



Wicklow Town - Rathnew LAP Submission - Report

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“Wicklow Town – Rathnew LAP”,
Administrative Officer,
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Wicklow Town,
A67 FW96

31st August 2023

Re: Wicklow Town - Rathnew Local Area Plan 2024

Submission from the **Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland** under
Section 20 (Consultation and adoption of local area plans)
the *Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)*

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Office of Public Works (OPW) is a central Government Office operating under the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform with particular responsibility for Flood Risk and Estate Management, including Heritage. This submission outlines observations from the Property Maintenance division of the OPW on the pre-draft consultation stage of the local area plan making process for the ***Wicklow Town - Rathnew Local Area Plan 2024***.

The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland are listed as a prescribed authority for the purposes of Section 20 (Consultation and adoption of local area plans) of the Planning and Development Act 2001 (as amended).

2.0 SUBMISSION OVERVIEW

The pre-draft consultation stage of the local area plan making process for the ***Wicklow Town - Rathnew Local Area Plan 2024*** has been reviewed.

The following list of buildings / properties are within the Wicklow Town - Rathnew Local Area plan boundary. We have noted the existing land use zoning and other relevant details along with recommendations;

- **Government Office, The Murrough, Wicklow, A67K039** – Not zoned in the previous area plan for some reason. It is sandwiched between M5 zonings (*Mixed Use: To provide for mixed use development including residential, community, employment and retail uses subject to the objectives specified for each mixed use zone in the development plan*). In Flood Zone B.
 - Recommend for inclusion in the M5 zoning.



- **Courthouse, Market Street, Wicklow, A67 NR76** – (RPS W10) - S5 zoning
(*Community/Educational/Institutional: To provide for and improve community, educational and institutional facilities*).
 - No comments.

- **Wicklow Garda Administration Building, Church Street, Wicklow, A67 E710** – M2 zoning (Town Centre: To preserve, improve and provide for town centre uses). In Flood Zone B.
 - Recommend for inclusion on the RPS.
 - If not included in the RPS, suggest the establishment of an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) in Wicklow town centre to afford added protection to facades of the administration building and adjoining properties.

- **Wicklow Garda District HQ, Bachelor's Walk, Wicklow, A67 HK20** – S5 zoning
(*Community/Educational/Institutional: To provide for and improve community, educational and institutional facilities*). In Flood Zone B.
 - No comments.

- **Wicklow MES, Former CGS, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, A67 FD77** - R2.6 zoning
(*Existing Residential: To protect and preserve existing residential uses and provide for infill residential development.*)
 - Recommend for inclusion on the RPS. The Wicklow rocket cart house is similar in design and of a similar vintage to the Greystones Lifeboat houses already on the RPS ref 08-45. We understand the former Wicklow Coastguard Station itself was previously on the RPS but was removed. The rocket cart house would be considered within the curtilage of that structure.
 - OPW Property Management are currently liaising with Wicklow County Council regarding the vacant site to the rear of the rocket cart house with a view to acquiring for future expansion of the Irish Coast Guard Service facilities. Would the council consider a separate zoning designation for these two sites to identify them as different to the surrounding Residential R2.6 zoning?

3.0 CONCLUSION

The OPW would welcome the opportunity to liaise further with Wicklow County Council on the content of this submission for the **Wicklow Town - Rathnew Local Area Plan 2024** if deemed necessary.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Yours sincerely,

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