

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL



DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2015

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1.0 Introduction

The Scheme has been prepared in accordance with S48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and regard was had to the “Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Development Contributions”, issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in January 2013.

2.0 Preamble

2.1 The Scheme sets out the following:

- The classes of public infrastructure and facilities in respect of which contributions will be sought.
- The contributions required to be paid.
- The exemptions that may apply.
- The main public infrastructure and facilities for which contributions will be sought.

2.2 The public infrastructure and facilities identified in the list of public infrastructure in Appendix 1 of the Scheme, are considered to be those projects that can be progressed with the funding which it is projected will be received under the Scheme up to 2022 together with any other required funding.

2.3 Public infrastructure and facilities are defined in S48 (17) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

2.4 The Planning Authority when granting a permission under S34 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, will include conditions requiring the payment of contributions in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in its functional area in line with the terms of the Scheme.

2.5 The Planning Authority may, in addition to the terms of the Scheme, require the payment of special contributions in respect of a particular development where specific costs not included in the Scheme are, or will be, incurred by the Local Authority in respect of public infrastructure and facilities which benefit the proposed development. The provisions set out under S48 (12) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, shall apply to any special contribution required by a condition attached to a permission.

2.6 An appeal may be brought to An Bord Pleanála where an applicant for permission considers that the terms of the Scheme have not been properly applied in respect of any condition laid down by the Planning Authority, or in relation to a condition requiring the payment of a special contribution laid down by the Planning Authority.

3.0 Classes of Public Infrastructure and Facilities

3.1 Table 3.1 sets out the classes of public infrastructure and facilities in respect of which contributions will be sought.

Table 3.1

Class of public infrastructure and facilities	Description
Class 1	Roads and Transportation
Class 2	Storm Water Drainage
Class 3	Community & Recreational Amenity

4.0 Basis for the Determination of the Contribution

4.1 The development contributions to be sought for each development type are set out below .

Table 4.1

RESIDENTIAL - RURAL			
Unit Size m ²	Contribution per unit €		
	Class 1	Class 3	Total
> 0 ≤ 150	€2,550	€1,075	€3,625
> 150	€2,550 + €54/m ² over 150m ²	€1,075 + €14/m ² over 150m ²	€3,625 + €68/m ² over 150m ²

Table 4.2

RESIDENTIAL – NON RURAL				
Unit Size m ²	Contribution per unit €			
	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Total
> 0 ≤ 100	€6,175	€1,075	€2,700	€9,950
> 100	€6,175 + €53.50/m ² over 100m ²	€1,075 + €9/m ² over 100m ²	€2,700 + €13.50/m ² over 100m ²	€9,950 + €76/m ² over 100m ²

Table 4.3

INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT				
Development Type	Class 1 €/m ²	Class 2 €/m ²	Class 3 €/m ²	Total €/m ²
Commercial e.g. Retail, Retail Warehousing, Office etc.	€43	€5	€11	€59
Industrial e.g. Manufacturing, Warehousing, etc.	€43	€4.5	€10.50	€58

Table 4.4

MISCELLANEOUS DEVELOPMENT				
Development Type	Class 1 €	Class 2 €	Class 3 €	Total €
Extractive/Disposal	€3,700 per ha. per 10m depth	N/A	€725 per ha. per 10m depth	€4,425 per ha. per 10m depth
Forestry	€725 per ha.	N/A	N/A	€725 per ha.
Recreation/Leisure	€725 per ha.	N/A	N/A	€725 per ha.
Open Hard Surfaced Commercial	€16 per m ²	N/A	N/A	€16 per m ²

4.2 Table 4.1 Residential - Rural refers to all residential development in the areas identified as Levels 8 to 10, inclusive, and to single house local growth residential development, for the applicant's own needs, in the areas identified as Level 7, in Table 4.3A "The County Wicklow Settlement Hierarchy 2010-2016, of Chapter 4 of the County Development Plan 2010-2016.

Table 4.2 Residential – Non Rural refers to residential development not covered in Table 4.1.

