



Wicklow Town - Rathnew LAP Submission - Report

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Topic

Heritage - Biodiversity- Green infrastructure- Climate Action- Energy

Submission

Regarding the attachment LAP.jpg and in relation to field marked X

I urge you to reconsider zoning the land as residential in light of the significant influx of animals already displaced from a nearby site. It is crucial to recognize that by leaving this field as a green area, a passive open space, we have the unique opportunity to enhance and preserve natural biodiversity in our community. The delicate balance of our local ecosystem relies on these green spaces, which serve as vital habitats for various wildlife. By choosing to prioritize the preservation of this land as a haven for nature rather than converting it into a residential area, we can contribute to the well-being of countless species and maintain the ecological richness that makes our village unique and beautiful. Let us make a responsible and sustainable choice that benefits not only us but also the diverse wildlife that calls this area their home.

Regarding attachment LAP.jpg and in relation to field marked Y, please also consider photos attached taken 27th Sept, 17:00 2023 "Flood.jpg"

I urge you to reconsider zoning of this land for tourism, taking into account some critical factors that may not be immediately evident in your local area plans. Firstly, this field is prone to flooding, see attached flood.jpg - despite not being officially designated as a flood risk area. This photo was taken on the evening of Sept 27th after some heavy rain. It is clear from this photo this field is absolutely not appropriate for any tourism zoning.

In addition to this, the accessibility of the field is a matter of grave concern. The roads leading to it are in poor condition, making it unsuitable for accommodating the traffic that tourism would inevitably bring.

Most importantly, this field represents one of the last opportunities in our area to maintain passive open space. As we witness the local wildlife being displaced due to extensive house building in the Rathnew area, preserving this field as a natural habitat is essential. It provides refuge for animals and supports local biodiversity.

Additionally, its proximity to a conservation area makes it even more vital. With climate change exacerbating issues like erosion, expanding the conservation area to encompass this field would be a proactive step towards safeguarding our natural heritage.

In light of these considerations, I kindly urge you to rethink your plans for this land and consider zoning it as passive open space, allowing it to continue serving as a haven for wildlife and a buffer against environmental challenges.

Topic

Infrastructure - Sustainable Movement - Transportation

Submission

I am making this submission to express my profound opposition to the proposed relief road that

threatens to cut through Tinakilly avenue with a storied history of over two centuries. While I fully appreciate the need for adequate infrastructure to support growth, the current plan for this so-called relief road is entirely impractical. It would lead to the destruction of numerous old and cherished trees, and its design is fundamentally flawed.

To access this relief road, one would have to navigate through two sets of traffic lights and traverse two housing estates, only to find themselves stuck in traffic at an ill-suited round about and then a further set of light. This approach makes little sense and would likely exacerbate congestion rather than alleviate it.

I strongly believe that the relief road should never have been approved for its current location. We propose a more suitable alternative: rerouting it to an area between the Rocky Road (L5099) and the M11 at Junction 18 southbound. This route already exists and would serve as an ideal relief road to direct Wicklow traffic to the M11, bypassing the village of Rathnew. Why not get the current developer at Tinakilly, already willing to co-pay the RIRR, to aid in the development of this road instead.

Furthermore, it is saddening to contemplate the disruption of one of Rathnew's uniquely historical sites, Tinakilly, as a consequence of this proposed development. I implore you to reconsider this plan and explore alternatives that better serve the needs of the community and preserve the rich heritage of our town.

Topic

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Submission

Is there an environmental assessment done (independently) on the lands around Tinakilly / Broadough within Rathnew? If not, there should be.

File

LAP.jpg, 0.43MB

flood.jpg, 1.62MB

