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Sent: 13 January 2020 10:11
To: 'Justin Ivory'
Cc: Planning - Plan Review
Subject: RE: Wicklow County Development Plan

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: Justin Ivory [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 January 2020 16:58
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Submission re Wicklow County Development Plan

From: Justin Ivory, [REDACTED]

Dear Administrative Officer,
Please find below some general points (not detailed) in relation to the County Development Plan.

1. Two decades ago myself and others via submissions etc were imploring the Council to build the principles of sustainability and agenda 21 as signed up to by Ireland at the Rio Earth Summit into the CDP and LAPs. I won't go into the details here but needless those entreaties were ignored by Wicklow CoCo and in turn by national government and this was reflected across the globe. In the face of the science and the clear facts of where Wicklow, Ireland and the world was heading 2 decades ago. Elected councillors and council officials chose to ignore that and instead took a short term, unsustainable approach. In my opinion this was criminally negligent.
2. A long term (100 years) sustainable vision and view for Wicklow needs be adopted not just 2022 to 2027. A decision needs to be made what human population can County Wicklow and its major centres accomodate while not further compromising the natural environment and social structures of the county. You were asked to only allow for natural growth 2 decades ago but went well beyond that.
3. Wicklow cannot be all things to everybody and every species. It cannot support endless, infinite development and growth, act as an outdoor human recreational playground for an ever-expanding local population and visiting daytrippers from a growing Dublin population, and also try to capture even more tourist vsitors. None of this is sustainable without damaging what makes this once 'Garden of Ireland' special - it's variety of wonderful landscapes and habitats and the wildlife and biodiversity contained therein.
4. Rewild large areas of Wiclrow to help halt and reverse the loss of biodiversity.

5. Plant more native forests and apply CCF principles.
6. Pay farmers to farm for wildlife.
7. Create wildlife corridors connecting existing and new wildlife areas (SPAs, SACs, nature reserves etc.)
8. Restrict human recreational activities to designated areas and have areas which are undisturbed by human activity.
9. Greatly enhance public transport options.

I left it a bit late to this submission. The above is only the tip of the iceberg. I fully support the points made by the Wicklow Planning Alliance in their submission.

Regards,
Justin Ivory