planning guidelines for Local Authorities issued by Minister of Environment. As such, once RT 17 is adopted into the county Development Plan, Wicklow County Council are thus protected from any potential legal objections by new applicants as per Section 191 of the Fourth Schedule of the Planning Act 2001. Point 2.16 sets out reasons for the refusal of permission which excludes compensation stating "the proposed development would be contrary to any ministerial guidelines issued to planning authorities under section 28".

We must teach our children to make healthy choices and we recognise that the best way to achieve this is through education. However, even the most well-informed children cannot be expected to be completely impervious to the daily lure and availability of fast food within such close proximity to their school environment.

We must also take reasonable measures to reduce their daily exposure and access to fast foods. We have a duty to protect them, whether it be from aggressive targeted-marketing by large multi-national corporations or simply from themselves, until they are old enough or informed enough to be able to make considered decisions.

Political Endorsement for No Fry Zones

No Fry Zone for Kids, has gained substantial support across all major political parties and politicians in Wicklow, who have made submissions to Wicklow County Council in support of this objective. Most notably:

- TD Simon Harris (Fine Gael), Minister of State at Dept of Finance, Public Expenditure & Reform & Taoiseach with special responsibility for OPW, Public Procurement & International Banking.
- TD Andrew Doyle (Fine Gael).
- TD Anne Ferris (Labour).
- TD Stephen Donnelly (Social Democrats), co-founder and co-leader.
- Election Candidate & Wicklow Councillor, Joe Behan (Independent).
- Election Candidate & Wicklow Councillor, John Brady (Sinn Féin).
- Election Candidate & Dun Laoghaire / Rathdown Councillor, Jennifer Cuffe (Fianna Fail).
- Election Candidate & Wicklow Councillor, Steven Matthews (Green Party)
- Greystones Municipal District Council
 - Cllr Grainne McLoughlin (Fine Gael) Cathaoirleach
 - Cllr Derek Mitchell (Fine Gael)
 - Cllr Gerry Walsh (Fianna Fail)
 - Cllr Jennifer Whitmore (Social Democrats)
 - Cllr Nicola Lawless (Sinn Féin)
 - Cllr Tom Fortune (Independent)
- Senator Jillian Van Turnhout

Other Wicklow Councillors have stated their support for this objective although we are not aware if submissions have been made.

The fact that all of the above have made submissions in support of this objective demonstrates the validity of the objective, the importance of it & wide spread endorsement of it across the political spectrum.

Educational Endorsement for No Fry Zones

No Fry Zone for Kids, has gained support across the Educational community in Wicklow including 4 Patron bodies, Boards of Managements and Parents Associations, who have all made submissions to Wicklow County Council in support of this objective. That we are aware of;

- Patron Body of An Foras Patrúnachta na Scoileanna Lan – Ghaeilge TEO (Gaelscoils).
 - 63 primary schools & 5 Secondary schools across Ireland.
- Patron Body of Church of Ireland schools.
 - 174 Primary Schools across Ireland.
- Patron Body of Educate Together schools.
 - 77 Primary schools & 4 Secondary Schools across Ireland.
- Patron Body of Kildare Wicklow Education Training Board Schools.
 - 11 Primary schools & 22 Secondary schools & colleges across Wicklow & Kildare.
- Temple Carrig Secondary School BOM.
- Parents Associations of Temple Carrig Secondary School.
- Greystones Educate Together National School BOM.
- Parents Association of Greystones Educate Together Secondary School.
- Parents Association of Gaelscoil na nGloch Liath.
- Wicklow Educate Together National School BOM.
- St. Cronans National School.
- Colaiste Chraobh Abhann.
- East Glendalough National School.
- Roundwood National Schools.
- St. Kevin's Community College.
- St. Andrew's School, Bray.

The significance of the patrons making submissions is significant based on the role & responsibilities that they perform and the numbers of schools that they have ownership of. There are most likely other schools who have made submissions that we are not aware of.

Professional Endorsement for No Fry Zones

No Fry Zones for Kids, has gained substantial interest and support from some of the country's leading experts in Nutrition, Public Health, Obesity and Child Health, who have all made submissions to Wicklow County Council in support of this objective. Most notably:

- Prof Donal O'Shea, Consultant Endocrinologist, Co-Chair Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI) Obesity Policy Group. **See Appendix A, statement from RCPI.**
- Prof Catherine Hayes, Co-Chair Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI) Obesity Policy Group.
- Prof Ivan Perry, Head of Department of Epidemiology & Public Health in UCC (HRB Centre for Health & Diet Research)
- Prof Anthony Staines, Professor in Public Children Health in DCU.
- Prof Joe Barry, Professor in Population Health Medicine in Trinity College.
- Dr Clodhna Foley Nolan, Director of Human Health & Nutrition, SafeFood.
- Prof David Hevey, Director of the Trinity College Research Centre for Physiological Health.
- Prof Niall Moyna, Head of School of Health & Human Performance in DCU.
- ASOI Ireland – Association for the Study of Obesity on the Island of Ireland.
- Dr Ciara Kelly, RTE's Operation Transformation GP.
- Sarah O'Brien, Director, Healthy Eating Active Living Programme, HSE.
- Cliona Loughnane, Policy & Research Manager at Irish Heart Foundation.
- Louise Reynolds, Communications Manager of MINDI (Member of Irish Nutrition & Dietetic Institute).
- Paula Mee, Nutritionist & MINDI, Galway.
- Alva O'Sullivan, Nutritionist & MINDI, Dublin.
- Gillian McConnell, Nutritionist & MINDI, Wicklow.
- Aoife Hearne, Nutritionist & MINDI, RTE's Operation Transformation Nutrition Expert, Waterford.
- Niamh O'Connor, Nutritionist, RD & MINDI, Cork.
- Brendan Harold, Senior Dietitian, Peamount Health Care Dublin.
- Conor Kerley, Dietitian & Nutrition Researcher.
- Dara Morgan, Consultant Dietitian & MINDI, Louth.
- Sinead Keenan, Project Co-Ordinator Healthy Food for all.
- Dr Eoin Mac Donncha, President, Irish Student Health Association.
- County Wicklow Partnership, Healthy Food Made programme for schools & community.

These leading experts and expert groups / Associations have all publicly endorsed this objective and have taken the time and effort to make a submission.

I believe, that it would be irresponsible of Wicklow County Council to ignore their knowledge and expertise.

We must heed their advice - implementing No Fry Zones is the right thing to do for the health and welfare of school children.

It is time for Wicklow County Council to take the national guidelines issued by the Minister for Environment in 2013 and implement objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 – 2022.

Wicklow County Council have a duty to use the planning process to ensure responsible planning decisions are made regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

Adopting objective RT 17 into the County Development Plan is just a small step in the fight against child-hood obesity. We know it will not solve it and is not a stand-alone solution.

It will however bring clarity and the objective is a reasonable, workable measure, inexpensive, preventative in nature and proven to be effective in reducing obesity amongst school children. We have a responsibility to invest and safeguard our children and young people.

We must listen to the health experts named above and take notice of the support for this objective across Wicklow from the general public, the education bodies and the elected officials, both local and national.

For the reasons and supporting information outlined above & in the appendix, the No Fry Zone 4 Kids group whole-heartedly support objective RT 17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016 – 2022 County Development Plan.

Besides being chairperson of the group, I am a parent and resident of Wicklow and I support objective RT17 as described and request that this objective is introduced into the 2016 – 2022 County Development plan.

We must act now.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

Philip Moyles

Philip Moyles
Chairperson No Fry Zone 4 Kids Committee

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Appendix A - Statement issued by Royal College of Physicians of Ireland Group on Obesity, 08/02/16

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland Policy Group on Obesity supports the creation of a "no fry zone" close to schools in the new Wicklow County Development Plan

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The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland Policy Group on Obesity supports the creation of a "no fry zone" close to schools in the new Wicklow County Development Plan

The Group says Wicklow can lead the way for other counties by creating an exclusion zone for fast-food outlets in close proximity to local schools to protect children's health.

The Policy Group, chaired by Prof Donal O'Shea and Prof Catherine Hayes, has made a submission as part of the public consultation process on the new Wicklow County Development Plan. The submission supports the exclusion of new fast-food outlets within 400 metres of schools, parks or playgrounds excluding premises zoned town centre.

Commenting on its submission, Prof Donal O'Shea, Consultant Endocrinologist said Wicklow County Council can lead the way in protecting children's health and helping to prevent obesity.

"County Wicklow has a real opportunity to lead by example in this case and to show the way for other counties in Ireland to introduce similar restrictions to ensure that children are protected from weight-related illness. Levels of diabetes, heart disease and other chronic conditions are already very high in Ireland. We need to act now to reduce those levels for future generations."

"These are exactly the type of infrastructural changes that Oklahoma City made when going from being the fattest city in the US to one of the fittest cities as it is now"

"*Healthy Ireland*, the Government's National Framework for Health and Wellbeing affirms the role of all sectors and also local authorities in supporting health in communities across Ireland. Planning has a key role to play in supporting health within the community and ensuring that the physical environment allows for active, healthy lifestyles.

"One in 4 Irish children is overweight or obese. Experience tells us that these children will be obese as adults. As a result they will suffer health complications throughout their lives. Their potential contribution to the workforce will be impacted and their healthcare costs will be extortionate.

"Figures from the World Health Organization show that Ireland has alarming rates of obesity. Immediate action is essential to reverse those statistics. We have a responsibility to our children to protect them from those high fat, high sugar foods and encourage healthy, accessible foods. Prof Catherine Hayes says that we must focus on our children and younger people now in order to make changes for future generations.

"It is crucial that changes are made at community level to facilitate healthier choices for our children and to make the healthy option the easiest option. The physical environment is central to this. Wicklow can now demonstrate leadership by committing to the long-term health and wellbeing of its local communities."

Objective RT17 in Chapter 6 of The Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022 relates to 'Objectives for Centres & Retail. The proposed amendment seeks to exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre.

For more information, contact:

Yvonne McCahill, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Notes to Editor:

The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland's Policy Group on Obesity, comprised of clinicians and other health professionals, works to raise awareness of the serious public health issue of obesity and to promote effective actions for prevention of obesity at the earliest possible stage in the life course. In 2014 the group published recommendations for public policy measures to tackle the obesity epidemic, including recommendations for the built environment. In 2015 the group published an expert report on Clinical Management and Treatment of Obesity which has been submitted to the Department of Health to inform the National Obesity Policy.

Leonora Earls

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RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a parent to make a submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. In particular, Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, which looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

Obesity is a huge issue in Ireland today, 39% of adults are overweight, 25% are obese and the number of children who are significantly overweight has trebled over the past decade. 25% of children are over-weight with 1 in 4 9 year old girls and 1 in 5 9 year old boys defined as obese.

