



## WICKLOW TOWN - RATHNEW LOCAL AREA PLAN 2025

### APPENDIX 3 INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY SCHEDULE AND IMPLEMENTATION



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This appendix of the Local Area Plan (LAP) deals with the infrastructure delivery schedule and sequential development phasing programme linked with necessary investment in infrastructure for the growth settlement of 'Wicklow Town – Rathnew'. The sequential development of the settlement, alongside the phased delivery of the necessary infrastructure including open space, waste, water, drainage, roads, transportation, educational facilities, recreational amenities and local services, is key to the sustainable development of the settlement. It is critical that the Local Area Plan ensures, in so far as is feasible, that development within the Local Area Plan progresses in an ordered way which avoids 'leapfrogging' to peripheral areas that are geographically isolated from the existing settlement and infrastructural provision.

In order to ensure the successful delivery of the objectives of this plan, Wicklow County Council takes a positive proactive approach in active land management in order to expedite the delivery of new homes as part of the new residential neighbourhoods planned within the Local Area Plan. Wicklow County Council liaises with all relevant authorities in a collaborative process to resolve any potential blockages to deliver residential development in particular.

There are a number of stakeholders involved in the delivery of all the infrastructure projects. All projects are dependent on funding. There are also numerous other matters that need to fall in line in order for each infrastructure project to be delivered, like land acquisition, securing the appropriate planning approval, etc.

## 2. STAKEHOLDERS

There are a number of stakeholders involved in the delivery of all the infrastructure projects. The delivery of all the strategic infrastructure, water supply, wastewater treatment, transportation and schools are managed by key state agencies.

### 2.1 Uisce Eireann (UE) - Water Services

The provision of an adequate supply of water and wastewater treatment facilities are critical to facilitate and sustain the growth of the plan area. The delivery, integration and implementation of water and wastewater projects and infrastructural improvements are the responsibility of Uisce Eireann. Wicklow County Council works closely with UE to ensure that the County Development Plan and the LAP continue to align with both national, regional and local planning policy and that the provision of water/wastewater services will not be a limiting factor in terms of targeted growth.

#### Water Supply

The plan area is serviced by the Vartry Water Supply with adequate capacity currently available to accommodate the level of growth envisaged by the Core Strategy. This supplies water to the Cronroe Reservoir which currently serves the majority of the plan area by gravity, including supplying the Broomhall Reservoir and its supply area. In the southern area of the town water is pumped to a number of storage tanks that service a limited amount of lands. As capacity is constrained in these smaller reservoirs, further development is not appropriate for these areas.

## **Wastewater Treatment**

With regards to wastewater, the majority of the plan area is served by the Wicklow Wastewater Treatment Plant, which opened in 2010. This treatment plant has a design capacity of 34,000 population equivalent (this plant also serves the settlement of Ashford), and is thus operating with no capacity issues.

## **2.2 Roads & Transport Infrastructure stakeholders**

### **National Transport Authority (NTA)**

The NTA is the transport authority with the function of the integration of transport and land use planning in particular, public transport and traffic management needs in the eastern region of the country. Specific functions in the Greater Dublin Area (GDA) are (a) undertaking strategic planning of transport; (b) investing in all public transport infrastructure and (c) developing the effective management of traffic and transport demand.

### **NTA Capital Investment Programme (Department of Transport funded)**

#### Active Travel Investment

The NTA operates an Active Travel Investment Programme whereby funding is provided to local authorities, public transport bodies and other agencies for the implementation of various projects and programmes centred around the provision of pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure and facilities, safety, and access to schools and public transport

#### Public Transport Investment

The NTA operates a variety of public transport investment programmes which provides funding for various public transport projects. These include heavy rail, BusConnects, parking at railway stations, strategic park & ride sites, light rail, accessibility to public transport, transport technology, strategic transport planning, etc.

### **Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)**

TII is a state agency under the Department of Transport, working at both national and regional level, in partnership with Local Authorities regarding national roads and greenways, and with the National Transport Authority (NTA).

TII are responsible for supporting and facilitating the implementation of measures to improve the M/N11 and associated junctions, the development of the new National Cycle Network for Ireland, Greenways and providing Active Travel facilities along and across the National Roads network.

### **Greater Dublin Area (GDA) Transport Strategy 2022 -2042 (NTA)**

The Wicklow town – Rathnew plan area is located within the metropolitan region of the GDA and the transport infrastructure was analysed by the NTA as part of the Greater Dublin Transport Strategy 2022 -2042. The Strategy sets out how transport will be developed across the GDA, including County Wicklow, up to 2042.



This strategy covers walking and cycling, rail and bus services and the road network in the GDA. It sets out a range of objectives relating to the DART extension from Greystones to Wicklow Town, Local Link Bus service, BusConnects, expansion of the cycle network (Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan, NTA 2022), Safe Routes to School, and many other transport proposals.

### **Wicklow Town and Rathnew Transport Assessment**

A Transport Assessment accompanies the Local Area Plan. The key aims of this local transport assessment are to:

- Ensure that transport and settlement patterns mutually support each other.
- To assist plan makers to deliver land use policies and objectives to produce a settlement of such form and layout that facilitates and encourages sustainable forms of movement and transport, prioritising active travel modes of walking and cycling and use of public transport.
- Minimise the need for travel and reduce the length of journeys by maximising the proximity of people, business and the services they require;
- Promote greater investment in, and usage of, public transport modes, such as rail and bus networks, with the support of complementary land use policies;
- Protect the capacity, efficiency and safety of national roads and associated junctions;
- Ensure that zoning strategies are consistent with value for money considerations applying to the provision of public infrastructure, including roads and public transport.

It will do this by:

- Identifying the existing transportation infrastructure, networks and services in the settlement;
- Identifying existing infrastructure and services shortfalls that are inhibiting more sustainable movements, in order to ensure that (a) all transport infrastructure and services delivery agencies have a clear programme of action and (b) development strategies set out in the LAP do not reinforce or exacerbate unsustainable transport patterns;
- Identifying future transportation infrastructure improvements that are either underway and / or committed (i.e. consent and funding in place and timeline for delivery fixed), as well as projects impacting the settlement that are not as yet commenced and / or committed but are identified in higher level plans / programmes are due to be delivered in the short, medium or long term;
- Setting out clear criteria as to how future development will be integrated with the existing or future transportation and movement networks.

### **2.3 Department of Education – school provision**

The Department of Education is the main stakeholder with responsibility for the provision of schools by modernising / extending existing schools and providing new schools. Wicklow County Council will work closely with the Department of Education (DoEd) and individual developers to secure the co-ordinated delivery of essential school provision.

### **2.4 Local level stakeholders**

More local level infrastructure is to be provided within the key development parcels including crèche provision, neighbourhood centre facilities, pocket parks, cycle and pedestrian routes, civic spaces and public realm improvements. In most circumstances the developer of the land is a key local level stakeholder; however there are numerous local level stakeholders many of whom are state agencies.

