



Proposed Variation No. 7 to the Wicklow County Development Plan Submission Report

Submission Details

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Proposed Variation Parts

Topic	Part 1: Proposed Variation to town / settlement zoning maps and, where relevant, proposed new or amended site specific policy objectives.
Submission	1. Level 4: Rathdrum

Write your observations here:

I wish to oppose any rezoning of land in Rathdrum until existing issues are resolved.

Rathdrum has greatly expanded in recent years, placing an impossible burden on already failing infrastructure. It has become the norm to be without water or electricity for periods of time with no explanation as to why. We have spent all summer watching large water tankers draw water in Wicklow town and come to top up the reservoir multiple times per day.

The schools are full, there has been issues in recent years with local children who have lived and gone to national schools in the town not being given a place in the secondary school. It's absurd to suggest that they should have to leave the town to go to school elsewhere.

As a commuter I know first hand the hell it is traveling to work in Dublin during the school/college terms. With a very poor train service and trains that are overcrowded it is not a viable option for a lot of people, putting them into their cars. With no bus service or park and rides available to people leaving the town at 6am is the only solution to avoiding lengthy tailbacks on the N11.

All of these issues need to be addressed before the town is expanded any further.