

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING (HYBRID) OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2026, COMMENCING 2.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS M. CORRIGAN CATHAOIRLEACH, D, ALVEY, M. BARRY, J. BEHAN, S. BOURKE, A. CRONIN, E. DOYLE, M. DUDDY, G. DUNNE, L. FENELON GASKIN, O. FINN, P. FITZGERALD, T. FORTUNE, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, S. LANGRELL, P. LEONARD, P. MAHON, J. MULHALL, M. MURPHY, I. NEARY, P. O'BRIEN, G. O'NEILL, W. O'TOOLE, G. RICHMOND, L. SCOTT, J. SNELL, P. STAPLETON, S. STOKES, N. WHELAN AND C. WINSTANLEY (31)

APOLOGIES

IN ATTENDANCE:

**MS. E. O'GORMAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MS. J. CARROLL, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. H. DENNEHY, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. L. EARLS, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. B. GLEESON, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MR. M. NICHOLSON, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. T. O'BRIEN, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
MS. D. KENNEDY, LAW AGENT
MS. H. FALLON, SENIOR ENGINEER
MS. S. WALSH, SENIOR PLANNER
MS. E. BERMINGHAM, SENIOR PLANNER
MS. H. PURCELL, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR
MR. S. DOYLE, IS PROJECT LEADER
MS. T. BYRNE, ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER**

At the commencement of the meeting a roll call was taken. The Meetings Administrator advised all present they are bound by the Code of Conduct for Councillors and Employees. Also, of meetings etiquette for online meetings and that the press and some members of the public were also present.

Votes of Sympathy

Elected Members passed a vote of sympathy to the families of the late Ms. Nora Fox, Mr. Bobby Doran, Ms. Margaret Williams, Mr. Kenneth Flood, Ms. Eileen Hudson, Mr. Sean Brophy, Mr. Willie Wall, Mr. Mick Farrell, Mr. Jim Crofton and Ms. Sinead O'Connor. A minute's silence was observed for the deceased.

At the commencement of the meeting, it was proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed by all to move to Item 21 following item 18.

ITEM NO. 1

To confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 2nd March 2026.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Langrell, seconded by Cllr. N. Whelan and agreed by all to confirm and sign minutes of ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 2nd March 2026.

ITEM NO. 2

To consider the disposal of property in the townland of Fryanstown, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow being the land comprised in Folio WW 2946L being the property known as Fryanstown, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow to Andrew Cullen & Kathleen Cullen.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Cronin, seconded by Cllr. P. Mahon and agreed by all to consider the disposal of property in the townland of Fryanstown, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow being the land comprised in Folio WW 2946L being the property known as Fryanstown, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow to Andrew Cullen & Kathleen Cullen, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 3

To consider the disposal of property in the townland of 1 Wolfe Tone Villas, Bray, Co. Wicklow being the property comprised in Folio WW1380L being the property known as 1 Wolfe Tone Villas, Bray, Co. Wicklow to Brendan Murphy.

It was proposed by Cllr. N. Whelan, seconded by Cllr. I. Neary and agreed by all to consider the disposal of property in the townland of 1 Wolfe Tone Villas, Bray, Co. Wicklow being the property comprised in Folio WW1380L being the property known as 1 Wolfe Tone Villas, Bray, Co. Wicklow to Brendan Murphy, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 4

To consider the disposal of property in the townland of Ballygannon, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow being the property comprised in Folio WW3008L being the property known as 24 Centre Road, Ballygannon, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow to Adrian Manley, Leo Manley and Mairead O'Reilly.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed by all to consider the disposal of property in the townland of Ballygannon, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow

being the property comprised in Folio WW3008L being the property known as 24 Centre Road, Ballygannon, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow to Adrian Manley, Leo Manley and Mairead O'Reilly, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 5

To consider the disposal of 0.0396Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Ballynerrin Lower Td. being the property known as 31 Glenview Road, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow to Jean Webster as legal Personal Representative in the estate of Ethel (otherwise Mary) Kelly.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. G. Richmond and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 0.0396Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Ballynerrin Lower Td. being the property known as 31 Glenview Road, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow to Jean Webster as legal Personal Representative in the estate of Ethel (otherwise Mary) Kelly, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 6

To consider the disposal of 0.0253Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Oldcourt Td. being the property known as 13 O'Byrne Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow to Mary Grant as legal personal Representative in the estate of John Grant deceased.

It was proposed by Cllr. N. Whelan, seconded by Cllr. I. Neary and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 0.0253Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Oldcourt Td. being the property known as 13 O'Byrne Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow to Mary Grant as legal personal Representative in the estate of John Grant deceased, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 7

To consider the disposal of property in the townland of Oldcourt Td. being the property known as 65 Wolfe Tone Square North, Bray, Co. Wicklow to Michael O'Toole in the estate of Eamonn O'Toole.

It was proposed by Cllr. I. Neary, seconded by Cllr. N. Whelan and agreed by all to consider the disposal of property in the townland of Oldcourt Td. being the property known as 65 Wolfe Tone Square North, Bray, Co. Wicklow to Michael O'Toole in the estate of Eamonn O'Toole, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 8

To consider the disposal of 0.0198Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Oldcourt Td, Bray being the property known as 40 Wolfe Tone Square, Bray, Co. Wicklow to Stuart Geraghty as LPR.

It was proposed by Cllr. I. Neary, seconded by Cllr. N. Whelan and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 0.0198Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Oldcourt Td, Bray being the property known as 40 Wolfe Tone Square, Bray, Co. Wicklow to Stuart Geraghty as LPR, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 9

To consider the disposal of 0.1881Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Ballymoat Td. being the property known as 28/11 Ballymoate, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow to Bernadette Glynn in the estate of John Glynn deceased.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Snell, seconded by Cllr. S. Langrell and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 0.1881Ha or thereabouts in the townland of Ballymoat Td. being the property known as 28/11 Ballymoate, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow to Bernadette Glynn in the estate of John Glynn deceased, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 10

To consider the disposal of 1 acre (0.4046Ha) or thereabouts in the townland of Corballis Upper, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow being the property known as Site No. 11 in the Avondale Business Park, Corballis, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow to Irish Decal Products Ltd., T/A Brady's Coffee, company registered office Unit SM1 Wicklow Enterprise Park, The Murrough, Wicklow Town by way of a 999 year lease.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 1 acre (0.4046Ha) or thereabouts in the townland of Corballis Upper, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow being the property known as Site No. 11 in the Avondale Business Park, Corballis, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow to Irish Decal Products Ltd., T/A Brady's Coffee, company registered office Unit SM1 Wicklow Enterprise Park, The Murrough, Wicklow Town by way of a 999 year lease, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 11

To consider the disposal of 0.5 acre (0.2023ha) or thereabouts in the townland of Corballis Upper, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow being the property known as Site No. 12 in the Avondale Business Park, Corballis, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow to David Doyle, T/A Regenerative Foods Ltd., 4 Bracken Demesne, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow by way of 999 year lease.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 0.5 acre (0.2023ha) or thereabouts in the townland of Corballis Upper, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow being the property known as Site No. 12 in the Avondale Business Park, Corballis, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow to David Doyle, T/A Regenerative Foods

Ltd., 4 Bracken Demesne, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow by way of 999 year lease, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 12

To consider the disposal of 70 square metres or thereabouts in the townland of Newrath, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow being the property known as Clermont College, Wicklow County Campus to Tom McInerney of Puffjockey Studios Limited by way of two-year lease commencing 1st June 2026.

It was proposed by Cllr P. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. S. Langrell and agreed by all to consider the disposal of 70 square metres or thereabouts in the townland of Newrath, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow being the property known as Clermont College, Wicklow County Campus to Tom McInerney of Puffjockey Studios Limited by way of two-year lease commencing 1st June 2026, as set out in statutory notice previously circulated.

ITEM NO. 13

To consider the disposal of 183 square metres or thereabouts in the townland of Bray Harbour, Bray to the Trustees of Bray Rowing Club, Strand Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow by way of a 35-year sporting lease.

A short discussion followed. A number of issues were raised relating to the process, and the commitment of the Council to source suitable accommodation for the boxing clubs.

Cllr. C. Winstanley proposed, seconded by Cllr. N. Whelan 'to consider the disposal of 183 square metres or thereabouts in the townland of Bray Harbour, Bray to the Trustees of Bray Rowing Club, Strand Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow by way of a 35-year sporting lease' was put to a vote and following a roll call was passed by a margin of 25 for, 2 against, 1 not present and 3 abstained viz: -

FOR (25)	CLLRS. D. ALVEY, J. BEHAN, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, E. DOYLE, M. DUDDY, G. DUNNE, L. FENELON GASKIN, O. FINN, P. FITZGERALD, T. FORTUNE, P. KENNEDY, S. LANGRELL, P. LEONARD, P. MAHON, J. MULHALL, M. MURPHY, P. O'BRIEN, G. RICHMOND, L. SCOTT, P. STAPLETON, S. STOKES, N. WHELAN AND C. WINSTANLEY
AGAINST (2)	CLLRS. I. NEARY AND G. O'NEILL
NOT PRESENT (1)	CLLR. M. BARRY
ABSTAINED (3)	CLLRS. P. GLENNON, W. O'TOOLE AND J. SNELL

ITEM NO. 14

To consider the filling of casual vacancy arising from the resignation of Cllr. Dermot O'Brien in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended.

It was agreed by the Elected Members to defer this item until the May meeting as no nomination has been received from Sinn Féin.

ITEM NO. 15

To consider the vacancy on the Climate, Action, Biodiversity, Environment, Energy, Marine, Recreation & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Cllr. D. O'Brien.

It was agreed by the Elected Members to defer this item until the May meeting as no nomination has been received from Sinn Féin.

ITEM NO. 16

To consider the vacancy on the Special Amenity Area Order for Bray Head arising from the resignation of Cllr. D. O'Brien.

It was agreed by the Elected Members to defer this item until the May meeting as no nomination has been received from Sinn Féin.

ITEM NO. 17

To consider the vacancy on the Bray Local Drugs Task Force arising from the resignation of Cllr. D. O'Brien.

It was agreed by the Elected Members to defer this item until the May meeting as no nomination has been received from Sinn Féin.

ITEM NO. 18

To consider the vacancy on the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) arising from the resignation of Cllr. D. O'Brien.

It was agreed by the Elected Members to defer this item until the May meeting as no nomination has been received from Sinn Féin.

ITEM NO. 21

To consider the Chief Executive's Report pursuant to Section 37 E (4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála Reference – 324033-26 for a Strategic Infrastructure Development consisting of Proposed Development of a Soil Recovery Facility in the townland of Kilmartin, Coyne's Cross, Co. Wicklow.

Ms. H. Dennehy, Director of Services advised the Elected Members of the following:

- The proposal is a proposed development of a soil recovery facility which was submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP).
- The requirement of section 37E of the Planning and Development Act indicates a Chief Executive Report to be prepared and forwarded to An Coimisiún Pleanála before the 30th of March.
- An extended timeframe was sought from An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) and the report is due by the 17th April.
- Following discussion today, the Chief Executive report, together with a record of the Elected Members' discussion, will be forwarded to An Coimisiún Pleanála by the 17th April.

A discussion followed in which the Elected Members raised issues which were responded to by Ms. Dennehy, Director of Services and Ms. E. Bermingham, Senior Planners.

