



Arklow Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

Compact Growth - Housing – Population Growth

Submission

Inflation as we know is very high at the moment and Arklow doesn't help with any housing issues due to that, young people can't afford to buy any house that is on the market as Arklow is constantly building social houses which I think brings more people to stay on social welfare as at least than they'd be pretty much promised a house but when you're working for a house yourself it's been calculated that in Ireland you'd be needing to make close enough to 40€ an hour to accommodate the housing costs now a days which let's be honest, no one is making that especially not when you're in your early 20s looking to buy your first house. Wicklow county council should offer a support system for young adults that have been locals in their towns for years, so that they'd be able to afford a house in the first place. Right now there's two sites which I think would be suitable for building housing estates, one being the sites by the old Opel salon by Dublin road and the other being out by servier as both of these would have easy access to the motorway and would block the town any more than it is already. And god bless if you try to cut down the Glenart forest to build more housing or something else, youse already cut down trees there for the social housing estate which all I can say was not very 'eco friendly' of you.

Topic

Infrastructure - Sustainable Movement – Transportation

Submission

Arklow can not function properly without a second bridge, lack of another bridge is the reason why there's constant traffic in the town, it was in plans for years but for some reason has always been put to the side, the population will continue to grow, our community needs to expand, which is impossible without a second bridge unless you want the whole town to be blocked. To add to this, you can't be expanding communities and wanting to build up the whole town yet constantly be narrowing roads, having horrible one way rules as well as those bollards that are an inconvenience to everyone on the road. Not only do youse keep on narrowing the roads but also aren't fixing them those temporary patches that youse are plastering onto the road chip away within a week, you may as well do it properly and not have every second car damaged on potholes in the town centre, looks horrible. Arklow should also seriously consider in building a multi-storey car park, as especially during rush hours people don't have even one space available to them in the whole town centre, whether it is underground or a normal storey car park it needs to be done, whether this means rebuilding the one at expert or in the old HSE at Castlepark, I think both places would be ideal for this and close for most people to do their shopping. (It was dumb in the first place to not build that car park while the new HSE building was being built, not only for the HSE but for the whole public). When it comes to public transport, more people would use it if it was more available, it's not walking distance for most, none of the stops have a car park near where you could even leave your car, there's not only very little public transport as a bus an hour is really not good enough especially if they're only going south or north, what if you need to go else where? You can't. The buses are never on time, the tracking app is not accurate and doesn't work most times as well as that the train is ridiculous, only going through Arklow like 3 times a day, whose that going to benefit? Also your investments in your last few years are childlike, you left people without roads to drive on, people without paths to walk on, cyclists without

safe cycle paths as well as a lack of jobs where people have no chance of staying in the town and use their car less.

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