



Draft Wicklow Town – Rathnew LAP Submission - Report

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Topic

Residential Development

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I was born and raised in Rathnew, went to the U.S. and worked hard there. I now spend about six months of the year in my home in Ashford. Every year I come home I fail to recognize the area with all the new housing. I was in the construction business in New York and worked on many famous buildings there. However infrastructure was key to a successful build. Planning is key but it seems to be an afterthought so far in Wicklow. You do not have the roads, schools, Doctors to cater to this influx of new people. It is way over built for such a small area. All you want to do is destroy historical landmarks such as Tinakilly House and Halpin's Avenue. It is disgraceful and seems to be all about making money. That Avenue has been a solace to all in Rathnew for so many years. I walked it as a child as do children today. It saved peoples sanity during covid. But I guess Denis is happier just to make some money of it and destroy all the heritage trees, greenery and animals who reside there. No wonder the house is being overrun by rats right now. Building all those houses on a floodplain no less has disturbed a whole environment. How that permission ever got through is still a mystery to me. Someone needs to answer that question. An Bord Pleanala questioned that, did they not?

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Infrastructure (inc. Infrastructure Delivery Schedule)

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Infrastructure as I said should be the first step when planning housing developments. The Garden of Ireland would be no more if the council does not acknowledge the history of the area, its buildings and the need to preserve our green space. I bring a lot of Americans over here to stay with me and we travel all over to visit historical places but Wicklow is becoming a concrete jungle. No wonder there are so many empty stores in Wicklow town. With the supposedly wonderful idea of a oneway system in Wicklow all the stores are dying. Look at Gorey and how great a town it is, vibrant and busy. I feel the management there knows how to run a town.

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Transport Assessment / Transportation Strategy Map

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Is there a transportation strategy??? Taking 40 mins to drive from Ashford to Wicklow in the middle of the day is ridiculous. And you are building more houses.

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[Heritage / Biodiversity / Heritage Maps](#)

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Heritage trees going to be eliminated at Tinakilly and Haplins Avenue if they build that road. I look over at Inchanappa house in Ashford and those beautiful heritage trees and wonder what will happen to them when they start building over there. Will the council care? Remember Wicklow is supposed to be the Garden of Ireland.

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[Green Infrastructure / GI map](#)

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All I can repeat is that Wicklow needs to stay known as the Garden of Ireland. I know housing is needed but all within reason as people need the infrastructure in which to live.

Green space is needed for one's sanity. Halpin's avenue probably saved people's lives during Covid. Rathnew needs the use of that Avenue. The council needs to take into account so many aspects of life when planning new developments. Please listen to reason before you let developers ruin the environment of Rathnew. I appreciate you taking the time to read this. I can be reached here in New York if you want to discuss anything with me. My wife's cell is 19174026239. We will be back in Ashford in April D.V.

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