

	Arklow Local Planning Framework: Proposed Material Alterations to the Wicklow County Development Plan (2022– 2028) Submission Report
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LPF - Proposed Material Alterations No. 1 Submission

Submission

Submission on Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Arklow Local Planning Framework 2026

I welcome many of the Proposed Material Alterations, particularly the changes that improve green infrastructure, active travel, public realm and access to Arklow's beaches and natural amenities.

Proposed Material Alteration No. 10 – ARK64

I strongly welcome the inclusion of the biodiversity and ecological woodland-type corridor linking South Beach, the former town boundary, The Maples, Kish, Knockmore, Glenart and the Arklow–Shillelagh Greenway.

This is exactly the type of connected green infrastructure Arklow needs. I request that the 20 metre width is treated as a minimum only and that wider sections are provided where possible, especially on undeveloped lands.

This corridor should be designed for biodiversity, native planting, pollinator-friendly planting, walking routes, accessibility and links into existing and future residential areas.

Proposed Material Alterations No. 7, No. 14 and No. 28

I welcome the stronger references to walking infrastructure from South Beach to The Cove, Nun's Beach and Clogga Beach and the inclusion of the new AT-X active travel route.

This route has the potential to become one of Arklow's most important community, tourism and recreational assets. I request that accessibility is built into the design from the start, including for older people, people with disabilities, families with buggies and people with reduced mobility.

Proposed Material Alteration No. 3(c) – Opportunity Site 2

I welcome the continued requirement for a minimum 600sqm indoor multi-functional community space

However, I remain concerned that 600sqm is not enough for a town the size of Arklow. I request that the Council continue to seek a larger dedicated community and cultural facility in the town centre as part of future regeneration.

Arklow needs space for community groups, youth services, training, meetings, events, exhibitions and cultural use.

Proposed Material Alteration No. 19 – Public Realm

I welcome the new public realm objective. Arklow needs a coordinated approach rather than piecemeal works.

Future public realm works should reflect Arklow's heritage, including its maritime, boat-building, railway and riverside history. Lighting, paving, signage, street furniture and public spaces should be planned as part of one joined-up vision for the town.

SLO3 and SLO4

I request that future development in SLO3 and SLO4 includes strong green infrastructure, accessible walking routes and open space links connecting residential areas to South Beach, the new AT-X route, Glenart Woods and the Arklow–Shillelagh Greenway.

Strategic Connectivity

I also request that the final framework continues to protect future strategic

transport connections and does not allow development that would block future active travel, public transport or road infrastructure options.

Overall, I support the direction of the Proposed Material Alterations, particularly the stronger focus on green corridors, public realm, active travel and beach access. I ask that these objectives are strengthened where possible and delivered in a way that benefits the whole town.

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