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THORNTON O'CONNOR

TOWN PLANNING

#### To Whom It May Concern

### RE: SUBMISSION IN RESPECT OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND TAX DRAFT MAP IN RESPECT OF LANDS AT:

**KEATINGSTOWN, WICKLOW, CO. WICKLOW** 

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Purpose of this Submission

Thornton O'Connor Town Planning<sup>1</sup> have been retained by prepare this Submission to Wicklow County Council in respect of *Wicklow County Council's Residential Zoned Land Tax Draft Map*, the preparation of which was introduced under the *Finance Act 2021*. This Submission relates to lands in the ownership of at Keatingstown, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.

On 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022, Wicklow County Council published the requisite *Residential Zoned Land Tax Draft Map* that identifies lands within its functional area that are considered to be suitably zoned and serviced and thus 'In Scope' for tax purposes.

The *Residential Zoned Land Tax Draft Map* prepared by Wicklow County Council includes lands at Keatingstown, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow which are in the ownership of Glenveagh Homes Limited. An extract from the *Residential Zoned Land Tax Draft Map*, annotated to highlight the extent of the lands subject to this Submission is included overleaf (Figure 1.1):

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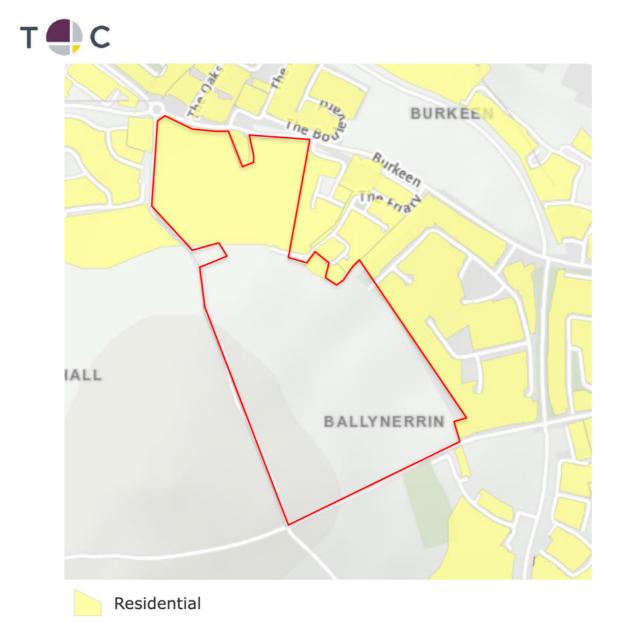


Figure 1.1: Extract from *Wicklow County Council's Residential Zoned Land Tax Draft Map* with the Indicative Boundary of the Subject Site Outlined in Red

(Source: Wicklow County Council Residential Zoned Land Tax Draft Map, Annotated by Thornton O'Connor Town Planning, 2022)

This Submission to Wicklow County Council in respect of the *Residential Zoned Land Tax Draft Map* is made without prejudice to any future attempts to secure Planning Permission on the lands subject to this Submission.

**Key Point:** The purpose of this Submission is to provide information to Wicklow County Council that demonstrates that the lands in the ownership of **Sector Council and Council and Sector Council and Sec** 

Development of the subject site **is dependent upon the upgrade** of Broomhall Road, which is to be constructed on lands which are **not in the ownership** of Glenveagh Homes Limited or the Local Authority.



Thus, this Submission, which is made in accordance with Section 653D of the *Finance Act 2021*, is <u>seeking the exclusion</u> of the aforementioned lands at Keatingstown, Wicklow from the 'Supplemental Map' and 'Final Map' on the basis that the lands do not meet the qualifying criteria.

### 1.2 Format of this Submission

The following is the format of this Submission:

Section 1 provides the Introduction to this Submission;

Section 2 provides an overview of the Subject Site – Location, Description and Context;

Section 3 provides an overview of the Residential Zoned Land Tax – Scoping In/Out, having specific regard to the lands subject to this Submission;

Section 4 presents the Rationale for Scoping Out – Clear Impediment to Development;

