

Section 5 Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment.

Submission No. 206. Office of Planning Regulator			
Item	Submission Text/Issues Raised	Response	Recommended Updates
A	Various recommendations, including those relating to Poulaphouca Reservoir Water Quality	The protection of water bodies and water quality, including drinking water sources, is provided for under various provisions from the Draft Plan and existing County Development Plan. This issue is also identified under other submissions and could be addressed in more detail in the Draft Plan.	If any amendments are proposed to the Draft Plan on foot of this submission, they will be screened for the need to undertake SEA and Stage 2 AA.

Submission No. 201. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage			
Item	Submission Text/Issues Raised	Response	Recommended Updates
A	This submission makes various recommendations relating to archaeology for integration into the Plan.	The existing Wicklow County Development Plan and the Draft Local Area Plan include various provisions that will contribute towards the protection and management of archaeology. If any amendments are proposed to the Draft Plan on foot of this submission, they will be screened for the need to undertake SEA and Stage 2 AA.	None.

Submission No. 2. EPA			
Item	Submission Text/Issues Raised	Response	Recommended Updates
A	<p>A chara, We acknowledge your notice, dated 29th October 2024, in relation to the Draft Blessington Local Area Plan 2025 ('the Plan') and associated SEA Environmental Report.</p> <p>The EPA is one of the statutory environmental authorities under the SEA Regulations. In our role as an SEA environmental authority, we focus on promoting the full and transparent integration of the findings of the Environmental Assessment into the Plan and advocating that the key environmental challenges for Ireland are addressed as relevant and appropriate to the plan. Our functions as an SEA environmental authority do not include approving or enforcing SEAs or plans.</p> <p>As a priority, we focus our efforts on reviewing and commenting on key sector plans. For land use plans at county and local level, we provide a 'self-service approach' via the attached guidance document 'SEA of Local Authority Land Use Plans – EPA Recommendations and Resources'.</p> <p>This document is updated regularly and sets out our key recommendations for integrating environmental considerations into Local Authority Land Use Plans. We suggest that you take this guidance document into account and incorporate the relevant recommendations, in finalising and implementing the Plan.</p> <p>Wicklow County Council should also ensure that the Plan aligns with key relevant higher-level plans and programmes and is consistent with the relevant objectives and policy commitments of the National Planning Framework and the Eastern and Midlands Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.</p>	<p>The 'SEA of Local Authority Land Use Plans – EPA Recommendations and Resources' document has been considered in the SEA of the Plan and will be kept on file for reference throughout the SEA process.</p> <p>Wicklow County Council has ensured that the Plan aligns with and is consistent with higher-level plans and programmes, including the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.</p>	None.
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B	<p>Content of the Environmental Report The SEA Regulations set out the information to be contained in an Environmental Report.</p> <p>Assessment of Alternatives You should describe the alternatives considered and how the selection and assessment of these has led to the selection of the preferred alternative. You should assess the alternatives against the 'Strategic Environmental Objectives' identified in the SEA ER.</p> <p>Assessment of Environmental Effects You should assess and document the full range of likely significant environmental effects of implementing the Plan, including the potential for cumulative effects in combination with other relevant Plans/ Programmes and Projects.</p>	<p>The Environmental Report that accompanies the Draft Plan addresses each of these issues. The cited Guidance on SEA-related monitoring has been considered in the preparation of monitoring measures and will be considered when preparing the SEA Statement at the end of the process.</p>	None.