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The direct and indirect costs of overweight and obesity in 2009 were estimated at €1.13 billion. (Page 3, Executive Summary, *The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014 – 2020*). The Irish Heart Foundation estimates that the cost of obesity will be € 5.4 Billion by 2030 if we do not act. Healthcare experts are now predicting that our generation will have a shorter life expectancy (up to 5 years) than previous generations primarily due to obesity.

The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research & studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.

It has been conclusively shown by studies in the US that there is a correlation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed that rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 400metres of schools. Fast foods being those high in sugar, salt and fats.

It is clear that Planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tackling this issue. We have a responsibility to invest and safe guard our children and young people. Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

For the reasons and information outlined above, I fully support objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016 – 2022 County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

We must act now.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

Ed Moyles

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Leonora Earls

From: Lucy Mulcahy
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Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find enclosed submission letter requesting a No Fry Zone to be included in the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

Kind Regards,
Lucy Mulcahy

Tamney
The Nurseries
Delgany
Co Wicklow

07 Feb 2016

**RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft
Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.**

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I am writing to you as a concerned parent to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022. In particular Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, this looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

As a nation, we are now all too aware of the escalating issue of obesity and diabetes in this country, in particular amongst our children, which are one of the most vulnerable within our society. It is appalling to learn that 1 in 4 Irish children are now classified as being overweight or obese. The recent Children's Lifestyle Study found soaring high-blood pressure levels amongst 9-11 year olds was due to their weekly reliance on fast-food.

This has significant implications for the health and wellbeing of Irish children, which left unaddressed, will increase the proportion of obese adults in the future. Left unmanaged, this trend will reverse life expectancy, increase disability and will have significant implications for our countries health-care costs, the cost of obesity in this country is now running at €1billion.

Research in the US indicates that children who attend a school within 400m to a fast food outlet have a 25% greater risk of obesity. The UK has made considerable advances in this area and in recent years local authorities are now using the legal and planning system to regulate the location of fast food restaurants, including those near schools.

This is a nationwide problem, one which needs public policy to reverse the trend and a planned approached at every level in order to create a supportive environment in which children in particular can lead healthier lives.

No doubt you are aware, that during her previous tenure as Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald, initiated a review of Draft Local Area Plans to propose that they include a No Fry Zone around schools, playgrounds and youth sports facilities.

As we all know, Planning has a key role to play in the future development of our communities and as such has a responsibility towards the health and wellbeing of the people, young and old, that reside there.

It is for these reasons that I wish to support and request that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of schools. There is a place for everything and everything in its place; I am not adverse to Fast Food outlets, just that they be located in a sensible and suitable location.

Wicklow County Council now has the power to take the lead by implementing a No Fry Zone and safeguarding our school children from future exposure to unhealthy food (food that is high in sugar, fat and salt). The health and wellbeing of children, now and into the future, deserves to be at the forefront of any future planning application that could potentially adversely affect their wellbeing.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Mulcahy

Leonora Earls

From: Leonora Earls
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☐ To Whom it may concern,

☐ As a parent of 3 young kids under 10 I have firsthand experience of how hard it is to bring up children and for that I need a support of a community to help in this journey.

As a tax payer, I also find it disheartening to see my hard earned money spent on increasing bills for obesity clinics. Furthermore, whats the point with investing in public information campaigns on eating properly for kids when there are fast food outlets being allowed to be set up near school. It is crazy. The UK have last year recognised the problem and have put in no-fry legislation.

I also don't buy the argument of creating jobs. What we need is from our Councils is Smart Public Investment in Jobs. What I see is more of my money going towards creating jobs for more nurses and doctors to care for obese children/adults or pay pharmaceutical companies for their diabetes tablets.

If this is not adopted, I would support further central government control of Local Authority Plans.

☐ Kind regards,

☐ Helen Mullarkey & Graham Parker

Leonora Earls

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To whom it may concern,

Please see attached for a submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

Kind Regards,
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15/02/2016

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Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

It was with huge regret and anger that I witnessed the 3 year battle local concerned residents in Greystones endured with Wicklow County Council, An Bord Plenála, McDonalds and most recently Lidl, in an effort to safeguard the welfare of 1,800 school children.

We are all aware of the obesity problem in this country, in particular amongst children and how important it now is to look what we can do in our homes, schools, and community etc to reverse this serious health epidemic.

Thankfully, on this occasion, Lidl had a change of heart and the proposed development, which potentially could have put the health of our local children at risk, will now not go ahead

So, in order to prevent this from happening to other schools within Wicklow County, I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,
Caoimhe Murphy

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Yours sincerely,

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To whom it may concern,

Please see letter attached relating to the desired No Fry Zone in the Greystones/Delgany area.

Regards,

Amanda O'Boyle

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The Burrows
Delgany
Co. Wicklow
20/1/16

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We must act now.

Yours Sincerely,

Amanda & Diarmuid O'Boyle

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Leonora Earls

From: Jane O'Brien
Sent: 17 February 2016 10:10
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No Fry Zone
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Draft WCDP (1).docx

Please see attached letter for submission to Plan Review

Regards,

Jane O'Brien

17/2/16

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned School Principal to make a submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. In particular, Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, which looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

Obesity is a huge issue in Ireland today, 39% of adults are overweight, 25% are obese and the number of children who are significantly overweight has trebled over the past decade. 25% of children are over-weight with 1 in 4 9 year old girls and 1 in 5 9 year old boys defined as obese.

In 2015, the World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that Ireland is on course to become the fattest nation in Europe.

The direct and indirect costs of overweight and obesity in 2009 were estimated at €1.13 billion. (Page 3, Executive Summary, *The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014 – 2020*). The Irish Heart Foundation estimates that the cost of obesity will be € 5.4 Billion by 2030 if we do not act. Healthcare experts are now predicting that our generation will have a shorter life expectancy (up to 5 years) than previous generations primarily due to obesity.

The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research & studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.

It has been conclusively shown by studies in the US that there is a correlation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed that rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 400metres of schools. Fast foods being those high in sugar, salt and fats.

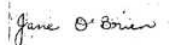
It is clear that Planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tackling this issue. We have a responsibility to invest and safe guard our children and young people. Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

For the reasons and information outlined above, **I fully support objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016 – 2022 County Development Plan.** This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

We must act now.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,



Principal.

Leonora Earls

From: mark obrien
Sent: 05 February 2016 21:22
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 – 2022

Glenelg
Delgany
Friday 5th February

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Co. Wicklow and I am also a parent. The local schools have implemented a healthy eating policy, children are taught about what constitutes healthy eating and encouraged to bring nutritious lunches to school. No doubt you are aware of the increase in the levels of childhood obesity in Ireland and of the effect that this will have on our health system in the future both in terms of our health and the cost of dealing with health problems. Research tells us that children who develop unhealthy patterns of eating are likely to become unhealthy adults.

I am appealing to Wicklow County Council to take action on this issue as the County Development Plan comes up for consideration. I would like the council to ensure that we do not allow fast food outlets to be built within 400m of schools and playgrounds. It is time for our council to take national guidelines into account and ensure that fast food outlets are not given planning permission to build right beside schools but that they are instead located on more suitable sites. I understand that Wexford County Council has already taken action in this regard and I hope that our council can also take a lead on this critical issue.

We will soon move to ban advertising of alcohol to children and cigarette advertising has also been curtailed. It is obvious that schools are chosen by fast food outlets so that they can more easily target their ideal customer. I cannot see any reason to encourage fast food outlets close to schools. Traffic management issues should also be a consideration as areas in the vicinity of schools are always congested at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Please support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the County Development Plan and play your part in keeping our children safe and healthy.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,
Mark O'Brien

Leonora Earls

From: Niamh O'Connor - Cork Nutrition Consultancy [corknutrition@eircom.net]
Sent: 12 February 2016 22:09
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17
Attachments: Submission to Wicklow County Council in support of Objective RT17_(12Feb2016).pdf
Importance: High

To whom it may concern:

Letter attached for your attention,

Kind Regards,

Niamh O'Connor
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Niamh O'Connor RD MINDI

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Niamh O'Connor RD MINDI,
Consultant Dietitian,
Cork Nutrition Consultancy,
Elmwood Medical Practice,
Frankfield,
Douglas,
Cork.

12th February 2016.

**RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft
Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent and health professional to make a submission to the Draft
Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

It was with huge regret and anger that I witnessed the 3 year battle local concerned residents in
Greystones endured with Wicklow County Council, An Bord Pleanála, McDonalds and most recently
Lidl, in an effort to safeguard the welfare of 1,800 school children.

We are all aware of the obesity problem in this country, in particular amongst children and how
important it now is to look what we can do in our homes, schools, and community etc to reverse this
serious health epidemic. Obesity in children is particularly heart-breaking, as it may well mean that in
this generation, parents will out-live their beloved children.

Thankfully, on this occasion, Lidl had a change of heart and the proposed development, which
potentially could have put the health of our local children at risk, will now not go ahead

So, in order to prevent this from happening to other schools within Wicklow County, I wish to support
the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in
particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,

Niamh O'Connor RD MINDI
Consultant Dietitian

Leonora Earls

From: Maria Sjosten [i]
Sent: 11 February 2016 21:31
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No fry zone

Date 11/02/2016

Maria Sjosten O'Connor

221.Redford Park

Greystones

Co Wicklow

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public and wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

We are all aware of the escalating obesity problem in this country and the many measures that need to be taken now to address this. Planning has a key role to play in supporting health within our community, by ensuring that the physical environment allows for active, healthy lifestyles. It is for this reason that I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely,

Maria Sjosten O'Connor

Leonora Earls

D135

From: Alice O'Donnell
Sent: 02 February 2010 22:34
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore; Nicola Lawless; Cllr. Gerry Walsh; Tom Fortune; Derek Mitchell; Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin MCC
Subject: Submission re draft County Development Plan
Attachments: Submission AoDonnell.docx

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a submission re the draft County Development Plan. I would like to support the No Fry Zone amendment which has been proposed by all 6 Councillors from the Greystones electoral area and hope to see it incorporated into the plan.

Please acknowledge receipt of my submission,

Kind Regards,

Alice O'Donnell

8 Dromont
Delgany
Co Wicklow
31/01/'16

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is a Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

I am a resident of Delgany ,Co. Wicklow and I am also a parent and a teacher. My children attend St Laurence's school in Greystones, St David's and Temple Carrig school. All three schools have a strong focus on healthy eating, children are taught about what constitutes healthy eating and encouraged to bring nutritious lunches to school. No doubt you are aware of the increase in the levels of childhood obesity in Ireland and of the effect that this will have on our health system in the future both in terms of our health and the cost of dealing with health problems. Research tells us that children who develop unhealthy patterns of eating are likely to become unhealthy adults. There is no doubt that an overall plan is needed to tackle this problem. The plan needs to include education and awareness among children and their families as well as ensuring that our planning process supports parents and children so that they can grow up to be healthy adults.