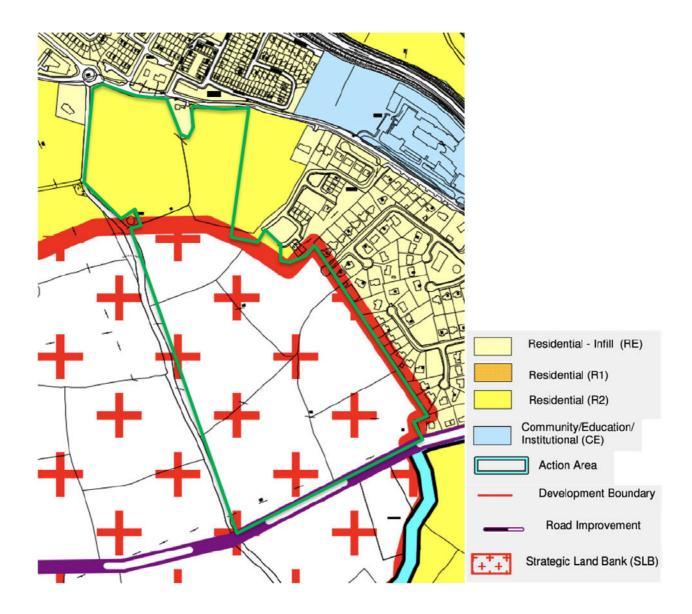
Section 5 sets out the Concluding Remarks.



### 2.0 SUBJECT SITE – LOCATION, DESCRIPTION AND CONTEXT

### 2.1 Site Location and Description

The site is located in the townlands of Broomhall/Ballynerrin, located c. 1.7 km from the town centre of Wicklow and c. 1.2 km from the centre of Rathnew village. The site is accessed off Broomhall Court, which connects Rathnew and Wicklow.



- Figure 2.1: Extract from *Wicklow Town Rathnew Development Plan 2013-2019* Land Use Zoning Objectives with the Indicative Boundary of the Subject Site Outlined in Green
- (Source: Wicklow Town Council, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow Town Rathnew Development Plan 2013-2019, Annotated by Thornton O'Connor Town Planning, 2022)





- Figure 2.2: Aerial Image Showing the Lands Owned by Glenveagh Homes Limited at Keatingstown (Indicatively Outlined in Yellow) and Surrounding Context
- (Source: Google Earth, Annotated By Thornton O'Connor Town Planning, 2022)

### 2.2 Site Context

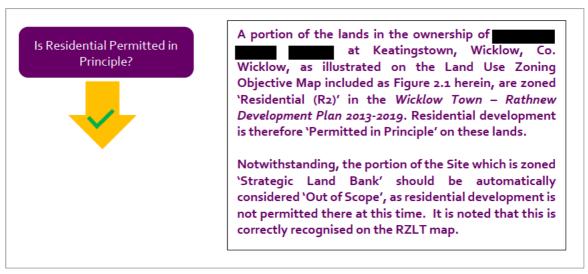
The subject lands are greenfield and are situated adjacent to the western suburbs of Wicklow town. The existing residential areas of Keatingstown and Friary are immediately adjacent. The site is bounded by Broomhall Court to the north, Kirvin Hill, a residential development to the west, and Rockey Road/ Ashtown Lane to the south. Junctions 16 and 17 of the M11 motorway are to the west of Wicklow Town and provide access to the national road network. Rail services are available from Wicklow Train Station, which is approximately 2.3km from the subject site.



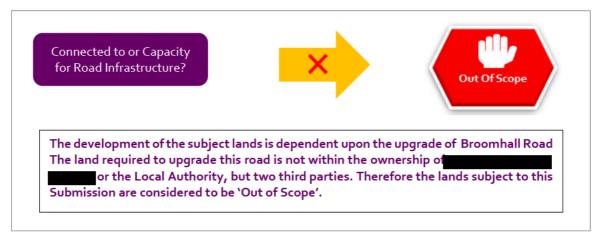
### 3.0 RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND TAX – SCOPING IN/OUT

Having regard to the *Residential Zoned Land Tax – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (June 2022)* and in particular Appendix 4 therein, a Scoping Exercise, which is graphically illustrated below, has been undertaken by Thornton O'Connor Town Planning to determine if the lands in the ownership of **Connor Town** Planning to determine if the lands in the qualifying criteria to be within the scope of the Residential Zoned Land Tax.

#### Step 1



Step 2





### 4.0 RATIONALE FOR SCOPING OUT – CLEAR IMPEDIMENT TO DEVELOPMENT

The lands in the ownership of **Constant and Section** at Keatingstown, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow, as detailed in Section 3.0 above and elaborated upon herein, are considered 'Out of Scope' as they do not satisfy the qualifying criteria.