Some of the issues raised were:

- Number of loads in and out.
- Impact on traffic.
- Impact on community.
- Supervision of material going into the site.
- Community gain.
- Good location.
- First phase – 2008. 2m tons of inert soil over 10-year period.
- Number of residential houses in the Kilmartin area.
- Monitoring of streams to Five Mile Point, Clonmannon – Broadlough Lake.
- Role and remit of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to monitor the site.
- Does Wicklow County Council gain from a development levy?
- Definition of soil recovery facility.
- Importance of engagement with the community.

ITEM NO. 19

To consider the Chief Executive's Report on submissions made to Proposed Variation No. 5 to the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028, relating to the Arklow Local Planning Framework (previously circulated) and to consider making the Proposed

Variation/Local Planning Framework, or making material alterations to the Proposed Variation/Local Planning Framework, or not making the Proposed Variation/local Planning Framework.

The Meetings Administrator reminded the Elected Members of their requirements under the Ethics Legislation as follows:

- When a matter comes before the meeting for consideration if they or a connected person has a beneficial interest they must disclose to the meeting the nature of the beneficial interest before discussion or consideration of the matter commences; they must fully withdraw from the meeting until the matter is concluded; they must also inform the Council's Ethics Registrar in writing. The disclosure and absence of the meeting will be recorded in the minutes and when the item is completed the member will be advised by phone and can rejoin the meeting.

COUNCILLOR ALTERATION No.	EM1	PROPOSED	Cllr. P. Leonard
		SECONDED	Cllr. W. O'Toole
OUTCOME		NOT PASSED	
Proposed Alteration Relates to:			
Submission Number		13, 14, 36, 44, 46, 47, 55	
Chief Executive Modification Number		n/a	
Arklow LPF Section		Various	
Chapter/Section		Various	
PROPOSAL	<p>Omit all and any reference to an Active Travel Bridge east of the 19 Arches Bridge.</p> <p>In particular (but there may be other references also):</p> <p>A:3.2 Sustainable Transportation</p> <p>OMIT BULLET POINT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of New Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge(s) to reduce reliance on the Nineteen Arches Bridge, minimise traffic congestion, and provide additional connectivity to lands zoned for development on both sides of the river. 		
	<p>A:4 Overall Strategy</p> <p>OMIT BULLET POINT</p>		

10. To support the following **priority transport / accessibility schemes in Arklow:**

- (a) Provision of improved active travel connections (walking / cycling) over the River Avoca east of the Nineteen Arches Bridge linking the Town Centre and South Quay to North Quay and the Bridgewater Shopping Centre*
- (b) Provision of an Active Travel Bridge over the River Avoca west of the Nineteen Arches Bridge linking the Town Centre and River Walk to Ferrybank and Kilbride,*
- (c) The improvement of the public realm and overall pedestrian environment for all users in the Town Centre in particular along Main Street/Main Street Lower,*
- (d) The continued provision of new / improved footpaths and cycleways on all regional roads leading into the town,*
- (e) The construction of the SPAR (Southern Port Access Road) which to reduce the volume of HGVs from the town centre enhancing this environment for pedestrians, and*
- (f) To carry out a feasibility study, including environmental studies, regarding the provision of a second vehicular bridge crossing over the River Avoca between the Nineteen Arches Bridge and the M11.*

B:1.2 Public Realm & Movement in Arklow Town

AMEND POINT 4

While transport matters are more generally dealt with in Section B.8 to follow certain projects and objectives have the potential to have a transformative effect on Arklow Town Centre. In this regard:

1. The development of the **SPAR (Southern Port Access Road)** would significantly alter traffic movement patterns in the town centre and allow for a substantial reduction in traffic passing through the town centre and across the 19 Arches Bridge, in particular, HGVs.
2. The reduction of through traffic resulting from the SPAR would allow for the reallocation of road space from private vehicular traffic to pedestrians, cyclists, and public transport and allow for the overall **enhancement of the public realm of the Main Street** improving its vibrancy and vitality by making it a more pleasant place to be.
3. A number of **laneways** leading off Arklow Main Street provide linkages to the waterfront/South Quay and Avoca River Walk, namely Doyle's Lane and Condran's Lane Lower. Castle Park to the south/west is connected via Bradshaw's Lane, Abbey Lane and Laffin's Lane. Currently many of these laneways are designed to prioritise car movements or they are not attractive or obvious links, especially to visitors/tourists. With a reduction in traffic levels, improvements to the public realm of the waterfront as part of the Flood Relief Scheme, improvements to the pedestrian environment of Main Street and the implementation of wayfinding signage, these laneways could

be enhanced, similar to Abbey Lane, to expand the **public realm and increase the use of pedestrian and cycle friendly linkages between the Castle Park area, the Main Street and onto South Quay.**

4. ~~The draft Arklow Transport Plan supports the development of two an active travel bridges across the River Avoca; one to the east of the Nineteen Arches Bridge connecting Lower Main Street and South Quay to the Bridgewater Shopping Centre on North Quay and the second to the west of the Nineteen Arches Bridge linking the river walk across to Arklow Town Marsh, Kilbride and Ferrybank. This route will utilise the debris trap structure proposed as part of the flood relief scheme and any route taken via the marsh shall be designed so that it is elevated above the marsh and has minimal impact on this proposed National Heritage Area.~~
5. **The reinstatement of former archways** which facilitated carriage/vehicular access to the back lands of properties along the Main Street providing further pedestrian/cycle connection opportunities as part of the redevelopment/refurbishment of sites with such features.
6. Traffic congestion on the single bridge in Arklow previously led to the development of an objective for the construction of a possible **new vehicular bridge over the Avoca River** between the Nineteen Arches Bridge and the M11. However, such a crossing would require detailed feasibility and environmental studies and significant investment, given the distance it would have to span across the marsh and river, and is therefore identified as a longer term objective in the draft LTP.

OMIT BULLET POINT

Objective ARK 2

To support and facilitate improvements to the public realm in Arklow Town Centre to provide an attractive, comfortable environment for pedestrians of all mobility levels, cyclists and users of public transport. Such improvements may include the following:

- Improvements in the 'walkability' and 'legibility' of the town centre via improved wayfinding signage, enhancement of pedestrian facilities along public roads and local laneways and improving connections from the town centre to the waterfront, Arklow Train Station and edge of centre residential areas;
- Reduction in the dominance of private vehicles and space dedicated to private vehicles in the public realm, thereby facilitating the enhancement of space for social interaction and potential use for community and business uses;
- By improving the appearance of junctions and gateway areas into the Main Street, particularly the Main Street – Bridge Street junction and on approach from Back Street and Tinahask/Harbour Road.
- To seek as part of the redevelopment/refurbishment of properties along Main Street and Lower Main Street the reinstatement of former archways/vehicular/carriage entrances to provide pedestrian and cyclist routes between the Main Street/Lower Main Street, South Quay and Castle Park and open up backland and infill sites for redevelopment with vehicular traffic accessing plots from alternative locations if practical;
- ~~In conjunction with the National Transport Authority, to carry out a feasibility study and support the development of an active travel bridge to the east of the 19 Arches Bridge improving the visual and physical connection between Arklow town centre, the waterfront and Bridgewater Shopping Centre;~~

- In conjunction with the National Transport Authority to carry out a feasibility study and support the development of a second active travel bridge to the west of the 19 Arches Bridge connecting Arklow Main town centre, the river walk with Ferrybank and SLO5 Kilbride.
- Improvement of quality and consistency of the public realm including more consistency in road surface treatments, paving materials, signage and street furniture;
- The implementation of a comprehensive public realm scheme along the south and north bank of the River Avoca and adjacent areas of Arklow Town Centre as part of the Arklow Town Flood Relief Scheme works.
- Improvement to overall enjoyment of the experience of being in Arklow town centre through reductions in traffic, street clutter, overhead cabling and incongruous public realm elements

B:8.1.1 Active Travel

AMEND AS FOLLOWS

The full suite of permeability proposals outlined in the draft LTP is illustrated on Figure B: 8.1 to follow (Figure 13-4 of the draft LTP). ~~These~~ This proposals can be summarized as follows:

- In order overcome the overreliance on the Nineteen Arches Bridge, and enhance connectivity between Arklow Town Centre, the Bridgewater Centre and North and South Quays, the follow projects ~~are~~ is recommended:
 - The development of an Active Travel Bridge linking Main Street and the River Walk with Kilbride and Ferrybank while also maximising accessibility by providing east-west pedestrian links connecting the proposed Kilbride Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge with Ferrybank / Dublin Road.
 - ~~The possible development of second active travel bridge connecting Lower Main Street via Doyle's Lane and South Quay with the Bridgewater Shopping Centre and North Quay.~~

~~These~~ This active travel bridges ~~are~~ is identified as AT1 and AT2 on Figure 8.1 below and will build upon the planned enhancements to the public realm as part of the flood relief works.

B:8.1.4 Roads

AMEND AS FOLLOWS

Road objectives included in this LPF aim to provide alternative routes for through traffic, in particular HGVs wishing to access the Roadstone Quarry and Arklow Port. The development of a **Southern Port Access Route** and associated upgrades to the existing supporting road network either end of the proposed SPAR route would serve to remove HGVs from the Town Centre and reduce overall traffic volume. This roads project, in conjunction with the objective for ~~two~~ one new active travel bridges crossing the Avoca River, would further enhance the pedestrian / cycle environment of the Town Centre and enhance connectivity between the north and south of the

~~town. and most significantly providing a direct pedestrian connection between the Main Street and the Bridgewater Shopping Centre.~~

Objective ARK 72

OMIT BULLET POINT

To overcome overreliance on the Nineteen Arches Bridge and improve pedestrian and cycle connectivity between the north and south of the river, by promoting and supporting the development of;

- **The Kilbride Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge** between the Avoca River Walk and Arklow Town Marsh/Ferrybank, including associated **east-west pedestrian links** connecting this crossing with Ferrybank / Dublin Road (short/medium term), the River Avoca Industrial Park (long term) and Arklow to Laragh Greenway (long term) **(AT 1, AT 15, AT 19, CY 2)**
- ~~Improved active travel infrastructure linking the Bridgewater Shopping Centre to Main St. which could be in the form of additional capacity added to the existing Nineteen Arches Bridge or the provision of a new active travel bridge to the east of same (AT 2)~~

Such development shall be suitably informed by ecological surveying, ecological impact assessment, AA Screening/AA and EIA Screening/EIA, as the case may be, with a view toward avoiding and preventing significant adverse effects on receiving environmental sensitivities. Such development shall be appropriately shaped and guided by environmental and ecological constraints in the receiving environments.

SLO1 Northern Waterfront Zone

OMIT TEXT

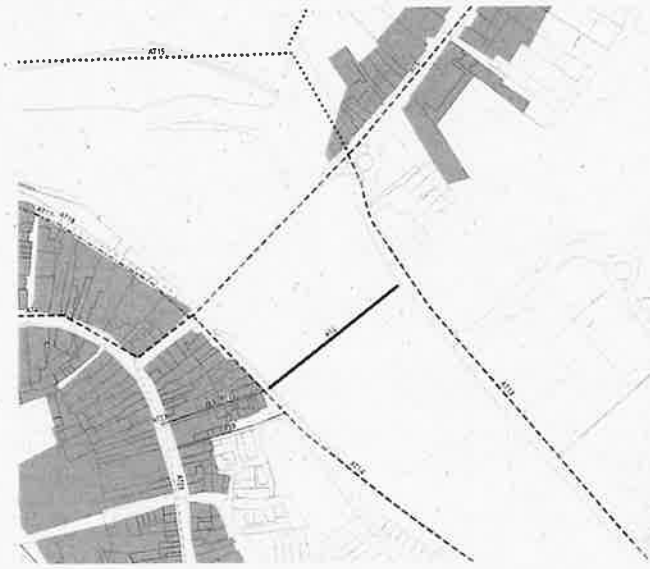
The Northern Waterfront Zone SLO measures c. 9ha (including all existing buildings thereon) and occupies an excellent strategic location with access to the waterfront to the south, Kynoch Park and Coral Leisure to the north and Bridgewater Shopping Centre to the north west. The comprehensive re-development of these lands would create opportunities to improve walking linkages between South Quay, Kynock Park and the Bridgewater centre, while further contributing to the regeneration and enhancement of this key central, serviced location.