I am appealing to Wicklow County Council to take action on this issue as the County Development Plan comes up for consideration. I would like the council to ensure that we do not allow fast food outlets to be built within 400m of schools and playgrounds. It is time for our council to take national guidelines into account and ensure that fast food outlets are not given planning permission to build right beside schools but that they are instead located on more suitable sites. I understand that Wexford County Council has already taken action in this regard and I hope that our council can also show leadership on this critical issue. In recent weeks this issue has been discussed in the media and in the Seanad. The Fianna Fáil party has proposed No Fry Zones as part of its education policy and other parties are likely to follow suit.

We will soon move to ban advertising of alcohol to children and cigarette advertising has also been curtailed. It is obvious that schools are chosen by fast food outlets so that they can more easily target their ideal customer. Placing a fast food outlet close to a school means that children are bombarded by large scale advertising every day that they attend school. I cannot see any reason to encourage fast food outlets close to schools, particularly when more suitable locations are available in the area. Traffic management issues should also be a consideration as areas in the vicinity of schools are always congested at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Please support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the County Development Plan and play your part in keeping our children safe and healthy.

Yours Sincerely,

Alice O'Donnell

Leonora Earls

D136

From: Aoife O'Donohoe
Sent: 16 February 2016 19:04
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Wicklow county development plan subblission - support for Objective RT17
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Draft WCDP (4).docx

12 Redwood Rise,

Kilnamanagh

Dublin 24

16/02/16

Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Co. Dublin and I am also a parent. My children attend St Kevin's school. The school has implemented a healthy eating policy, children are taught about what constitutes healthy eating and encouraged to bring nutritious lunches to school. No doubt you are aware of the increase in the levels of childhood obesity in Ireland and of the effect that this will have on our health system in the future both in terms of our health and the cost of dealing with health problems. Research tells us that children who develop unhealthy patterns of eating are likely to become unhealthy adults.

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Please support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the County Development Plan and play your part in keeping our children safe and healthy.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

Aoife O'Donohoe

D137

Leonora Earls

From: ODwyer, Kathy [e]
Sent: 14 January 2016 08:02
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No Fry Zone
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Draft WCDP (1).docx

To planreview@wicklowcoco.ie

Regards
Kathy

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RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent member of the public to make a submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. In particular, Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, which looks to:

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Obesity is a huge issue in Ireland today, 39% of adults are overweight, 25% are obese and the number of children who are significantly overweight has trebled over the past decade. 25% of children are over-weight with 1 in 4 9 year old girls and 1 in 5 9 year old boys defined as obese.

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(Page 3, Executive Summary, *The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014 – 2020*). The Irish Heart Foundation estimates that the cost of obesity will be € 5.4 Billion by 2030 if we do not act. Healthcare experts are now predicting that our generation will have a shorter life expectancy (up to 5 years) than previous generations primarily due to obesity.

The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research & studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.

It has been conclusively shown by studies in the US that there is a correlation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed that rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 400metres of schools. Fast foods being those high in sugar, salt and fats.

It is clear that Planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tackling this issue. We have a responsibility to invest and safe guard our children and young people. Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

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We must act now.

Yours Sincerely,

Kathy ODwyer

Leonora Earls

D138

From: Michelle O'Halloran
Sent: 18 February 2016 21:56
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6

69 Philipsburgh Ave.,
Fairview
Dublin 3

18-2-2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public and wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

We are all aware of the escalating obesity problem in this country and the many measures that need to be taken now to address this. Planning has a key role to play in supporting health within our community, by ensuring that the physical environment allows for active, healthy lifestyles. It is for this reason that I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle O'Halloran

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D139

Leonora Earls

From: Clare O'Keeffe
Sent: 11 February 2016 13:15
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Objective RT17
Attachments: DRQPW3202_Canon_PRQ87_0664_001.pdf; ATT00001.txt

Dear all

Please see attached letter re the above matter.

Kind regards

Clare

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By email: planreview@wicklowcoco.ie
CC: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com

11 February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to make a submission in relation to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022, and in particular Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, which seeks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

It is widely acknowledged that the prevalence of obesity and diabetes is escalating rapidly, in particular among children, who constitute one of the most vulnerable groups in any society. According to the Irish Universities Nutrition Alliance 22% of 5-12 year olds are overweight or obese and the recent Children's Lifestyle Study found rising overall high blood pressure levels among 9-11 year olds was largely due to levels in those who had a weekly reliance on fast food.

This has significant implications for the health and wellbeing of Irish children, which left unaddressed, will increase the proportion of obese adults in the future. Left unmanaged, this trend will reverse life expectancy, increase disability and will have major implications for Ireland's healthcare costs. Some commentators estimate the current cost of obesity to be circa €1 billion.

Research in the US indicates that children who attend a school within 400m of a fast food outlet have a 25% greater risk of obesity. The UK has made considerable advances in this area and in recent years local authorities have used the legal and planning system to regulate the location of fast food restaurants, including those near schools.

This is a problem which needs the weight of public policy to reverse the trend. During her tenure as Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald initiated a review of Draft Local Area Plans to propose that they include a No Fry Zone around schools, playgrounds and youth sports facilities.

Local and national planning departments play a key role in the development of our communities and can have a marked influence on the health and wellbeing of residents of those communities.

It is for these reasons that I wish to support and request that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of schools.

Wicklow County Council now has the power to take the lead by implementing a No Fry Zone and safeguarding our school children from future exposure to unhealthy food (food that is high in sugar, fat and salt).

Yours sincerely,

Clare O'Keeffe



Leonora Earls

D140

From: Gillian O'Neill
Sent: 20 February 2016 20:51
To: Planning - Development Plan Review

Gillian O'Neill
Beechcroft
Newcastle
Co. Wicklow

20th February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent of three young school going children to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022. In particular Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, this looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

As a nation, we are now all too aware of the escalating issue of obesity and diabetes in this country, in particular amongst our children, which are one of the most vulnerable within our society. It is appalling to learn that 1 in 4 Irish children are now classified as being overweight or obese. The recent Children's Lifestyle Study found soaring high-blood pressure levels amongst 9-11 year olds was due to their weekly reliance on fast-food.

This has significant implications for the health and wellbeing of Irish children, which left unaddressed, will increase the proportion of obese adults in the future. Left unmanaged, this trend will reverse life expectancy, increase disability and will have significant implications for our countries health-care costs, the cost of obesity in this country is now running at €1billion.

Research in the US indicates that children who attend a school within 400m to a fast food outlet have a 25% greater risk of obesity. The UK has made considerable advances in this area and in recent years local authorities are now using the legal and planning system to regulate the location of fast food restaurants, including those near schools.

This is a nationwide problem, one which needs public policy to reverse the trend and a planned approach at every level in order to create a supportive environment in which children in particular can lead healthier lives.

No doubt you are aware, that during her previous tenure as Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald, initiated a review of Draft Local Area Plans to propose that they include a No Fry Zone around schools, playgrounds and youth sports facilities.

As we all know, Planning has a key role to play in the future development of our communities and as such has a responsibility towards the health and wellbeing of the people, young and old, that reside there.

It is for these reasons that I wish to support and request that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of schools. There is a place for everything and everything in its place; I am not adverse to Fast Food outlets, just that they be located in a sensible and suitable location.

Wicklow County Council now has the power to take the lead by implementing a No Fry Zone and safeguarding our school children from future exposure to unhealthy food (food that is high in sugar, fat and salt). The health and wellbeing of children, now and into the future, deserves to be at the forefront of any future planning application that could potentially adversely affect their wellbeing.

Yours sincerely,

Gillian O'Neill

Leonora Earls

From: Aisling O'Reilly
Sent: 18 February 2016 14:46
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

18/02/2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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We are all aware of the escalating obesity problem in this country and the many measures that need to be taken now to address this. Planning has a key role to play in supporting health within our community, by ensuring that the physical environment allows for active, healthy lifestyles. It is for this reason that I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely,

Aisling O'Reilly

28th January 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned nutritionist and parent of two young children to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

We are all aware of the obesity problem in this country, in particular amongst children. 39% of adults are overweight, 25% are obese and the number of children who are significantly overweight has trebled over the past decade. 25% of children are over-weight with 1 in 4 9 year old girls and 1 in 5 9- year old boys defined as obese.

In 2015, the World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that Ireland is on course to become the fattest nation in Europe. The direct and indirect costs of overweight and obesity in 2009 were estimated at €1.13 billion. (Page 3, Executive Summary, *The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014 – 2020*). The Irish Heart Foundation estimates that the cost of obesity will be € 5.4 Billion by 2030 if we do not act. Healthcare experts are now predicting that our generation will have a shorter life expectancy (up to 5 years) than previous generations primarily due to obesity.

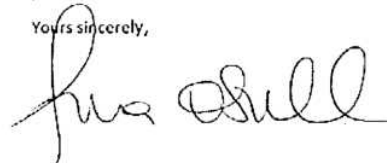
The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research & studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.

It has been conclusively shown by studies in the US that there is a correlation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed that rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 400metres of schools. Fast foods being those high in sugar, salt and fats.

I work with overweight and obese young people and adults every day who are constantly struggling to make good food choices with limited time and the temptation of fast food outlets on their door step. It is clear that Planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tackling this issue. We have a responsibility to invest and safe guard our children and young people. Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

For the reasons and information outlined above, I fully support objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016 – 2022 County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

Yours sincerely,



Leonora Earls

D143

From: on behalf of Ann Prendergast
Sent: 19 February 2016 16:04
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of objective RT17

86 Heathervue,
Greystones,
Co. Wicklow.

19.2.2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

To whom it may concern,
I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public and wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

We are all aware of the escalating obesity problem in this country and the many measures that need to be taken now to address this. I am also a Psychotherapist and work with many children and adolescents who suffer low self esteem, due to poor body image. I am really glad that the government has chosen to invest money in supporting suicide prevention initiatives, it seems absolutely unbelievable that then the planning authorities would allow fast food service be available in areas where young people have easy access. It is a known fact that diet plays a huge part in a person's mental health and well being. Planning has a key role to play in supporting health, which includes mental as well as physical, within our community, by ensuring that the physical environment allows for active, healthy lifestyles. It is for this reason that I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Prendergast

Leonora Earls

D144

From: Michael Rafter
Sent: 19 February 2016 13:07
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

34 The Court
Killiney Bay
Co.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public and wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

We are all aware of the escalating obesity problem in this country and the many measures that need to be taken now to address this. Planning has a key role to play in supporting health within our community, by ensuring that the physical environment allows for active, healthy lifestyles. It is for this reason that I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely,

Michael
Rafter


Bernadette Harvey

From: Elizabeth Dillon
Sent: 16 February 2016 17:00
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Rathdown Park Residents Association Submission on the DDP

To whom it may concern please find our submission from Rathdown Park Residents association regarding the Draft Development Plan. I am appealing to Wicklow County Council to take action on this issue. I would like the council to ensure that we do not allow fast food outlets to be built within 400m of schools and playgrounds. It is time for our council to take national guidelines into account and ensure that fast food outlets are not given planning permission to build right beside schools but that they are instead located on more suitable sites. Please support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the County Development Plan and play your part in keeping our children safe and healthy.