## **2.5 Wicklow County Council**

Wicklow County Council (WCC) as the local authority is responsible for the plan management of the implementation of the objectives of the Local Area Plan and all the others sections of the Council – Planning, Economic and Rural Development section, Social Development section, Infrastructure and Capital Projects section, Climate, Environment, Recreation and Amenity section, Finance, Water and Information Systems section have roles in the project delivery of certain infrastructure solely or in conjunction with other bodies

Development contributions for the provision of services such as roads, footpaths and amenity / open space provision, etc will be applied where appropriate to approved planning applications. The details and basis for the determination of the contributions are set out in the Wicklow Development Contribution Scheme or any subsequent schemes adopted thereafter in accordance with the provision of section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

## **2.5 Department of Rural and Community Development**

The implementation of the objectives of this Plan are often dependent on a number of funding sources. A key source of funding is available under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) operated under the Department of Rural and Community Development which is applicable to settlements with a population in excess of 10,000 persons. The types of proposals eligible for funding include strategic development areas, active land management, measures to address building vacancy and refurbishment, public realm improvements, enabling infrastructure, sustainable mobility and transition to low carbon and climate resilience.

## **3. ACTIVE LAND MANAGEMENT**

The achievement of sustainable compact growth and regeneration will be supported through the implementation of active land management measures which promote the development of infill and brownfield lands, and strategically located greenfield sites that support the principles of consolidated growth.

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a key active land management tool for the delivery of houses on serviced sites in all of the towns and villages in county Wicklow. All undeveloped / vacant / idle mixed use and undeveloped residential zoned lands are annually assessed to consider whether they are in scope to be liable for the tax. Lands that are in scope are liable to pay a tax annually.

#### 4. FUNDING SOURCES

The LAP identifies a range of strategic and local infrastructure necessary to facilitate development in the plan area. The delivery of all infrastructure is funding dependant. The key funding sources for the delivery of infrastructure are:

<u>Developer</u>	The developer of the land / infrastructure provides the funding to deliver the infrastructure or provides the infrastructure themselves.
<u>State</u>	National Development Plan, Urban Regeneration Development Funding, Rural Regeneration Development Funding, LIHAF funding, Smarter Travel funding, Uisce Eireann (UE), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), National Transport Authority (NTA), LEADER/SICAP funding, OPW, Department of Education, other government departments, etc.
<u>Wicklow County Council</u>	WCC Development contribution schemes, WCC Capital Works Programme, etc.

## 5. INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY SCHEDULE

This section sets out the key infrastructure necessary, in a staged delivery schedule, in order to achieve the timely delivery of the objectives of this plan. This section focuses on the key road, recreational, community and educational infrastructure. It is acknowledged that there is a broad range of infrastructure necessary in order to enhance the services to the homes, businesses and schools of Wicklow Town – Rathnew.

The development and continued delivery of telecommunications and energy has not been incorporated into this schedule as it is addressed under the County Development Plan and Wicklow County Council continues to liaise and work with the necessary telecommunications and energy providers of such infrastructure to continue to enhance these services.

The lifetime of the Local Area Plan is six years. The delivery schedule is divided in to the following four phases as well as an on-going stage with delivery throughout the plan lifetime and beyond:

<u>Immediate term</u>	Year 1 and Year 2
<u>Short term</u>	Year 3 to Year 5
<u>Medium term</u>	Year 5 to Year 10
<u>Long term</u>	10 years plus
<u>On - going</u>	Throughout the plan lifetime and beyond

This schedule is a living programme. It will be reviewed at regular intervals to assess how the implementation is progressing, available resources and as new sources of funding and/or providers emerge.

### Implementation & Infrastructure Delivery Schedule Table

Infrastructure	Delivery Schedule	Funding
<b>TRANSPORT</b>		
Implement measures identified in 'Wicklow Town –Rathnew Transport Assessment'	On-going	Developer, State, WCC
Park and ride facilities	Short term	Developer, State, WCC
Improvement to bus links to Wicklow train station	Immediate term – Short term	State
DART extension to Wicklow train station	Short term – Medium term	State
Improvements to mainline train and DART services	Medium term	State
Improve the capacity of the Rocky Road from Junction 17 to the Town Centre	Short term – Medium term	State, WCC
Improved and new bus services within and 'in and out' of the Settlement	Short term – Medium term	State
Complete the Rathnew Inner Relief Road	Short term – Medium term	Developer, State
Connect the Dublin Road to the Glenealy Road (via Milltown)	Medium term - Long term	Developer, State, WCC
General Road Improvements	On-going	Developer, State, WCC
General Footpath Improvements	On-going	Developer, State, WCC



General Cycle Improvements	On-going	Developer, State, WCC
General Car parking Improvements	On-going	Developer, State, WCC

Infrastructure	Delivery Schedule	Funding
<b>WATER AND WASTE WATER</b>		
General water supply network upgrade and extension.	On-going	State (UE)
General wastewater treatment network upgrade and extension.	On-going	State (UE)
General - Replace the combined surface water system with a separate network to the waste water.	On-going	State (UE), WCC

Infrastructure	Delivery Schedule	Funding
<b>SOCIAL</b>		
Active Open Space at Tinakilly	Short term	Developer, WCC
Active Open Space at Hawkstown Road / Ashtown Lane	Short term	Developer, WCC
Active Open Space at Rocky Road, Ballynerrin	Medium term	Developer
Active Open Space at Ballybeg (Cookoo's Corner)	Long term	Developer
Crèche/ Childcare facilities	Short - Medium term	Developer
Community facilities (Audit required <sup>1</sup> )	Short - Medium term	Developer
School at Marlton Road	Short – Medium term	State (DoEd)
School at Ballybeg	Short – Medium term	State (DoEd)
School at Rosanna	Long term	State (DoEd)

### Wicklow Harbour

The continued development of Wicklow Harbour as a key recreational infrastructure asset is an on - going project, dependent on funding. The management of the harbour is a function of the Climate, Environment, Recreation and Amenity section of Wicklow County Council.

### Wicklow County Campus

The continued development of Wicklow County Campus at Clermont, Rathnew as a key education, training and enterprise asset is an on -going project, dependent on funding. The management of the campus is a function of the Planning, Economic and Rural Development section of Wicklow County Council

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<sup>1</sup> See Wicklow County Development Plan Objective - *Housing development shall be managed and phased to ensure that infrastructure is adequate or is being provided to match the needs of new residents. New significant residential or mixed use development proposals (of which residential development forms a component) (Being defined as developments in excess of 50 units of housing in any settlements in Levels 1-4 in the hierarchy, 25 units in Levels 5-10, and all developments over 25 units in excess of 500m distance to a public transport service, as well as other format / sizes / locations are may be deemed necessary by the Local Authority) , shall be required to be accompanied by a Social Infrastructure Audit, to determine if social and community facilities in the area are sufficient to provide for the needs of the future residents. Where deficiencies are identified, proposals will be required to either rectify the deficiency, or suitably restrict or phase the development in accordance with the capacity of existing or planned services. New significant residential or mixed use development proposals shall be required to be accompanied by a 'Accessibility Report' that demonstrates that new residents / occupants / employees (including children and those with special mobility needs) will be able to safely access through means other than the private car (a) local services including shops, schools, health care and recreational and sports facilities, and (b) public transport services. Where deficiencies are identified, proposals will be required to either rectify the deficiency, or suitably restrict or phase the development in accordance with the capacity/quality of existing or planned linkages.*

## 6. PHASING

It is an objective of the Council that development is undertaken in an orderly and sustainable manner. The development of zoned land should generally be phased in accordance with the sequential approach:

- Development shall extend outwards from the centre of Wicklow Town and Rathnew Village with undeveloped land closest to the centre and public transport routes given priority. 'Leapfrogging' to peripheral areas shall be strongly resisted;
- A strong emphasis should be placed on encouraging infill opportunities and better use of underutilised lands;
- Areas to be developed should be contiguous to existing developed areas; and
- The development of Specific Local Objectives (SLOs) should be phased in accordance with the stated objectives of the SLO where phasing has been specified.

