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Sent: 10 January 2020 13:44
To: 'Michael Mulligan'
Subject: RE: County Development Plan consultation

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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: Michael Mulligan [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 January 2020 13:32
To: Planning - Plan Review
Subject: County Development Plan consultation

To whom it may concern,

I would like to may the following submission to the County Development Plan. Some of these will cross cut into different areas.

Flooding - only very limited building (if any) should be permitted on known current flood plans unless adequate flood defences are made a condition of the planning permission (although this will have a knock on effect in other areas). I would include in this, areas identified as at risk due to coastal erosion and rising sea levels.

Housing - Adequate social housing must be provided in the County (as we are in a national emergency, speech by An Taoiseach to Joint Oireachtas Committee of 29 Mar 2018), this should mean emergency resources are provided by national and local Government to facilitate this. This therefore must be a priority. Past experience has shown that this is best provided in mixed developments (houses, townhouses, apartments, privately owned, affordable and social housing). The major need is in the more urban areas of the county. A key part of this must be to return vacant housing (including council owned properties) to occupancy.

Retail - Levels of commercial rates should be reviewed with a view to encouraging retailers to open in and retain existing businesses. Adequate nearby onstreet parking and car parks must be provided, this is especially true of Wicklow due to the more rural areas. Jointly with this in the more urban areas local public transport must have good access to these areas. The result of insufficient retail within the county will lead to money, jobs and businesses being moved to Dublin with more damage to the Country and climate.

Tourism - There would appear to be a lack of serviced camp sites and/or caravan parks in the County considering the level of tourism in the county. A major threat to the Counties tourism is the level of crime in the County both in urban and rural areas more Garda resources are required. There is also little point in having CCTV unless it is monitored 24/7/365.

Economic Development - The major issues with this regard are the poor transport infrastructure (including the N11/M11/M50) and poor internet access (including rural broadband).

Transportation - The M11/N11 is the main road artery from the south east, through Wicklow to Dublin. The viability of all areas of development and sustainability depends on this. The chronic congestion at a few choke points (that are within Co. Wicklow) need to be tackled as a matter of urgency. The main choke points are within the greater Bray area (the Glen of the Downs, Kilmacanogue and Bray South). Junctions need to be redesigned (some closed) and made safer, quicker flowing and faster - this can be done relatively quickly and at a reduced cost in comparison to the proposed road realignments. Any evidence on the N11 forces even more traffic through Bray for example as people from the Greater Greystones area try to avoid the incident. At the same time, the council must ask why do so many people drive - because they have to. The public transport south of Bray Daly Station is slow, expensive and inefficient. Timetables need to be revised so that people from Wexford and Wicklow can get to work via mainline rail and bus in time for work in the city centre or elsewhere and so avoid the need to use a car. Works on the mainline rail to increase train speeds would also assist with this. Many many Bus Eireann buses fail to appear at all resulting in a service that is not reliable. The possible location of a park and ride facility at "The Beehive" (for cars from Wexford) and/or Charlesland in Greystones would be encouraged.

For your consideration,

Mick Mulligan