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Wicklow County Development Plan 2022 - 2028
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The Wicklow County Development Plan sets out a strategic spatial framework for the proper planning and sustainable development of County Wicklow for the period between 2022 and 2028. While the Plan is in place for a six year period, it is framed having regard to the long term development objectives of the County beyond 2028. This new plan sets out the statutory planning framework for the entire County, with a focus on the strategic planning and sustainable development of the County, and as before includes more focused local plans for 14 settlements in the County.

The Development Plan Strategy is guided by three strategic principles - **Healthy Placemaking, Climate Action** and **Economic Opportunity**.

It is the vision and aim of the plan to guide and facilitate the sustainable growth of the County in a manner which supports a deep respect for its unique natural heritage, capitalises on the potential of our towns and villages to deliver compact growth, facilitates healthy placemaking, supports the creation of self-sustaining settlements and rural areas that are attractive places to live in, work in and visit, provides for new job opportunities, embraces climate action and enables the transition to a low carbon, climate resilient and environmentally sustainable economy, improves sustainable mobility and conserves our heritage.

This plan was prepared following extensive consultation with the people of Wicklow and other stakeholders, and I would like to thank all of those who gave their time and energy to engaging with this plan process, in order that it would reflect the desires and needs of those that live, work and visit the County. While the COVID pandemic presented challenges for engagement, I commend all that embraced the new forms of online consultation brought about in response to the lockdown limitations.

I wish to express my thanks to the Elected Members of Wicklow County Council and the three Cathaoirleach that have expertly steered this process since 2019, the members of the Council's Executive, in particular to the staff of the Forward Planning Unit, and most importantly to the people of Wicklow who made submissions during the course of preparation of the Plan.

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