

	Arklow Local Planning Framework: Proposed Material Alterations to the Wicklow County Development Plan (2022– 2028) Submission Report
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Proposed Material Alterations to Variation No. 5 to the County Development Plan 2022-2028
- Arklow Local Planning Framework**

This submission has been prepared by RMLA on behalf of An Post, Exo Building, North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, D01 W5Y2100 in response to the publication regarding the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Local Planning Framework (hereafter 'LPF') for Arklow into the County Development Plan 2022-2028.

An Post welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation to the CDP. We request that all correspondence relating to this submission be directed to *RMLA* at the address above, and that we be kept informed of any updates regarding this process.

Proposed Material Alteration No. 3(a)

An Post own and operate a postal facility on Main Street. Under Proposed Material Alteration No. 3(a), the boundary of Opportunity Site 2 – Main Street is proposed to be extended eastwards to incorporate the existing An Post unit.

While An Post is supportive of the overarching objectives of the LPF, the organisation relies on this facility to support the delivery of postal services within Arklow and its wider hinterland. The facility also contributes to local employment, supports town centre activity, and provides an important community service.

An Post remains committed to maintaining an efficient and reliable postal service from its Arklow facility. To support the continued operation of the facility, it is important that the necessary infrastructure, access, servicing, and operational functionality are safeguarded.

While An Post welcomes the designation of Opportunity Site 2 and is supportive of the broader regeneration objectives for the area, it should be noted that An Post does not, at this time, have any plans to redevelop its site.

Accordingly, the inclusion of the existing An Post facility within the extended Opportunity Site boundary should not give rise to any requirement or expectation that An Post alter or relocate its existing operations. In addition, any future redevelopment proposals relating to the remaining Opportunity Site lands should be undertaken having due regard to the operational requirements of the An Post facility and should ensure that the continued operation, accessibility, servicing, and functionality of the facility are not adversely impacted.



It is respectfully requested that the Local Authority acknowledge within the LPF that the inclusion of lands within an Opportunity Site does not imply a requirement for redevelopment and does not prejudice the continuation of existing permitted uses.

An Post remains open to future engagement with the Local Authority regarding the long-term evolution of the site, subject to operational requirements.

Conclusion

An Post welcomes the publication of the Material Alterations to Variation No. 5 to the County Development Plan 2022-2028 - Arklow Local Planning Framework and the opportunity to comment on the future development of Arklow.

As outlined above, the An Post owned and operated facility on Main Street has been incorporated within the boundary of Opportunity Site 2. The Local Authority is requested to note that An Post remains committed to the successful operation of this facility.

We trust that the issues and recommendations raised in this submission will be given due consideration. An Post remains available to discuss any of the matters raised and would welcome direct engagement with the Local Authority as the project progresses. We would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this submission at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,



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For and on Behalf of RMLA Limited