As a residents association we have submitted two objections to McDonalds regarding the location at Blacklion and two further objection to An Bord Pleanala. We believe that the inclusion of a no fry zone will prevent these type of developments going ahead in the future in Wicklow and as a residents association we will not have to spend time and money objecting to these applications and you will adhere to the recommendations that An Bord Pleanala made initially regarding Wicklow County Council having no provision in the DDP regarding no fry zone.

We look forward to the Wicklow County Councillors voting in this amendment in the DDP later this year.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,G

Sarah Grace

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Chairperson

Rathdown Park Residents Associations

50 Rathdown Park

Greystones

Sent from Windows Mail

Leonora Earls

From: Paul Redmond [
Sent: 11 February 2016 03:02
To: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com; Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore; Cllr. Gerry Walsh; mitchelld@eircom.net; Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin MCC; Cllr. Nicola Lawless; Cllr. Tom Fortune MCC; Deputy Anne Ferris T.D.; simon.harris; Planning - Development Plan Review; Deputy Stephen Donnelly T.D.; Cllr. John Brady MCC; andrew.doyle@oir.ie; Deputy Billy Timmins T.D.; Richard.Boyd.Barrett; Clare Daly; leo.varadkar; james.reilly; averil.power@oir.ie; Mary Lou McDonald; Deputy Robert Troy
Subject: Support NoFryZone4Kids Amendment

Dear Ministers, Deputies, Senators, Councillors, et al.

I would like to strongly support the amendment to the Wicklow County Plan proposed by the campaigning group NoFryZone4kids which bans fast food outlets within 400 meters of school gates and boundaries.

As a father of two children aged 10 and 8, I cannot support this plan strongly enough for my precious children's future health and well being. Coincidentally, I also have serious ethical concerns about multinational fast food outfits and the damage they cause to public health, the environment, job conditions, etc. etc. There have been several exposes and best selling books dealing with deeply immoral and unethical practices in this industry. Their hardcore psychological advertising directed at children is also extremely worrying.

I am already following this issue closely although I don't have time to get involved as I do other campaigning work of my own. However I wholeheartedly recommend this Amendment and believe it should be the start of something bigger. Ireland has led the world in several aspects of social change over the last 20 years including being the first country in the world to ban smoking in pubs, etc., and the first to vote in marriage equality via a Referendum. Greystones and County Wicklow can lead the country and should lead the world in adopting this common sense, simple and straightforward Amendment.

In this centenary year of the Uprising let us remember some of the words of the Proclamation that the men and women of '16 died for, "...cherishing all the children of the national equally". How shall we cherish our children in this day and age? One sure way is to protect the health of our beloved children by supporting this Amendment. Thank you all for your time

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Paul Redmond

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

If passed, the WCDP would be amended to include the following protection for children:

Chapter 6, Centres & Retailing. Under Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail and under the Heading "Retail uses" is RT17 below.

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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, including those with a drive through facility:

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N.B. This amendment would only affect new planning applications and would have no impact on businesses which are already in operation.

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Léonora Earls

From: Cezary Rembelski
Sent: 06 February 2016 08:37
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Retail Objective

Address: 147 Seabourne View, Greystones
Date: 06/02/2016

Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 – 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Co. Wicklow and I am also a parent. My children will attend Educate Together school in Greystones in September this year. The school has implemented a healthy eating policy, children are taught about what constitutes healthy eating and encouraged to bring nutritious lunches to school. No doubt you are aware of the increase in the levels of childhood obesity in Ireland and of the effect that this will have on our health system in the future both in terms of our health and the cost of dealing with health problems. Research tells us that children who develop unhealthy patterns of eating are likely to become unhealthy adults.

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We will soon move to ban advertising of alcohol to children and cigarette advertising has also been curtailed. It is obvious that schools are chosen by fast food outlets so that they can more easily target their ideal customer. I cannot see any reason to encourage fast food outlets close to schools. Traffic management issues should also be a consideration as areas in the vicinity of schools are always congested at school drop-off and pick-up times.

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Yours Sincerely,
Cezary Rembelski

Leonora Earls

From: Brenda Rice
 Sent: 08 February 2016 22:45
 To: Planning - Development Plan Review
 Subject: Submission

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Jim Rice (Mr)

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Brenda Rice (Mrs)

Leonora Earls

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From: Robinson, Helen
Sent: 09 February 2016 11:32
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Draft WCDP (1)
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Draft WCDP (1).docx

Please find my objection letter.

I feel very strongly about this, and I hope for a good and positive result that will not affect my 3 young sons going forward in life, and every young child in Ireland.

Thank you
Helen Robinson

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9th February 2016

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From: Kari Roche
Sent: 18 February 2016 21:49
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R

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J. Walsh S.P.

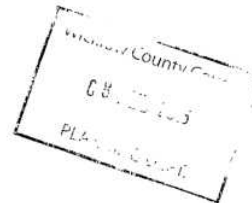
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See attached a copy of a letter sent to the County Development Plan Review, from Prof Donal O'Shea and Prof Catherine Hayes, of the Policy Group on Obesity of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.





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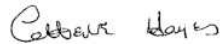
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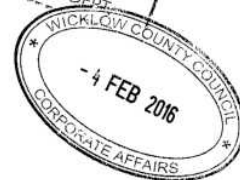
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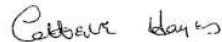


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Denis Ryan

Una Ryan

Leonora Earls

From: joe pender
Sent: 24 January 2016 10:51
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Draft WCDP (1).docx

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Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

For the reasons and information outlined above, I fully support objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016 – 2022 County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

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Leonora Earls

From: Fergus Ryan
Sent: 18 February 2016 13:21
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No fry zone for kids

7 Cnoc na Greine Woods
Kilcullen
Co. Kildare

18/2/16

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public and wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

We are all aware of the escalating obesity problem in this country and the many measures that need to be taken now to address this. Planning has a key role to play in supporting health within our community, by ensuring that the physical environment allows for active, healthy lifestyles. It is for this reason that I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely,

Fergus Ryan

Leonora Earls

From: Tracey Thompson
Sent: 28 January 2016 14:34
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No Fry 4 Kids Zone
Attachments: No Fry Kids Zone - 28.01.2016.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached a letter from Dr Clíodhna Foley-Nolan, **safefood**'s Directory of Human Health and Nutrition in 'support of the No Fry 4 kids zone'.

Kind regards
Tracey

Tracey Thompson, Executive Assistant
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County Development Plan Review
Planning Department
Wicklow County Council
Station Road
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28th January 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: No Fry for Kids Zone

I support this group in their call for prohibition of new fast food outlets in the environs of schools, parks and playgrounds. The obesity epidemic in Ireland, with 1 in 4 children overweight, requires environmental changes to address this health issue.

The evidence is now convincing that these outlets contribute to the obesogenic environment and therefore support the call to ban planning for new outlets in school neighbourhoods. I refer to recent studies which substantiate this approach:

Negative effects

- A study in Finland in 2015 found that having a fast-food outlet or grocery store near a school was associated with skipping breakfast and school lunch regularly and the accumulation of irregular eating habits. The proximity of a fast-food outlet or grocery store was associated with a 1.25-fold risk of overweight among adolescents with a low socioeconomic status but not among those with higher socioeconomic status. The association was partly (12%) explained by the accumulation of irregular eating habits.
- Research from California in 2009 showed that students with fast-food restaurants near (within on half mile of) their school (1) consumed fewer servings of fruit and vegetables, (2) consumed more servings of soda, and (3) were more likely to be overweight or obese than were youths whose schools were not near fast-food restaurants
- An American study in 2010 looking at the effects of fast-food restaurants on obesity and weight gain found that 'Having a fast-food outlet within 160m of a school is associated with a 5% increase in obesity'

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Dr Clíodhna Foley-Nolan
Director of Human Health and Nutrition

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Leonora Earls

From: collette o'brien
Sent: 02 February 2016 17:04
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No Fry Zone

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February2nd 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

It was with huge regret and anger that I witnessed the 3 year battle local concerned residents in Greystones endured with Wicklow County Council, An Bord Plenála, McDonalds and most recently Lidl, in an effort to safeguard the welfare of 1,800 school children.

We are all aware of the obesity problem in this country, in particular amongst children and how important it now is to look what we can do in our homes, schools, and community etc to reverse this serious health epidemic.

Thankfully, on this occasion, Lidl had a change of heart and the proposed development, which potentially could have put the health of our local children at risk, will now not go ahead

So, in order to prevent this from happening to other schools within Wicklow County, I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,

Collette Scheer

D157

Leonora Earls

From: Lourda Scott
Sent: 06 February 2016 18:14
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

62 Redford Pk,

Greystones,

Co. Wicklow

06/02/16

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

It was with huge regret and anger that I witnessed the battle local concerned residents in Greystones endured with Wicklow County Council, An Bord Pleanála, McDonalds and most recently Lidl, in an effort to safeguard the welfare of 1,800 school children, including my own 6 yr old son.

We are all aware of the obesity problem in this country, in particular amongst children and how important it now is to look what we can do in our homes, schools, and community etc to reverse this serious health epidemic.

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Yours sincerely,

Lourda Scott and Michael Brown

Leonora Earls

From: sheila sexton
Sent: 04 February 2016 10:32
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

7 Cherry Drive,
Delgany Wood,
Delgany, Co. Wicklow

4th February 2016

Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Co. Wicklow and I am also a parent. My child attends Loreto Secondary School, Bray, Co. Wicklow. The school has implemented a healthy eating policy, children are taught about what constitutes healthy eating and encouraged to bring nutritious lunches to school. No doubt you are aware of the increase in the levels of childhood obesity in Ireland and of the effect that this will have on our health system in the future both in terms of our health and the cost of dealing with health problems. Research tells us that children who develop unhealthy patterns of eating are likely to become unhealthy adults.

