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Sent: 06 January 2020 08:10
To: 'Ann Scanlon'
Cc: Planning - Plan Review
Subject: RE: Wicklow CDP Submission

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: Ann Scanlon [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 January 2020 00:26
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Submission re. Wicklow County Development Plan (CDP)

To: planreview@wicklowcoco.ie
From: Ann Scanlon, [REDACTED]

Dear Administrative Officer, Forward Planning, Wicklow County Council,

I am a regular visitor to Wicklow and I care deeply about its future, as I know you do also. We need much stronger strategic planning & discipline on resource usage for the future Wicklow wellbeing of my grandchildren and others, especially in this time of (Wicklow) Climate and Biodiversity Emergency. You must protect Wicklow Natural Heritage and Resources and Communities, protect Glen o'the Downs / Three Trout Stream Nature Reserve and our other local nature reserves, stop ad-hoc local development except in main hubs, stop any N11 road expansion before trying all public transport solutions to reduce rush hour congestion, and give a planning lead to other Counties, including the following areas please:

Overall / Governance:

- Change the title of the CDP to the CSDP County Sustainable Development Plan. This simple step increases stakeholder awareness and signals collaborate leadership ambition.
- Set policy that all development must thoroughly assess Climate and Biodiversity impact before being given permission
- Strengthen Forward Planning / Scenario Planning for community and ecosystem resilience and well-being, e.g. 20 year plan and 100 year plan for Wicklow and the wider region
- Include indicators that can facilitate monitoring that measures wellbeing / quality of life.

Population / Housing Planning:

- concentrate population growth in the 4 main towns and only very limited growth (10%) in villages with no car dependant isolated sprawling housing in the countryside except where essential for economic need.
- Only zone land for housing where it has access to public transport and do not build commuter housing that is car dependant

- Build estates that are pedestrian friendly with very high quality housing (low energy and low water use). Where car parking spaces are needed, locate these in one shared, separate area, not distributed beside every house.
- ensure high density housing has good access to well designed public open space
- Have more rights of way
- include guidelines for public realm in towns
- Prioritise and pilot Eco-housing / Co-housing for sustainable affordable shared resource use and community formation
- Zone for Windfarms / Community Renewable Energy development

Transport:

- Plan for sustainable Wicklow Public Transport and adopt ambitious targets for increase in public transport usage and reduction in private (especially single-use commuting) transport usage

Environment / Heritage:

- Strengthen the awareness and protection of the Glen O'the Downs Nature Reserve, the jewel in the crown of Wicklow nature. Set policy to re-connect the largely-forgotten Western section of the Glen nature reserve and re-connect it to the Eastern section via a number of green bridges. Please identify the complete Three Trouts Stream River System – the ancient lifeline which created and still flows through the Glen - as a County Wicklow (Climate and Biodiversity) nature reserve and prioritise it for awareness, protection, environmental monitoring, and restoration / re-wilding wherever possible.
- Identify & zone all Wicklow River Corridors & Wetlands for Protection (Waterford last 2 County Development Plans give a good example)
- study the creation a "Land reserved for nature including Climate & Biodiversity Natural Solutions" zone type, and zone other uplands as well as the Rivers/Wetlands
- Make more use of dark sky zones and quiet zones
- Protect rivers, wetlands, trees, hedgerows and ecological networks
- consider sustainable agriculture and zone good quality soils on the edge of towns

Retail:

- There is sufficient large retail infrastructure in Wicklow. Prioritise and encourage local town- and village - centre retail and self-sufficient, resilient communities.

Thank you. Plan wisely please for my Wicklow grandchildren and yours.

Ann Scanlon