With regard to residential development 'edge of centre' locations will be considered the priority location for new greenfield development and will generally be zoned as 'New Residential - Priority 1' (zoned RN1) while more 'out of centre' housing sites (zoned 'New Residential - Priority 2' RN2) will only be considered where Objective **WTR4**, of the Local Area Plan, is satisfied and on the basis of integrated housing / community facilities / open space schemes that can be well connected to the existing built up area.

### Objective WTR4

Notwithstanding the zoning / designation of land for new residential development (RN), permission will not be considered for RN2 Priority 2 lands unless the following conditions are satisfied:

- 75% of Priority 1 new residential lands (RN1) lands have been activated (i.e. consent obtained and development initiated);
- It can be shown that the housing / population generated by the proposed development would not result in the prevailing Core Strategy targets at the time of the application being significantly breached.

## **7. IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING & REVIEW**

Wicklow County Council is committed to taking a pro-active approach to progress the delivery of the Plan. The LAP will have effect for a period of six-years from the date of adoption, unless otherwise extended, amended or revoked, as per the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Prior to the fifth year from adoption, the Planning Department will carry out a review of the LAP to inform whether the Plan should be extended (for a maximum of another five years) or revoked. The findings of the review will be presented to the Elected Members for their consideration.

The Plan objectives are specific, measurable, achievable and realistic. However, a number are set within a longer timeframe, thus they may not be fully implemented over the lifetime of the plan period. It is important to note that the implementation of a plan may be constrained by a number of elements, namely, the economic climate, political support, allocated local authority funding, and the availability of funding from other sources. Therefore, no funding of projects is guaranteed in advance nor is the implementation of all objectives contained within the plan.

It is intended that the various agencies, including voluntary groups, professional institutions, public and private bodies including Wicklow County Council, and other organisations in Wicklow Town - Rathnew will be encouraged to participate whenever possible, in the implementation of the policies and objectives of this plan to move the settlement forward.

The Planning Section of the Council is the lead section responsible for monitoring and implementing the Plan, mainly through its development management function. However, it is important to note that this Plan co-ordinates the work and objectives of other directorates, including Wicklow Municipal District.

The Plan will also be regularly reviewed in light of new legislation or guidelines, to assess progress, and to determine where amendments are required, a variation of the Plan will be necessary.

## 8 IMPLEMENTATION AND TIMEFRAMES WITH RESPECT TO ALL OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN

**Implementation and timeframes with respect to all objectives of the plan and a particular focus on identified development areas (SLOs).**

<b>Residential Objectives</b>		<b>Implementation</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
<b>WTR1</b>	All new housing developments shall be required to accord with the housing objectives and standards set out in the Wicklow County Development Plan	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>WTR2</b>	Development shall extend outwards from the centre of Wicklow Town and Rathnew Village with undeveloped land closest to the centre and public transport routes given priority. <u>'Leapfrogging' to peripheral areas shall be strongly resisted.</u>	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>WTR3</b>	In accordance with the County Development Plan, there shall be no quantitative restriction inferred from this plan on the number of units that may be delivered on town centre and village centre zoned lands, or on brownfield regeneration sites, or on infill sites located within the following zones – 'Town Centre', 'Village Centre' and 'Existing Residential'.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>WTR4</b>	Notwithstanding the zoning / designation of land for new residential development (RN), permission will not be considered for RN2 Priority 2 lands unless the following conditions are satisfied: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 75% of Priority 1 new residential lands (RN1) lands have been activated (i.e. consent obtained and development initiated);</li> <li>- It can be shown that the housing / population generated by the proposed development would not result in the prevailing Core Strategy targets at the time of the application being significantly breached.</li> </ul>	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>WTR5</b>	In order to make best use of land resources and services, unless there are cogent reasons to the contrary, new residential development shall be expected to aim for the highest density appropriate given the site's location and access to services. The Council reserves the right to refuse permission for any development that is not consistent with this principle.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing

<b>WTR6</b>	Housing development shall be managed and phased to ensure that infrastructure and in particular, community infrastructure, is provided to match the need of new residents. Where specified by the Planning Authority, new significant residential or mixed use development proposals, may be required to provide a social and community facility/facilities as part of the proposed development or the developer may be required to carry out a social infrastructure audit, to determine if social and community facilities in the area are sufficient to provide for the needs of the future residents. Where deficiencies are identified, proposals will be required to either rectify the deficiency, or suitably restrict or phase the development in accordance with the capacity of existing or planned services.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>WTR7</b>	To encourage in-fill housing developments, the use of under-utilised and vacant sites and vacant upper floors for accommodation purposes and facilitate higher residential densities at appropriate locations, subject to a high standard of design, layout and finish.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis through the application of the Derelict Sites Act, Housing Act, Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, and Residential Zoned Land Tax, together with the delivery of projects and programmes under the Town Centre First Policy, TRO, Croí Cónaithe and Vacant Homes Officer.	Ongoing
<b>WTR8</b>	To promote and facilitate the development of a range of residential development types, tenures and sizes, including affordable and cost-rental properties, in order to cater for the varying housing needs and economic circumstances of the town's population. In particular, Wicklow County Council shall work with the Land Development Agency, and other relevant stakeholders, to deliver a range of residential tenures to meet the requirements of the population including (but not limited to) affordable and cost-rental housing types on appropriate lands, subject to compliance with the policies and objectives of the LAP, the Development Plan and other relevant national and regional policies and guidelines.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and by the Housing Section of WCC.	Ongoing
<b>Employment Objectives</b>		<b>Implementation</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
<b>WTR9</b>	To facilitate and support all forms of employment creation on appropriately zoned land in Wicklow Town-Rathnew and to promote the intensification of	To be proactively implemented and pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development	Ongoing

	activities on existing employment sites and to take advantage of the existing economic assets in order to stimulate further employment within the area.	Management system and the operations of the Council's Economic Development unit and LEO.	
<b>WTR10</b>	To encourage the redevelopment of brownfield sites for enterprise and employment creation throughout the settlement and to consider allowing 'relaxation' in normal development standards on such sites to promote their redevelopment, where it can be clearly demonstrated that a development of the highest quality, that does not create an adverse or unacceptable working environment or create unacceptable impacts on the built, natural or social environment, will be provided.	To be proactively implemented and pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and the operations of the Council's Economic Development unit and LEO.	Ongoing
<b>WTR11</b>	To support and facilitate existing and future commercial port activities, in line with the Waterfront Strategy (chapter 5), and to resist developments that would undermine the commercial potential of the port area.	To be proactively implemented and pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and the operations of the Council's Economic Development Unit, LEO, Municipal District team, TRO and Harbours team.	Ongoing
<b>WTR12</b>	To support and facilitate all forms of employment development in Wicklow Town Centre and Rathnew Village Centre, particularly retail and retail services uses.	To be proactively implemented and pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and the operations of the Council's Economic Development unit and TRO.	Ongoing
<b>WTR13</b>	To support the continued operation of Rathnew Business Park as a manufacturing and warehousing area.	To be proactively implemented and pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and the operations of the Council's Economic Development unit and LEO.	Ongoing
<b>WTR14</b>	To support the development of Wicklow County Campus; to support the development of adjacent employment zoned lands for higher order employment types such as film / food / renewable energy.	To be proactively implemented and pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and the operations of the Council's Economic Development Unit, LEO and Clermont Campus project team.	Ongoing



