



Arklow Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

Compact Growth - Housing – Population Growth

Submission

Build some paths, benches, public spaces through and around the Marsh. Then build dense semi-high rise (4-6 stories) mixed use residential and commercial property around the north side of the Marsh in the fields. One day aim to build a second pedestrian/bike path bridge connecting the west end of this Marsh development to the Alps/town center proper/wexford road.

Topic

Economic Opportunity – Tourism - Shops & Services - Community Facilities

Submission

Combine the new greenway with the existing Wicklow way into an advertised 2 week long hiking trek with Arklow being a start/finishing point. Oportunity for campsites/accomodation/hiking stores/hiking hostels/luggage transfer etc.

Glenart castle also seems like a potential site for something? Perhaps some sort out outdoor recreation center + local museum + tourist destination. "Come visit Arklow with it's historic** castle and sea-side!" With the greenway setup it would hopefully feel much more connected to the town.

Even when the sewage plant is finished, until the Avoca mines are properly cleaned up, and the large mining waste pit next to Shelton Abbey is properly fixed up to stop leakage into the river, the river will continue to have a polutated and dangerous reputation. If you want to build water-based tourism up/on the river, you have to convince people they aren't swimming in arsnic poluted water, by un-poluting the water.

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Heritage – Biodiversity- Green infrastructure- Climate Action- Energy

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Arklow needs a nice central park or green area. For example, knock down the derelict buildings oposite the library and build a proper park in the very center of Arklow that connects onto the river.

Build a path from the north end of the bridge, where the new sewage pipe/tunneling works are taking place, into the marsh, and then a circular walking route along the raised existing pathway in the marsh down to Shelton Abbey and back around the edge of the marsh and fields.

The marsh is a huge potential green and reatreational asset for the town, currently blocked off by fences put up by landowners in the way.

How many other towns in Ireland have a such a huge green lung right the middle of the town?

Glenart forest is very special and right on the towns doorstep. Simply adding some picnic spots, benches, extra advertising about the walks, ideally a cafe (though the Ballyraine one wasn't able to generate enough income to survive so, maybe after the greenway is properly running?).

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[Infrastructure - Sustainable Movement – Transportation](#)

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People won't properly start using cycling infrastructure until a fully connected segregated from road traffic bike path system exists in Arklow. Unconnected or non-segregated cycle paths will not be used or be helpful.

Without people cycling, as the town grows, it will get more and more congested.

Families should be able to:

1. Cycle safely out of their traffic calmed estates
2. Get onto fully segregated cycle lanes
3. Ride all the way to the shops, school, attractions etc, without having to cycle on the road with traffic once.

There are many very wide roads in town, that could support proper segregated cycle lanes.

For example, if you managed to build one on Wexford road, through the high street round about, that can then connect down to the path on the river, suddenly a ton of residents can cycle from their homes all the way to Bridgewater and back.

Secondly, an orbital bus should be tried again at some point. Residents should be able to get to the shops and home again on the bus without carrying stuff too far.

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The estates next to the M11 are subject to high noise (higher than EU regs allow) and air pollution. Some motorway noise barriers, and dense tree planting would go a long way to reducing the impacts on those estates and the kids playing outside all the day

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