	<p>Mitigation Measures</p> <p>Where you have identified the potential for likely significant effects, you should provide appropriate mitigation measures to avoid or minimise these. You should ensure that the Plan includes clear commitments to implement the mitigation measures.</p> <p>Monitoring</p> <p>The Monitoring Programme should be flexible to take account of specific environmental issues and unforeseen adverse impacts should they arise. It should consider and deal with the possibility of cumulative effects. Monitoring of both positive and negative effects should be considered. The monitoring programme should set out the various data sources, monitoring frequencies and responsibilities. If the monitoring identifies adverse impacts during the implementation of the Plan, Wicklow County Council should ensure that suitable and effective remedial action is taken.</p> <p>Guidance on SEA-related monitoring is available on the EPA website at https://www.epa.ie/publications/monitoring--assessment/assessment/strategicenvironmental-assessment/06695-EPA-SEA-Statements-and-Monitoring-Report.pdf</p>		
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C	<p>Ireland's State of the Environment Report 2024</p> <p>In October 2024, the EPA published the latest iteration of our 4-yearly State of the Environment Report. This report should be considered and integrated as appropriate, in implementing the plan or programme over its lifetime. It is available at: https://www.epa.ie/our-services/monitoring--assessment/assessment/state-of-environment-report-/.</p>	The Plan preparation and associated SEA has taken into account the EPA's State of the Environment Report 2024.	None.
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D	<p>Future Amendments to the Plan</p> <p>You should screen any future amendments to the Plan for likely significant effects, using the same method of assessment applied in the "environmental assessment" of the Plan.</p>	Any future amendments will be screened for effects in accordance with SEA Regulations and using a methodology consistent with the method of assessment applied in the SEA of the Draft Plan.	None.
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E	<p>SEA Statement – "Information on the Decision"</p> <p>Once the Plan is adopted, you should prepare an SEA Statement that summarises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How environmental considerations have been integrated into the Plan; How the Environmental Report, submissions, observations and consultations have been taken into account during the preparation of the Plan; The reasons for choosing the Plan adopted in the light of other reasonable alternatives dealt with; and, The measures decided upon to monitor the significant environmental effects of implementation of the Plan. You should send a copy of the SEA Statement with the above information to any environmental authority consulted during the SEA process. 	An SEA Statement will be prepared including the required information and taking into account the cited EPA guidance on SEA Statements.	None.

	Guidance on preparing SEA Statements is available on the EPA website at the following link: https://www.epa.ie/publications/monitoring-assessment/assessment/strategicenvironmental-assessment/06695-EPA-SEA-Statements-and-Monitoring-Report.pdf .		
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F	Environmental Authorities Under the SEA Regulations, you should consult with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Protection Agency; • Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage; • Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications; and • Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine. • any adjoining planning authority whose area is contiguous to the area of a planning authority which prepared a draft plan, proposed variation or local area plan. 	The relevant environmental authorities have been consulted with throughout the SEA/Plan preparation process.	None.

Submission No. 179. Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications			
Item	Submission Text/Issues Raised	Response	Recommended Updates
A	<p>This submission provides information and suggestions under a number of headings including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action • Renewable Energy • Electricity Grid • Built Environment and Heating • Compact Growth and District Heating • Circular Economy and Waste • Telecommunications • Air Quality 	<p>The existing Wicklow County Development Plan and the Draft Local Area Plan include various provisions that will contribute towards the achievement of objectives under the headings laid out in the submission. If any amendments are proposed to the Draft Plan on foot of this submission, they will be screened for the need to undertake SEA and Stage 2 AA.</p>	None.

Submission No.213. Office of Public Works			
Item	Submission Text/Issues Raised	Response	Recommended Updates
A	<p>This submission provides information and suggestions relating to flood risk management.</p>	<p>If any amendments are proposed to the Draft Plan on foot of this submission, they will be screened for the need to undertake SEA and Stage 2 AA.</p>	None.

Submission No.137. Uisce Éireann			
Item	Submission Text/Issues Raised	Response	Recommended Updates
A	<p>This submission provides information and suggestions under a number of headings including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMRA Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy • Water Services Infrastructure • Water Supply and Network • Wastewater Collection and Treatment • Water Framework Directive • Drinking Water Source Protection & Human Health • Nature Based Solutions for Surface Water Runoff & Water Quality • Blessington Town Centre First • Planning Applications & Connections to the Uisce Eireann Network 	<p>The existing Wicklow County Development Plan and the Draft Local Area Plan include various provisions that will contribute towards the achievement of objectives under the headings laid out in the submission.</p> <p>The protection of water bodies and water quality, including drinking water sources, is provided for under various provisions from the Draft Plan and existing County Development Plan. This issue is also identified under other submissions and could be addressed in more detail in the Draft Plan.</p>	<p>If any amendments are proposed to the Draft Plan on foot of this submission, they will be screened for the need to undertake SEA and Stage 2 AA.</p>

