



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: Enniskerry

Topic	Part 2
Submission	Changes consequent to Chapter 3 (Core Strategy) of the County Development Plan

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Submission	2. D. Call for Sites – Summary of Assessment

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I have reviewed the proposed changes to the County Development Plan pertaining to the Enniskerry area and would like to submit my views on these changes.

Enniskerry sits on the edge of an SAC, which is already under pressure from surrounding development and also extensive recreational use. Adding more houses and people to the area is only increasing pressure on this very delicate ecosystem.

With more people walking in Knocksink woods, with & without dogs, littering, defecating & camping this important area for biodiversity and wildlife will be damaged forever.

Without serious upgrades to water and sewage to the village it is hard to see how these lands can be developed.

There is little provision in the proposed plans for community facilities - recreational spaces both indoor and out, new schools, shops, health facilities etc.

Enniskerry is a rural village which is ill served by public transport. Rezoning land to enable the construction of more houses is going to significantly increase the traffic on already over congested roads.

Due to the location of the village, set deep in a valley, it is not possible to adequately widen or increase the road network - an action which anyway runs counter to current thinking of encouraging people to use public transport.

The reality is the majority of Enniskerry residents rely on their cars as there simply is not a viable alternative.

The village and surrounding small rural roads are already suffering from congestion on the N/M11. The back roads are used on a daily basis as 'ratruns' to avoid blockages on the motorway. More houses/cars will only increase this problem as all cars are filtered down through the tiny Victorian village centre.

It is already unsafe to walk or cycle on the roads around Enniskerry, adding more houses/cars will only exacerbate this problem. There is little provision for cycle or foot paths.

The important historic value and charm of the village is steadily being destroyed by soulless housing estates which are constructed for maximum value to the developer with little regard for the vernacular architecture of the existing village buildings. What used to be a functioning and busy village supplying the needs of the residents both in the village and the wider hinterland has now become a car congested empty conurbation.

There is currently plenty of rezoned land around the greater Bray area, Fassaroe in particular. It would make much more sense to develop these lands where there is easier access to public transport - new park & ride facility not even opened, space to extend the Luas for Cherrywood & easy access to the motorway rather than allowing sprawling development to swallow up a unique village such as Enniskerry.

I am absolutely against any further land being rezoned in Enniskerry, there is already too much land lost from agriculture & wildlife. This village should be preserved as a gateway to the Wicklow National Park & not turned into a suburb of Dublin.