<b>WTR15</b>	<p>On lands zoned for employment on the 'Murrough North', it is the objective of the Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To facilitate the continued operation of established / permitted existing business / commercial activities subject to ensuring they operate in a manner which is respectful of the local environment, use environmentally friendly / innovative technologies and improve the visual amenity of the area;</li> <li>▪ To resist further expansion / intensification of the existing industries / businesses and consideration will only be given to development that enhances nature conservation;</li> <li>▪ To ensure that no development is permitted which would give rise to significant adverse impacts upon the conservation objectives of European sites.</li> <li>▪ To encourage site operators to improve the overall visual amenity of the area including the provision of additional landscaping using native species appropriate to this natural coastal setting.</li> </ul> <p>While the Council acknowledges that these industries are established, permitted and operating businesses / commercial activities, it is important to have regard to (a) the need to ensure no significant adverse impacts on the European Sites arise from the intensification or change of use of this area for industry / employment and (b) the nature restoration goals of the Council and (c) the available of significant areas of zoned employment land within the settlement away from the coast and other environmentally sensitive locations.</p> <p>(* See Appendix 6 – Appropriate Assessment)</p>	To be proactively implemented and pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and Environmental Protection Unit.	Ongoing
<b>WTR16</b>	To facilitate and support Wicklow Town Centre and Rathnew Village Centre as the priority locations for new employment, particularly 'people'-based employment development.	To be proactively implemented and pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and the operations of the Council's Economic Development unit and LEO.	Ongoing
<b>Public Realm Objectives</b>			

<b>WTR17</b>	To promote Wicklow Town Centre (and Rathnew Village Centre) in the first instance as the priority locations within the settlement for new residential, retail / retail services, community and employment use through the development of vacant or underutilised sites and via the reconfiguration / redevelopment of existing low density development, while at all times respecting the character and heritage of the town / village centres. In particular, to support the development of opportunity sites in accordance with the specific criteria set out for each identified area within this Local Area Plan.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the TRO, Enterprise Office and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.  To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>WTR18</b>	To protect and enhance the streetscape of Wicklow's Main Street through the appropriate control of alterations to existing buildings and the development of new structures; in particular <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- building lines and heights which diverge from the established form will require to be justified;</li> <li>- shopfront and building frontages will require to be of an appropriate design and appearance;</li> <li>- frontages with no goods on display to the street or that are opaque will not be considered.</li> </ul>	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system.	Ongoing
<b>WTR19</b>	To strive to improve the appearance of junctions and gateway areas into the Main Street of the Town centre, particularly the Marlton Road – Abbey Street junction.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the TRO and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	Short Term
<b>WTR20</b>	New or extended / refurbished units shall, at all times that the unit is not in active use, provide an attractive temporary display or professionally designed artwork affixed to the glass frontage. The temporary use of the space during such times for creative, cultural or community purposes will be encouraged; however, such change of use may require planning permission, and advice will be provided by the Council on a case by case basis in this regard.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and projects and programmes of the TRO.	Ongoing
<b>WTR21</b>	To support opportunities to create better linkages between the Main Street and the South Quay, in particular access routes and views between the two.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the	Short Term

		Municipal District team, the TRO and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	
<b>WTR22</b>	To maintain and further enhance Fitzwilliam Square and Market Square and support other possibilities for the development of new urban spaces, including The Mall, with hard and soft landscaping and high quality street furniture	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the TRO and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	Short Term
<b>WTR23</b>	To improve hard and soft landscaped areas, lighting, seating and other street 'furniture' as funding allows, and require private developments providing such features to meet the highest standards of design and siting.	To be proactively implemented and pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the TRO and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	Ongoing
<b>Dereliction and Vacant Sites Objectives</b>			
<b>WTR24</b>	To facilitate appropriate infill development and substantial redevelopment of under-utilised or vacant properties and vacant backlands within the town centre. Any redevelopment proposal that has frontage onto more than one road should be designed to address all roads appropriate. Where the site connects the Main Street to the South Quay or the Main Street to Fitzwilliam Road/High Street, the proposed development should include a pedestrian link where feasible.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>WTR25</b>	To positively consider proposals to improve, alter, extend or change the use of protected structures within the town centre so as to render them viable for modern use, subject to retention of any special features with use of suitable design, materials and construction methods.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>WTR26</b>	Proposals to significantly alter or demolish Protected Structures, or special features which contribute to the character of an ACA, only will be allowed in exceptional circumstances.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>Mix of Uses Core Area Objectives</b>			

<b>WTR27</b>	To support and facilitate activities and developments that will improve the vitality and vibrancy of the Main Street area.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team and the TRO.	Ongoing
<b>WTR28</b>	Redevelopment proposals in the town centre shall generally be required to provide commercial use at ground floor / street level.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>WTR29</b>	All non-residential floors will be required to be designed to be suitable to a range of users.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>WTR30</b>	To control and restrict where necessary uses at ground / street level to prevent an excessive concentration of single outlet types / formats e.g. bookmakers, off-licences (including off-licences in convenience stores), charity shops, fast-food takeaways, amusement centres and financial institutions.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>WTR31</b>	Active 1 <sup>st</sup> floor uses will be required in all new developments and particular encouragement will be given to 'living over the shop'.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>Retail Role Core Area Objectives</b>			
<b>WTR32</b>	To support the function of the Main Street / Fitzwilliam Square / The Mall and Market Street and associated side streets as the principal retail area in Wicklow.	To be proactively implemented and pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and the operations of the Council's Economic Development, as well as the projects and programmes of the Municipal District team and the TRO.	Ongoing
<b>WTR33</b>	To facilitate and support suitable proposals to merge or assemble multiple buildings / sites in order to develop modern retailing formats, including department stores or malls, having due regard to the protection of architectural heritage within the Town Centre.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>WTR34</b>	To promote and facilitate the conversion of non-retail premises to retail/retail service use and to strongly resist the conversion of existing retail/retail service	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing

	premises to alternative, less active uses that would diminish vibrancy and daytime activity in the area.		
<b>Vehicular, Pedestrian and Cyclist Movement Objectives</b>			
<b>WTR35</b>	To maintain the Main Street as a principal vehicular route through the town centre and to exploit any opportunities that arise to improve safety for both vehicles and pedestrians / cyclists.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the TRO and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	Ongoing
<b>WTR36</b>	To improve the pedestrian and cyclist environment and to promote ease of movement throughout the town centre and avail of any opportunities to improve footpaths, pedestrian routes, road crossings and the quality of service for cyclists including the provision of safe and secure cycle parking at key locations throughout Wicklow town centre.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the TRO and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	Ongoing
<b>WTR37</b>	To facilitate the improvement of existing and the development of new linkages from the town centre to car/bike parks, amenity areas, to South Quay and to the port / Murrough areas and to the town's environs.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the TRO and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	Ongoing
<b>Car Parking Objectives</b>			
<b>WTR38</b>	To provide new car parking options as funding allows, in proximity to the town centre including new 'park n stride' car parks on the edge of the town centre.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	Ongoing
<b>WTR39</b>	To improve public car parking operations and management.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	Ongoing
<b>Enhancing access to public transport objectives</b>			
<b>WTR40</b>	To continue to facilitate the improvement of public transport user facilities including, inter alia, shelters, covered bicycle parking, information points with	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the	Short Term

	maps, routes, timetables, real-time information and designated taxi ranks.	Municipal District team and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	
<b>WTR41</b>	To facilitate improved access to bus stops particularly crossing points for passengers.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	Short Term
<b>Rathnew Village Centre Strategy Objectives</b>			
<b>WTR42</b>	To promote Rathnew Village Centre (and Wicklow Town Centre) in the first instance as the priority locations within the settlement for new residential, retail / retail services, community and employment use through the development of vacant or underutilised sites and via the reconfiguration / redevelopment of existing low density development, while at all times respecting the character and heritage of the town / village centres. In particular, to support the development of opportunity sites in accordance with the specific criteria set out for each identified area within this Local Area Plan.	<p>To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the TRO, Enterprise Office and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.</p> <p>To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system</p>	Ongoing
<b>WTR43</b>	<p>To support and reinforce the unique identity and the key service role of Rathnew village centre as the priority location within the northern sector of the settlement of Wicklow Town – Rathnew for investment and new development through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>enhancing the urban realm in the village centre and creating new urban spaces, in order to provide for a welcoming, safe and vibrant place for the community to meet and interact;</li> <li>investment in pedestrian and cyclist accessibility and safety, in order to ensure excellent linkages between the village and Wicklow County Campus, the surrounding existing residential areas and Wicklow Town;</li> <li>Protecting function of Rathnew as a service centre with its own level of retail, retail services, employment and community services appropriate to a village of its size and catchment, and not allowing it be absorbed as a 'suburb' of Wicklow town. In particular to resist the development of any new retail or commercial facilities outside of the village centre zone</li> </ul>	<p>To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the TRO, Enterprise Office and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.</p> <p>To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system</p>	Ongoing



	or within 1km of Rathnew core retail area; the re-development / regeneration of vacant or underutilised sites in the core of the village in particular Opportunity Site 5.		
<b>WTR44</b>	To facilitate the regeneration of Rathnew Village centre, by improving the public realm, facilitating road, footpath and cycling improvement works, creating urban spaces with hard and soft landscaped areas within the centre of the village. The regeneration of the centre will be further enhanced following the construction of the RIRR, and the new link road to the Glenealy Road, which will bring about a significant reduction in vehicular traffic travelling through the centre.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the TRO and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	Medium Term
<b>WTR45</b>	To facilitate improved signage and interpretation of local heritage assets.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the TRO, and the Council's Heritage and Tourism function.	Ongoing
<b>WTR46</b>	To encourage and facilitate improvements to the existing retail / services area along the Main Street, including the provision of new / expanded retail and retail services developments, including the provision of a new supermarket, and improved shops fronts	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>WTR47</b>	To enhance the amenity value of the Rathnew Stream and to facilitate improved access, subject to the protection of its environmental and ecological value.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and projects and programmes of IFI, LAWPRO and the Council's Climate, Environment, Recreation and Amenity Directorate, Heritage and Biodiversity Officers.	Ongoing
<b>WTR48</b>	To improve pedestrian movement around the centre by facilitating the provision of pedestrian crossings at appropriate locations, including across the Glenealy Road to the 'Old Village' and across the Rathnew Inner Relief Road (from the VC zoning) to the Wicklow County Campus.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	Short Term

<b>WTR49</b>	To encourage the development of a transport hub around the existing bus stops, including improved accessibility, car-parking, bus stop facilities, shelters and covered bicycle parking	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	Ongoing
<b>WTR50</b>	To facilitate the delivery of the remainder of the Rathnew Inner Relief Road.	The delivery of the RIRR shall be actively progressed during the lifetime of the plan, subject to final detailed design and availability of funding mechanisms, including public funding (Council / NTA / TII) and through its delivery in tandem with development proposals on privately owned sites.	Medium Term
<b>WTR51</b>	To enhance and protect the built and natural heritage of Rathnew and to facilitate improved access to these amenities.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, and the Council's Heritage and Biodiversity Officers.	Ongoing
<b>WTR52</b>	To require the vacant lands between the R752 and Charvey Lane to be developed as a single comprehensive development, with a masterplan, that provides for new frontage on the R752 and Charvey Lane, and which addresses all traffic movement issues arising from any development.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>Wicklow Waterfront Regeneration Objectives</b>			
<b>WTR53</b>	To support and facilitate existing and future commercial port activities on the north quay and to resist developments that would undermine the commercial potential of the area.	To be proactively implemented and pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of Council's Economic Development Unit, Municipal District team, TRO and Harbours team.	Ongoing
<b>WTR54</b>	To facilitate the regeneration of the port, harbour, quays and Murrough, to intensify the potential of the area as a high density mixed use area, well connected to the existing town centre and the train station that will support the compact and sustainable growth of the town.	To be proactively implemented and pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of Council's Economic Development Unit, Municipal District team, TRO and Harbours team.	Ongoing

<b>WTR55</b>	<p>To facilitate the development of a broad mix of uses in the Waterfront Zone in accordance with the zoning objectives set out in this plan, with an emphasis on higher density residential, small scale enterprise, retail, recreation, cultural, civic facilities and maritime related activities and tourism accommodation and facilities.</p> <p>Large scale storage / warehousing, even where associated with maritime operations, will not be considered suitable in the WZ zone due to its high land take compared to the small area of the WZ zone; adequate alternative areas of zoned land are available within the settlement that would be suitable for such use.</p>	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>WTR56</b>	To encourage water based leisure activity / recreational use of the harbour, waterside or landside, where appropriate, which does not compromise the commercial operation of the port and the environmental quality of the surrounding area.	To be proactively implemented and pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of Council's Economic Development Unit, Municipal District team, TRO and Harbours team.	Ongoing
<b>WTR57</b>	To ensure that all proposals for development have cognisance of European sites in the area and that no development is allowed which would have a significant adverse effect on the conservation interests of these sites.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system.	Ongoing
<b>WTR58</b>	To require any new developments in the waterfront zone to meet a high standard of design that respects the unique historical, maritime, environmental, visual and recreational amenities of the area. To ensure there are active ground floor uses in all buildings fronting public spaces, walkways and streets.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>WTR59</b>	Seek the provision of a central civic space at the Murrough mixed use regeneration area; surrounded by retail, small enterprise and cultural or civic uses, with clear and legible connections to the surrounding development, the river edge and coast/linear public park.	To be proactively implemented and pursued during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of Council's Economic Development Unit, Municipal District team, TRO and Harbours	Medium Term