I am appealing to Wicklow County Council to take action on this issue as the County Development Plan comes up for consideration. I would like the council to ensure that we do not allow fast food outlets to be built within 400m of schools and playgrounds. It is time for our council to take national guidelines into account and ensure that fast food outlets are not given planning permission to build right beside schools but that they are instead located on more suitable sites. I understand that Wexford County Council has already taken action in this regard and I hope that our council can also take a lead on this critical issue.

We will soon move to ban advertising of alcohol to children and cigarette advertising has also been curtailed. It is obvious that schools are chosen by fast food outlets so that they can more easily target their ideal customer. I cannot see any reason to encourage fast food outlets close to schools. Traffic management issues should also be a consideration as areas in the vicinity of schools are always congested at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Please support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the County Development Plan and play your part in keeping our children safe and healthy.

Yours Sincerely,

Sheila Sexton

Leonora Earls

From: Soffe, Leonie
Sent: 18 February 2016 11:15
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: FW: Submission on Objective RT 17.
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 L.Soffe.docx

From: Soffe, Leonie
Sent: 18 February 2016 11:09
To: 'planreview@wicklowcoco.ie' <planreview@wicklowcoco.ie>
Cc: 'nofryzone4kids@gmail.com' <nofryzone4kids@gmail.com>
Subject: Submission on Objective RT 17.

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached a submission on objective RT 17.

Best Regards
Leonie

Leonie Soffe
Principal Colour Chemist

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40 Elgin Wood

Bray

Co Wicklow

18/02/2016

Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Co. Wicklow and I am also a parent. I have two young children who currently attend Park Academy Creche. The creche has full time chef who prepares healthy and nutritionally balanced meals for all who attend.

Healthy eating habits have to start at a young age, and soon become second nature, its fantastic to see children from weening age upwards enjoying snacks such fruit and vegetable together.

As a parent I am of course concerned about all aspects of my children's future, how can I give them the best possible start only for this to be undone by the lack of thought of allowing planning permission of fast food outlets close to schools.

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Yours Sincerely,

Leonie Soffe

Leonora Earls

From: Peter McCrodden
Sent: 19 February 2016 14:11
To: Planning - Planning and Development Secretariat
Subject: Amendment to the Draft Development Plan
Attachments: No Fry Zone 17th February 2016.docx

A Chairde,

Attached please find a submission from the community of St Andrew's National School Newcourt Road Bray in support of the proposed amendment to the Draft Development Plan.
Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries.

Is mise le meas,

Peter Mc Crodden
Príomhoide Scoile

17th February 2016

Re: Proposed Amendment to the Wicklow County Development Plan

A Chairde,

The school community of St Andrew's National School Bray supports the proposed amendment to the Wicklow County Development plan 2016-2022 which would:

- Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre.

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This would also ensure that the location of vents and other external services and their impact on adjoining amenities in terms of noise/smell/visual impact is carefully considered.

We support these amendments as we are aware of research in the US that indicates that children who attend a school in close proximity to a fast food outlet are:

- At greatly increased risk of obesity. Findings indicate that the rate of obesity increases by at least 25% if fast food outlets are located within 400 metres of schools.
- It is also suggested that policy interventions limiting the proximity of fast-food restaurants to schools could help reduce adolescent obesity.

Authorities within our closest neighbours, the UK, have made considerable advances in this area, and in recent years their local authorities have started to use the legal and planning systems to regulate the location of fast food restaurants, including those near schools and other locations where children congregate.

On behalf of the children in our school, staff, parents/guardians and management we strongly urge you to support our request on behalf of our current and future generations of children.

It is clear to all of us that, in allowing a purely market orientated and profit motive to drive the development of our community, we are running totally counter to the vision of healthy and active children in our schools as promoted in our curriculum. It is also at variance with the ongoing quest by our local and central governments to provide and upgrade sports facilities within our area to promote an active and healthy lifestyle for our children.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Mc Crodden
Príomhoide Scoile

June

Peter McCrodden
19 February 2016 14:57
Planning - Planning and Development Secretariat
Amendment to Draft Development Plan
No Fry Zone 17th February 2016.docx

Dear Sir/Madam,

I emailed a submission from St Andrew's N.S. Bray supporting an amendment to the Draft Development plan in relation to the "no fry zone" campaign. This generated a reply from Pauline Conway to the effect that she would be away from her desk until Tuesday next. I thus am resubmitting our submission to your email address as suggested in the automatic reply from Pauline.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Regards,

17th February 2016

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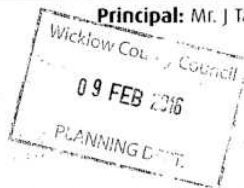
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February 8th, 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned school Principal to make a submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. In particular, Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, which looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

Obesity is a huge issue in Ireland today, 39% of adults are overweight, 25% are obese and the number of children who are significantly overweight has trebled over the past decade. 25% of children are over-weight with 1 in 4 9 year old girls and 1 in 5 9 year old boys defined as obese.

In 2015, the World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that Ireland is on course to become the fattest nation in Europe.

The direct and indirect costs of overweight and obesity in 2009 were estimated at €1.13 billion. (Page 3, Executive Summary, *The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014 – 2020*). The Irish Heart Foundation estimates that the cost of obesity will be € 5.4 Billion by 2030 if we do not act. Healthcare experts are now predicting that our generation will have a shorter life expectancy (up to 5 years) than previous generations primarily due to obesity.

The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research & studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.

It has been conclusively shown by studies in the US that there is a correlation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed that rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 400metres of schools. Fast foods being those high in sugar, salt and fats.

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For the reasons and information outlined above, I fully support objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016 – 2022


County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

We must act now.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,


John


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15th February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Management of St. Cronan's BNS to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022. In particular Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, this looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

As a nation, we are now all too aware of the escalating issue of obesity and diabetes in this country, in particular amongst our children, which are one of the most vulnerable within our society. It is appalling to learn that 1 in 4 Irish children are now classified as being overweight or obese. The recent Children's Lifestyle Study found soaring high-blood pressure levels amongst 9-11 year olds was due to their weekly reliance on fast-food.

This has significant implications for the health and wellbeing of Irish children, which left unaddressed, will increase the proportion of obese adults in the future. Left unmanaged, this trend will reverse life expectancy, increase disability and will have significant implications for our countries health-care costs, the cost of obesity in this country is now running at €1billion.

Research in the US indicates that children who attend a school within 400m to a fast food outlet have a 25% greater risk of obesity. The UK has made considerable advances in this area and in recent years local authorities are now using the legal and planning system to regulate the location of fast food restaurants, including those near schools.

This is a nationwide problem, one which needs public policy to reverse the trend and a planned approach at every level in order to create a supportive environment in which children in particular can lead healthier lives.

No doubt you are aware, that during her previous tenure as Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald, initiated a review of Draft Local Area Plans to propose that they include a No Fry Zone around schools, playgrounds and youth sports facilities.

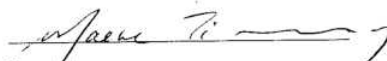
As we all know, planning has a key role to play in the future development of our communities and as such has a responsibility towards the health and wellbeing of the people, young and old, who reside there.

It is for these reasons that I wish to support and request that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of schools. There is a place for everything and everything in its place; I am not averse to Fast Food outlets, just that they be located in a sensible and suitable location.

Wicklow County Council now has the power to take the lead by implementing a No Fry Zone and safeguarding our school children from future exposure to unhealthy food (food that is high in sugar, fat and salt). The health and wellbeing of children, now and into the future, deserves to be at the forefront of any future planning application that could potentially adversely affect their wellbeing.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Maeve Tierney', followed by a long horizontal flourish and a small '7' at the end.

Maeve Tierney,

Principal

For and on behalf of the Board of Management

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Leonora Earls

From: Elke Storm
Sent: 03 February 2016 12:50
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No fry zone submission
Attachments: No fry zone submission.pdf

To whom it may concern,

Please find submission attached.

Best regards,
Elke Storm



207 Charlesland Court
Greystones
Co. Wicklow

03/02/16

**RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft
Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent (guardian/ teacher/member of the public to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

It was with huge regret and anger that I witnessed the 3 year battle local concerned residents in Greystones endured with Wicklow County Council, An Bord Plenála, McDonalds and most recently Lidl, in an effort to safeguard the welfare of 1,800 school children.

We are all aware of the obesity problem in this country, in particular amongst children and how important it now is to look what we can do in our homes, schools, and community etc to reverse this serious health epidemic.

Thankfully, on this occasion, Lidl had a change of heart and the proposed development, which potentially could have put the health of our local children at risk, will now not go ahead

So, in order to prevent this from happening to other schools within Wicklow County, I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,
Elke Storm

Leonora Earls

From: Elhine Sullivan
Sent: 09 February 2016 10:00
To: Planning Development Plan Review
Subject: Cognitive RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail

1 February 2016

Deborah

Dear Deborah,

I am writing to you as a member of the panel to make a submission on the Joint Midway County Development Plan 2016 - 2022, in particular Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, which states:

"Produce any new fast food outlets which offer foods that are high in fat, salt or sugar from being built or from operating within 400m of the centre or the boundary of schools, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

Overall, childhood obesity is a huge issue in Ireland today. Latest scientific research shows that the underlying causes of obesity start in childhood, as childhood diet and the development of a lifestyle leads to it. The statistics show that 18% of Irish children are obese. Childhood obesity will inevitably lead to increasing rates of co-related non-communicable diseases such as type 2 diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adulthood.

We know studies in the US demonstrate that there is a correlation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. The correlation showed that rate of obesity in schools increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 0.25 miles of schools. Fast foods being those high in sugar, salt and fat.

It is clear that Planning of local government involvement will have a major role to play in tackling this issue. We have a responsibility to protect and safeguard our children and young people.

Adopting objective RT17 in the Joint Midway County Development Plan is a necessary and laudable step and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our children.

For the reasons and other aforementioned above, I fully support Objective RT17 as developed and request Joint Midway County Council approval of inclusion of this objective into the 2016 - 2022 County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

Yours truly,

Elhine Sullivan

Leonora Earls

From: Linda Sullivan lsullivan@wclawson.com
 Sent: 04 February 2016 16:52
 To: Planning - Development Plan Review
 Cc: notykids@gmail.com
 Subject: Wicks County Council
 Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17.docx

Dear Sirs,

Please find attached my submission in support of objective RT 17.

If you can confirm receipt of same it would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
 Linda Sullivan

The Hill
Glaspaine
Gluebery
Co. Wicklow

20 February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent to make a submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022. In particular, Objective RT 17 Section 6.3.20, entitled Centres & Retail, which reads as:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets which offer meals that are high in fat, salt or sugar from being built or from operating within 400m of the gates or site boundary of schools, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

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In 2015, the World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that Ireland is on course to become the fattest nation in Europe.

