



Variation No.6

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I wish to make a submission to the Proposed Variation No. 6 insofar as it relates to the revised Wicklow Core Strategy and the associated housing targets proposed for Enniskerry.

I strongly object to the application of town-level housing growth assumptions or housing targets to Enniskerry through the revised Core Strategy. Enniskerry is, and should remain, a village in both character and function. Applying growth levels more appropriate to a town is inconsistent with the scale, capacity, and role of Enniskerry within the county settlement hierarchy.

Over recent years, decisions taken at planning and strategic level have already eroded the sense of community that once defined Enniskerry. What was once a cohesive, lived-in village has increasingly become a drive-through settlement, dominated by traffic and development pressures rather than local life. The social fabric of the village has been weakened, and further increases in housing targets without proper regard to local capacity will only accelerate this decline.

The Core Strategy should support sustainable and plan-led development while also protecting the distinct identity, scale and social function of villages. Increasing housing targets for Enniskerry without addressing traffic congestion, infrastructure constraints, community services and social sustainability risks permanently undermining what remains of village life and community cohesion.

I therefore request that Enniskerry be clearly retained and treated as a village within the Wicklow Core Strategy, with housing targets that are proportionate and appropriate to its scale, capacity and community character, in line with the objectives of the Wicklow County Development Plan and national planning policy.

For the reasons outlined above, I request that Wicklow County Council amend Proposed Variation No. 6 to ensure that the revised housing targets and Core Strategy provisions do not apply inappropriate town-level growth assumptions to Enniskerry, and that the village's character and community sustainability are protected.

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