		team.	
<b>WTR60</b>	To facilitate the development of a landscaped linear public park along the coastal edge of the Murrough recreational and amenity area, complete with formal and informal landscaped parks with off-road walking / cycling paths, as well as playgrounds, skate parks, 'Mixed Use Games Areas' and outdoor gyms, tourist / visitor infrastructure including car parking, Aires sites <sup>2</sup> , information signage / booths, toilets, buildings / infrastructure associated with safety, rescue, utilities etc, Seasonal markets / fairs / events.	To be proactively implemented and pursued during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of Council's Economic Development Unit, Municipal District team, TRO and Harbours team.	Short Term
<b>WTR61</b>	To facilitate the development of pedestrian and cycling links throughout the waterfront zone and to the town centre and train station. To consider the feasibility of a new pedestrian / cycling bridge connecting the Port to the town centre.	To be proactively implemented and pursued during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, TRO, the Council's Harbours team and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	Medium Term
<b>WTR62</b>	To support and facilitate the development of new infrastructure, including infrastructure that supports the O&M sector, necessary for the continued operation and development of the port.	To be supported on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of Council's Economic Development Unit, Municipal District team, TRO and Harbours team.	Ongoing
<b>WTR63</b>	To facilitate the continued operation of the RNLI from Wicklow Harbour and to facilitate any redevelopment of the RNLI station to reinforce its identity as the permanent base for the RNLI.	To be supported on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of Council's Economic Development Unit, Municipal District team, TRO and Harbours team.	Ongoing
<b>WTR64</b>	To consider the feasibility of the preparation of a Wicklow Waterfront Masterplan, to facilitate the continued development of the Port, Quays and Harbour, to be prepared by Wicklow County Council. Any approved	To be proactively implemented and pursued during the lifetime of the plan via the projects and programmes of Council's Economic Development Unit, Municipal District team, TRO and	Short Term

<sup>2</sup> Free or low-cost stopping places for motorhomes and caravans; offering just parking or basic facilities such as water, waste disposal and electricity.

	Masterplan must adhere to the overall zonings, policies and objectives of the County Development Plan and this Local Area Plan.	Harbours team.	
<b>WTR65</b>	To facilitate the enhancement of the public realm around the Murrough and the harbour area and to facilitate the provision of appropriate information signage in the waterfront zone.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, TRO, Harbours team and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	Ongoing
<b>WTR66</b>	<p>To facilitate the improvement of pedestrian/cyclist/transport movement and access to the Waterfront zone, by facilitating the provision of appropriate directional and information signage that increases access to and the legibility of the routes between attractions and facilities in the Waterfront zone.</p> <p>In the Waterfront area, no development will be considered that would reduce or remove existing public amenity access to the coast, river banks or port/harbour quays. Any development proposals will be required to show how existing access is to be maintained, improved or new access is to be provided.</p>	To be proactively pursued during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, TRO, the Council's Harbours team and the Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	Ongoing
<b>WTR67</b>	To facilitate appropriate cultural, tourism, recreational and leisure development in the harbour and Murrough recreational and amenity areas including the provision of new clubhouses, pontoons / marinas, shops, cafes and other cultural, leisure and tourism related developments subject to a higher quality of design, as well as the existing environmental, visual and residential amenities in the area.	To be supported on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of the Council's Economic Development Unit, the Municipal District team, TRO and the Council's Harbours, Heritage and Tourism function.	Ongoing
<b>WTR68</b>	To protect the unique historical character and recreational value of the harbour.	To be supported on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of the Council's Economic Development Unit, the Municipal District team, TRO, the Council's Harbours, Heritage and Tourism function.	Ongoing
<b>General Retail Objectives</b>			
<b>WTR69</b>	To promote Wicklow town centre as the primary retailing and commercial	To be proactively implemented and pursued on an ongoing	Ongoing

	sector location in the settlement. Retailing will be promoted as the core function of the town centre.	basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of the Council's Economic Development Unit, the Municipal District team and TRO	
<b>WTR70</b>	To support Rathnew Village's role as a Level 4 local retail centre.	To be supported on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of the Council's Economic Development Unit, the Municipal District team and TRO	Ongoing
<b>WTR71</b>	To allow for only one further (small scale) neighbourhood centre in the plan area, at Ballynerrin, on the Marlton Link Road, on the grounds that this will allow all existing / planned residential areas to be within 10 minutes' walk of either a core retail area or a neighbourhood centre.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system.	Ongoing
<b>Community Development Objectives</b>			
<b>WTR72</b>	The Planning Authority will resist developments that entail the loss of existing community, education and open space/recreation lands or buildings unless it can be demonstrated that (a) adequate community, education and open space/recreation lands and buildings would be retained in the settlement having regard to the planned future population of the settlement or (b) the particular lands or buildings are not suitable or needed for current or future educational, community or open space / recreational usage. In particular, developments that would unduly constrain the ability of existing schools to expand will not be permitted.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system.	Ongoing
<b>Education Objectives</b>			
<b>WTR73</b>	To facilitate the provision of schools on lands zoned Community and Education (CE) and to consider the provision of schools on any land use zoning, excluding OS1 and OS2 zones, where it is in line with the County Development Plan, this Local Area Plan, relevant planning guidelines (including the Department of Education guidelines) and proper planning.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system.	Ongoing
<b>WTR74</b>	To reserve Community and Education (CE) zoned land for the provision of	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of	Ongoing



	schools at the Marlton Road, Ballybeg (SLO5) and Rosanna (SLO7).	the plan via the Development Management system.	
<b>Tourism Objectives</b>			
<b>WTR75</b>	To support opportunities to improve the tourism product in Wicklow Town – Rathnew and to facilitate appropriate tourism development within the settlement.	To be supported on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of the Council's Economic Development Unit, the Municipal District team, TRO, and the Council's Tourism function.	Ongoing
<b>WTR76</b>	To positively consider the development of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) new hotels in Wicklow Town – Rathnew;</li> <li>b) the development of touring caravan (Aires park) and camping sites (not static mobile home parks) having due regard to surrounding land uses and proper planning and development of the area;</li> <li>c) the development of hostels along established walking routes and adjacent to existing tourism facilities;</li> <li>d) the improvement of, and extension to, existing tourist accommodation related developments, subject to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.</li> </ul>	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system.	Ongoing
<b>WTR77</b>	To encourage and facilitate tourism and leisure related uses in the Mixed Use Regeneration Area of the Waterfront zone including hotel / accommodation facilities and leisure uses to complement the marina and associated boating uses and activities.	To be supported on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of the Council's Economic Development Unit, the Municipal District team, TRO, and the Council's Tourism function.	Ongoing
<b>WTR78</b>	To promote and encourage the sustainable recreational use of coastline, rivers and lakes for eco-tourism activities. Where such recreational uses involve the development of structures or facilities, the Council will ensure that the proposals will respect the natural amenity and scenic character of the area.	To be supported on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of the Council's Economic Development Unit, the Municipal District team, TRO, and the Council's Heritage and Tourism function.	Ongoing
<b>WTR79</b>	To support the development of linkages to connect Wicklow Town-Rathnew	To be supported on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the	Ongoing