### 4.1 The Development of the Lands Owned by **Example 1** at Keatingstown is Dependent Upon the Upgrade of Broomhall Road, which Requires Lands Owned by Third Parties

Regarding road access to potential sites, the *Residential Zoned Land Tax – Guidelines for Planning Authorities June 2022*, state:

'In considering road access, the Planning Authority must take into account the ease of access to existing road infrastructure by the identified lands. Construction of significant sections of new road access across other landholdings, should be discounted with the exception of Local Authority owned lands, where use and access are a matter for the authority.' [Our emphasis]

The RZLT Guidelines also state that land included on the RZLT map:

'must be connected to, or have access to public infrastructure and facilities necessary for dwelling to be developed and with sufficient service capacity available for such development.'

An upgrade of Broomhall Road is necessary to facilitate the development of these lands as detailed in Planning Application Reg. Refs. 21/1119 (Phase 1) and 21/1189 (Phase 2) (both currently under appeal and awaiting a decision from An Bord Pleanála). Currently, this road is too narrow and lacks suitable pedestrian facilities to provide an adequate access to the subject site. The required land has split ownership, as detailed in the planning application form (see Figure 4.1), the letters of consent as detailed in Appendix A and further shown in Figure 4.2 below. Neither (or any of their subsidiaries) nor Wicklow County Council owns these lands.

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### Figure 4.1: Extract from Planning application Form- WCC Reg. Ref. 21119

Source: https://www.eplanning.ie/WicklowCC/searchtypes





### Figure 4.1: Proposed Site Layout for Subject Lands, with Land Ownership of Access Road Shown in Yellow and Green

### (Source: Wicklow County Council Online Planning Search, 2022)

Planning permission for development on the subject site was granted by Wicklow County Council under Reg. Refs. 21/1119 (Phase 1) and 21/1187 (Phase 2). These decisions were both appealed to An Bord Pleanála by third parties, and a decision is currently awaited. While An Bord Pleanála's ultimate determination is as yet unknown, Wicklow County Council included the following condition on their approval in both applications:

'9(a) No dwelling shall be occupied until the upgrade to the existing Broomhall Junction Roundabout and associated footpaths/ cyclepaths have been constructed in full.'

It is likely that in the event of a positive decision from An Bord Pleanála, a similar condition would be applied on that approval and the road upgrade forms part of the plans and particulars of the application. Implementation of the permission and compliance with this condition, which relates to road access, would necessitate land outside the ownership of our Client, and the Local Authority. The RZLT Guidelines foresee these circumstances, and state that lands which require new road access across the landholdings of third parties are exempt from this Tax:

'Construction of significant sections of new road access across other landholdings, should be discounted with the exception of Local Authority owned lands'

The required lands are outside the ownership of **Council**. For this reason, the subject lands are clearly **'Out of Scope'**.



### 5.0 CONCLUSION

The key purpose of this Submission is to demonstrate to Wicklow County Council that the lands in the ownership of **meet** the qualifying criteria set out in Section 653B of the *Finance Act 2021* for inclusion on the 'Draft Map'.

The development of the lands in the ownership of **Sector Construction** at Keatingstown, Wicklow, as demonstrated herein, is dependent upon road upgrades and construction wherein a portion of the necessary land is in the ownership of two third parties. As such the lands subject to this Submission are considered <u>'Out of Scope'</u>.

We trust the content of this Submission will be duly considered and we look forward to receiving confirmation<sup>3</sup> that the subject lands are considered 'Out of Scope' as they do not satisfy the qualifying criteria and will thus be excluded from the 'Supplemental Map' and 'Final Map'.

Yours faithfully,

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Patricia Thornton Director Thornton O'Connor Town Planning

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Not later than 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 in accordance with Legislation.



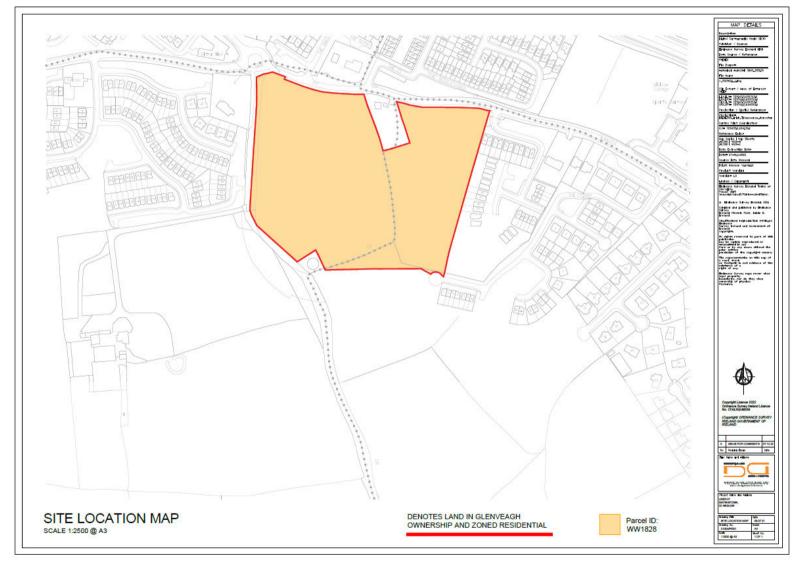
### APPENDIX A: LETTERS OF CONSENT SUBMITTED WITH REG. REF. 21/1119 & 21/1189