The Settlement Hierarchy referred to above may be subject to change on foot of variations to the County Development Plan. Where this occurs the above rates will apply to the areas identified in the County Settlement Hierarchy at the time the Scheme is adopted. This Settlement Hierarchy is set out in Appendix 2 to this Scheme.

Table 4.3 Industrial/Commercial refers to all industrial and commercial developments, including extensions.

Floor areas will be based on Gross Floor area.

Table 4.4 Miscellaneous Development refers to the particular development types listed in the table. Paragraph 4.7 further clarifies the contributions specified in this table.

4.3 Residential extensions that do not increase the overall floor area of the house over 100m² in urban areas, and over 150m² in rural areas, will be exempt from contributions.

Residential extensions that increase the floor area over 100m² in urban areas, and over 150m² in rural areas, will be subject to contributions at the m² rates identified in Tables 4.1 and 4.2. The applicable floor area for calculating the contributions will be the floor area of the extension that increases the floor area of the dwelling over 100m² in urban areas, and over 150m² in rural areas, with a waiver given for the first 40m².

Residential extensions where the floor area is already over 100m² in urban areas, and over 150m² in rural areas, will be calculated on the floor area of the extension, with a waiver given for the first 40m².

For clarification, the waiver for the first 40m² will only apply in full where the dwelling has not been previously extended, with a reduced waiver allowed, where the dwelling has been previously extended by less than 40m².

The amount of contribution for the first 100m² of a residential extension to a development to which Table 4.1 applies, shall not exceed €3,625.00 for Class 1 and Class 3 combined.

4.4 In the case of replacement residential units the contribution sought will be the difference in the contribution for the original unit size and the new unit size.

4.5 Where a residential rural unit connects to a public stormwater sewer, Class 2 contributions, in addition to the contributions detailed in Table 4.1 above, will be charged at the rate for Class 2 set out in Table 4.2 above.

4.6 Holiday homes, B&BS and other similar types of tourist accommodation will be treated as being in the commercial category for the purposes of the scheme.

4.7 Buildings/Structures (including non-mobile plant & machinery), which form part of Extractive/Disposal and Recreation/Leisure Development Types, will incur development contributions at the rate for Industrial/Commercial Development Type set out in Table 4.3.

The area for the purposes of the Extractive/Disposal development type in Table 4.4, will be the area of land from which it is proposed materials will be extracted from or deposited on. Buffer zones will not be included.

Extractive/Disposal developments will incur a special contribution for the upgrading of the local road network facilitating the particular development, where required.

4.8 Contributions in Tables 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 will increase or decrease on each and every 01st of January in line with the Wholesale Price Index - Building and Construction (i.e. materials and wages) published by the Central Statistics Office, (or similar index if discontinued), rounded up or down to the nearest €25 for the per unit rate and €1 for the per m² rates.

4.9 Reduced rates for temporary permissions, for 10 years or less, shall be charged as follows:

- 33% of the relevant contribution specified in the Scheme for permissions up to 3 years.
- 50% of the relevant contribution specified in the Scheme for permissions up to 5 years.
- 66% of the relevant contribution specified in the Scheme for permissions up to 10 years.

4.10 There will be no double charging. Credit will be given for previously paid development contributions or previously authorised use or existing floor areas.

Development contributions shall not be charged on a change of use permission, where such change of use does not result in a significant intensification of demand on public infrastructure.

4.11 As an incentive for employment generating development in the County, where contributions are attached to a permission in accordance with Table 4.3 of this Scheme, a once off reduction/refund of 20% in development contributions for Industrial/Commercial development, as set out in Table 4.3, will be allowed for development which is completed by the 01st January 2018. This reduction/refund will be applied at the time the development has been completed.

Developments that benefit from the 20% reduction detailed in section 4.11 will not be entitled to any reduction detailed in Table 5.1.

4.12 This paragraph refers to where permission is granted for development after the date of adoption of this Scheme, and the subject development includes for retention and/or completion of residential units or industrial/commercial buildings. Where substantial works have been carried out to the individual residential units or industrial/commercial buildings, in the opinion of the Planning Authority, on foot of a previous permission, the contributions required for these incomplete residential units, or industrial/commercial buildings, will be computed on the basis of the contributions sought in the permission under which those units were commenced.