	with adjoining towns / villages via cycle and walking trails.	plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of the Council's Economic Development Unit, the Municipal District team, the Council's Roads and Transportation Unit, TRO and the Council's Heritage and Tourism function.	
<b>Transportation Objectives</b>			
<b>WTR80</b>	In collaboration and with the support of the relevant transport agencies to prepare a Local Transport Plan for Wicklow Town – Rathnew. The preparation of the plan would be subject to screening for both SEA and AA and, as relevant, subsequent stages of assessment.	The delivery of the LTP shall be actively progressed by the Council's Roads and Transportation Unit during the lifetime of the plan, in collaboration with the NTA and any other relevant transport agency.	Short Term
<b>WTR81</b>	Support the implementation of the recommendations of the Transport Assessment with regard to the delivery of new regional/distributor roads and road improvements <sup>3</sup> , including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The completion of the Rathnew Inner Relief Road including reconfiguration of road network between Junction 16 and Rathnew Village to re-direct Wicklow Town-bound flows away from the Aldi-Tinakilly traffic lights and the village centre;</li> <li>(b) A new link road between Tighe's Avenue and the R752 (for Glenealy – Rathdrum bound traffic);</li> <li>(c) The improvement of the road connections between the Wicklow Town – Rathnew and M11 Junctions 17 and 18, namely the L-1099 and R751, and;</li> <li>(d) To facilitate and support the improvement of the operational efficiency of the regional / local road network to ensure that the M11 is not utilised as a 'local' route for trips internal to the settlement.</li> <li>(e)</li> </ul>	The delivery of these road improvement projects and programmes shall be actively progressed by the Council's Roads and Transportation Unit during the lifetime of the plan, subject to final detailed designs and availability of funding mechanisms, including public funding (Council / NTA / TII) and through their delivery in tandem with development proposals on privately owned sites.	(a) Medium Term (b) Long Term (c) Short Term (d) Short Term
<b>WTR82</b>	Support the implementation of the recommendations of the Transport	The delivery of these road improvement projects and	(a) Short Term

<sup>3</sup> The detail associated with new transport or green/blue infrastructure projects referred to in this Plan and accompanying Transport Assessment, including locations and associated mapping, that are not already permitted or provided for by existing plans / programmes / etc. is non-binding and indicative. Such new projects shall be subject to feasibility assessment, taking into account the environmental constraints and the objectives of the Plan relating to sustainable mobility. A Corridor and Route Selection Process will be undertaken for such projects where appropriate. Proposed interventions will be required to demonstrate that they are consistent with all relevant legislative requirements.

	Assessment with regard to the delivery of road improvements, including pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, to the existing road network, including (a) Upgrading the Rocky Road (b) Upgrading access roads to schools and public transport services.	programmes shall be actively progressed by the Council's Roads and Transportation Unit during the lifetime of the plan, subject to final detailed designs and availability of funding mechanisms, including public funding (Council / NTA / TII) and through their delivery in tandem with development proposals on privately owned sites.	(b) Ongoing
<b>WTR83</b>	Support the implementation of the recommendations of the Transport Assessment with regard to active travel and public transport measures, including (a) Major public realm improvements in Wicklow Town and Rathnew village centres; (b) Active Travel Bridge Wicklow Train Station to Port Access Route; (c) Ballyguilemore footpath; and (d) providing improved, safer sustainable transport linkages (including permeability linkages in existing areas) to schools, public transport facilities, shops and services.	The delivery of these road improvement projects and programmes shall be actively progressed by the Council's Roads and Transportation Unit during the lifetime of the plan, subject to final detailed designs and availability of funding mechanisms, including public funding (Council / NTA / TII) and through their delivery in tandem with development proposals on privately owned sites.	(a) Ongoing (b) Short Term (c) Short term (d) Ongoing
<b>WTR84</b>	To continue to work with Iarnród Éireann and the NTA on the improvement of mainline train services to Wicklow Town station and to extend the DART services to Wicklow Town station and to provide for the significant enhancement of facilities and infrastructure at Wicklow train station, including but not limited to enhanced pedestrian and cycling connectivity and enhanced car / bike / bus parking.	To be proactively pursued on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan by Council's Roads and Transportation Department.	Ongoing
<b>WTR85</b>	To 'future proof' the development of rail services to reserve land at (a) Rathnew (in the area west of the former Rathnew station) and (b) Merrymount for possible future halts / stations.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system.	Ongoing
<b>WTR86</b>	To facilitate the upgrading of the Rocky Road, from Junction 17 of the M11 to Wicklow town centre.	To be proactively pursued during the lifetime of the plan by Council's Roads and Transportation Department and Municipal District team.	Short Term
<b>WTR87</b>	To promote the delivery of improved and new bus services and infrastructure	To be proactively pursued during the lifetime of the plan by	Short Term

	<p>within the plan area and connecting the plan area to the wider region by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ supporting the development and delivery of bus service enhancement projects, under the Connecting Ireland programme and measures to improve bus priority such as additional bus lanes and priority signalling etc as may be deemed appropriate;</li> <li>▪ facilitating the needs of existing or new bus providers with regard to bus stops and garaging facilities (although unnecessary duplication of bus stops on the same routes / roads will not be permitted);</li> <li>▪ supporting the development of enhanced bus shelters, of secure covered bicycle parking facilities at key locations along bus routes,</li> <li>▪ to promote and support the improvement of M11 / N11 in a manner capable of facilitating greater free flow of public transport,</li> </ul> <p>to support and facilitate the existing service providers and encourage the further development of the Local Link Rural Transport Programme (and any other or subsequent rural transport programmes).</p>	Council's Roads and Transportation Department and Municipal District team.	
<b>WTR88</b>	To support and facilitate the delivery of Transit-Oriented Development at locations that may be identified in the plan area as appropriate for such and continue to work with state agencies to identify TOD sites served by existing or planned public transport which are appropriate for high density development supporting a mix of uses.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system.	Ongoing
<b>Coastal Erosion and Flood Management Objectives</b>			
<b>WTR89</b>	To ensure the natural coastal defences are protected and to ensure that their flood defence/management function is not put at risk by inappropriate works or development.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system, and through the projects and programmes of the Council's Climate, Environment, Recreation and Amenity Directorate and other state / semi-state agencies such as the OPW and Irish Rail.	Ongoing
<b>WTR90</b>	To continue to work with the OPW and other agencies to deliver Flood Defence Schemes and Coastal Erosion Schemes.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan through the projects and programmes of the Council's Climate, Environment, Recreation and Amenity Directorate.	Ongoing