The direct and indirect costs of overweight and obesity in 2009 were estimated at €1.12 billion. (Page 8, Executive Summary, The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014-2020). The Irish Heart Foundation confirms that the cost of obesity will be €5.4 billion by 2030 if we do not act. Healthcare experts are now predicting that our generation will have a shorter life expectancy (up to 5 years) than previous generations, mainly due to obesity.

The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research & studies show that if interrupted, childhood obesity will inevitably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non-communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adulthood.

It is well conclusively shown by studies in the US that there is a correlation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed that rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 100 metres of schools. Fast foods being those high in salt, fat and fat.

It is clear that planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in reducing this issue. We have a responsibility to invest and safeguard our children and young people.

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For the reasons and information outlined above, I fully support objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce it as a resolution in July 2016-2022 County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

We must act now.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

Uirde Sullivan

Leonora Earls

From: david f Sullivan (david.sullivan@gmail.com)
Sent: 09 February 2016 09:58
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail

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Date 9 Feb 2016

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned grand-parent to make a submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. In particular, Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, which looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

We all know that obesity is a huge issue in Ireland today. Latest scientific research shows that the underlying causes of obesity start in childhood, via childhood diet and the development of a balanced Microbiome. Clinical studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.

We know studies in the US demonstrate that there is a correlation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed that rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 400metres of schools. Fast foods being those high in sugar, salt and fats.

It is clear that Planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tackling this issue. We have a responsibility to invest and safe guard our children and young people.


Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

For the reasons and information outlined above, I fully support objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016 - 2022 County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

Yours Truly,

David Sullivan

Leonora Earls

From: Jane Sullivan 
Sent: 19 February 2016 09:54
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: No Fry Zone
Subject: Submission on Retail Objective RT17, Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

48 Blacklion Manor
 Greystones
 Co. WICKLOW

Friday 19th February 2016

Dear Councillors,

You will already have received a large number of submissions made in support of the proposed amendment to RT17 of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022, proposing a 'no fry zone' around schools, parks and playgrounds (excluding premises zoned Town Centre).

I assume that having read all of these, you are now already familiar with the terrifying stats on childhood obesity and the research that links the proximity of fast food outlets with increased levels of obesity in schools.

I also assume that you are aware of just how many people, local schools and their patron bodies, politicians and political parties, leading clinicians and subject matter experts on this topic, support the suggested NoFryZone amendment.

So in the interests of time, I won't reiterate these again here and will attempt to keep this submission short.

First of all, I understand that Wexford CC, and over the last few months, Fingal and South County Dublin CCs have quietly adopted their own versions of the No Fry Zone. So that should help to ease any reservations or concerns you may have over being the first county council to adopt such an amendment.

Further, both Fianna Fail and Fine Gael have made NoFryZones a part of their official political manifesto, so for the FF and FG members among you, there is no question over which way you should vote.

Finally, in addition to the glaring health benefits for CHILDREN from this proposed policy of NoFryZones (as described in the submissions from the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, INDI, Irish Heart Foundation and many others), this amendment will also go some way towards correcting the gaping inefficiencies of our planning system.

Following on from the recent case of the McDonalds application in Greystones, it is hard to believe that in 2015, our planning system would not allow an evidenced hazard to the future health of 1800+ children to be a consideration in the granting of planning permission to one multi-national corporation.

We know that a number of local councillors and TDs objected to that particular development. We also know that both WCC and An Bord Pleanála (on separate occasions) rejected a version of that planning application.

Yet despite all opposition, the planning application nonetheless progressed through the stages and came back again and again until permission was eventually granted.

In the end, the community, concerned parents, schools, councillors, TDs, WCC and ABT were all powerless to stop McDonalds from securing planning permission for a drive thru opposite these three schools.

A planning system (and government in general) is supposed to balance the rights of the individual with the rights of the community at large; but it is clear that, in this instance, the planning system failed to protect the interests of the community, and will continue to do so unless remedied by your actions today.

This is a national issue but the spotlight is currently on Wicklow. It is expected that your decision will be widely covered in the media. You have an opportunity to make a positive change and to lead other counties by example, to prevent scenarios, like McDonalds at the Blacklion school campus, from happening again, at the gates of any other school, in Wicklow or nationwide.

The power now rests in YOUR hands. Please use it.

I support the proposed amendment to RT17.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Sullivan

Leonora Earls

From: Fiona Teehan
Sent: 11 February 2016 16:32
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R

Fiona Teehan
39 Charlesland Park
Greystones
Co.Wicklow

11/2/2016

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public and wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

We are all aware of the escalating obesity problem in this country and the many measures that need to be taken now to address this. Planning has a key role to play in supporting health within our community, by ensuring that the physical environment allows for active, healthy lifestyles.

It is for this reason that I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Teehan

Eleanor Earls

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From: ann teeahan
Sent: 10 February 2016 21:34
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R

Ann Teehan
5 Burnaby Park
Greystones
Co.Wicklow

10/2/2016

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Yours sincerely

Ann Teehan

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Leonora Earls

From: Lily Teehan "
Sent: 17 February 2016 11:57
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: submission on NoFryZone4kids

I support the creation of a "NoFryZone" within 400 Metres of schools, parks and playgrounds, in the new Wicklow County Development Plan.

Lily Teehan

Leonora Earls

From: willie teeahan
Sent: 11 February 2016 12:15
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Fwd: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R

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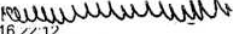
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Leonora Earls

From: Garrett Fennell 
Sent: 18 February 2016 22:12
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: Temple Carrig School; Principal
Subject: Submission on draft County Development Plan RT 17

Dear Sirs,

The Board of Management of Temple Carrig School, Greystones wishes to support the proposed inclusion on a ban on fast food outlets which sell foods which are high in sugar, salt or fat within close proximity to schools, as proposed by RT 17 in the draft Development Plan. We make this submission on a number of specific grounds;

1. Our experience as a second level school which just last year was directly confronted by a proposed new fast-food restaurant less than 30 metres from our perimeter, and just 80m from our school entrance, demonstrates that an express provision such as that proposed is required for development management and control purposes.
2. Despite clear public health imperatives, clear Government guidelines and national policy concerning Healthy Eating and Childhood Obesity, both the planning authority and An Bord Pleanála granted permission for the proposed development without adequately factoring in the impact of the proposed development on the adjoining schools and the direct and multi layered impact that the development would have had on the pupils attending the school.
3. Given that both entities managed to (mistakenly in our view) interpret their existing obligations under the planning codes in a way that facilitated them granting permission to a fast food restaurant directly adjacent to our school (and 2 other national schools), it is imperative that the measure as envisaged by RT 17 is included in the Development Plan, so that the planning authority has no capacity to creatively interpret the planning code to facilitate a development which would run entirely against proper planning and sustainable development. The existing planning code did not operate effectively to prevent such a development from securing planning consent, despite its harmful and adverse impact on adjoining schools.
4. Given that there are Judicial Review proceedings which are live between the Board of Management and An Bord Pleanála in this matter, we will not address the specifics of this case further.
5. It is also clear from comments quoted by an unnamed Wicklow County Council official in the Irish Examiner on 7 January 2016 that the Council believes that the pre-existing provisions in Government Guidelines on Local Area Plans are too vague and unspecific. A Council source is quoted as saying "Wicklow said the guidelines were too vague, as they did not define "vicinity" and discriminated against fast-food outlets, compared to sellers of confectionery, ice-cream, and sugary goods. In the absence of clear guidelines.... it is not known if any objectives adopted by individual local authorities would be legal," the council said." This inclusion of the specific wording in RT17 should address any perception in vagueness or ambiguity. There is no legal impediment on any local authority applying such an objective in its Development Plan or in the subsequent management or control of development.

In the circumstances we hope that Wicklow County Council will adopt the County Development Plan with the proposed ban on fast food outlets close to schools and as proposed by RT 17 in the current draft of the Plan.

I hope that our views on this matter will be taken into account by the Council in the finalisation of the Plan.

Yours sincerely

Garrett Fennell
 Chairperson
 Board of Management
 Temple Carrig School
 Blacklion
 Greystones

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Leonora Earls

From: ParentTeacherAssociation [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 February 2016 11:12
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission on RT 17 - WCDP
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Draft WCDP (3).docx

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached our submission in relation to the above.

Regards

Liza Hynes
Chairperson
Temple Carrig School PTA

9th February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned Parent Teacher Association of Temple Carrig School to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022. In particular Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, this looks to:

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As a nation, we are now all too aware of the escalating issue of obesity and diabetes in this country, in particular amongst our children, which are one of the most vulnerable within our society. It is appalling to learn that 1 in 4 Irish children are now classified as being overweight or obese. The recent Children's Lifestyle Study found soaring high-blood pressure levels amongst 9-11 year olds was due to their weekly reliance on fast-food.

This has significant implications for the health and wellbeing of Irish children, which left unaddressed, will increase the proportion of obese adults in the future. Left unmanaged, this trend will reverse life expectancy, increase disability and will have significant implications for our countries health-care costs, the cost of obesity in this country is now running at €1billion.

Research in the US indicates that children who attend a school within 400m to a fast food outlet have a 25% greater risk of obesity. The UK has made considerable advances in this area and in recent years local authorities are now using the legal and planning system to regulate the location of fast food restaurants, including those near schools.

This is a nationwide problem, one which needs public policy to reverse the trend and a planned approach at every level in order to create a supportive environment in which children in particular can lead healthier lives.

No doubt you are aware, that during her previous tenure as Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald, initiated a review of Draft Local Area Plans to propose that they include a No Fry Zone around schools, playgrounds and youth sports facilities.

As we all know, Planning has a key role to play in the future development of our communities and as such has a responsibility towards the health and wellbeing of the people, young and old, that reside there.

It is for these reasons that I wish to support and request that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of schools. There is a place for everything and everything in its place; I am not adverse to Fast Food outlets, just that they be located in a sensible and suitable location.

Wicklow County Council now has the power to take the lead by implementing a No Fry Zone and safeguarding our school children from future exposure to unhealthy food (food that is high in sugar, fat and salt). The health and wellbeing of children, now and into the future, deserves to be at the forefront of any future planning application that could potentially adversely affect their wellbeing.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours faithfully

Chairperson/PTA

Leonora Earls

From: Esther Torne
Sent: 14 February 2016 17:15
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com; Cllr. Tom Fortune MCC; Cllr. Nicola Lawless; Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin MCC; mitchelld@eircom.net; Cllr. Gerry Walsh; Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore
Subject: Submission to Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022
Attachments: Scan_20160214.jpg

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached my submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

I would urge you to support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the Country Development Plan and play your part in keeping our children and our communities safe and healthy.