Submission No. 127. HSE			
Item	Submission Text/Issues Raised	Response	Recommended Updates
A	<p>This submission provides information and suggestions under a number of headings including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre Regeneration • Social and Community Development • Service Infrastructure • Service Infrastructure • Community Development • Infrastructure • Measuring Progress • Climate Change • Sustainable Development Goals • Disaster Risk Management including Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) • Inclusiveness • Physical Activity/Sustainable Movement • Air Quality • Energy • Noise • Water Quality and Waste Water • Circular Economy/Waste • Sustainable/Healthy Diets • Tobacco and Disposable Vapes Free Ireland 	<p>The existing Wicklow County Development Plan and the Draft Local Area Plan include various provisions that will contribute towards the achievement of objectives under the headings laid out in the submission. If any amendments are proposed to the Draft Plan on foot of this submission, they will be screened for the need to undertake SEA and Stage 2 AA.</p>	None.

Submission No. 127. Blessington and District Forum			
Item	Submission Text/Issues Raised	Response	Recommended Updates
A	Recommendation 1 – see submission	<p>Environmental considerations have been integrated into the Draft Plan's zoning through an interdisciplinary approach. Zoning has been applied in a way that primarily seeks to achieve sustainable and compact growth, taking into account the various requirements set out in the higher-level NPF, Eastern and Midland RSES and Wicklow County Development Plan. The detailed Plan preparation process undertaken by the Planning Department combined with specialist input facilitates zoning that will help to avoid inappropriate development being permitted in areas of elevated sensitivity, such as in areas at risk of flooding or areas of elevated cultural/built heritage, landscape, water or ecological sensitivity.</p> <p>Burgage Bay is an area of valuable shallow wetland habitat and one of the key areas within and surrounding the Plan area for wintering waterbirds such as Teal, Wigeon and Goldeneye. It is part of the Poulaphouca Special Protection Area, which is designated and afforded high levels of protection under the European Habitats Directive and transposing Regulations. The preparation of the Plan was informed by the fact that this area is susceptible to disturbance from human encroachment on the surrounding subject lands. Furthermore, lands in this area form Key Green Infrastructure (see Draft Plan Map No. 3), being part of an Ecological Corridor that provides functional connectivity for habitats and species and a Local Biodiversity Area (a site of local biodiversity value that is not within designated areas).</p> <p>The land use zoning provided at these lands is consistent with the ecological sensitivities present and higher-level objectives requiring the protection and management of ecological sensitivities.</p>	None.
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B	Recommendation 2 – see submission	<p>Environmental considerations have been integrated into the Draft Plan's zoning through an interdisciplinary approach. Zoning has been applied in a way that primarily seeks to achieve sustainable and compact growth, taking into account the various requirements set out in the higher-level NPF, Eastern and Midland RSES and Wicklow County Development Plan. The detailed Plan preparation process undertaken by the Planning Department combined with specialist input facilitates zoning that will help to avoid inappropriate development being permitted in areas of elevated sensitivity, such as in areas at risk of flooding</p>	None.

		<p>or areas of elevated cultural/built heritage, landscape, water or ecological sensitivity.</p> <p>Lands at Santryhill and Haylands form Key Green Infrastructure (see Draft Plan Map No. 3), being part of an Ecological Corridor that provides functional connectivity for habitats and species and Local Biodiversity Areas (Santryhill and Haylands have been identified as sites of high local biodiversity value).</p> <p>The land use zoning provided at these lands is consistent with the ecological sensitivities present and higher-level objectives requiring the protection and management of ecological sensitivities.</p>	
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C	Recommendation 3 – see submission	<p>Environmental considerations have been integrated into the Draft Plan's zoning through an interdisciplinary approach. Zoning has been applied in a way that primarily seeks to achieve sustainable and compact growth, taking into account the various requirements set out in the higher-level NPF, Eastern and Midland RSES and Wicklow County Development Plan. The detailed Plan preparation process undertaken by the Planning Department combined with specialist input facilitates zoning that will help to avoid inappropriate development being permitted in areas of elevated sensitivity, such as in areas at risk of flooding or areas of elevated cultural/built heritage, landscape, water or ecological sensitivity.</p> <p>Lands south of Haylands are adjacent to the Poulaphuca Special Protection Area, which is designated and afforded high levels of protection under the European Habitats Directive and transposing Regulations. The preparation of the Plan was informed by the fact that encroachment on the reservoir and associated feeding areas for geese may disrupt connectivity; and shore or lake-borne recreation may affect roosting and/or feeding.</p> <p>Furthermore, lands in this area form Key Green Infrastructure (see Draft Plan Map No. 3), being part of an Ecological Corridor that provides functional connectivity for habitats and species.</p> <p>The land use zoning provided at these lands is consistent with the ecological sensitivities present and higher-level objectives requiring the protection and management of ecological sensitivities.</p>	None.
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D	Various further recommendations.	<p>If any amendments are proposed to the Draft Plan on foot of these various recommendations, they will be screened for the need to undertake SEA and Stage 2 AA.</p>	None.