<b>WTR91</b>	Where flood zone mapping <b>does not indicate a risk of flooding</b> but the Planning Authority is of the opinion that flood risk may arise or new information has come to light that may alter the flood designation of the land, including the latest future scenario flood mapping, an appropriate flood risk assessment will be required to be submitted by an applicant for planning permission and the sequential approach shall be applied as the 'Plan Making Justification Test' will not be satisfied.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system.	Ongoing
<b>Heritage, Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure Objectives</b>			
<b>WTR92</b>	To consolidate and safeguard the historical and architectural character of Wicklow Town and Rathnew Village through the protection of individual buildings, structures, shopfronts and elements of the public realm that contribute greatly to this character.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the TRO, and the Council's Heritage and Tourism function.	Ongoing
<b>WTR93</b>	To protect the listed views and prospects from development that would either obstruct the view / prospect from the identified vantage point or form an obtrusive or incongruous feature in that view / prospect. Due regard will be paid in assessing development applications to the span and scope of the view / prospect and the location of the development within that view / prospect.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing
<b>WTR94</b>	Protect and enhance the character, setting and environmental quality of natural, architectural and archaeological heritage, and in particular those features of the natural landscape and built structures that contribute to its special interest. The natural, architectural and archaeological heritage of the area shall be protected in accordance with the objectives set out in the Wicklow County Development Plan.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the TRO, and the Council's Heritage Officer.	Ongoing
<b>WTR95</b>	To consolidate and safeguard the historical and architectural character of Wicklow quay side through the protection of individual buildings, structures, shopfronts and elements of the public realm that are of architectural merit and/or contribute greatly to this character.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system and via the projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the TRO, and the Council's Heritage Officer.	Ongoing
<b>WTR96</b>	To reinforce the coastal character of the settlement and to provide for the	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of	Ongoing

	enjoyment of the coast as a recreational and natural asset.	the plan via the Development Management system and through the projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the Council's Climate, Environment, Recreation and Amenity Directorate, the TRO and the Council's Heritage function.	
<b>WTR97</b>	To facilitate the development of initiatives to highlight Wicklow's maritime heritage in the public realm.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the TRO, and the Council's Heritage and Tourism function.	Ongoing
<b>WTR98</b>	To facilitate the development and enhancement of green infrastructure resources, including access to, connectivity between areas of interest and linkages between green spaces including the coast, where feasible within the plan settlement boundary.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan through the projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the Council's Climate, Environment, Recreation and Amenity Directorate, the TRO and the Council's Heritage and Biodiversity Officers.	Ongoing
<b>WTR99</b>	To promote and support the development of enhanced or new greenways, blueways and amenity walks at the following locations and require development in the vicinity of same to enhance existing routes and / or provide new links: (a) Wicklow to Greystones coastal greenway. Any development proposal within the route corridor study area/ preferred route option will be assessed for acceptability having regard to the potential effects on the future viability of the proposed greenway; (b) Wicklow to Arklow coastal route; (c) Wicklow Head Lighthouse Walk (d)	To be implemented during the lifetime of the plan through the projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the Council's Climate, Environment, Recreation and Amenity Directorate, the TRO and the Heritage service, subject to detailed design and availability of funding mechanisms and through their delivery in tandem with development proposals on privately owned sites	(a) Medium Term (b) Long Term (c) Short Term
<b>WTR100</b>	To facilitate the provision of green linkages along and between green / river corridors / Open Space / Active Open Space, to create inter connected routes and develop parks and linkages between existing and proposed green areas, to form 'necklace' effect routes including development of walkways, cycleways, bridleways and wildlife corridors where feasible and ensuring that	To be implemented during the lifetime of the plan through the projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the Council's Climate, Environment, Recreation and Amenity Directorate, the TRO and the Heritage service, subject to detailed design and availability of funding mechanisms and	Ongoing



	there is no adverse impact (directly, indirectly or cumulatively) on the conservation objectives of European sites.	through their delivery in tandem with development proposals on privately owned sites	
<b>WTR101</b>	To facilitate the enhancement of existing, and development of new recreational facilities along the coastal area, such as walking routes, car parking areas, signage, changing / toilet facilities and water based clubs, subject to compliance with the provisions of the EU Habitats Directive and other planning considerations.	To be implemented during the lifetime of the plan through the projects and programmes of the Municipal District team, the Council's Climate Action, Environment, Recreation and Amenity Directorate, the TRO and the Heritage service, subject to detailed design and availability of funding mechanisms and through their delivery in tandem with development proposals on privately owned sites	Ongoing
<b>WTR102</b>	To facilitate the protection of the coastline from erosion through the maintenance of existing and development of new measures of protection from erosion, subject to compliance with the provisions of the EU Habitats Directive.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system, and through the projects and programmes of the Council's Climate, Environment, Recreation and Amenity Directorate and other state / semi-state agencies such as the OPW and Irish Rail.	Ongoing
<b>WTR103</b>	Where relevant, applications for development must demonstrate that the proposal for development would not, individually or cumulatively, affect a water body's ability to meet its objectives under the Water Framework Directive.	To be implemented on an ongoing basis during the lifetime of the plan via the Development Management system	Ongoing

## Infrastructure assessment and requirements for key development areas (identified as Specific Local Objectives SLOs)

Site ID	Current servicing status 1 = serviced, 2 = serviceable, 3 = unserved				Additional infrastructure needs to support full development of site
	Water Supply	Wastewater Infrastructure	Surface Water Infrastructure	Roads & Transportation	
<b>SLO1 Ballynerrin</b>	1	1	1	1	Community facilities – developer delivered Retail facilities – developer delivered Amenity walkways along river – developer delivered
<b>SLO2 Tinakilly / Newrath</b>	1	2	2	2	Development to provide for portion of the RIRR – Developer + State + WCC Development to provide for on-site water infrastructure Community facilities (childcare) – developer delivered
<b>SLO3 Milltown North</b>	1	2	2	2	Development to provide for new link road from Tighe's Avenue to Glenealy Road – Developer + State + WCC Development to provide for on-site water infrastructure
<b>SLO4 Bollarney North</b>	1	2	2	1	Community facilities – developer delivered Amenity areas including walkways and amenity car parking – developer delivered Development to provide for on-site water infrastructure
<b>SLO5 Ballybeg</b>	1	2	1	1	Community facilities (school site) – land reservation Development to provide for on-site water infrastructure
<b>SLO6 Ballynerrin</b>	1	2	1	2	Upgraded Rocky Road – Developer + State + WCC Community facilities (AOS) – Developer Development to provide for on-site water infrastructure
<b>SLO7 Rosanna Lower</b>	1	1	2	2	Development to provide for portion of the RIRR – Developer + State + WCC Community facilities (childcare) – developer delivered Development to provide for on-site water infrastructure
<b>SLO8 Glebe</b>	1	1	1	1	Community/ Education facilities - Developer Development to provide for on-site water infrastructure
<b>SLO9 Ashtown Lane</b>	2	2	2	1	Community facilities (AOS) – Developer Development to provide for on-site water infrastructure

<b>SLO10 Marlton – Ballynerrin Lower</b>	1	1	1	1	Community /Sporting / Education facilities – Developer Amenity walkways along river – developer delivered Development to provide for on-site water infrastructure
<b>SLO11 Broomhall</b>	2	2	2	2	Community facilities (AOS) – Developer Development to provide for on-site water / roads infrastructure
<b>SLO12 Hawks Bay</b>	2	2	2	2	Community facilities (AOS) – Developer Development to provide for on-site water / roads infrastructure
<b>SLO13 Ballynabarny</b>	1	1	1	1	Community facilities (Indoor Community / Sports facility) – Developer Development to provide for on-site water infrastructure