Best Regards,
Esther Torne

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Co. Wicklow

14th February 2016

Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Co. Wicklow and I am also a parent. My children attend Temple Carrig school. The school has implemented a healthy eating policy, children are taught about what constitutes healthy eating and encouraged to bring nutritious lunches to school. No doubt you are aware of the increase in the levels of childhood obesity in Ireland and of the effect that this will have on our health system in the future both in terms of our health and the cost of dealing with health problems. Research tells us that children who develop unhealthy patterns of eating are likely to become unhealthy adults.

I am appealing to Wicklow County Council to take action on this issue as the County Development Plan comes up for consideration. I would like the council to ensure that we do not allow fast food outlets to be built within 400m of schools and playgrounds. It is time for our council to take national guidelines into account and ensure that fast food outlets are not given planning permission to build right beside schools but that they are instead located on more suitable sites. I understand that Wexford County Council has already taken action in this regard and I hope that our council can also take a lead on this critical issue.

We will soon move to ban advertising of alcohol to children and cigarette advertising has also been curtailed. It is obvious that schools are chosen by fast food outlets so that they can more easily target their ideal customer. I cannot see any reason to encourage fast food outlets close to schools. Traffic management issues should also be a consideration as areas in the vicinity of schools are always congested at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Please support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the County Development Plan and play your part in keeping our children safe and healthy.

Yours Sincerely,



Esther Torne

Leonora Earls

From: Uisneagh Treacy
Sent: 10 February 2016 18:49
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

Villa Fatima,
Kilmurry North
Kilmacanogue
Co. Wicklow.

10-2-2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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Yours sincerely,

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Leonora Earls

From: Edna Roche
Sent: 09 February 2016 09:49
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Attachments: submission to Wicklow Development Plan re no-fry zones adjacen....docx

Dear Sir/Madam
Please consider my attached submission.
Best Wishes
Edna

Edna F Roche MA, MB, DCH, MRCP, MBA, MD, FRCPI, FRCPC Associate Professor in Paediatrics, Discipline of Paediatrics and Child Health Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin and Consultant Paediatrician/Paediatric Endocrinologist National Children's Hospital Trinity Centre for Health Sciences Tallaght Hospital, Dublin 24

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9th February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17 (excluding fast food outlets within 400m of schools) draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-22.

To County Development Plan Review group,

I am writing to you as Chair of the Irish Heart Foundation's Nutrition Council and a Consultant Paediatrician /Paediatric Endocrinologist to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

I particularly wish to comment on RT17, Objectives for Centres and Retail:

*'Exclude any new fast food outlets which offer foods that re high in fat, salt or sugar from being built or from operating within 400m of the gates or site boundary of schools, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre;
Fast food outlets/takeaways with proposed drive through facilities will generally only be acceptable within Major Town Centres or District Centres and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.'*

Health organisations and the public are increasingly concerned about the impact on children of the number of fast-food restaurants located in close proximity to schools. The need for action to protect Irish children is strong – more Irish children are overweight than in most European countries.¹ The Growing Up in Ireland study also clearly shows that social inequalities increase the risk of overweight and obesity from an early age.

Fast food is readily available beside Irish schools. Currently, 75% of Irish schools have at least one and almost 30% have at least five fast food outlets within 1km.² In the absence of proper regulation this situation can only deteriorate further.

Planning policy at local and national level has a crucial role to play in helping to create healthy environments and support people to consume healthy diets. The policy of no-fry zones is increasingly attracting international and national attention. This January, the report of the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity published by the World Health Organisation³ highlighted the potential for establishing exclusion zones around schools to restrict the sale of unhealthy food and drinks.

I strongly support the inclusion of a no-fry zone adjacent to schools in the Wicklow Development Plan. I urge the Council to consider increasing the size of the exclusion zone outlined in RT17 from 400m to 1km (approximately a 10-minute walk).

Yours sincerely,

Edna F Roche MA, MB, DCH, MRCP, MBA, MD, FRCPI, FRCPC
Associate Professor in Paediatrics,
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¹ P. 18, Layte, R. and McCrory, C. (2011) *Growing up in Ireland - Overweight and obesity among 9-year olds*. Dublin: The Stationary Office.

² Callaghan, M., I. Mocho, M., Nic Gabhainn, S. and Kelly, C. (2015) 'Food for thought: analysing the internal and external school food environment'. *Health Education*, 115(2), 152-170.

³ http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/204176/1/9789241510066_eng.pdf?ua=1

Donncha Earls

From: David Hevey [mailto:David.Hevey@tcd.ie]
Sent: 10 February 2016 18:14
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission
Attachments: RT17Submission_Hevey_TCD.pdf

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned healthcare professional and researcher to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022 regarding Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail. Please see my submission attached and can you confirm receipt of same.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards
David

David Hevey

Professor

Director of the Trinity College Research Centre for Psychological Health (<http://psychology.tcd.ie/CPH.php>)

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David Hevey, PhD

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Wednesday 10 February 2016

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This has significant implications for the health and wellbeing of Irish children, which left unaddressed, will increase the proportion of obese adults in the future. Left unmanaged, this trend will reverse life expectancy, increase disability and will have significant implications for our countries health-care costs, the cost of obesity in this country is now running at €1billion.

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Yours sincerely,

Prof. David Hevey,

Director of the Trinity College Research Centre for Psychological Health,

School of Psychology,

Trinity College Dublin.

Leonora Earls

From: Murphy, Vicky
Sent: 19 February 2016 10:21
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: Perry, Ivan; Hogan, Dervla
Subject: Wicklow County Development Plan 2016/2017
Attachments: Wicklow County Development Plan 2016.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached letter from Prof Ivan Perry, Head of Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, University College Cork for your information.

Kind regards,

Vicky Murphy
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18th February, 2016



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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

On behalf of the HRB Centre for Health & Diet Research, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, University College Cork.

In particular Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, this looks to:

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On behalf of the HRB Centre for Health & Diet Research where I act as lead Principal Investigator, I wish to indicate clear and unequivocal support from the Centre in relation to Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail.

The HRB Centre for Health and Diet Research is focused on promoting the health and wellbeing of the Irish population by producing and effectively disseminating high quality evidence to guide both clinical practice and public policy on diet and nutrition. The Centre which has been funded by the Irish Health Research Board since 2008 is regarded as an international centre of excellence in public health nutrition. Researchers funded by the Centre have carried out seminal studies on the emergence and extent of the epidemic of overweight and obesity in Irish children and adults. We have also studied the societal, family and individual level causes of overweight and obesity in Irish children. In research from the centre we have shown that proximity to retail outlets influences dietary choices in Ireland as in other countries. We are also aware of specific research from the US which provides evidence that proximity to fast food outlets may be one of the contributory factors in the emergence of overweight and obesity in childhood.

In the latter study, researchers examined the relationship between fast-food restaurants near schools and obesity among middle and high school students in California.

They found that students with fast-food restaurants near (within one half mile of) their schools (1) consumed fewer servings of fruits and vegetables, (2) consumed more servings of sugar sweetened drinks, and (3) were more likely to be overweight or obese than were youths whose schools were not near fast-food restaurants. In this research there was appropriate statistical adjustment for student- and school-level characteristics that might also vary with proximity to fast food restaurants. It was noteworthy also that the result was unique to eating at fast-food restaurants and was not observed for other risky behaviours such as smoking. This research provides critical evidence that exposure to poor-quality food environments has important effects on adolescent eating patterns and overweight. It is clear that policy interventions limiting the proximity of fast-food restaurants to schools could help reduce childhood overweight and obesity.

In summary, this is an extremely important public health issue and we concur with the views of the Obesity policy group at the Royal College of Physicians that inclusion of the amendment outlined above presents an opportunity for Wicklow County Council to demonstrate its commitment to the long term health and wellbeing of the communities in the Wicklow area and can offer leadership to planning authorities across the country.

Yours faithfully,



Ivan J Perry, MD, PhD
Professor of Public Health

Leonora Earls

From: monica villa
Sent: 11 February 2016 15:10
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: No Fry Zone beside schools

Monica Villa
Springfield, Eden Rd.,
Greystones.
Co. Wicklow

11 February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

To whom it may concern,
I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public and wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

We are all aware of the escalating obesity problem in this country and the many measures that need to be taken now to address this. Planning has a key role to play in supporting health within our community, by ensuring that the physical environment allows for active, healthy lifestyles. It is for this reason that I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

Yours sincerely,
Monica Villa

Leonora Earls

From: Shirley Wade
Sent: 15 February 2016 11:24
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

The Stewards House,
Killruddery,
Bray
Co. Wicklow

15th February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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Yours sincerely,

Shirley Wade

D181

Leonora Earls

From: Aileen Walshe
Sent: 10 February 2016 15:11
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17
Attachments: Wicklow County Council.PDF

To whom it may concern,
Please find attached my submission in regard to the forthcoming draft proposals for the Wicklow County
Development Plan,
Yours sincerely,
Aileen O'Donovan

6 Carrig Meadows,

Killincarrig,

Greystones,

Wicklow

10th February 2016

Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 – 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Co. Wicklow and I am also a parent. My children attend St Kevins national school and Templecarrig secondary school in Greystones. The schools have implemented a healthy eating policy, children are taught about what constitutes healthy eating and encouraged to bring nutritious lunches to school. No doubt you are aware of the increase in the levels of childhood obesity in Ireland and of the effect that this will have on our health system in the future both in terms of our health and the cost of dealing with health problems. Research tells us that children who develop unhealthy patterns of eating are likely to become unhealthy adults.

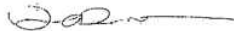
I am appealing to Wicklow County Council to take action on this issue as the County Development Plan comes up for consideration. I would like the council to ensure that we do not allow fast food outlets to be built within 400m of schools and playgrounds. It is time for our council to take national guidelines into account and ensure that fast food outlets are not given planning permission to build right beside schools but that they are instead located on more suitable sites. I understand that Wexford County Council has already taken action in this regard and I hope that our council can also take a lead on this critical issue.

We will soon move to ban advertising of alcohol to children and cigarette advertising has also been curtailed. It is obvious that schools are chosen by fast food outlets so that they can more easily target their ideal customer. I cannot see any reason to encourage fast food outlets close to schools. Traffic management issues should also be a consideration as areas in the vicinity of schools are always congested at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Please support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the County Development Plan and play your part in keeping our children safe and healthy.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,



Aileen O'Donovan

Leonora Earls

From: Sarah Watchorn
Sent: 14 February 2016 20:35
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R

34 Upper Grattan Park, Greystones, Co Wicklow

To whom it may concern,

I wish to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022.