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# Land Registry

# County Wicklow

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### Register of Ownership of Freehold Land

Part 1(A) - The Property

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| No.      | For parts transferred see Part 1(B)<br><b>Description</b>  | Official Notes                      |
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| No.<br>1 | The property shown coloured Red as plan(s) 274 on the<br>Registry Map, situate in the Townland of BALLYNERRIN, in the<br>Barony of NEWCASTLE, in the Electoral Division of WICKLOW<br>RURAL. | Official Notes<br>From Folio WW2366 |
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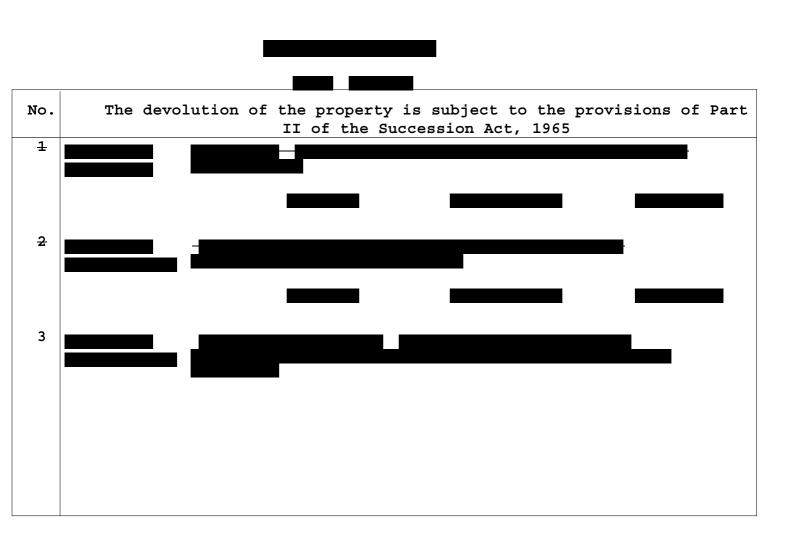
