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Sent: 10 January 2020 09:23
To: 'rosa murray'
Subject: RE: Wicklow County Development Plan

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

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Planning, Development and Environment.

From: rosa murray [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 January 2020 17:59
To: Planning - Plan Review
Subject: Wicklow County Development Plan

Dear Sir/Madam

I understand you are in the process of preparing the next Wicklow Development Plan and I wish to submit the following points as a guideline for what I would like to see for the future of Wicklow.

Transport

All public transport options to be looked at, existing ones improved and new ones used wherever possible. Car usage, in particular single use, needs to be decreased to reduce carbon emissions. Less new roads built but when necessary to take into account EIS results and avoid any destruction to the environment and local biodiversity. Try to reduce the amount of traffic travelling to the capital every day and create work hubs and employment locally.

Planning

Sustainable planning put to use and the climate emergency taken into account for all planning, large or small. Trees and pollinators should be a standard requirement for all planning permissions granted. Zone areas to protect them from destruction and leave no doubt as to their status. All new builds to be eco friendly builds.

Heritage

Preserve and create awareness of all natural and built heritage. Wicklow is so rich in this, it needs to be protected and honoured.

Recycling centres

Expand the type of materials that can be recycled. An example is crisp bags and biscuit wrappers, these can only be recycled at present if sent to the UK, on a small scale some shops/schools are doing this and generating cash, that could be facilitated at recycling centres and sent in bulk to UK. Educate the general public more on where their refuse and recycling goes and what it is used for. Levy any plastic products/packaging and reward any compostable ones.

Respite and care centres

Increase respite and care centres to help family who care for sick or elderly loved ones get a break now and then.

Family care saves the government billions every year but it's a difficult 24/7 job with no reward or help for the carers.

Homeless

More emergency units built to solve the homeless crisis, get people off the streets and the stress that goes with not knowing where you will lay your head tonight. This should only be a temporary solution and long term housing solutions looked at. No family should be living in hotels long term.

Animal rescues

Prioritise and increase funding for animal rescues. A lot of these are private rescues relying on public donations. The problem of animal surrender is on the increase, these rescues cannot operate at this level. The veterinary bills are huge for these rescues. A larger county pound with a vet in residence and more effort put into rehoming rather than euthanasia should be implemented.

Kind regards,

Rosa Murray, 