I wish to support the proposal that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of the gates or site boundaries of schools.

I think we should as public and planners do all we can to create and promote healthy choices for children living in an increasingly overweight society.

Sincerely,
Sarah Watchorn

D183

Leonora Earls

From: Paul Webb
Sent: 18 February 2016 14:38
To: Planning - Development Plan Review

Apt 10 Clarinda House
Clarinda Park West
Dun Laoghaire

18 Feb 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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Yours sincerely,

Paul Webb

D184

Leonora Earls

From: Astrid Web [mailto:astrid@web.com]
Sent: 15 February 2016 20:09
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Fwd:
Attachments: NFZ Document.pdf

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

Please see attached letter,

Kind regards,

Astrid Weidenhammer

Sent from my iPad



Astrid Weidenhammer
9 Heathervue
Greystones
Co. Wicklow

Date: 15th February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent and doctor to make a submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. In particular, Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, which looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

Obesity is a huge issue in Ireland today, 39% of adults are overweight, 25% are obese and the number of children who are significantly overweight has trebled over the past decade. 25% of children are over-weight with 1 in 4 9-year old girls and 1 in 5 9-year old boys defined as obese.

In 2015, the World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that Ireland is on course to become the fattest nation in Europe.

The direct and indirect costs of overweight and obesity in 2009 were estimated at €1.13 billion. (Page 3, Executive Summary, *The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014 - 2020*). The Irish Heart Foundation estimates that the cost of obesity will be € 5.4 Billion by 2030 if we do not act. Healthcare experts are now predicting that our generation will have a shorter life expectancy (up to 5 years) than previous generations primarily due to obesity.

The root causes of many obesity issues can be traced to childhood. Research & studies show that, if uninterrupted, childhood obesity will invariably lead to increasing rates of diet-related non communicable diseases such as type 2 Diabetes among children and young people which will follow them into adult life.

It has been conclusively shown by studies in the US that there is a correlation between fast foods, childhood obesity and proximity to schools. The conclusions showed that rate of obesity in school children increased by at least 25% when fast food outlets were located within 400metres of schools. Fast foods being those high in sugar, salt and fats.

It is clear that Planning at local government and national level have a crucial role to play in tackling this issue. We have a responsibility to invest and safe guard our children and young people. Adopting objective RT 17 into the Wicklow County Development Plan is one step in tackling this obesity issue and will provide long-term benefits to our society and our economy.

For the reasons and information outlined above, I fully support objective RT17 as described and request that Wicklow County Council approve and introduce this amendment into the 2016 - 2022 County Development Plan. This will enable responsible planning decisions regarding the location of new fast food outlets and their proximity to schools.

We must act now. Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

A. Weidenhammer

D165

Leonora Earls

From: Emily McGee [
Sent: 04 February 2016 15:30
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Submission to Wicklow County Council- Objective RT17
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17.docx

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached my submission in support of Objective RT17.

Regards
Emily Whelan

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3 Glen Easton Drive
Leixlip
Co. Kildare
04/02/2015

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

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We must act now.

Please ensure this submission is recorded in the County Development Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

Emily Whelan

D186

Leonora Earls

From: whitten [mailto:whitten@whitten.com.au]
Sent: 19 February 2016 10:13
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Letter of Submission - No Fry Zone
Attachments: Submission on Objective RT 17 - Draft WCDP (1).pdf

To whom it may concern - please find attached regarding No Fry Zone - Objective RT17 - Draft WCDP.

Kind regards
Tanya & John Whitten

6 Burnaby Heights
Greystones
Co. Wicklow
19th Feb 2016

6 Burnaby Heights
Greystones
Co. Wicklow
19th February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to you as concerned parents/members of the public to make a submission to the draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. In particular, Objective RT17 Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, which looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

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We must act now,

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Yours Sincerely,

Tanya & John Whitten

D187

Leonora Earls

From: 22 January 2016 14:20
Sent: Cllr. Tommy Annesley; Cllr. Sylvester Bourke MCC; Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald MCC; Cllr. Pat Kennedy; Cllr. Mary McDonald; Cllr. Miriam Murphy; Cllr. Thomas Cullen MCC; Cllr. Vincent Blake MCC; oneillsigns@gmail.com; Cllr. Jim Ruttle MCC; Cllr. Edward Timmins MCC; Cllr. Joe Behan; Cllr. John Brady MCC; Cllr. Christopher Fox MCC; Cllr. Steven Matthews; Cllr. Oliver O'Brien; jryan@greatplacetowork.ie; Cllr. Brendan Thornhill; Cllr. Pat Vance MCC; Cllr. Tom Fortune MCC; Cllr. Nicola Lawless; Cllr. Grainne McLoughlin MCC; mitchelld@eircom.net; Cllr. Gerry Walsh; Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore; Cllr. Pat Casey MCC; Cllr. Shay Cullen; Cllr. Daire Nolan; Cllr. John Snell MCC; Cllr. Irene Winters MCC; Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: Support for the No Fry Zone Amendment to Wicklow CPD
Attachments: No Fry Zone.doc; No Fry Zone.odt

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached our letter in support of the 'No Fry Zone' amendment to the Wicklow CPD from the Board of Management at the Wicklow Educate Together N.S. in Wicklow Town. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Thank you,
Donna Connolly
Premises
Wicklow ETNS BOM

18 January 2016

County Development Plan Review
Planning Department
Wicklow County Council
Station Road
Wicklow Town

Re: Submission in support of Retail Objective RT17, Retail Uses in Section 6.3, Objectives for Centres & Retail, Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022 - 'No Fry Zone'

Dear Sir/Madam,

We, the members of the Board of Management for the 314 pupil Wicklow Educate Together N.S., appeal to Wicklow County Council to take action on 'No Fry Zone' submission as the County Development Plan comes up for consideration.

We would like the council to ensure that we do not allow fast-food outlets to be built within 400m of schools and playgrounds. It is time for our council to take national guidelines into account and ensure that fast food outlets are not given planning permission to build beside schools but they are instead located on more suitable sites. We understand Wexford County Council has already taken action in this regard and hope our council will also take a lead on this critical issue.

The proposed amendment to the WCDP reads as follows:

Chapter 6, Centres & Retailing. Under Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail and under the Heading "Retail uses" is RT17

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, including those with a drive through facility:

- Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre;*
- Fast food outlets/takeaways with proposed drive through facilities will generally only be acceptable within Major Town Centres or District Centres and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis;*
- Location of vents and other external services and their impact on adjoining amenities in terms of noise/smell/visual imp*

Our school has implemented a healthy eating policy, children are taught what constitutes healthy eating and encouraged to bring nutritious lunches to school. No doubt you are aware of the increase in the levels of childhood obesity in Ireland and of the effect that this will have on our health system in the future both in terms of our health and the cost of dealing with health problems. Research tells us that children who develop unhealthy patterns of eating are likely to become unhealthy adults.

In addition, we as a Board are compelled by our Safety Statement that there is a responsibility incumbent on our school to 'take direct interest in the Health and Safety of the Teachers/Staff and pupils'.

It is obvious that schools are chosen by fast food outlets so that they can more easily target their ideal customer. There is no reason to encourage fast food outlets close to schools. Traffic management issues should also be a consideration as areas in the vicinity of schools are always congested at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Please support the inclusion of the No Fry Zone amendment in the County Development Plan and play your part, along with us, in keeping our children safe and healthy.

Sincerely,


Wicklow Educate Together N.S. Board of Management

Wicklow Educate Together N.S.

Marine House

The Murrough

Wicklow Town



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Leonora Earls

From: Arthur Williams [mailto:artur@no-fry-zone.com]
Sent: 08 February 2016 13:23
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Cc: nofryzone4kids@gmail.com
Subject: No Fry Zone

County Development Plan Review,

Planning Department,

Wicklow County Council,

Station Road, Wicklow
Co. Wicklow

Date 08.02.2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned of the public to make a submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022. In particular Section 6.3 Objectives for Centres & Retail, this looks to:

"Exclude any new fast-food outlets 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, parks or playgrounds, excluding premises zoned town centre"

As a nation, we are now all too aware of the escalating issue of obesity and diabetes in this country, in particular amongst our children, which are one of the most vulnerable within our society. It is appalling to learn that 1 in 4 Irish children are now classified as being overweight or obese. The recent Children's Lifestyle Study found soaring high-blood pressure levels amongst 9-11 year olds was due to their weekly reliance on fast-food.

This has significant implications for the health and well-being of Irish children, which left unaddressed, will increase the proportion of obese adults in the future. Left unmanaged, this trend will reverse life expectancy, increase

disability and will have significant implications for our countries health-care costs, the cost of obesity in this country is now running at €1 billion.

Research in the US indicates that children who attend a school within 400m to a fast food outlet have a 25% greater risk of obesity. The UK has made considerable advances in this area and in recent years local authorities are now using the legal and planning system to regulate the location of fast food restaurants, including those near schools.

This is a nationwide problem, one which needs public policy to reverse the trend and a planned approach at every level in order to create a supportive environment in which children in particular can lead healthier lives.

No doubt you are aware, that during her previous tenure as Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald, initiated a review of Draft Local Area Plans to propose that they include a No Fry Zone around schools, playgrounds and youth sports facilities.

As we all know, Planning has a key role to play in the future development of our communities and as such has a responsibility towards the health and well-being of the people, young and old, that reside there.

It is for these reasons that I wish to support and request that a No Fry Zone be implemented within the Wicklow County Local Area Plan, in particular within 400m of schools. There is a place for everything and everything in its place; I am not adverse to Fast Food outlets, just that they be located in a sensible and suitable location.

Wicklow County Council now has the power to take the lead by implementing a No Fry Zone and safeguarding our school children from future exposure to unhealthy food (food that is high in sugar, fat and salt). The health and well being of children, now and into the future, deserves to be at the forefront of any future planning application that could potentially adversely affect their well being.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Williams,

48 Blacklion Manor

Greystones

Co. Wicklow

Leonora Earls

From: Noel Winstanley
Sent: 11 February 2016 13:11
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: submission to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022

6 Marine Terrace
Strand Road
Bray
Co. Wicklow

11 Feb 2016
RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

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Yours sincerely,
Noel Winstanley

Leonora Earls

From: Erika Woodcock
Sent: 16 February 2016 14:31
To: Planning - Development Plan Review
Subject: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6

36 Briar Wood
Vevay Road
Bray
Co Wicklow

16 February 2016

RE: Submission in support of Objective RT17 in chapter 6, centres and retail, draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 -2022R.

To whom it may concern,
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Yours sincerely,

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Erika Woodcock