Submission No. 162. Poulaphouca Paddlers			
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A	This submission provides information on the club and their activities. As identified in the submission: "The committees of the past 4/5 years having been considering the requirements we will need to meet the number of people interested in joining our club. Ideally the club would have a space on the shore in a sheltered part of the lake near Burgage. This space would need at a minimum, a secure storage space for all of our equipment as well as appropriate changing facilities."	<p>Environmental considerations have been integrated into the Draft Plan's zoning through an interdisciplinary approach. Zoning has been applied in a way that primarily seeks to achieve sustainable and compact growth, taking into account the various requirements set out in the higher-level NPF, Eastern and Midland RSES and Wicklow County Development Plan. The detailed Plan preparation process undertaken by the Planning Department combined with specialist input facilitates zoning that will help to avoid inappropriate development being permitted in areas of elevated sensitivity, such as in areas at risk of flooding or areas of elevated cultural/built heritage, landscape, water or ecological sensitivity.</p> <p>Burgage Bay is an area of valuable shallow wetland habitat and one of the key areas within and surrounding the Plan area for wintering waterbirds such as Teal, Wigeon and Goldeneye. It is part of the Poulaphouca Special Protection Area, which is designated and afforded high levels of protection under the European Habitats Directive and transposing Regulations. The preparation of the Plan was informed by the fact that this area is susceptible to disturbance from human encroachment on the surrounding subject lands. Furthermore, lands in this area form Key Green Infrastructure (see Draft Plan Map No. 3), being part of an Ecological Corridor that provides functional connectivity for habitats and species and a Local Biodiversity Area (a site of local biodiversity value that is not within designated areas).</p> <p>The land use zoning provided at these lands is consistent with the ecological sensitivities present and higher-level objectives requiring the protection and management of ecological sensitivities.</p>	None

Submission No. 188. Kieran Doyle			
Item	Submission Text/Issues Raised	Response	Recommended Updates
A	<p>This submission provides information and suggestions in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of the reservoir and environmental issues • Wastewater & the River Liffey and capacity for zoned land • Surfacewater • Joint LAP with Kildare County Council 	The protection of water bodies and water quality, including drinking water sources, is provided for under various provisions from the Draft Plan and existing County Development Plan. This issue is also identified under other submissions and could be addressed in more detail in the Draft Plan. If any amendments	

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Submission No. 229. Blessington AFC

