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CALL FOR SITES: LAND SUITABLE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

NON-STATUTORY CONSULTATION NOW OPEN

New Ministerial Guidelines on *NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements* were published on the 29 July 2025 on www.gov.ie with the aim of updating development plans to reflect the requirements of the Revised National Planning Framework (NPF) and achieving a significant acceleration in housing delivery. The Guidelines provide for an increased annual housing growth requirement for County Wicklow, and an 'additional provision' mechanism to support the zoning of additional lands in areas where it can be justified.

In response to these new Guidelines, Wicklow County Council is undertaking a non-statutory '**Call for Sites**' consultation inviting landowners, homebuilders and other interested parties (including members of the public) to make a submission, identifying possible sites that they suggest could be considered for zoning for new housing development and could meet the objectives of the Guidelines in terms of contributing to the acceleration of housing delivery over the next 15 years.

Wicklow County Council is particularly seeking to identify lands/sites across the County that fulfil the following criteria:

- Are likely to contribute to the delivery of housing in the period up to 2040
- Are located in areas where a level of housing demand exists
- Would support the development of infill housing, housing on brownfield land or address vacancy and dereliction
- Are serviced or have the potential to be serviced (i.e. have the ability connect to roads infrastructure and water, wastewater, surface water and electricity networks)
- Are located in areas with good public transport services
- Are located in or adjoining towns or villages with good social infrastructure with capacity in schools and community facilities, or that can provide for the development of necessary social infrastructure
- Contribute to sustainable, compact and sequential patterns of growth
- In the case of 'greenfield' lands are 0.4 hectares (1 acre) or more in size, or have capacity for 10 or more homes
- Have no significant legal, topographical or environmental / heritage impediments to development coming forward

This call for sites is a non-statutory consultation to identify sites for further assessment. Landowners should be aware that any lands zoned for residential use may be liable for the annual **Residential Zoned Land Tax**.

Details of the consultation can be found on the Council's website www.wicklow.ie and through the **online consultation portal**. Please scan the QR code on this notice to access the portal.

The portal can also be accessed at the Planning Counter computers at Wicklow County Council offices, Station Road, Wicklow Town, A67 FW96 during normal office hours.

Alternatively you can request a pdf or printed information pack be emailed / posted to you by calling 0404 20148 or emailing callforsites@wicklowcoco.ie.

If you have any questions regarding the website or portal, or would like to request an information pack, please contact Wicklow County Council Planning Department on 0404 20148 or email callforsites@wicklowcoco.ie. **In light of Wicklow County Council opening hours over Christmas 2025, please be advised that any such inquiries / requests will be attended to from 02 January 2026 onwards.**

MAKING A SUBMISSION

The consultation **is now open** and will run **until 27 February 2026**. Submissions made before 5pm (17:00) on Friday 27 February 2026 will be taken into consideration.

Submissions can be made in one of the following ways:

1. Through the online consultation portal – which can be accessed via at www.wicklow.ie, or by scanning scan the QR code on this notice; **or**
2. Submit a hard copy completed 'Call for Sites' form to the Administrative Officer, Planning Section, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Station Road, Wicklow Town, A67 FW96.

Copies of the 'Call for Sites' form can be obtained from Wicklow County Council offices or downloaded via the website. Forms can also be posted to you if needed – please contact the Planning Department on 0404 20148 or emailing callforsites@wicklowcoco.ie.

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PLEASE NOTE

- All submissions must be made in the format required - through the portal **OR** if submitting a hard copy by using the 'Call for Sites' form. No other format will be received – please do not email forms, or submit any other documentation.
- Each individual site should be subject to its own submission.
- The planning process is an open and public one, therefore all submissions/observations are a matter of public record and will be available for public viewing; they may also be placed on the County Council's website and therefore should not include any personal information.
- This is a 'Call for Sites' for suggestions of lands that could be considered for future zoning for housing development. The land owner is responsible for activating the site for delivery of housing. This is not a call for sites for Wicklow County Council to purchase.
- **YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO MAKE YOUR SUBMISSION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**



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