~~This LPP's objective for an active travel bridge to the east of the Nineteen Arches Bridge, linking the Bridgewater Centre to south quay and Arklow Main Street would make this area a circa 7 minute walk from the heart of Main Street along a more pedestrian friendly route.~~

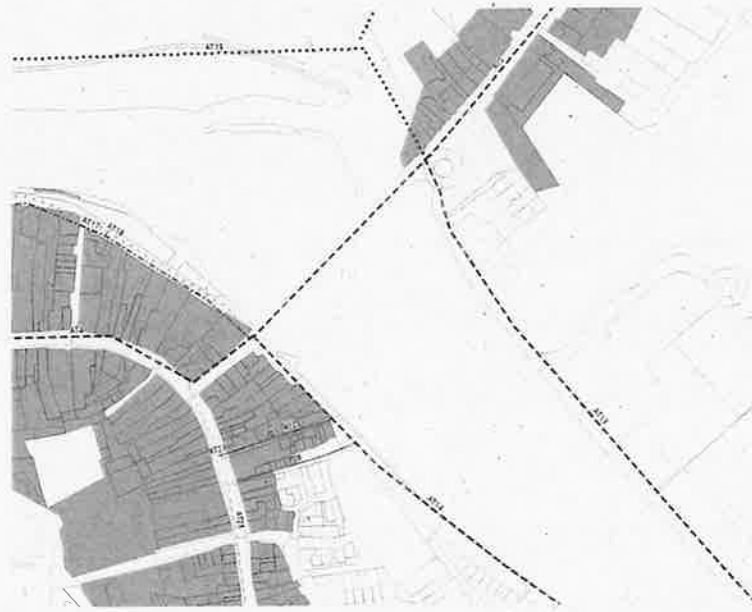
There is potential on these lands for further marine based commercial and/or leisure activities on the sites with access to the waterfront, while high intensity mixed use (predominantly residential) development will be promoted on the northern sites, providing passive surveillance over the AOS lands to the north.

Amend **Figure B:1.3 'Proposed Public Realm and Pedestrian Connectivity Improvements for Arklow Town'** to omit AT2, as follows:

Change from:



Change to:



Note - Changes consequent will be required to be made to the Local Transport Plan.

REASON

1. Justification

1.1 Lack of demonstrated benefit

The proposed eastern bridge location does not clearly demonstrate a benefit to the vibrancy of the town centre or to the effective flow of active travel. It is not

evident how this proposal would encourage movement into the commercial core or support existing businesses.

1.2 Land use and connectivity

The eastern landing point at South Quay is primarily residential in nature and does not represent a strong destination. In contrast, a western crossing would connect more directly with established commercial areas, including cafés, pubs and other town centre uses, and would better align with existing movement patterns.

1.3 Impact on heritage

There are concerns regarding the impact on the setting of the Nineteen Arches Bridge, a structure of significant historic importance and a defining feature of Arklow. The introduction of a new bridge in close proximity would risk detracting from its visual setting and the character of the river corridor.

1.4 Navigation constraints

The Avoca River is an active navigation channel, including use by yachts and leisure craft. The siting of a bridge in this location would present constraints in terms of clearance, span and navigation, which require careful consideration.

1.5 Flood relief considerations

It is noted that the Arklow Flood Relief Scheme is currently being advanced. In this context, the inclusion of a bridge objective at this stage is considered premature, as it may interact with or constrain the delivery of flood relief infrastructure. A coordinated and integrated approach is necessary.

1.6 Alternative approach

Consideration should be given to the potential to enhance the existing bridge, including widening and the provision of dedicated pedestrian and cycle facilities. This approach could deliver active travel improvements without the need for a new structure in close proximity.

2. Conclusion

The eastern bridge objective is not sufficiently justified, is premature, and raises concerns in relation to heritage, navigation and infrastructure coordination.

I therefore recommend that the AT2 objective be removed from the easterly location and reconsidered as part of a more integrated approach to future bridge provision in Arklow.

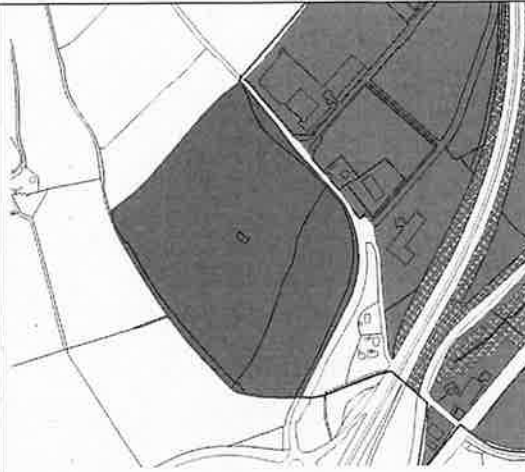
Chief Executive's Preliminary Response

The CE does not support the proposed alteration.

Alteration No. EM1 proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. W O'Toole was put to a vote and following a roll call was defeated by a margin of 10 for, 13 against, 2 not present and 6 abstained viz:-

FOR (10)	CLLRS. J. BEHAN, M. DUDDY, O. FINN, T. FORTUNE, P. LEONARD, M. MURPHY, I. NEARY, W. O'TOOLE, J. SNELL AND S. STOKES
AGAINST (13)	CLLRS. S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, G. DUNNE, L. FENELON GASKIN, P. FITZGERALD, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, S. LANGRELL, P. MAHON, G. RICHMOND, P. STAPLETON AND N. WHELAN
NOT PRESENT (2)	CLLRS. E. DOYLE AND G. O'NEILL
ABSTAINED (6)	CLLRS. D. ALVEY, M. BARRY, J. MULHALL, P. O'BRIEN, L. SCOTT AND C. WINSTANLEY

COUNCILLOR ALTERATION No.	EM2	PROPOSED	Cllr. S. Bourke
		SECONDED	Cllr. P. Kennedy
OUTCOME		PASSED AS PROPOSED	
Proposed Alteration Relates to:			
Submission Number		61, 65	
Chief Executive Modification Number		n/a	
Arklow LPF Section		PART B SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	
Chapter/Section		B.4 Economic Development & Employment	
PROPOSAL	<p>Amend MAP NO. 1 LAND USE ZONING and add new objective to EMPLOYMENT OBJECTIVES for lands at Ballynattin.</p> <p>Amend land use zoning at Ballynattin (measuring c. 17ha) from T 'Tourism' to E 'Employment', as follows:</p> <p>Change from:</p>		



Change to:



Add new objective to **EMPLOYMENT OBJECTIVES** as follows:

ARK X

Any future development of 'Employment' (E1) lands at Ballynattin located to the west of the M11, shall be accompanied by the delivery of active travel connectivity (pedestrian and cycle infrastructure) to Knockmore / public transport services on the east side of the M11.

REASON

Rezoning the land from tourism to employment would support the sustainable growth of a proven, successful local business that has outgrown its current site. This change would enable the business to expand in a suitable location, safeguarding existing jobs while creating new employment opportunities. It would also ensure the land is used in a way that reflects current economic needs and delivers long-term benefits to the local community through increased economic activity, resilience, and investment.

Chief Executive's Preliminary Response

The Chief Executive is not opposed to this alteration.

Alteration No. EM2 was proposed by Cllr. S. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed by all present.

COUNCILLOR ALTERATION No.	EM3	PROPOSED	Cllr. P. Leonard
		SECONDED	Cllr. M. Murphy
OUTCOME		NOT PASSED	
Proposed Alteration Relates to:			
Submission Number		36, 44, 46, 47, 55	
Chief Executive Modification Number			
Arklow LPF Section		PART A STRATEGY & PART B SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES & MAPS	
Chapter/Section		A.3 Factors Influencing Future Development Options B.7 Heritage, Biodiversity And Green Infrastructure Map No. 6 Active Travel Strategy	
PROPOSAL	<p>Omit all and any reference to the Arklow to Laragh Greenway</p> <p>In particular (but there may be other references also):</p> <p>Amend A:3.2 Sustainable Transportation subsection as follows:</p> <p><i>The high level transport objectives identified in the Draft LTP are:</i></p> <p>Objective 3: <i>Enhance and maximise the use of existing and future natural environmental assets such as Avoca River Walk, Arklow to Shillelagh Greenway and Arklow to Laragh Greenway.</i></p> <p>Amend Heritage, Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure Objectives as follows:</p>		

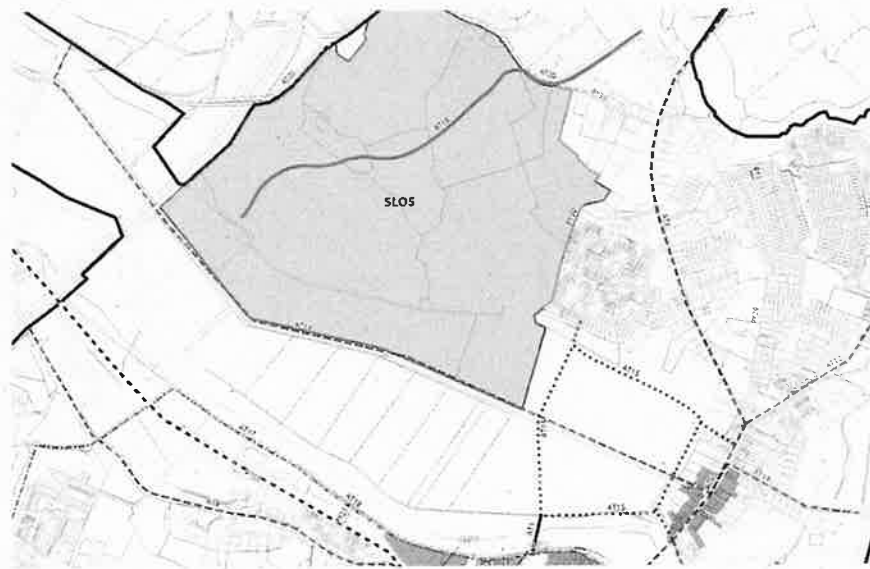
ARK 72: To overcome overreliance on the Nineteen Arches Bridge and improve pedestrian and cycle connectivity between the north and south of the river, by promoting and supporting the development of;

- The **Kilbride Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge** between the Avoca River Walk and Arklow Town Marsh/Ferrybank, including associated **east-west pedestrian links** connecting this crossing with Ferrybank / Dublin Road (short/medium term), the River Avoca Industrial Park (long term) ~~and Arklow to Laragh Greenway (long term)~~ (**AT 1, AT 15, AT 19, CY 2**)
- Improved active travel infrastructure linking the Bridgewater Shopping Centre to Main St. which could be in the form of additional capacity added to the existing Nineteen Arches Bridge or the provision of a new active travel bridge to the east of same (AT 2)


Such development shall be suitably informed by ecological surveying, ecological impact assessment, AA Screening/AA and EIA Screening/EIA, as the case may be, with a view toward avoiding and preventing significant adverse effects on receiving environmental sensitivities. Such development shall be appropriately shaped and guided by environmental and ecological constraints in the receiving environments

Amend **Map No. 6 Active Travel Strategy** to omit **AT19** as follows:

Change from: (green dotted line north of Avoca river omitted)



Change to:

	 <p>Note - Changes consequent will be required to the Local Transport Plan</p>
<p>REASON</p>	<p>1. Justification</p> <p>1.1 Environmental sensitivity — Arklow Marsh</p> <p>The proposed greenway would traverse or run adjacent to Arklow Marsh, a 'proposed Natural Heritage Area (pNHA)' of significant ecological value. This site supports sensitive wetland habitats and a range of bird and plant species.</p> <p>Under 'EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC)' and related national planning policy, any development likely to affect the integrity of designated or proposed natural habitats requires 'Appropriate Assessment' and mitigation. No such assessment has yet been undertaken for the Laragh Greenway route.</p> <p>Potential impacts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Disruption of habitats and species * Increased human pressure on a sensitive ecosystem * Permanent alteration of wetland functions <p>1.2 Interaction with the Arklow Flood Relief Scheme</p> <p>The greenway must also be considered alongside the ongoing 'Arklow Flood Relief Scheme', which involves major works within and alongside the river corridor.</p> <p>Including a greenway at this stage could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Conflict with flood relief infrastructure * Require redesign or relocation later

* Increase cumulative environmental impacts on sensitive habitats

Until flood relief works are completed, the greenway objective is 'premature'.

