



Arklow Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

Economic Opportunity – Tourism - Shops & Services - Community Facilities

Submission

Tourism

Arklow needs proper sign posting around the town to direct visitors to key sites and highlight the many attractions.

Wicklow Tourism lack when it comes to promoting Arklow. Arklow businesses should not have to be a paid member of a council department to gain from promotion.

Bus and Train services in and out of Arklow are seriously lacking with many nt arriving or arriving late.

Land designated for touristic use needs to be earmarked. With little options outside of Arklow Bay (great but budget dependant) Camping or Glamping would help with attendance at local events, festivals etc.

Sport & Recreation

A new hub/community led sports and recreation space is desperately needed for

Arklow Town.

Theatre / Art and Performance space is badly needed. Arklow Library are a super resource but not suitable in many cases for various reasons. a social enterprise would be a great solution.

Sports - with so many new sports in the Town and interest growing post covid, new facilities are required. While Coral Leisure support some, most have outgrown the space and are unable to progress their sports in the current facility due to restrictions on availability.

Running Track - The running track at Coral Leisure is a hazard. With so much money going into pushing all age groups to get involved in more sport, it seems counter productive not to have the running track in good repair.

It has been 40 years since campaigners began looking for a new running track.

While the town waits for the waste water treatment plan to solve all our problems, meantime, whole generations have grown up without this amenity.

The town needs a space where community can gather. With many of the limited spaces available linked to certain religious groups and/or reluctance to share space due to insurance/ volunteer time constraints, the community are missing out.

Disability Access

Adult changing space is needed within the town.

Autism / ASD parking is needed within the town in sensible areas which allow residents use the main street easily.

Vault Youth Centre is in need of a refurb and/or a new space to call home to facilitate all of their various programs.

Community Play space at the centre of town which was enclosed and secure would really invigorate the town.
Suggested areas could be at the Alps development, Old Health Centre.

None of the playgrounds within the town are on a par with any of the other Municipal Districts in the Town.

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