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A	<p>Recommendation 1</p> <p>From the previous 2013-2019 LAP none of the zoned AOS lands were utilised throughout the town. This is 11 to 12 years of zero growth for any of the clubs in the area. There are 4 local clubs with no facilities within the town, the soccer club, the rugby club, the running/athletics club and the basketball club. This is over 1500+ members of sporting clubs in the town of Blessington with no facilities to participate in their sport.</p> <p>This shows the need for the right lands to be zoned AOS for them to be utilised. Blessington AFC would like to make the submission for the lands at Burgage More as per Site Layout Recommendation 1 below to be zoned AOS. These lands as per Map No. 4 Flood Risk are not indicated as flood risk areas which makes them more of an ideal location for the many sporting facilities required. See below image from this Flood Risk Map with the lands marked with a star.</p> <p><i>Refer to submission for flood map</i></p> <p>We as a club are aware of the report made by the biodiversity officer for Wicklow but these lands cannot just be zoned natural open space if it is anyway possible for similar surveys of these lands to show that they can be used for sporting facilities. There is a draft Masterplan of these lands indicating what could be possible – see Site Layout Recommendation 1 below. These lands are owned by the ESB and so are state owned. This would offer local clubs a much greater chance of purchasing these lands than other sites within the town. Funding can then be achieved once the lands are owned to develop the many facilities required by these clubs.</p> <p>The following facilities could be implemented on these lands which would benefit 4 or 5 different clubs within the town.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A multi-sport astro turf pitch with running track • Soccer and Rugby pitches • External and Internal full-size Basketball courts • Paddle Courts • Parking – For the Greenway and for the many organised runs throughout the year <p>These lands to be zoned AOS would give the opportunity for these few clubs to develop their own facilities within the town and give much needed amenities for the community.</p>	<p>Environmental considerations have been integrated into the Draft Plan's zoning through an interdisciplinary approach. Zoning has been applied in a way that primarily seeks to achieve sustainable and compact growth, taking into account the various requirements set out in the higher-level NPF, Eastern and Midland RSES and Wicklow County Development Plan. The detailed Plan preparation process undertaken by the Planning Department combined with specialist input facilitates zoning that will help to avoid inappropriate development being permitted in areas of elevated sensitivity, such as in areas at risk of flooding or areas of elevated cultural/built heritage, landscape, water or ecological sensitivity.</p> <p>Burgage Bay is an area of valuable shallow wetland habitat and one of the key areas within and surrounding the Plan area for wintering waterbirds such as Teal, Wigeon and Goldeneye. It is part of the Poulaphouca Special Protection Area, which is designated and afforded high levels of protection under the European Habitats Directive and transposing Regulations. The preparation of the Plan was informed by the fact that this area is susceptible to disturbance from human encroachment on the surrounding subject lands. Furthermore, lands in this area form Key Green Infrastructure (see Draft Plan Map No. 3), being part of an Ecological Corridor that provides functional connectivity for habitats and species and a Local Biodiversity Area (a site of local biodiversity value that is not within designated areas).</p> <p>The land use zoning provided at these lands is consistent with the ecological sensitivities present and higher-level objectives requiring the protection and management of ecological sensitivities.</p>	None
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B	<p>Recommendation 2</p> <p>Blessington AFC would like to make the submission for the lands at Haylands or Doran's Pit as per Site Layout Recommendation 2 to be zoned AOS.</p>	<p>Environmental considerations have been integrated into the Draft Plan's zoning through an interdisciplinary approach. Zoning has been applied in a way that primarily seeks to achieve sustainable</p>	None.

	<p>This shows an addition of AOS lands than what is highlighted in the SLO4 and there is a draft Masterplan of these lands indicating what could be possible. In this SLO4 it has been highlighted that the road from the N81 to Knockieran bridge and the Sporting Facilities to be developed before any of the residential areas and Blessington AFC would be in full agreement with this and would urge the planners to keep this within the LAP.</p> <p>This area of lands could become a community hub with the possibility of all these sporting facilities being developed here along with an area highlighted for a community centre, a public playground and parking for the greenway & forestry walkway.</p>	<p>and compact growth, taking into account the various requirements set out in the higher-level NPF, Eastern and Midland RSES and Wicklow County Development Plan. The detailed Plan preparation process undertaken by the Planning Department combined with specialist input facilitates zoning that will help to avoid inappropriate development being permitted in areas of elevated sensitivity, such as in areas at risk of flooding or areas of elevated cultural/built heritage, landscape, water or ecological sensitivity.</p> <p>Lands at Santryhill and Haylands form Key Green Infrastructure (see Draft Plan Map No. 3), being part of an Ecological Corridor that provides functional connectivity for habitats and species and Local Biodiversity Areas (Santryhill and Haylands have been identified as sites of high local biodiversity value).</p> <p>The land use zoning provided at these lands is consistent with the ecological sensitivities present and higher-level objectives requiring the protection and management of ecological sensitivities.</p>	
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Submission No.19. Ballymore Eustace Community Development Association			
Item	Submission Text/Issues Raised	Response	Recommended Updates
A	<p>This submission provides information and suggestions under a number of headings including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wastewater & The River Liffey • Joint LAP with Kildare County Council • Population Figures • Previous report by An Bord Pleanala • Surfacewater and Environmental Issues 	<p>The existing Wicklow County Development Plan and the Draft Local Area Plan include various provisions that will contribute towards the achievement of objectives under the headings laid out in the submission.</p> <p>The protection of water bodies and water quality, including drinking water sources, is provided for under various provisions from the Draft Plan and existing County Development Plan. This issue is also identified under other submissions and could be addressed in more detail in the Draft Plan.</p> <p>Available environmental baseline data has been used to inform the SEA, in compliance with the SEA Directive and taking into account the principles of subsidiarity and tiering in SEA. The findings of the SEA are included in the SEA Environmental Report that accompanies the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan has been informed by the SEA (and associated AA process) and is consistent with European and national legislation and policies on the protection and management of the environment.</p> <p>AA is being undertaken alongside the preparation and adoption of the Local Area Plan, in compliance with the European Habitats Directive. The AA Natura Impact Report that accompanied the Draft Local Area Plan on public display provides the findings of the AA thus far. The AA process is ongoing and will be concluded at adoption of the Local Area Plan. The AA NIR has been prepared in compliance with the European Habitats Directive and is appropriate to this strategic, Local Area Plan-level of decision making.</p> <p>Lands have been zoned under the Draft Plan in a manner that will ensure the appropriate protection of European sites. The zoning and associated provisions included in the Draft Plan have allowed the AA of NIR to conclude that: "...Having incorporated mitigation measures into the Draft Plan (including alignment with the mitigation measures integrated into the existing County Development Plan, as varied), it has been demonstrated that the Draft Plan is not foreseen to give rise to any significant adverse effects to any designated European site, alone or in combination with other plans or projects¹...."</p>	<p>If any amendments are proposed to the Draft Plan on foot of this submission, they will be screened for the need to undertake SEA and Stage 2 AA.</p>

