



# Arklow Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Arklow and Environs Local Area Plan Pre-Draft Public Consultation

Subject: Enhancing Arklow Rugby Club Facilities in the New Arklow Environs Plan

To whom it may concern,

Introduction:

Arklow Rugby Club has been an integral part of our community, providing essential facilities for Arklow Town and the surrounding areas. With a rich history spanning many years, our club proudly offers a diverse range of team activities, including Senior Men and Women's teams, youth programs, mini teams, and the Arklow Red Kites mixed ability team. Our vibrant membership, which continues to grow, relies on the club's facilities for their sporting endeavours.

Challenges and Opportunities:

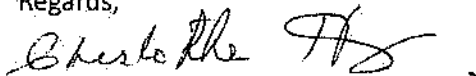
However, we find ourselves at a critical juncture. Our current premises, located at Johnstone North, County Wicklow, can no longer adequately accommodate the needs of our members. Expansion within our existing location is not feasible due to space constraints. Moreover, the pre-draft plan indicates that Arklow will experience significant growth, with an additional 1,000 homes expected by 2031. This expansion will further strain our resources.

Vision and Request:

Arklow Rugby Club has a long-standing vision: to provide some of our facilities within the town itself. We believe that the ongoing review of the Arklow and Environs Local Area Plan presents a unique opportunity to secure the necessary space for our club's future. Specifically, we require at least 6-8 acres to accommodate our current membership and support the anticipated growth of our community.

We request the planning authorities to consider our proposal. By allocating suitable land within the New Arklow Environs Plan, where we can continue to serve our members effectively and contribute to the well-being of Arklow and its residents.

Regards,



President Arklow Rugby Club