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Sent: 06 January 2020 08:13
To: 'Yasmin fortune'
Cc: Planning - Plan Review
Subject: RE: Submission for County Development Plan

A Chara,

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your submission regarding the County Development Plan review.

Regards

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Administrative Officer
Planning Control.

From: Yasmin fortune [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2020 08:44
To: Planning - Plan Review
Subject: Submission for County Development Plan

Yasmin Fortune
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Dear Wicklow County Council County Development Plan Team,

Please prioritise our natural heritage by preserving our woodlands, wetlands and grasslands as wildlife habitat for our nature species - in particular our red and amber listed species. Please prioritise wildlife bridges so our wildlife can stay safe and healthy without being forced into traffic or into gardens when building roads and please consider tunnelling or other options such as sinking roads when roads must be built. The loss of this wildlife greatly affects the present and the future of our country: more than ever, at a time of endemic stress and anxiety experienced by our young people as a result of the great disconnect of the plugged-in information age, we need these green areas for human well-being as well as for the conservation of our incredible wild Wicklow.

Please prioritise the preservation of our geographical and aesthetic natural heritage.

Please prioritise the protection of the incredibly beautiful, ancient, and extremely special area of Glen of the Downs, Downhill Bronze-Age Hillfort, Coolagad Bronze-Age Hillfort, Bellevue Demesne, Toll-Road/ Norman Path, Woodlands Church, Three Trout Stream and Delgany Historical Village. Please commemorate the 1022 Battle of Delgany and honour the importance of its location in the valley of the Glen of the Downs, and the strategic settlements of Ugaire King of Leinster on Downhill, and Citric King of Dublin on Coolagad. Please conduct extensive archaeological investigation into this special area. Please prioritise the open-to-the-air nature of the Three Trouts stream and other streams and rivers in the county in order to protect the flourishing of biodiversity.

Please honour the historic importance of the remains of the Georgian gardens at Bellevue estate and the importance of Bellevue Demesne as wildlife habitat for red and amber listed species.

Please prioritise the development of sustainable energy for jobs and revenue as well as for the environment.

Please prioritise Heritage Tourism as a means of generating the revenue which would otherwise be generated from the destruction of habitat and sites of architectural and archaeological interest for housing, industry and roads.

Heritage Tourism is an unlimited and as yet largely untapped resource with the means of bringing local jobs on a large scale, generating wealth for developers who could make a switch to being eco-developers and taking pride in preserving our heritage, boosting our economy and conserving our heritage for present and future generations.

Please prioritise our built heritage by cherishing and encouraging public awareness of our ancient archaeology and our more recent historical architecture. Please find a way to balance housing and development harmoniously with respect for and care of the beautiful structures of our ancestors.

Please prioritise an innovative and sustainable approach to housing development: making affordable, sustainable, eco-friendly housing a priority. Please use innovation and design thinking to resolve the issue of the current housing crisis and give people back their quality of life and their dignity. Please prioritise homeless people, people on the verge of homelessness, people struggling to stay on top of their rents or mortgages and people having to uproot their children from their family and friends networks, their schools, their homes and their sports clubs desperately need the support of a strong and caring County Development Plan. Please consider relaxed planning options for temporary and community accommodation such as exist in the UK so people can live a liveable life.

Please prioritise planning in accordance with our global Climate Change crisis.

Please prioritise an exceptional Public Transport system so people in our county want to choose public transport over their car, knowing that they will be guaranteed a space in the park and ride, excellent shelter from our wild weather, a comfortable place on the bus or train or tram which arrives on time, personal safety during their whole public transport experience and will arrive to their destination relaxed, warm and dry. Please try to encourage as many commuters to opt for this exceptional public transport service as possible. Please only build environmentally and heritage sensitive roads when all public transport has been put in place.

Please prioritise the construction of sustainable schools of exceptional quality and the implementation of public transport at early planning stage, in advance of opening.

Please prioritise sustainable and humane farming practice and end the cruel practice of a caged and unnatural pain-ridden existence for chickens, pigs and other caged farm animals whom we know to be sentient beings capable of feeling emotions and pain.

Please prioritise the management of dog breeding facilities to eradicate the cruel practices of puppy farms. Please prioritise the preservation and raising awareness of our traditional farming methods and crafts, historical farm buildings and practices, and heritage farm-animal breeds including the Kerry Bog Pony whose numbers are most likely the last remaining Celtic Ponies of ancient times, documented in Ireland at the time of Newgrange.

Please prioritise the equal valuing of all members of our beautiful county, regardless of economic situation. Please prioritise the well-being of those in society who do not always have a voice: the homeless, the economically disadvantaged, ethnic minorities, those who face the challenge of mental or physical sickness or disability.

Please prioritise access to nature and green aesthetic beauty for all County members and visitors.

Please view our place in Wicklow, in society and in nature, as being part of a natural global system which requires forward thinking, innovative ideas and long-term planning to ensure a rewarding quality of life for all living-beings and the beautiful world we live in.

Sincerely,
Yasmin Fortune.

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