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|     |   | Cancelled  | D2006KW011416E   | 27-JUN-2006                                   |
| 2   | 04 OCT 1943<br>123/10/43<br>Charge for present and future advances to Edward Dickenson<br>repayable on demand with interest at the current rate of the Royal<br>Bank of Ireland Limited calculated with customary half yearly or<br>quarterly rests or at the option of the owner of this charge at<br>the rate of £6 per cent per annum.<br>The Royal Bank of Ireland Limited is owner of this charge. |  |  | e of the Royal<br>lf yearly or<br>s charge at |
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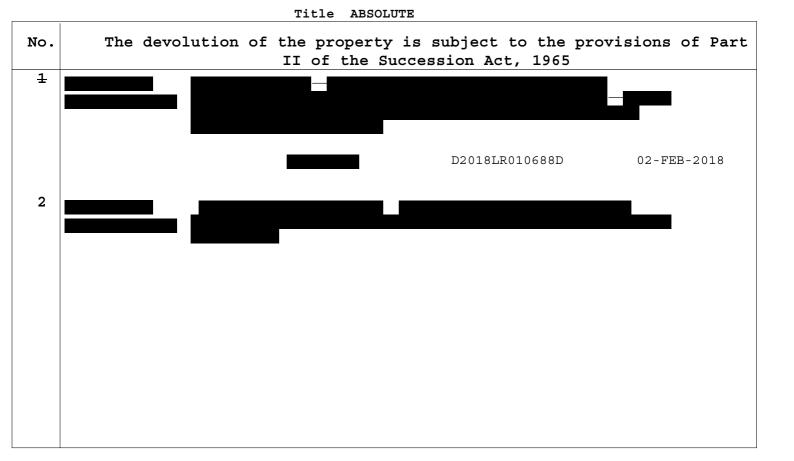
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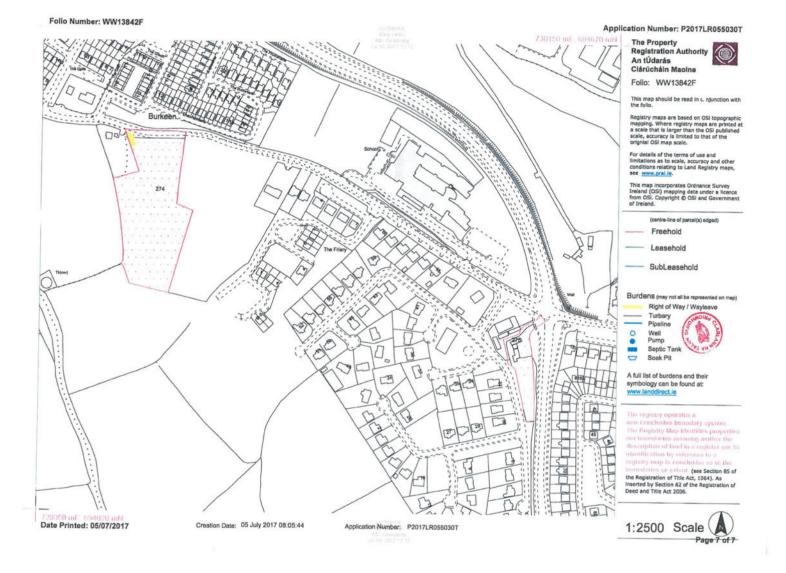
