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Dear sir.

Huge effort has obviously gone into this development plan.

The reason climate change and biodiversity are pragmatically so important is the fear of the impact on crop production and on food supply.

The food receipt from Tesco yesterday showed nearly every standard item cost around €3. Meat cost €6 up. Are we going to be like America and have thousands dependent on food stamps?

In the 1930's rural council houses deliberately came with enough land for a garden. Later during the war apple trees were planted by the state. Food Security has not been addressed in this plan. I know allotments were mentioned several times during the consultation process. I do not think it has been taken on board.

A large influx of new people may bring a wealth of gardening and preserving knowledge to be exploited. Council allotments will make them stakeholders and form stable communities. Allotments will give Arklow a buffer of food security. An area to the south of in the mixed development use could be put aside for this purpose.

I think there should be as much emphasis on food security as there is on sport fields. - I do like the sport fields.

Arklow is too removed from its hinterland. It would be nice if the importance of agricultural land and food production from the hinterland to the town could be acknowledged.

The new cycle path along the road from Arklow to the Kish, though well intentioned, is an environmental disaster. Old hedges have been removed and replaced with walls. There go the hedgehogs, and the birds. The light pollution is horrendous. It glares down from the Ballynattin Industrial Park along with the streetlights. There go the moths, insects, the bats and again the birds. The development was carried out by the council.

Environmental protection runs throughout this plan. Could you please ensure it will be implemented?