1.3 Existing and future greenway strategy

Wicklow is already progressing the 'Arklow–Shillelagh Greenway', which will provide a high-value inland route linking Arklow with County Carlow.

Given this, a 'preferred second greenway' should focus on a 'coastal route', linking South Wicklow to Wexford. A coastal greenway:

- * Offers scenic and recreational benefits
- * Avoids environmentally sensitive inland areas such as Arklow Marsh
- * Provides strategic connectivity along the coast without conflicting with flood relief or protected habitats

1.4 Prematurity and policy alignment

The inclusion of the Laragh Greenway as a fixed objective is 'premature', given:

- * The environmental sensitivity of Arklow Marsh
- * Its status as a pNHA
- * The ongoing Arklow Flood Relief Scheme
- * The existence of the Arklow–Shillelagh Greenway project

A more considered approach would involve completing flood relief works, undertaking detailed environmental assessments, and identifying routes that avoid sensitive habitats while aligning with EU Habitats Directive obligations.

2. Conclusion

While the development of walking and cycling infrastructure is supported, the Laragh Greenway, as currently proposed, raises significant environmental risks and is inconsistent with EU and national habitat protection policy.

I therefore propose that this objective be removed from the plan at this stage, with future greenway development focused on a 'coastal route linking South Wicklow to Wexford' as a more sustainable and environmentally appropriate alternative.

Chief Executive's Preliminary Response

The CE does not support the proposed alteration.

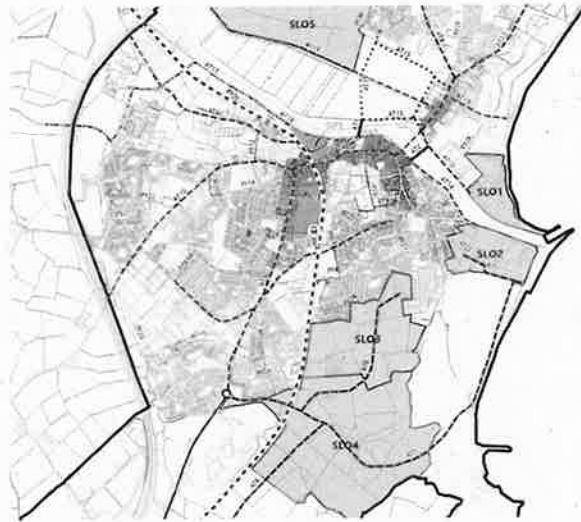
Alteration No. EM3 proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. M. Murphy was put to a vote and following a roll call was defeated by a margin of 9 for, 20 against and 2 not present viz:-

FOR (9)	CLLRS. J. BEHAN, M. DUDDY, O. FINN, T. FORTUNE, P. LEONARD, J. MULHALL, M. MURPHY, I. NEARY AND S. STOKES
AGAINST (20)	CLLRS. D. ALVEY, M. BARRY, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, G. DUNNE, L. FENELON GASKIN, P. FITZGERALD, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, S. LANGRELL, P. MAHON, P. O'BRIEN, W. O'TOOLE, G. RICHMOND, L. SCOTT, J. SNELL, P. STAPLETON, N. WHELAN AND C. WINSTANLEY
NOT PRESENT (2)	CLLRS. E. DOYLE AND G. O'NEILL

COUNCILLOR ALTERATION No.	EM4	PROPOSED	Cllr. W. O'Toole
		SECONDED	Cllr J. Behan
OUTCOME	PASSED AS PROPOSED		
Proposed Alteration Relates to:			
Submission Number		56	
Chief Executive Modification Number			
Arklow LPF Section		MAPS	
Chapter/Section		Section B:7 Heritage, biodiversity & green infrastructure Map No. 6 Active Travel Strategy	
PROPOSAL	<p>1. Alter the LPF text as follows: Section B:7 Heritage, biodiversity & green infrastructure ARK64</p> <p>To promote and support the development of enhanced or new greenways and amenity walks at the following locations and require development in the vicinity of same to enhance existing routes and / or provide new links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Avoca River Walk and Shillelagh to Arklow Greenway Route; ▪ Glenart Woods Forest; ▪ Arklow Seafront and Waterfront Zones; ▪ Arklow Rock Cliff Walk; 		

- Arklow North and South Quays;
 - A biodiversity and ecological woodland-type corridor, with a minimum width of not less than 20 metres, linking OS2 lands and open spaces from Arklow South Beach, along the former town boundary, connecting to the Maples and Kish, extending to the rear of Knockmore and onwards to Glenart, and linking into the Arklow–Shillelagh Greenway (as shown as AT-X on Map No. 6). This corridor shall be integrated into the design of adjoining and future development lands, including SLO4, ensuring continuity, accessibility and ecological function throughout.¹
2. Amend **Map No. 6 Active Travel Strategy** to include new active travel route (**ATX**), as follows (shown in bright green):

Change from:



Change to:



¹ Where this route runs along the proposed SPAR, it shall comprise a segregated green spine separated from the SPAR by mature hedgerows and planting.

	Plus any changes consequent to LTP
REASON	<p>This proposed route would complement and enhance the active travel network while delivering wider long-term environmental and social benefits. Importantly, the corridor would incorporate multiple connection points into surrounding estates (including The Maples, Chestnut Grove, Knockmore, Meadowvale, Ballyraine Court, Mill Meadows, Woodlands and Emyvale), ensuring it works alongside, rather than instead of, the Active Travel network.</p> <p>This proposal also complements existing policy directions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhancing climate resilience and green infrastructure; - Supporting biodiversity and alignment with national strategies such as the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan; - Providing accessible recreational space for existing and future communities; - Creating a high-quality amenity that supports tourism, health and education <p>I believe this represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to deliver a defining piece of infrastructure for the town, complementing the transport network while creating a lasting environmental and community asset.</p>
Chief Executive's Preliminary Response	
<p>The CE has no objection to the concept of this proposed alteration, however there are a number of concerns as to how it could be implemented and / or delivered given that the route travels along many areas close to existing development where there will be no / limited opportunity presented by new development to require the route to be delivered; in addition there are multiple landowners along its route and this may lead to a fragmented route of limited value.</p>	

Cllr. S. Bourke proposed and subsequently withdrew proposed amendment to the alteration.

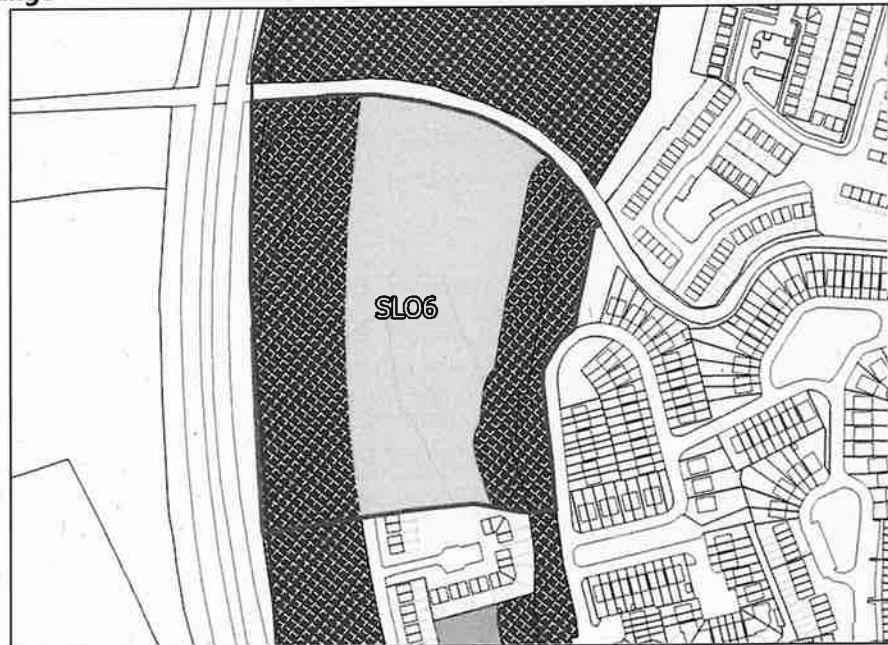
Alteration No. EM4 was proposed by Cllr. W. O'Toole, seconded by Cllr. J. Behan and agreed by all present.

COUNCILLOR ALTERATION No.	EM5	PROPOSED	Cllr. S. Bourke
		SECONDED	Cllr. W. O'Toole
Proposed Alteration Relates to:			
Submission Number		36, 44, 53, 63	
Chief Executive Modification Number			
Arklow LPF Section		PART B SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	
Chapter/Section		B.10 Specific Local Objectives	
PROPOSAL	Add a new Specific Local Objective (SLO) for Ballyraine.		
	Amend MAP NO. 1 LAND USE ZONING to include SLO6 – Ballyraine , as follows:		

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Change to:

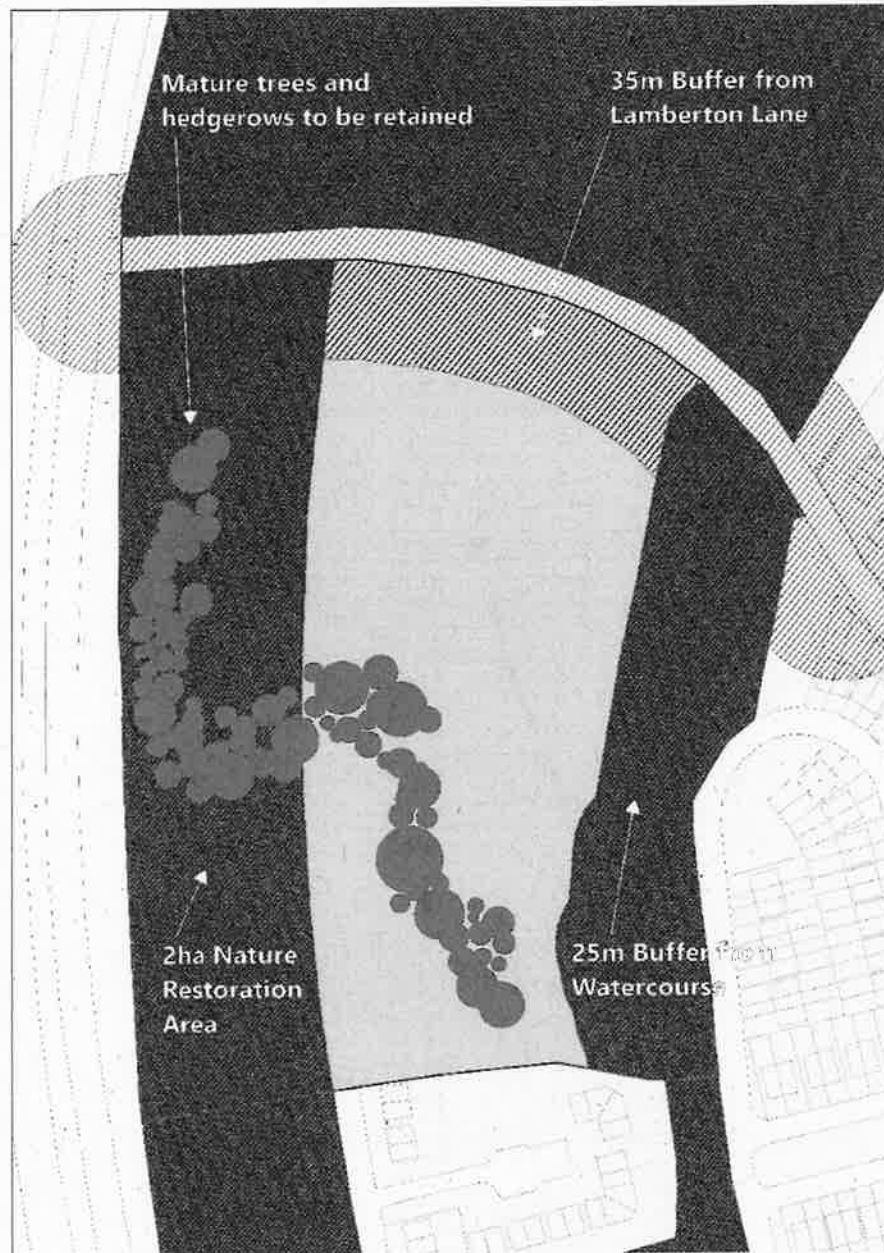


Add new **SLO6 Objectives** as follows:

SLO 6 – BALLYRAINE

These lands measuring c. 6 ha are located in the townland of Ballyraine to the west of Arklow town centre and are zoned for new residential (RN – c. 3ha) and open space use (OS2 – c. 3ha). This area may be developed for a mix of uses including residential, community and open space uses, in accordance with the following requirements:

- Approximately 2 ha of this site, along the boundary with the M11 (zoned OS2), shall be reserved free of development and dedicated to nature restoration in a manner to be agreed with the Planning Authority;
- Any development shall safeguard and retain existing watercourses, wetlands, and ponds; incorporating them into the site design with the appropriate setbacks (in accordance with objective ARK63 and County Development Plan Objective CPO 17.26);
- Any development shall ensure the retention and protection of all existing mature trees on site in accordance with County Development Plan Objectives CPO 17.20, 17.21, 17.22 and 17.23), in particular those identified on the drawing below, which shall be identified and evaluated by a qualified arborist in any application for development and justification provided where any removal is proposed;
- Any development shall maintain a building line setback of 35m from Lamberton Lane (as shown on the drawing below);
- A permeable surface car park adjoining Lamberton Lane of 20 No. spaces shall be delivered as part of any development. Said car park shall be accessed only from the south with pedestrian and cycling links to Lamberton Lane only (no vehicular access from Lamberton Lane will be considered).



REASON

This land was zoned residential in the last Arklow LAP . The site is serviced land, located within walking distance of the town centre, local schools and amenities.

The zoning of the Ballyraine lands under SLO 6 is justified, building on their previous residential designation in the Arklow Local Area Plan and their sustainable location within walking distance of the town centre, schools, and local amenities.

The proposal provides a balanced approach, with approximately 2 hectares for residential development and 4 hectares for open space, supporting both housing delivery and community amenity. A strong emphasis is placed on environmental protection, with approximately 2 hectares reserved for biodiversity enhancement, including lands along the M11, and an additional 35m buffer of native woodland along Lamberton Avenue.

Existing natural features such as watercourses, wetlands, and mature trees will be retained, while a green corridor will support biodiversity and active travel. Overall,

the zoning ensures a well-integrated, sustainable development that aligns with both housing needs and environmental objectives.

Chief Executive's Preliminary Response

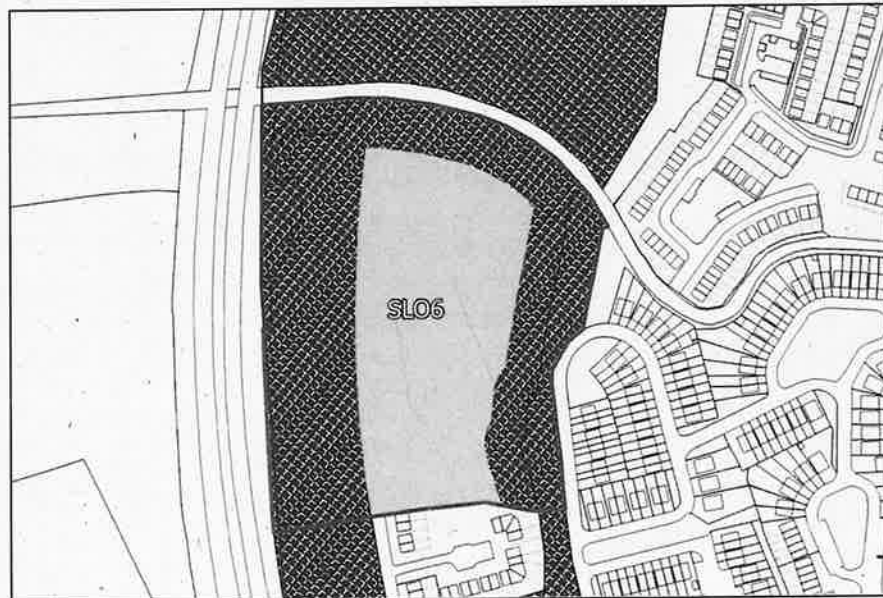
The CE does not support the proposed alteration

Alterations to the amendment were proposed as follows:

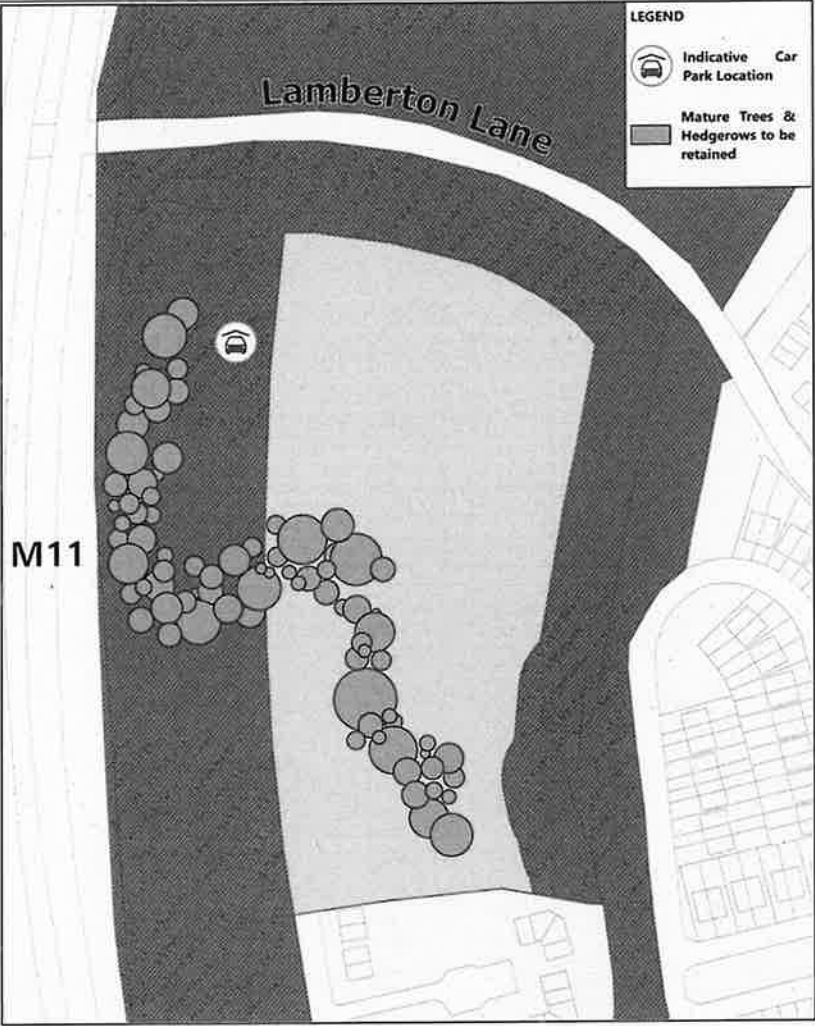
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Change to:



	<p>Add new SLO6 Objectives as follows:</p> <p>SLO 6 – BALLYRAINE</p> <p>These lands measuring c. 6 ha are located in the townland of Ballyraine to the west of Arklow town centre and are zoned for new residential (RN – c. 2.5ha) and open space use (OS2 – c. 3.5ha). This area may be developed for a mix of uses including residential, community and open space uses, in accordance with the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approximately 2 ha of this site, along the boundary with the M11 (zoned OS2), shall be reserved free of development (other than the lands required for the car parking required by part (e) to follow) and shall be dedicated to nature restoration in a manner to be agreed with the Planning Authority; b) Approximately 0.7 ha of this site along the boundary of Lamberton Lane (zoned OS2) and corresponding to a 35m set back from the lane shall be reserved free of development and shall be dedicated to nature restoration in a manner to be agreed with the Planning Authority; c) Any development shall safeguard and retain existing watercourses, wetlands, and ponds, incorporating them into the site design with the appropriate setbacks (in accordance with objective ARK63 and County Development Plan Objective CPO 17.26); d) Any development shall ensure the retention and protection of all existing mature trees on site in accordance with County Development Plan Objectives CPO 17.20, 17.21, 17.22 and 17.23), in particular those identified on the drawing below, which shall be identified and evaluated by a qualified arborist in any application for development and justification provided where any removal is proposed; e) A permeable surface car park adjoining Lamberton Lane of 20 No. spaces shall be delivered as part of any development on the OS2 zone along the M11 described in part (a) above. Said car park shall be accessed only from the south with pedestrian and cycling links to Lamberton Lane only (no vehicular access from Lamberton Lane will be considered).