¹ Except as provided for in Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directive, viz. There must be: a) no alternative solution available; b) imperative reasons of overriding public interest for the plan to proceed; and c) Adequate compensatory measures in place.

Submission No. 21. Ballymore Eustace Trout and Salmon Anglers' Association			
Item	Submission Text/Issues Raised	Response	Recommended Updates
A	Comments on the following text from Section 4.9 "Water" of the SEA Environmental Report: "The reservoir receives water from the River Liffey, at the northern end, and the Kings River, at the southern end. The exit is into the River Liffey gorge at the western end."	To amend text in the SEA ER.	To amend text in Section 4.9 "Water" of the SEA Environmental Report as follows (existing text in black, text to be deleted in red-strikethrough , text to be inserted in green): "The reservoir receives water from the River Liffey, at the northern end, and the Kings River, at the southern end. The exit is into the River Liffey gorge through the at the western end of the reservoir towards Golden Falls Reservoir. "
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B	Various other information and recommendations are provided for topics including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wastewater Treatment Capacity Blessington WWTP History Water supply Water Action Plan 2024 	If any amendments are proposed to the Draft Plan on foot of these various recommendations, the amendments will inform updates to the SEA Environmental Report where relevant. Any amendments will also be screened for the need to undertake SEA and Stage 2 AA.	To add the following text to Section 4.9 "Water" of the SEA Environmental Report as follows (text to be inserted in green): "As identified in Appendix I, the Water Action Plan 2024 is Ireland's third River Basin Management Plan and it outlines the measures the Government and other sectors are taking to improve water quality in Ireland's groundwater, rivers, lakes, estuarine and coastal waters, and provide sustainable management of water resources. The Water Action Plan enhances and builds upon the work of the first and second-cycle plans. The Plan identifies stretches of the River Liffey, including at Ballymore Eustace, as Prioritised Areas for Action. These areas will be provided focuses action and collaboration by local, authorities, public bodies, and stakeholders as part of the implementation of the 3 rd cycle for implementation of the Water Framework Directive in Ireland."

Submission No. 134. Eimear Deegan			
Item	Submission Text/Issues Raised	Response	Recommended Updates
A	<p>This submission provides information and suggestions under a number of headings including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transport Assessment / Transport Strategy Map Active Travel Strategy Map Strategic Environmental Assessment 	<p>The existing Wicklow County Development Plan and the Draft Local Area Plan include various provisions that will contribute towards the achievement of objectives under the headings laid out in the submission.</p> <p>With respect to information provided in the submission under “Strategic Environmental Assessment” the protection of water bodies and water quality, including drinking water sources, is provided for under various provisions from the Draft Plan and existing County Development Plan. This issue is also identified under other submissions and could be addressed in more detail in the Draft Plan.</p>	<p>If any amendments are proposed to the Draft Plan on foot of this submission, they will be screened for the need to undertake SEA and Stage 2 AA.</p>