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Sent: 13 January 2020 10:03
To: 'Edel Scanlon'
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: Edel Scanlon [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 January 2020 16:37
To: Planning - Plan Review
Subject: Wicklow County Development Plan

Re. Wicklow County Development Plan (CDP)

To: planreview@wicklowcoco.ie
From: Edel Corcoran, [REDACTED]

Dear Wicklow County Council Planners,

Please prioritise balanced, sustainable development planning in your upcoming plan, explicitly aligned with, and complying to, UN SDGs, and Irish Government Policy on Regional Development, Climate and Environmental Protection, Gender Equality and Inclusion.

Please give much more weight to describing, protecting and improving Wicklow's unique Natural Heritage and unique Community Spirit of resilience, volunteering and empowered creativity. These 2 characteristics are Wicklow's key strengths, the basis of all our development and the basis of the Wicklow quality of life we will create for ourselves, our children and their children.

Please plan the steps towards a joined-up, sustainable service infrastructure for a Post-Fossil-Fuel 2030 period, e.g. parks and nature reserves, transport (not roads in isolation), water, energy, housing, residential zoning and services, etc. Please question any extrapolation and extension of current (legacy) policies. The Climate, Biodiversity and Environmental Emergency must trigger new improved thinking on all policies. Please do not invest in legacy fossil-fuel infrastructure but rather in renewable and sustainable infrastructure (and public education & engagement to support this).

Please define (immediately, in a basic way, which can be extended later) and measure current Wicklow (Community & Ecosystem) Wellbeing and consider what future planning / prediction can be done with such measures.

Please focus development in Wicklow's 2 key towns, Bray and Wicklow town, aligned with National Strategy. Continued dispersed development risks continuing mass daily commuting exodus into Dublin and County Wicklow continuing to become a generic dormitory accommodation centre and weekend tourism experience destination.

Please plan innovation pilots (with possible support from CIT Wicklow Campus and UCD Earth Institute) to find sustainable models for

- business employee co-hosting / satellite centres, and,
- community-supported, low-impact, sustainable housing in tune with nature stewardship, to include social and affordable and commercial .

Please plan continuous CDP Communications / Public Engagement as a key integrated part of the CDP, not a later add-on for someone else to work on.

I have also reviewed and fully support the inputs of these key community groups - Wicklow Planning Alliance, Delgany Community Council and Keep Ireland Open.

Thank you for your work in planning a confident, forward looking, Natural Garden of Ireland that all of our community can be proud of and that can help inspire and lead other counties,

Edel Corcoran