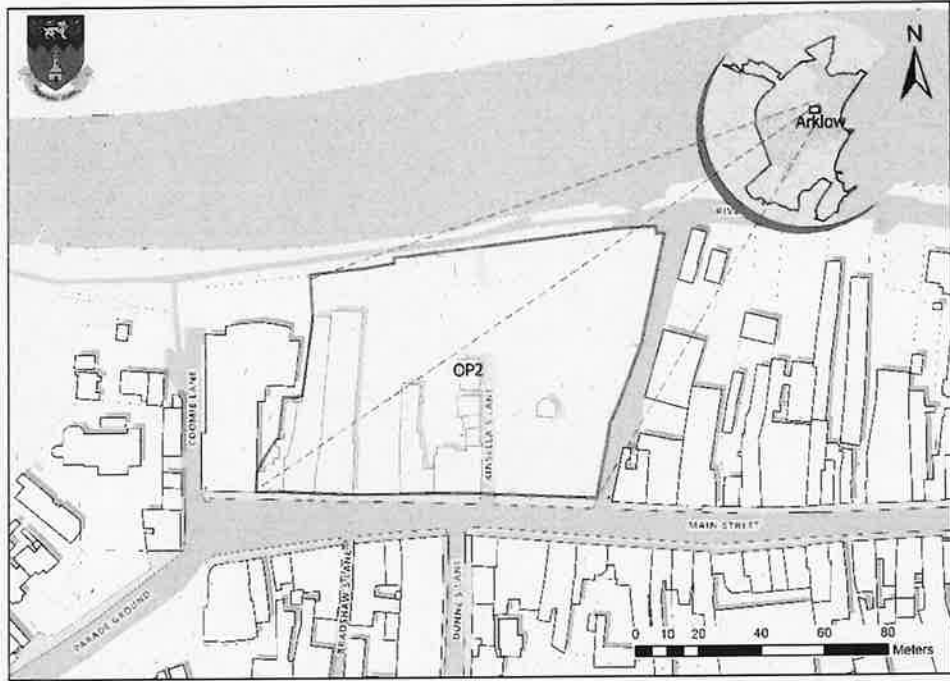
	 <p>The map shows a site plan with Lamberton Lane at the top and M11 on the left. A large area is shaded grey, representing mature trees and hedgerows to be retained. A car park location is indicated by a car icon. A legend in the top right corner defines the symbols: a car icon for 'Indicative Car Park Location' and a grey square for 'Mature Trees & Hedgerows to be retained'.</p>
<p>REASON</p>	<p>This land was zoned residential in the last Arklow LAP . The site is serviced land, located within walking distance of the town centre, local schools and amenities.</p> <p>The zoning of the Ballyraine lands under SLO 6 is justified, building on their previous residential designation in the Arklow Local Area Plan and their sustainable location within walking distance of the town centre, schools, and local amenities.</p> <p>The proposal provides a balanced approach, with approximately 2 hectares for residential development and 4 hectares for open space, supporting both housing delivery and community amenity. A strong emphasis is placed on environmental protection, with approximately 2 hectares reserved for biodiversity enhancement, including lands along the M11, and an additional 35m buffer of native woodland along Lamberton Avenue.</p> <p>Existing natural features such as watercourses, wetlands, and mature trees will be retained, while a green corridor will support biodiversity and active travel. Overall, the zoning ensures a well-integrated, sustainable development that aligns with both housing needs and environmental objectives.</p>

Alteration No. EM5 proposed by Cllr. S. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. W. O'Toole was put to a vote and following a roll call was passed by a margin of 27 for, 1 against and 3 not present viz:-

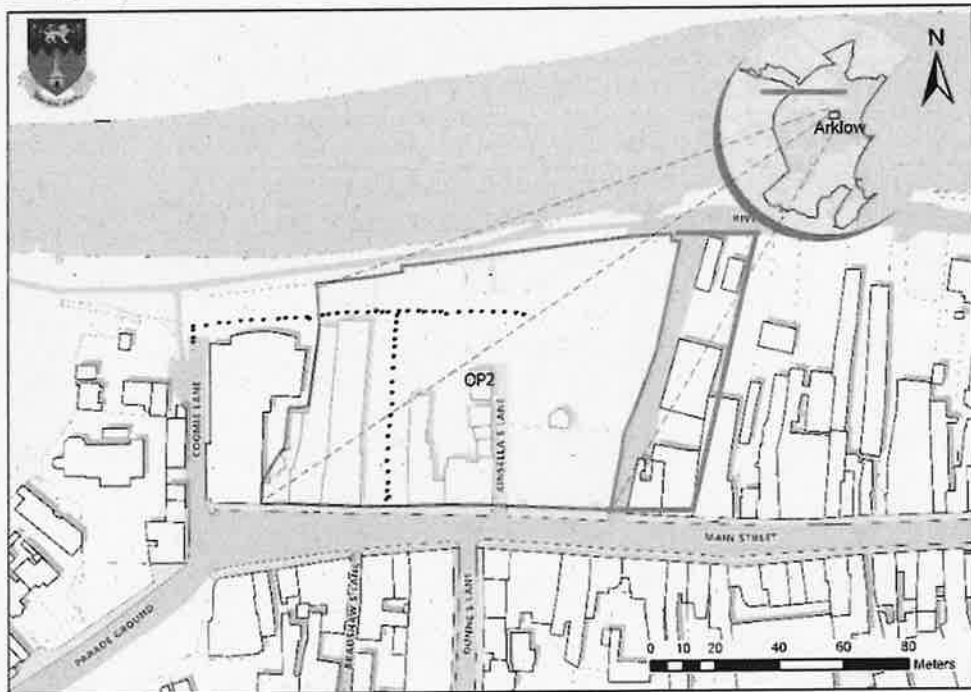
FOR (27)	CLLRS. D. ALVEY, J. BARRY, J. BEHAN, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, M. DUDDY, G. DUNNE, L. FENELON GASKIN, O. FINN, P. FITZGERALD, T. FORTUNE, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, S. LANGRELL, P. LEONARD, P. MAHON, J. MULHALL, M. MURPHY, I. NEARY, P. O'BRIEN, W. O'TOOLE, G. RICHMOND, J. SNELL, S. STOKES, N. WHELAN AND C. WINSTANLEY
AGAINST (1)	CLLR. L. SCOTT
NOT PRESENT (3)	CLLRS. E. DOYLE, G. O'NEILL AND P. STAPLETON

Time Extension: It was proposed by Cllr. O. Finn, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard and agreed by all to extend the meeting to completion of Item 19.

COUNCILLOR ALTERATION No.	EM6	PROPOSED	Cllr. P. Leonard
		SECONDED	Cllr. W. O'Toole
Proposed Alteration Relates to:			
Submission Number		55	
Chief Executive Modification Number			
Arklow LPF Section		PART B SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	
Chapter/Section		B.1 Town Centre Regeneration	
PROPOSAL	Alter Opportunity Site ' Opportunity Site 2 – Main Street ', as follows: Alter ' OP2 ' boundary as follows: Change from:		



Change to:



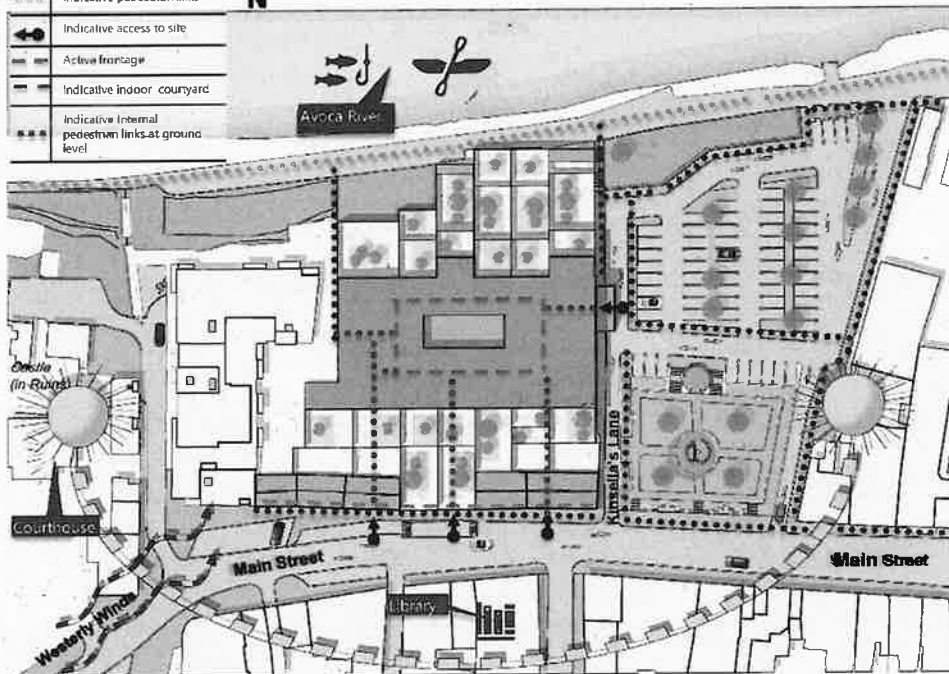
Alter 'OP2 Concept Plan' as follows:

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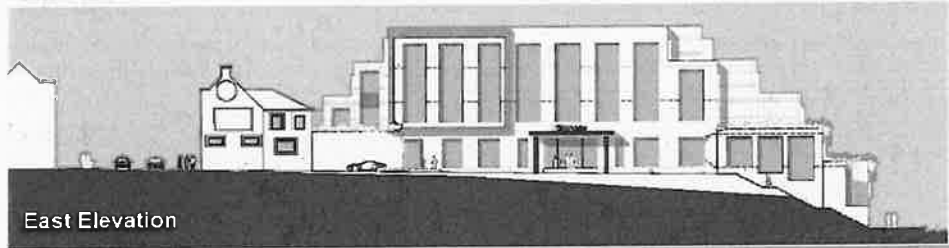
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1	Public park/civic space
⋯⋯	Avoca river walk
⋯⋯	Indicative pedestrian links
↔	Indicative access to site
—	Active frontage
—	Indicative indoor courtyard
⋯⋯	Indicative internal pedestrian links at ground level

**Opportunity Site 02
Concept Plan**



Site Plan



East Elevation



Main Street Elevation

Change to:



Amend written objectives as follows: (CE's recommended changes as per the CE's Report are in red, the additional changes now proposed in green)

Objectives OP2

- Where possible this site should be the subject of a comprehensive integrated scheme of development encompassing the entire lands. Individual site redevelopment proposals may be considered if they can demonstrate how they comply with the objectives of this opportunity site.
- Any new scheme should seek to protect the character and appearance of the traditional shop fronts including the Morgan Doyle facade and canopy and any architectural details on buildings of high architectural value wherever possible. Development shall take account of the site's location within an Area of Archaeological Significance or Potential (Arklow Town) and appropriately protect any heritage assets.
- Proposal shall provide for a mix of uses capable of accommodating retail, commercial, residential, tourism, community and cultural development, all contained within a high quality architectural, landscaped, streetscape and high quality public realm environment.
- Any redevelopment proposal shall include the provision of a multi-functional community space of not less than 600sqm which shall be devoted to the use of the public.
- A high density development will be required to be achieved across the site that is sensitive and appropriate to its immediate built and natural context and accords with the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities.
- A maximum height of 3 storeys fronting onto Main Street shall be permitted.
- Primary facades with a continuous streetscape, active frontage and passive surveillance shall address the river, Kinsella's Lane, St. Mary's Park and Main Street. In particular buildings along the River Walkway to the north shall be a minimum height of 3 storeys with active uses/windows/balconies directly overlooking this walking route.
- To ensure, where possible, there are active ground floor uses in the buildings along public spaces, walkways and streets and that all new structures present an

