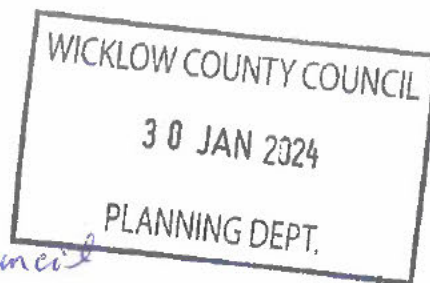


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Answering the request to make a submission
on the Kilcoole, Greystones, Dalgany area Plan

Bray People Wednesday December 27th 2023

My submission is don't do any more damage to Kilcoole.

I enclose my submission of the 28/1/2002 when I
objected to the Development of Kilcoole at that time.

all developments since 1999 in the Kilcoole area are
illegal and you know it. When you asked for submissions
on a Kilcoole Area Plan it was corrupt. Wicklow
County Council had previously been told to scrap whatever
Plans were in the Pipeline. Therefore the request for
submissions should not have happened. Since then with
all I have heard of things that the Councillors should
have been made aware of and were not. I now believe
the Phoney vote on the Kilcoole local area Plan that the
C~~on~~ Councillors were not told of the 1999 Regional Plan
telling Wicklow Council Council to scrap whatever
Plans were in the Pipeline. That included Kilcoole
local area Plan. During 2023 it was announced that
Areas throughout the world wrongly developed are to be
restored to their original state. I want Kilcoole to be
one of them.

Charlise Keddy

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Liam Fitzpatrick,
County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
County Buildings,
Wicklow.

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Re: Proposed Kilcoole Local Area Plan 2001.

I object to this plan in total.

This development is not for my **village**. The west of Ireland is crying out for this kind of development, and has been for a long time. My village does not need this development. This area in general does not need this development. We are too near Dublin, an already congested city and does not need further congestion. It would in fact be better for all of us if some of Dublin's industries moved to the west of Ireland. On RTÉ's Morning Ireland, 4th March 1999 7.50, the Chairman of the general council of county councils said to build near Dublin was wrong, and that many places around Ireland are crying out for development. Now in 2002 that way of thinking is still the way to go.

Kilcoole is a rural village and that is the way to stay. Tillage farming is very important to Kilcoole. To come up with a development plan in an area with agricultural land of such high standard is wrong. Throughout the world many conservationists are trying to save or reclaim agricultural land (of much poorer quality) from natural and man-made disasters. By trying to change a first class agricultural area, Kilcoole, Co Wicklow, into a suburb of Dublin is a human disaster. The temptation by landowners to accept the 30 pieces of silver from God knows who will become very great. One name came out during one of the tribunals, which is going on at present. This man and the under cover people do not care how I would be affected by the destruction of my environment. I hear from the media that it is very difficult to make a living at farming. If that is the case with the farmers of Kilcoole then the government should assist them financially. Some years ago when farmers were in difficulty

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the state (landcommission) took over. The point I am getting to is that the best agricultural land can't be allowed to be covered with concrete and tarmac. Just a few weeks ago I heard on the radio that we had to import a large number of potatoes, another reason why this plan must be stopped. When I was a bit younger it never crossed my mind that Ireland would give away its fishing grounds; we now have no fish. It would be a further disgrace if our state allows this land to be changed from agriculture to concrete. Can you imagine Ireland not being able to feed itself? And that is the way it's looking.

As I read the 29 pages of mumbo-jumbo, the pain I felt in my head would be impossible to put into writing. How anybody of stable mind could carve up my village to such an extent is just awful.

Wicklow County Council are unable to look after Kilcoole as it is. I would be happy with the Council building footpaths for our present people. I do not want the Sea Road widened, the current traffic is too fast as it is. We all know that if it is wider it would be faster still, and so much more dangerous, no thanks. There are quite a few dangerous potholes at the present time around the village. How could further development be maintained?