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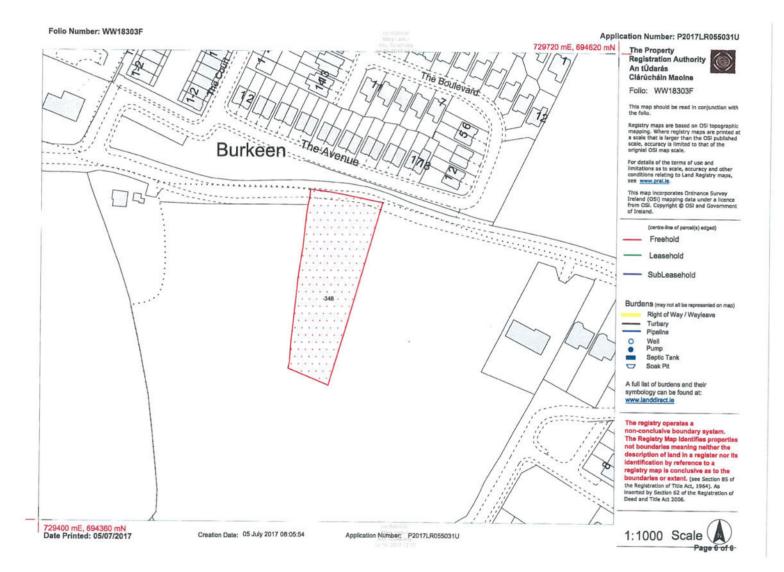
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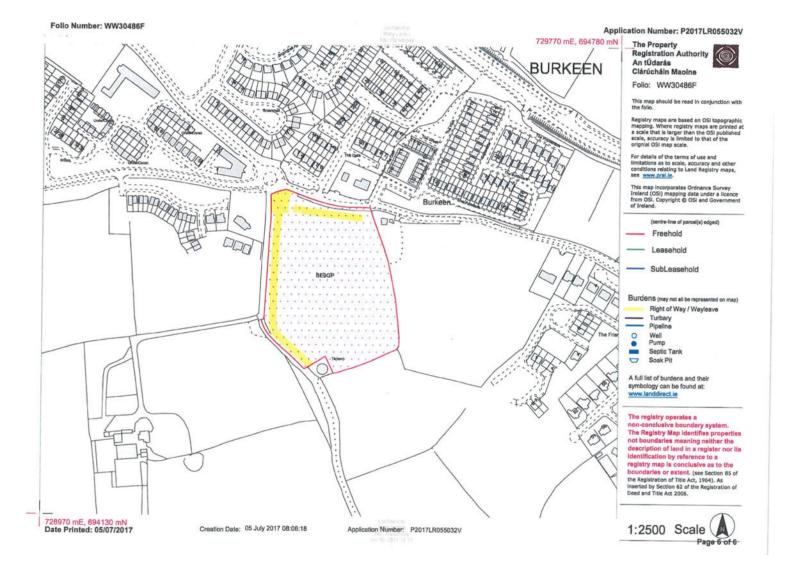
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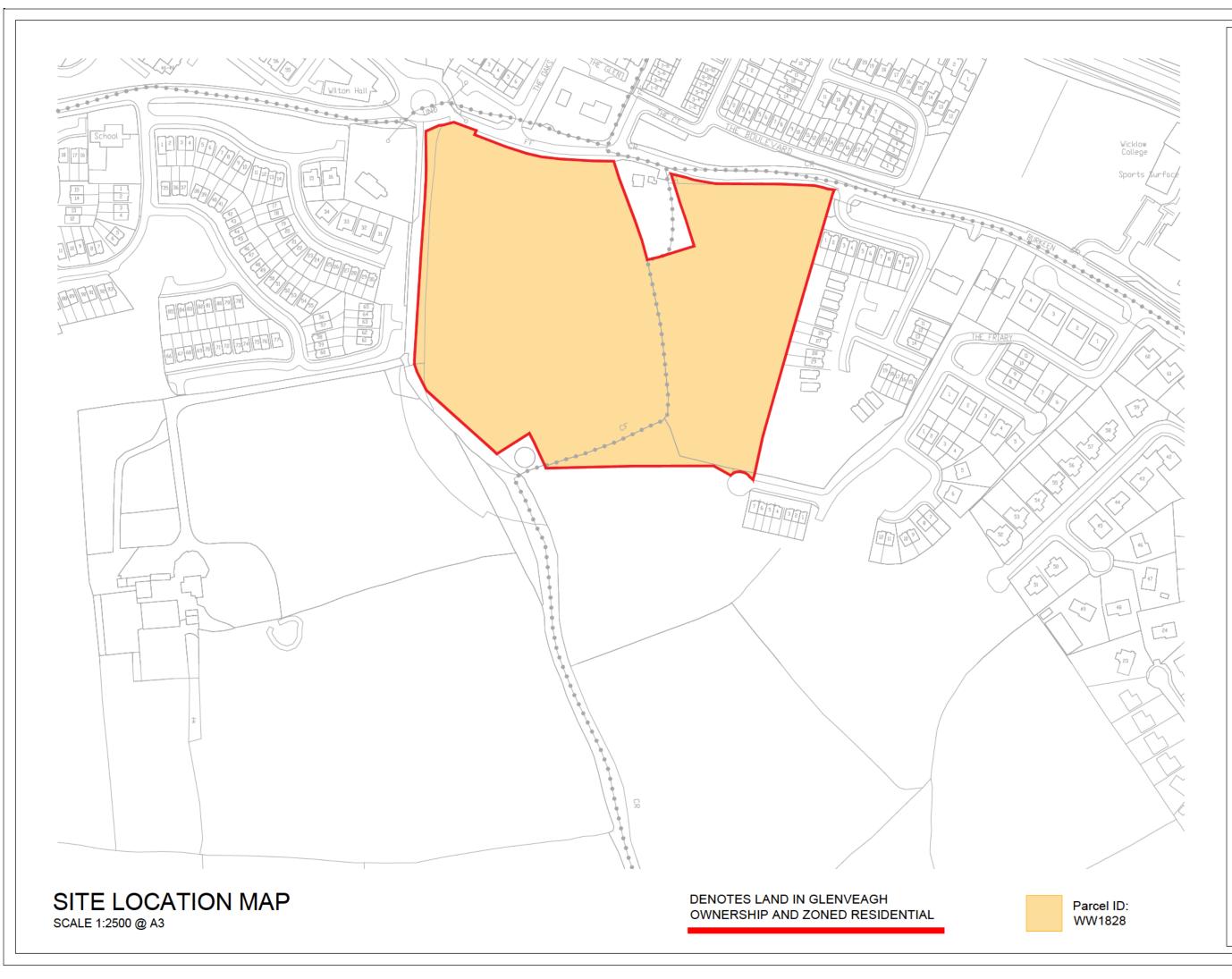
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| 2   | 08-JUL-2015<br>D2015LR090158U                       | The Grant of Wayleave and such other easements as specified in<br>Instrument Number D2015LR090158U in favour of WICKLOW COUNTY<br>COUNCIL their heirs, assigns and others as specified therein<br>affecting the part of the property shown coloured yellow on Plan<br>BE9GP of the Registry Map. |  |  |
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