5.0 Exemptions

5.1 S48 (3) (c) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, allows for a reduction in contributions or no contribution in certain circumstances under the terms of the Scheme. Table 5.1 details the exemptions that are allowed under the Scheme.

5.2 No exemptions/reductions will be allowed for retention permissions.

Table 5.1

Development Type	Exemption/Reduction
Social Housing	100%
Housing provided by Voluntary organisations or Co-Operative housing bodies as outlined in Article 157 (2) of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended	100%
Facilities provided by organisations which are considered exempt from planning fees as outlined in Article 157 (1) (a) – (c) of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended	100%
Commercial development in the core town centre areas/main street locations, that consolidates and strengthens the historical town centre.	10%
Film Industry development where a minimum of 80% of the floor space of the structure is to be used as a film studio	100%
Residential extensions for disabled persons in receipt of a disabled persons grant.	100%
Tourism development in accordance with Chapter 9 of the County Development Plan 2010.	20%
Works to Protected Structures that contribute to their protection and restoration	50%
Crèche/Childcare facilities	50%
Agricultural	100%
Forestry	100% on first 50 hectares

6.0 List of Public Infrastructure and Facilities

- 6.1 The list of projects for the various Classes of public infrastructure and facilities is set out in the tables included in Appendix 1.
- 6.2 The projects identified for Class 3 are on the basis of a Community Facilities Hierarchy. The particular needs of each location will be assessed in identifying the appropriateness of a particular project. The contributions raised for Class 3 may be used to provide funding for the provision of facilities developed with local communities and communities of interest.
- 6.3 The cost of providing certain projects identified in Appendix 1 will require a proportion of the costs to be met by a developer.
- 6.4 Where a project listed in Appendix 1 is constructed / provided by a developer as part of a planning permission, a portion of the cost of constructing/providing the project may be offset against the relevant contributions due under the subject permission, depending, *inter alia*, on Wicklow County Council's capital investment priorities. In computing any offset, the Planning Authority will have regard to the actual costs incurred by the developer in constructing/providing the project. Furthermore, only the marginal costs (i.e. the costs of those additional works which were required over and above that required for the developer's own development, to which the permission related) will be used to compute any offset.

Appendix 1

**CLASS 1 PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
ROADS & TRANSPORT**

Blacklion Bypass (Redford Park-R761 to Applewood Heights-L-1027), Greystones
Improvements to R761 from Kilcoole to Killincarrig Roundabouts, Greystones
Greystones Northern Link Road
L1027 Delgany Wood to Applewood Heights Improvements
Burnaby Heights/R761 Junction Improvements, Greystones
Junction Improvements Greystones/Delgany
Junction Improvements to R761/New Blacklion Junction Greystones
Delgany Village, Killincarrig Village and Church Road Environmental Enhancement
Scheme
R761 Crowe Abbey Improvements, Greystones
Kilcoole Western Relief Road to Town Centre
Kilcoole - Western Relief Road (Southern Section)
R761 Improvements from Kilcoole GAA to Industrial Estate
Lott Lane improvements, Kilcoole
Newtownmountkennedy Western Relief Road
Link Road from Kilcoole Road to Ballyronan Interchange
R762 and L1051 Ballinahinch to Newtown Improvements
Merepark to R772, Newtownmountkennedy
R772 Newtownmountkennedy to Ballyronan interchange
Blessington Relief Road Completion
New Road from N81 to Blessington Bridge
Arklow Western Relief Road
Arklow - New Road from Wexford Rd to Croghan Industrial Estate
Arklow - New Road from Wexford Rd to Roadstone
Old N11 Knockmore to Clogga Junction Improvements, Arklow
Rathnew Inner Relief Road
Link Road from Marlton to Wicklow Town Relief Road
Wicklow - New Link Road from Old N11 to R752 (Rathnew)
Rockey Road to N11, Wicklow
Greenhill Road & Junction Improvements, Wicklow
R751 Marlton to Ballynerrin Junction, Wicklow
Baltinglass Southern Ring Route (R747 East to R747 West)
Baltinglass - Rathmoon Road Improvements
Baltinglass - Junction Improvement N81/R747
Carnew - New Road from Main St to "Backlands" Area
Carnew - Improvement to the L7727 (Main St to Town Boundary)
Northern Access Route (Fassaroe to Monastery)