	<p>appropriate façade to the river, walkways and roadside with strong passive surveillance, a continuous streetscape and building frontage where appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Additional links from the Main Street to the river should be incorporated through the site where feasible with active ground floor uses fronting public spaces, walkways and streets. In this regard proposals shall retain and reopen the existing archway addressing the Main Street. Where feasible this archway shall serve as the entrance to a new pedestrianised link between the Main Street and the river and/or provide access to a new internal courtyard to the rear of these properties with active uses at ground level. ▪ To facilitate the enhancement and extension of the adjacent public car park into a public amenity civic open space area to the northern riverside aspect of the site. ▪ To facilitate the enhancement of the landscaped linear open space park along the river bank, including an accessible pedestrian link to Coomie Lane. ▪ Any redevelopment proposals for properties on the east side of St. Marys Park shall make provision for the western facades / gables to be orientated towards the new civic town square establishing an active vibrant connection between the Main Street and the riverwalk. ▪ The Local Planning Framework supports the integration of open space and potential civic functions in Arklow town centre revitalising the historic street frontage, creating a focal entry point and bus stop, providing new green space, using the site's topography for a public amphitheatre/stepped seating/viewing area, and connecting visually and physically to the Avoca River.
<p>REASON</p>	<p>Justification for Incorporating Open Space and Civic Functions in OP2</p> <p>The incorporation of open space and civic functions into the Local Area Plan is essential due to the absence of a dedicated civic area in Arklow town centre. Studio Idir's report, prepared in collaboration with the Arklow Tidy Towns Committee under the RIAI Town Challenge Award, identifies the middle section of Main Street as a key opportunity to create a vibrant public realm. The proposals include revitalising the historic street frontage, providing new green space, creating a public amphitheatre, establishing a focal entry point and bus stop, and enhancing visual and physical connections to the Avoca River.</p> <p>These interventions would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deliver a central space for community, cultural, and civic activities - Strengthen the town's identity and sense of place - Improve accessibility and public amenity - Support a community-led vision that aligns with best practice in urban design and placemaking <p>Incorporating these directions ensures that future development of the town centre addresses both functional and social needs while enhancing Arklow's public realm.</p>
<p>Chief Executive's Preliminary Response</p>	
<p>The CE is generally not opposed to increasing the open space along the river and some of the additional public realm and design objectives, however the following aspect of the revised proposals are not supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The addition of a second route / roadway / pathway between the development site and the existing riverside walkway. This considered unnecessary duplication, but there are also concerns regarding the developability of such a routeway given the topography of the lands (steep bank); 	

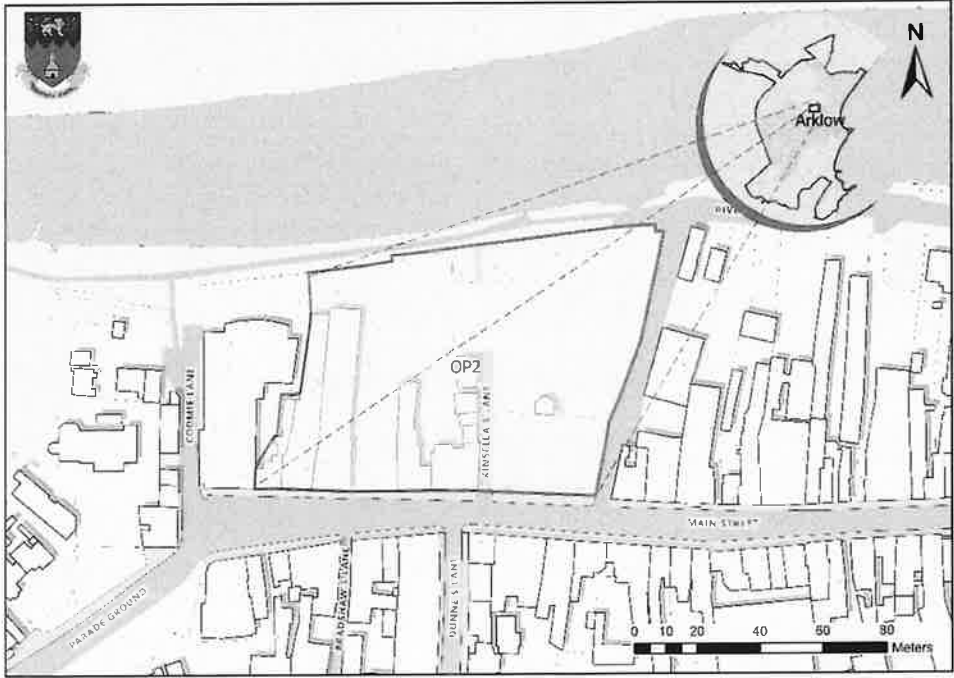
- The inclusion of an objective for a 'public amphitheatre/stepped seating/viewing area'. Given the constraints of the site, including its topography, seeking for a "public amphitheatre/stepped seating/viewing area" to be delivered may not be achievable and would potentially require removal of existing much needed public parking at St. Mary's car park.

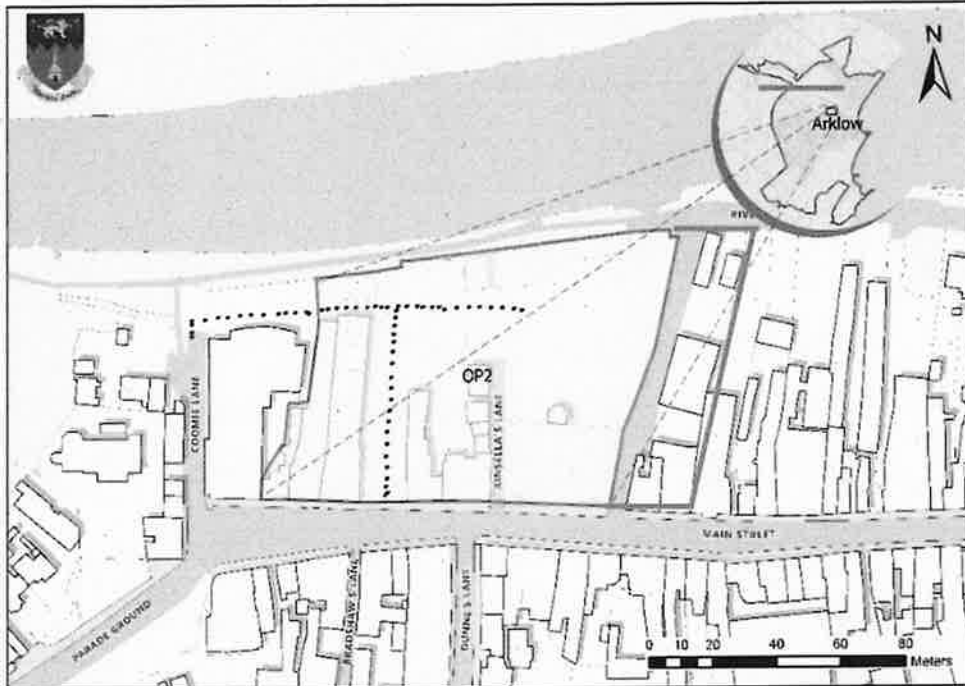
The members are reminded that as set out in the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (June 2022), it is important that all objectives are capable of being implemented.

Should the proposed alteration be approved, it is recommended that the following wording be omitted.

- The Local Planning Framework supports the integration of open space and potential civic functions in Arklow town centre revitalising the historic street frontage, creating a focal entry point and bus stop, providing new green space **using the site's topography for a public amphitheatre/stepped seating/viewing area**, and connecting visually and physically to the Avoca River.

Alterations to the amendment were proposed as follows:

<p>PROPOSAL</p> <p>L</p>	<p>Alter Opportunity Site 'Opportunity Site 2 – Main Street', as follows:</p> <p>Alter 'OP2' boundary as follows:</p> <p>Change from:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Change to:</p>
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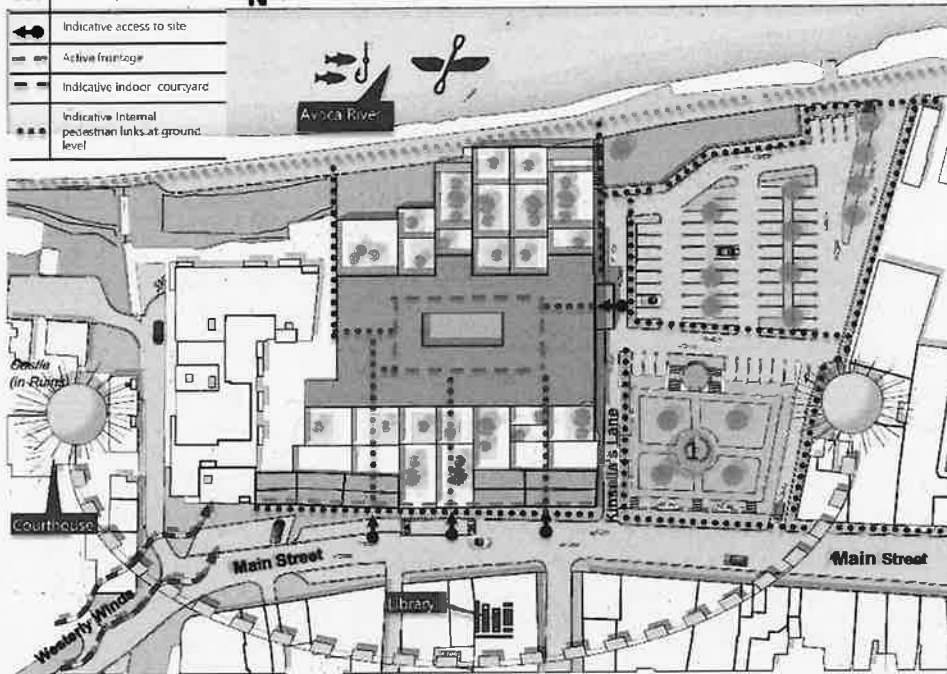
Alter 'OP2 Concept Plan' as follows:

Change from:

Legend

1	Public park/civic space
---	Avoca river walk
...	Indicative pedestrian links
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**Opportunity Site 02
Concept Plan**



Site Plan

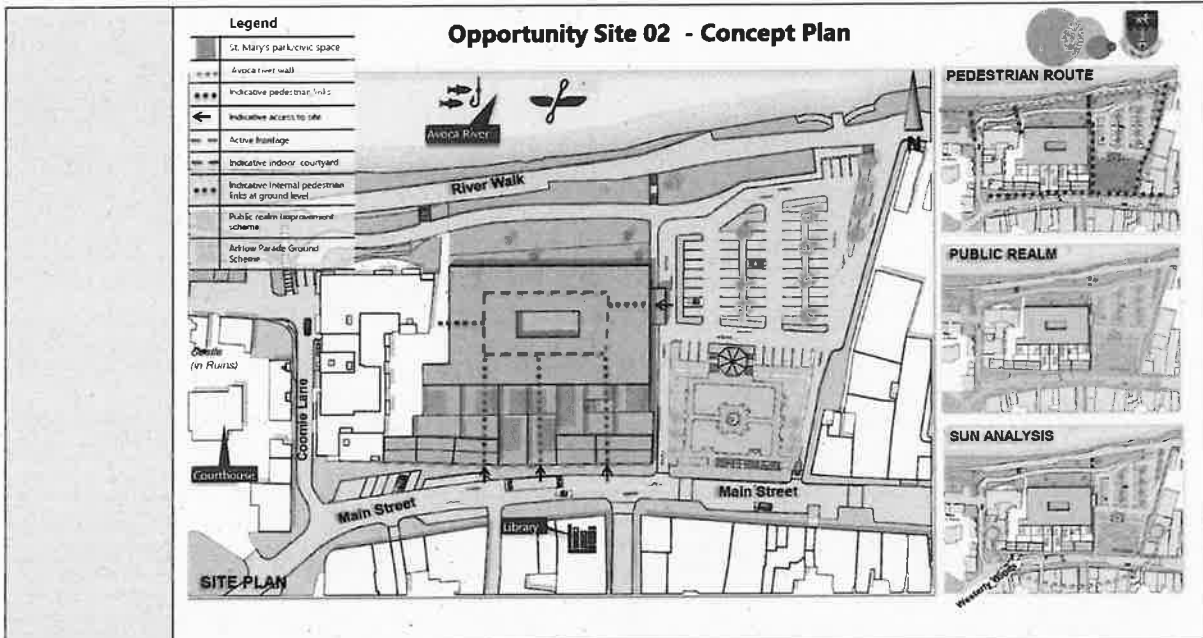


East Elevation



Main Street Elevation

Change to:



