



## Proposed Variation No. 7 to the Wicklow County Development Plan Submission Report

### Submission Details

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### Proposed Variation Parts

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| Topic      | Part 1: Proposed Variation to town / settlement zoning maps and, where relevant, proposed new or amended site specific policy objectives. |
| Submission | 1. Level 4: Newtownmountkennedy                                                                                                           |

Write your observations here:

Proposed Variation No. 7 – Newtownmountkennedy (NT 1)

I live in Newtownmountkennedy and I support the plan to rezone land at Monalin – Season Park for new homes.

Wicklow county as a whole is short of housing, and every town needs to play its part. Newtownmountkennedy can reasonably take on more homes, and this site lets it do that in a planned and sensible way.

This is the right place for them. The land is an extension of an area that is already being built. Much of what is needed is already in place. The riverside park is already open, sports grounds south of the river are already laid out, and work on the new distributor road is already under way. New homes here would join onto roads and services that already exist, rather than starting from scratch somewhere else.

The plan also makes sure that what's still needed comes first. The new road must be finished and the L-1037 must have footpaths and cycle lanes before building can go ahead. The new sports pitches, community building and childcare must be in place before people move in. I think these rules are fair, and they mean the town can grow without being overstretched.

My main concern is school places. Local schools are already under pressure, and more homes will mean more children. There is also no secondary school in the town, so teenagers have to travel to other towns, where schools are often full. As Newtownmountkennedy grows, it needs its own secondary school.

I ask the council to work with the Department of Education to plan for a secondary school in Newtownmountkennedy.

Please adopt this change, and plan for the schools the town will need.

Yours sincerely,  
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Resident, Newtownmountkennedy