Bray/Enniskerry - Western Link Road (Fassaroe to Old Connaught Avenue)
Enniskerry – Ballymann Road from R117 to County Brook
Enniskerry - Improvements to the R117 from N11 to Town Centre
Rathdrum - New Main Street (East of Existing one)
Rathdrum - Improvements to Main Street
Rathdrum - Improvements to the L6123 (between College and Fair Green)
Kilmacanogue - New Road East of N11 (Feasibility Study)
R756 - Wicklow Gap Road
R747 - Arklow to Baltinglass
R759 - Sally Gap Road Roundwood to Manor Kilbride
Newcastle - Improvement to the L5050 between Village Centre and St Francis School
Newcastle - Improvement to the R761 in vicinity of Watchtower Centre
Newcastle - Improvement of the R761 northward to town boundary from the L5050
Newcastle - Junction Improvements R761/Sea Road
Newcastle - Improvements to L5550 Hunter Leap to R761
Roundwood - Improvement of the L5059 between Main St and School
Roundwood - Improve the R755 from Church to GAA Grounds
Tinahely - Improvement to L3216 from R747 to railway bridge
Tinahely - Junction Improvements R747/L3205
Avoca - Traffic Safety/Management
Avoca - Junction Improvements Main St/Bridge
Donard - Traffic Safety/Management
Dunlavin - Traffic Calming/Management Measures
Dunlavin - Improvements to the Dunlavin/Cross Keys Roads
Dunlavin to N9 Road Improvements
Killarney Road and Church Road, Bray
Town Centre Traffic Management Works, Bray
Hills Roundabout – N11
Bray Southern Cross Road
Dublin Road Improvements, Bray
Killarney Lane Improvements, Bray
Kilbride Lane Improvements, Bray
Widening of Greystones Road from Newcourt to Briarwood, Bray
Golf Club Lands Transport Infrastructure inc Bridge, Bray
Pedestrian Bridge across River Dargle, Bray
Upgrading of Dargle Road, Bray
Bray Bridge Footbridges
Convent Hill widening, Bray

Distributor Roads (Road Improvements, etc)
Inner relief road east of Rathnew Village
Distributor link road west of Marlton Park estate to the Wicklow Town Relief Road

Upgrading of Rocky Road, Wicklow
Upgrading of Greenhills Road, Wicklow
Crinnion Park to Broadlough estate, Wicklow
New distributor Road Rathnew to Glenealy
Marlton Road Improvements/ Upgrading, Wicklow
Local Road Improvements (inc. road widening, realignment, etc)
Road Lighting General Improvements
Pedestrian and Cyclist Facilities
Car parking
Multi Storey Car Parks/Car Parks, Bray, Arklow, & Wicklow
Improvements to Sea Road, Arklow
Emoclew Road/Wexford Road Link, Arklow
Access to Proposed North Quay Developments, Arklow
Mercury/Moneylands, Arklow
Emoclew Road/Collgreeney Road Junction, Arklow
Coolgreeney Road Improvements, Arklow
Abbey Street/Yellow Lane Improvements, Arklow
South Quay/Dock Road Improvements, Arklow

County Wide - Miscellaneous Projects (Traffic Management/Calming, Parking, Footpaths and Cycleways, Junction Improvements, Minor Realignment & Widening Works, etc)

CLASS 2 PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
STORMWATER DRAINAGE

Upgrading of existing Surface / Storm Water Sewer Network
New Surface / Storm Water Sewer Network Schemes
Upgrading of existing watercourses.

