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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

WICKLOW COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2016-2022

Notice is hereby given that Wicklow County Council, pursuant to Part II Section 11 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) intends to review the County Development Plan 2010-2016 and prepare a new County Development Plan for its functional area for the period 2016-2022.

In compliance with the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (2001/42/EC) and in accordance with Article 13B of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 436 of 2004) (as amended), the Planning Authority will carry out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as part of the review of the existing Development Plan and preparation of a new Development Plan. For this purpose, the Planning Authority will prepare an Environmental Report of the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the new Plan and the provisions of Articles 13C to 13J of SEA Regulations shall apply.

Pursuant to the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), a Stage One Appropriate Assessment Screening of the proposed new plan shall be carried out as part of the overall process and a Stage Two Appropriate Assessment shall be carried out, if required.

Submissions or observations regarding the review of the existing plan and the preparation of a new County Development Plan are hereby invited from the public and interested bodies. Children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are entitled to make submissions or observations.

While a review of the detailed policies, objectives (including zoning provisions) and development standards contained in the plan shall occur as part of the plan making process, this stage of the plan review process is ‘STRATEGIC’ in nature, in that it is for the purposes of developing:

- the objectives and policies to deliver an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the County
- the ‘Core Strategy’ of the plan

and in this regard the Planning Authority shall take account of the statutory obligations of the local authority and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or of any Minister of the Government.

Therefore submissions or observations may be made regarding the overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the County, BUT requests or proposals for zoning of particular land for any purpose shall not be considered at this stage and should not be made.

To assist this process, an ‘Issues’ document, which identifies the kind of planning issues that the next County Development Plan could address, has been prepared. A copy of this document can be obtained from the Wicklow County Council website www.wicklow.ie and hard copies are also available at the following locations from Tuesday 28th October 2014 during normal opening hours:

- Wicklow: County Buildings, Wicklow County Council, Station Road, Wicklow Town
- Bray: Bray Municipal District Office, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray
- Blessington: Blessington Civic Offices, Blessington Business Park, Blessington
- Arklow: Arklow Municipal District Office, Avoca River House, Arklow Town
- Greystones: Greystones Municipal District Office, Mill Road, Greystones
- All Wicklow public libraries

Public information days, when staff from the Development Plan team will be available to answer questions and to assist in making a submission will be held at the following locations:

- Bray: Bray Municipal District Office, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray Tuesday 4th November 2014 2pm – 7pm
- Blessington: Blessington Civic Offices, Blessington Business Park, Blessington Wednesday 5th November 2014 2pm – 7pm
- Wicklow: County Buildings, Wicklow County Council, Station Road, Wicklow Town Thursday 6th November 2014 2pm – 7pm
- Arklow: Arklow Municipal District Office, Avoca River House, Arklow Town Tuesday 11th November 2014 2pm – 7pm
- Tinahely: Tinahely Courthouse, Tinahely Wednesday 12th November 2014 2pm – 7pm
- Greystones: Greystones Municipal District Office, Mill Road, Greystones Thursday 13th November 2014 2pm – 7pm

Submissions may be made in one of the following ways:

1. Write to: Administrative Officer, Wicklow County Council, Station Road, Wicklow Town
2. Email to: planreview@wicklowcoco.ie
3. Online: Make a submission via the online submission tool on www.wicklow.ie

All submissions should include your name and a contact address, a map (where appropriate) and, where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company etc, which you represent. Please make your submission by one medium only, i.e. hard copy or e-mail or online.

Written submissions or observations with respect to the preparation of the draft Wicklow County Development Plan and / or the Environmental Report received during the period

Tuesday 28th October 2014 to Tuesday 23rd December 2014

will be duly considered by the Planning Authority. Late submissions will not be accepted.