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**What area does your submission relate to?**

Transportation & Infrastructure

**Your comments**

Since the DART extension to Greystones, there has been no development of the east coast rail line . There appear to be no plans for off road public transport development serving Co. Wicklow - either east coast heavy rail, or extension of light rail south of Brides Glen. This is despite the chronic congestion on the M11/N11. Assessing a road only based solution is clearly deficient. While stipulating 2 car park spaces per new dwelling, but having no requirement per new dwelling on public transport, especially off road heavy rail where an existing asset remains chronically underused, is counter to proper land use an transport planning and is unsustainable. Facilitating low density high footprint housing estates on green field sites (distant from rail transport hubs) as preferred by property developers instead of high density low footprint on brown field sites near existing or potential train stations has contributed to the M11/N11 chronic congestion and is completely unsustainable. If the planning authority cannot address the public transport deficit, despite a railway asset lying chronically underused in its jurisdiction, then it should not pass on this deficit to Co. Wicklow residents.

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