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10 January 2020 09:26

To:

'Marie Demirsay'

Subject:

RE: Have your say WICKLOW CO CO

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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: Marie Demirsay

**Sent:** 09 January 2020 21:04 **To:** Planning - Plan Review

Subject: Fwd: Have your say WICKLOW CO CO

To whom it concerns,

I would like to contribute the following submission for inclusion in the future plan for Wicklow.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL:**

- More hedgerows for birds as our bird population is currently down by 40%. Their food and water sources are in decline in the Wicklow area and this needs to be addressed as a matter of priority.
- We need substantial work in the area of river protection from issues such as nitrate run-off, pesticide run-off and quarry run-off. Clearing of rivers in conjunction with Inland Fisheries Board and Wicklow East River Trust.
- Protection of all our oak and native Irish trees all should have a protection order (TPO)
- The IDA site: Preserved for forestry and wildlife as we need to protect and maintain the current inhabitants on this important site especially as we have very limited spaces in the Greystones area to do so.
- Proposed Greenway should not be allowed to go ahead as the Delgany Greystones river walkway is
  the only connected biodiverse belt left and this should not be altered in any way and only enhanced
  as a protected wildlife belt
- Introduce more wildlife and nature education for children in schools and encourage more school walks/trips in nature.
- · Recycle plastic bins on beach at south beach, cove, harbour, diving board area
- More recycling bins to be placed beside big belly bins.
- Green spaces/animal habitats should under no circumstances be further compromised and/or diminished as we have already lost so much as a result of over development in the Greystones and Wicklow area.
- Pollinator host plants, no pesticides anywhere in Greystones

## CHILDREN:

- Staggered school times to help with traffic problems
- Incentivise children to use bicycles more for transport to school as a way to reduce traffic flow in and out of Greystones. It will also have the added benefit of improving health and fitness in our children.

## **ROADS AND TRAFFIC:**

- Bike depot outside Cafe Gray should be be moved and delivery vans should have 7 mins time frame
- Introduce a council app designed to encourage car sharing for school runs and more state subsidised school buses.
- Tax breaks for bicycles
- Better bus services to encourage less cars
- The Glen of the Downs is a protected Nature Reserve and should not be altered or infringed on in any way to expand the dual carriage way alternative ways to deal with the traffic must be found; it has been compromised enough already in the past

I would very much appreciate if my suggestions could be considered and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Marie Demirsay