



# Variation No.6

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## **Submission to Variation No.6 of the Wicklow CDP 2022-2028**

### **Introduction**

Whilst we all appreciate the shortage of housing in Ireland, the government is complicit in its magnitude in various ways. Enniskerry is a village with, at best, poor road infrastructure, a lack of facilities and this is what makes it what it is. We want it to stay this way, we did not invest in the area, based on it being transformed into another high-density disaster.

To suggest that up until now, planning permission has been near impossible but overnight, because government wants more housing, our lives to change to suite their lack of strategic thinking is preposterous.

### **Some facts: the published Proposal for Variation No.6**

1. The explanation for calculation of these huge increases in density relating to Enniskerry is not given.
2. Our village is being classified as a large town compared to Roundwood which has a far more facilities including a village store, is classified as 'Small Medium Town edge' with density per hectare of 25 to 40. It would be useful for our community to understand why this is.

### **Impact to Enniskerry Village:**

1. The densities proposed require High-Capacity Public Transport. Enniskerry is served only by low-frequency bus routes. The village has no rail or DART link. The high densities noted in the proposed variation will further increase the traffic gridlock on the R117 and R760, creating a public safety risk for emergency vehicle access. These routes are also served by Coillte who have over 5 forestry sites west of the village and the only exit for HGV trucks is through the village.
2. Increasing density by 2 to 5 times without a costed plan for a proper sustainable infrastructure for transport result in an unsustainable surge in traffic contradicting the Wicklow County Councils Climate Action Plan 2024.

### **As things stand right now:**

- The Proposed Variation No.6 is ambiguous and confusing. No consultative process where those proposing the changes can be questioned to seek clarity. This is unacceptable.
- Enniskerry has experienced material development growth that is having adverse effects on the fabric of the village.