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County Wicklow

RE: Submission to Wicklow County Development Plan 2021-2027 (Stage 1)

Tourism & Recreation

Tourism in Brittas Bay area.

Sand Dune/Beach Protection

Brittas Bay beach is the only Blue Flag Beach in County Wicklow and should be looked after as it is a beautiful natural attraction and a huge amenity for the area. Currently there is a lot of erosion of the beach especially at the south entrance. Would it be possible to take some action in preventing the further erosion of the sand dunes?

With the increased population in County Wicklow and South County Dublin there is a huge increase in the number of visitors to the area all year round. The area has very few amenities.

Parking Facilities

More parking facilities should be provided for the beach particularly the North End of the beach should be looked at. This would stop people having to park on the road and thus creating hazards and causing traffic congestion at peak times.

Construction of Footpath (Health and Safety Issue)

The R750 is an extremely busy road particularly in the summer months. High volumes of traffic including buses, lorries and farm machinery make walking on this road particularly dangerous. On a recent road survey it was estimated there are approximately

3,000 vehicles using this stretch of the road in the summer months per day.

The stretch between the North Beach entrance and the school/church/café and shop area of Ballynacarrig Village is a highly dangerous stretch of road. People trying to get to the shop and café walking from the various caravan parks and homes in the area are being put in immediate danger as there is no footpath available to walk on. Therefore there are numerous children, mothers pushing prams and elderly couples putting themselves in danger by walking on this very busy road to and from these facilities. The installation of a footpath is imperative to the safety of all users of this road, drivers included. This is a serious Health and Safety issue.

We would appreciate if you could take these submissions into account when comprising the 2021-2027 County Development Plan.

Regards

Michael Higgins

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Higgins".