**CLASS 3 PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
COMMUNITY &RECREATIONAL AMENITY**

Level 1 - population range 15,000 – 30,000

Multi Purpose Community Resource Centre
Regional and Local Indoor Sports and Recreation Facilities
Swimming Pool / Leisure Centre
Youth Resource Centre
Athletics Track and Field Facilities
Arts and Cultural Centre, including the Mermaid Theatre, Bray
Local Multi-Purpose Community Space / Meeting Rooms
Outdoor Water Sports Facilities (where applicable)
Neighbourhood Parks and Local Parks
Outdoor (full-size) Multi Use Games Area – Synthetic/Hardcourt
Playground(s)
Playing Pitches (GAA, Soccer, Rugby)
Alternative/Minority Sports Facility
Open Spaces/Urban Woodlands/Nature Areas
Library

Level 2 – Population Range 7,000 - 15,000

Multi Purpose Community Resource Centre *including Arts and Culture Space*
Sport and Recreation Centre
Swimming Pool / Leisure Centre
Youth Resource Centre
Local Multi-Purpose Community Space / Meeting Rooms
Outdoor Water Sports Facilities (where applicable)
Neighbourhood and Local Parks
Outdoor Multi Use Games Area – Synthetic/Hardcourt
Playground(s)
Playing Pitches (GAA, Soccer, Rugby)
Alternative/Minority Sports Facility
Open Spaces/Urban Woodlands/Nature Areas
Library

Level 3 – Population Range 2,000 – 7,000

Community/Parish Hall
Multi-Purpose Community Space / Meeting Rooms
Local/Town Park(s) and Open Spaces/Nature Areas
Outdoor Multi-Use Games Area – Synthetic/Hardcourt
Playground
Playing Pitches
Library

Level 4 – Population Range < 2,000

Community/Parish Hall
Open Spaces/Play Areas
Outdoor Multi-Use Games Area – Synthetic/Hardcourt
Playing Pitches

Appendix 2

Table 4.2 – RESIDENTIAL - NON RURAL Levels 1-3	Bray/ Wicklow, Rathnew, Arklow, Greystones / Delgany.
Table 4.2 – RESIDENTIAL - NON RURAL Levels 4-7 <p>Note for Level 7 single house local residential development for the applicant's own needs are excluded from Table 4.2.</p>	<u>Levels 4 to 6</u> Blessington, Newtownmountkennedy, Ashford, Aughrim, Baltinglass, Carnew, Enniskerry, Kilcoole, Rathdrum, Tinahely, Avoca, Donard, Dunlavin, Kilmacanogue, Newcastle, Roundwood, Shillelagh. <u>Level 7</u> Barndarrig, Ballinaclash, Coolboy, Glenealy, Hollywood, Johnstown/Thomastown, Kilpedder/Willowgrove, Kiltegan, Knockananna, Laragh –Glendalough, Manor Kilbride, Redcross, Stratford.
Table 4.1 – RESIDENTIAL - RURAL Levels 8-10 <p>Note for Level 7 single house local growth *residential development for the applicant's own needs are included in Table 4.1</p>	Annacurragh, Annamoe, Askanagap, Ballyconnell, Ballycoog, Ballyknockan, Ballynacarrig (Brittas Bay), Connary, Coolafancy, Coolkenno, Donaghmore, Grangecon, Greenan, Kirikee, Knockanarrigan, Lackan, Moneystown, Rathdangan, Valleymount, Ballinglen, Ballyduff, Ballyfolan, Ballynultagh, Baltyboys, Boleynass, Barraniskey, Carrigacurra, Crab Lane, Coolattin, Croneyhorn, Crossbridge, Davidstown, Glenmalure, Goldenhill, Gorteen, Kilamoat, Kilcarra, Killiskey, Kilmurray (NMKY), Kilmurray (Kilmacanogue), Kilquiggan, Kingston, Macreddin, Moyne, Mullinacluff, Oldcourt, Park Bridge, Rathmoon, Redwells, Stranakelly, Talbotstown, Tomacork, Tomriland, All Rural Areas outside the above settlements.

