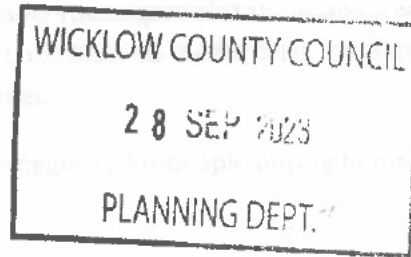


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28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Wicklow Town-Rathnew LAP

Planning Dept.,

Wicklow Co. Council

**Re; Wicklow-Rathnew LAP 2022-2028**

Dear Sirs,

As a resident of this area for upwards of 20 years,( a relative blow-in), like many others, I have seen and experienced the expansion of Rathnew. This is particularly evident in the area of housing and, thankfully, schools.

The leaflet produced as the Council's aspirations for the above entitled plan is just that, aspirational. As a resident of the area it is difficult to comment on other peoples ideas. As a result I must take the 2013-2019 zoning plan as my point of reference.

The area noted as the 'inner relief road' for Rathnew is a misnomer. What it is, is a road to vacillate the housing development under construction, Tinakilly Park (phase1) and the proposed Tinakilly Park ( phase2). The travesty of the latter application is that the developers are proposing to cut through the avenue to Tinakilly House Hotel. On a point of order this would greatly interfere with the Right of Way granted to me and my neighbours, and indeed the Hotel patrons, to access our properties and the use of same. It cannot be continued with and should be deleted from any LAP.

An area to the east of my property has been zoned as Tourism. This should be de-zoned as the area in question is in the flood plane and also abuts the area of Special Conservation. In addition under the criterion laid down under the Residential Zoned Land Tax it **would not** qualify therefore cannot be developed.

On the 2013-2019 plan a Right of Way is shown as an 'Indicative Pedestrian Walkway'. This is **completely incorrect**. It is a single- lane vehicular access **only** for the private properties, including the Hotel, on this lane. I understand that this lane has recently been labelled/called Tinakilly Lane.

In both the 2008-2014 and 2013-2019 development plans a public walk- way was indicated along the Rathnew River through to the Broadlough. This should be removed as the majority of the walk-way passes through private lands, my own included.

Notwithstanding what may appear as negative comments I would like to see the village of Rathnew being developed as a village with a life of it's own.

Do not lose sight of the fact that the Bray Hunt still hunt through the farm lands still in the village surroundings ,supporting the local hostleries as they go through and finish the hunt.This is a part of the village life and it's ethos

Apart from the development of car show-rooms,petrol stations and a supermarket, as a lay-person I cannot see any plans to up-grade or contribute to the facilities for Rathnew village and its residents by way of amenities and indeed services.

Are there any plans in the following categories for people buying homes, new or otherwise, in this area, ie;

- Real employment opportunities including technology and working from home?
- New schools?
- Retail?
- Entertainment( cinema)?

We do not want Wicklow-Rathnew to become a commuter belt, as has happened in areas like Kildare/Meath.. We want residents here to live and experience the best possible rural life in Wicklow-Rathnew.We wish and want to continue living lives without obtrusion in the manner which it seems is being planned.

Yours Faithfully

Eileen Howell