In regards to our Flora and Fauna, lip service is no use. Our flora and fauna could not survive without the environment we have. The environment is what gives us the flora and fauna and not the other way round. The wildlife alone is enough reason in itself to stop the proposed development. As for the marsh and the many species of birds and duck, it is of international significance, as is the beach. Already there is far too much encroachment on this very important area. On a human point there are far too many dogs on the beach, and the amount of dog [redacted] on the scenic walk, The Bent, is disgusting. More development would put more pressure on this special area and heaps more dogs' [redacted]

Pollution from dogs is not the only problem. Light pollution has now become a big problem. God gave us day and night, bright and dark. I am happy with that arrangement. Now when it should be dark, there are spotlights lighting up my house when I don't want it. Even when I drive on the road the spotlights blind me. This is another source of danger. The public lighting is left on for far too long. Noise pollution is also becoming a great nuisance. When I went to Croke Park I often heard alarms ringing on the business premises on the streets of Dublin. Odd times I would hear the alarms in the town of Bray. Now the awful alarm fever is all around me. The noise pollution should not be allowed. I have

no objection to anybody lighting up their own premises whatever way they like, but not mine. How people make their homes secure, is their own business, but not by making a piercing noise around the whole area. Their security device should be confined to their own premises. The more buildings the more the noise pollution, no thanks.

The plan says the housing is to suit the local population, Rubbish. The Wicklow County Council had some of the so-called affordable houses built in Kilcoole. We were allocated 3. That tells me how concerned the council is for Kilcoole people.

Michael Flatley was not allowed to change the steps up to his home. Clare County Council did their best to destroy Mullough Mór. They were made to put right and restore the area to its original state. People demolished a garage close to the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street. They too were ordered to rebuild it as was. It is being built at the present time. Lugala too was being defaced and thousands of pounds were wasted. The Courts ordered that that area be restored to its original state. My village of Kilcoole is of more importance than the examples given. Kilcoole has its people, its beautiful scenery, its first class agricultural land, it has its lovely bog land, its most beautiful marsh land, it has its vast amount of sea birds, which include the most colourful pheasant. The flora is far too numerous for me to describe, or I could not name a fraction of it. Kilcoole is a paradise. There is not a place in the world to match it. The ideal would be not to allow any development within 10 miles of Kilcoole and a preservation order put on the whole area. I can't allow this plan to happen.

The proposed sewer from Newtownmountkennedy can go along the N11, pick up Kilpeddar and join the pipe in Delgany. Divert all traffic not having business in Kilcoole onto the N11 from both North and South. The southern cross at Bray from the north and Rathnew from the south.

The secondary school, of which Gemma Hussey announced a long time ago, is included in the plan. This infamous school has been announced dozens of times since. The site is much too small and must not be allowed to be built on this site. Sporting facilities, such as track and field, Camogie, hurling, tennis courts and a sports hall and handball ally would take up the six acres on the plan. Where is the area for teaching agriculture, horticulture and garden design? That would take approximately 5 acres at least. Bus parking, car parking and bicycle a further 3 acres, plus a large shelter for students at their break. Perhaps

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there are other things other people might think important, which could take another three acres. The bricks and mortar structure will surely take 1 and half acres. Surely a person with any vision would not land lock a site for a secondary school like this one has been. The planned site is not half big enough to cater for our present parish requirements. I went to a schools football match in November or December 2001 in Terenure (Dublin city) VEC grounds, which has 13 acres.

If this type of development is driven by elected representatives, then Greystones is the place. They have several representatives to see that everything is carried out properly. It might come as a surprise but Kilcoole has none. Greystones has plenty of sewer capacity, public transport, schools of all types, Churches, Library, Supermarkets, Large Post office harbour, a couple of doctor surgeries, football pitches, rugby pitches, soccer pitches, bowling greens, tennis courts, the sea and beaches, a cinema, all kind of shops and bookies offices. Who can see a problem with that idea? I am not contradicting myself with this suggestion as Greystones is also too near Dublin. I merely mention this because the public representatives and planners never spotted it.

Charlie Keddy

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