Amend written objectives as follows: (CE's recommended changes as per the CE's Report are in red, the additional changes now proposed in green)

Objectives OP2

- Where possible this site should be the subject of a comprehensive integrated scheme of development encompassing the entire lands. Individual site redevelopment proposals may be considered if they can demonstrate how they comply with the objectives of this opportunity site.
- Any new scheme should seek to protect the character and appearance of the traditional shop fronts including the Morgan Doyle facade and canopy and any architectural details on buildings of high architectural value wherever possible. Development shall take account of the site's location within an Area of Archaeological Significance or Potential (Arklow Town) and appropriately protect any heritage assets.
- Proposal shall provide for a mix of uses capable of accommodating retail, commercial, residential, tourism, community and cultural development, all contained within a high quality architectural, landscaped, streetscape and high quality public realm environment.
- Any redevelopment proposal shall include the provision of an indoor multi-functional community space of not less than 600sqm which shall be devoted to the use of the public.
- A high density development will be required to be achieved across the site that is sensitive and appropriate to its immediate built and natural context and accords with the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities.
- A maximum height of 3 storeys fronting onto Main Street shall be permitted.
- Primary facades with a continuous streetscape, active frontage and passive surveillance shall address the river, Kinsella's Lane, St. Mary's Park and Main Street. In particular buildings along the River Walkway to the north shall be a minimum height of 3 storeys with active uses/windows/balconies directly overlooking this walking route.
- To ensure, where possible, there are active ground floor uses in the buildings along public spaces, walkways and streets and that all new structures present an

	<p>appropriate façade to the river, walkways and roadside with strong passive surveillance, a continuous streetscape and building frontage where appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Additional links from the Main Street to the river should be incorporated through the site where feasible with active ground floor uses fronting public spaces, walkways and streets. In this regard proposals shall retain and reopen the existing archway addressing the Main Street. Where feasible this archway shall serve as the entrance to a new pedestrianised link between the Main Street and the river and/or provide access to a new internal courtyard to the rear of these properties with active uses at ground level. ▪ To facilitate the enhancement and extension of the adjacent public car park into a public amenity civic open space area to the northern riverside aspect of the site. ▪ To facilitate the enhancement of the landscaped linear open space park along the river bank, including an accessible pedestrian link to Coomie Lane. ▪ Any redevelopment proposals for properties on the east side of St. Marys Park shall make provision for the western facades / gables to be orientated towards the new civic town square establishing an active vibrant connection between the Main Street and the riverwalk. ▪ The Local Planning Framework supports the integration of open space and potential civic functions in Arklow town centre revitalising the historic street frontage, creating a focal entry point and bus stop, providing new green space, using the site's topography for a public amphitheatre/stepped seating/viewing area, and connecting visually and physically to the Avoca River.
<p>REASON</p>	<p>Justification for Incorporating Open Space and Civic Functions in OP2</p> <p>The incorporation of open space and civic functions into the Local Area Plan is essential due to the absence of a dedicated civic area in Arklow town centre. Studio Idir's report, prepared in collaboration with the Arklow Tidy Towns Committee under the RIAI Town Challenge Award, identifies the middle section of Main Street as a key opportunity to create a vibrant public realm. The proposals include revitalising the historic street frontage, providing new green space, creating a public amphitheatre, establishing a focal entry point and bus stop, and enhancing visual and physical connections to the Avoca River.</p> <p>These interventions would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deliver a central space for community, cultural, and civic activities - Strengthen the town's identity and sense of place - Improve accessibility and public amenity - Support a community-led vision that aligns with best practice in urban design and placemaking <p>Incorporating these directions ensures that future development of the town centre addresses both functional and social needs while enhancing Arklow's public realm.</p>

Alteration No. EM6 was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. W. O'Toole and agreed by all present.

COUNCILLOR ALTERATION No.	EM7	PROPOSED	Cllr. P. Leonard
		SECONDED	Cllr. W. O'Toole
OUTCOME		PASSED AS PROPOSED	
Proposed Alteration Relates to:			
Submission Number		55	
Chief Executive Modification Number			
Arklow LPF Section		PART B SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	
Chapter/Section		B.1 Town Centre Regeneration	
PROPOSAL	<p>Add new objective to Arklow Town Centre Objectives as follows:</p> <p>ARK2(B)</p> <p>To support and promote the improvement of the key central area of Arklow town centre from the Parade Grounds to St. Mary's Park, including (but not limited to) the following improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The extension of the existing public realm improvements along the Main Street from the Parade Grounds as far as River Lane; this shall entail a high-quality urban realm design with particular reference to enhanced pedestrian connectivity and accessibility, and improved linkages to the river corridor. ▪ The improvement of St. Mary's park and car park, including the access and egress roads. Any redevelopment / enhancement proposals for these areas shall be so designed to integrate the riverwalk, car park and park as a unified space which supports multi-functional uses including community, cultural and outdoor performance / market uses, while protecting the character and heritage (particularly archaeology) of the area; ▪ To facilitate the enhancement of the landscaped linear open space park along the riverbank linking Coomie Lane to St. Mary's Park. 		
REASON	<p>The objective ARK2(B) is strongly aligned with national regeneration, compact growth and town centre first principles, as set out in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage policy frameworks and funding programmes, including the Town Centre First Policy, Urban Regeneration and Development Fund and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. The objective directly supports the delivery of targeted public realm-led regeneration, which is a key criterion for securing such funding.</p> <p>By prioritising the extension of high-quality public realm improvements along Main Street and enhancing connectivity to the River Avoca, the objective promotes compact growth, modal shift, and increased town centre footfall, consistent with national investment priorities that seek to revitalise underperforming urban cores. The emphasis on pedestrian permeability, universal</p>		

	<p>accessibility, and strong linkages between commercial streets and waterfront amenities reflects best practice in placemaking and urban design, thereby strengthening the case for capital investment.</p> <p>The proposed integrated enhancement of St. Mary's Park, car park, and riverwalk as a unified, multifunctional civic space delivers a transformative regeneration project of sufficient scale and impact to meet the objectives of national funding streams. In particular, the provision of flexible spaces for community, cultural, and market uses aligns with the activation and vibrancy goals of the Town Centre First approach, while also supporting local economic development, tourism, and evening economy opportunities.</p> <p>Furthermore, the objective embeds key national priorities relating to climate action, green infrastructure, and heritage-led regeneration. The enhancement of the riverbank linear park and its linkage to the wider town centre contributes to nature-based solutions, active travel networks, and climate resilience, all of which are central to funding assessment criteria. The sensitive integration of archaeological and built heritage ensures that regeneration is both sustainable and place-specific, reinforcing Arklow's unique identity.</p> <p>Overall, ARK2(B) represents a coherent, investment-ready regeneration framework that aligns with national policy and funding mechanisms, positioning Arklow to effectively compete for and leverage public funding to deliver long-term, sustainable town centre renewal.</p>
Chief Executive's Preliminary Response	
The CE has no objection to the proposed alteration.	

Alteration No. EM7 was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. W. O'Toole and agreed by all present.

COUNCILLOR ALTERATION No.	EM8	PROPOSED	Cllr. P. Leonard
		SECONDED	Cllr. S. Bourke
OUTCOME		PASSED AS PROPOSED	
Proposed Alteration Relates to:			
Submission Number		55	
Chief Executive Modification Number			
Arklow LPF Section		PART B SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	

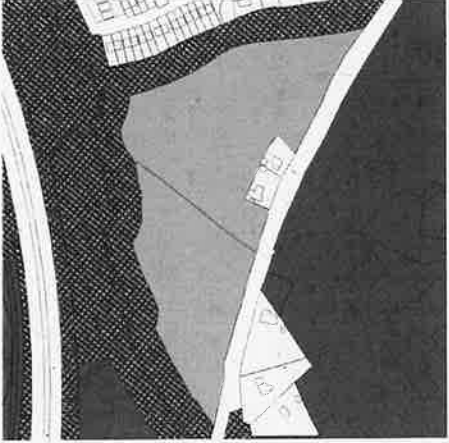
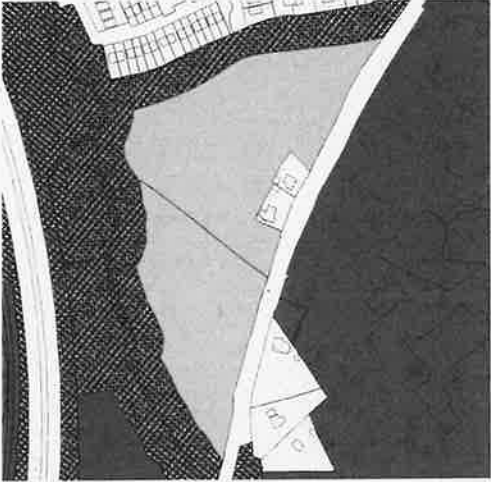
Chapter/Section	B.5 Tourism Development & B.7 Heritage, Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure
PROPOSAL	<p>Include provisions for access to Arklow South Beach from the Southern Port Access Road</p> <p>Amend Tourism & Recreation Objectives as follows:</p> <p>ARK36</p> <p><i>To protect and enhance existing, and support the development of new walking, cycling routes / trails, including facilities ancillary to trails (such as sign posting and car parks) and the development of linkages between existing trails in the area. In particular, to encourage and facilitate the maintenance and improvement of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>The Avoca River Walk and linkages to Vale Road and Arklow Main Street;</i> ▪ <i>Lamberton Avenue/Woodlands Park leading to Glenart Woods;</i> ▪ <i>Walking infrastructure along North Quay linking to the coastal walk and Kynoch Park;</i> ▪ <i>Walking infrastructure along South Quay linking to Arklow South Beach via Arklow Port and the former Arklow Pottery site;</i> ▪ <i>Walking infrastructure along the Port Access Road linking to Arklow South Beach, The Cove, Nun's Beach and onto Clogga Beach.</i> <p>Amend Heritage, Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure Objectives as follows:</p> <p>ARK64</p> <p><i>To promote and support the development of enhanced or new greenways and amenity walks at the following locations and require development in the vicinity of same to enhance existing routes and / or provide new links:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>The Avoca River Walk and Shillelagh to Arklow Greenway Route;</i> ▪ <i>Glenart Woods Forest;</i> ▪ <i>Arklow Seafront and Waterfront Zones;</i> ▪ <i>Arklow Rock Cliff Walk;</i> ▪ <i>Arklow North and South Quays;</i> ▪ <i>Arklow South Beach, The Cove, Nun's Beach and onto Clogga Beach.</i> <p>Amend ARKLOW PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OBJECTIVES - Road Objectives as follows:</p> <p>ARK82</p> <p><i>Support and promote the development of the following new regional/distributor roads and road improvements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>The Southern Port Access Road (SPAR) to (a) facilitate development in SLO4 (Tinahask-Money Big) and (b) provide a more suitable road network for larger</i>

	<p>vehicles and reduce reliance on the South Quays and Nineteen Arches Bridge for HGV movement and (c) ensuring safer conditions are provided for active travel improvements in Arklow Town Centre, the Nineteen Arches Bridge and along South Quay and (d) improve amenity/pedestrian access to Arklow South Beach, The Cove, Nun's Beach and onto Clogga Beach. The design of the road including its final alignment and boundary treatments shall be take into account its proximity to the coastline whilst ensuring minimal impact on Arklow Golf Club and the Roadstone Quarry (RN 3, 6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To require as part of the development of SLO4 (Tinahask-Money Big) the development of distributor road access to SLO3 (Abbeylands-Tinahask) to the north and to the employment zoned lands to the south ▪ To require as part of a possible Western Distributor Road from Kilbride to the Vale Road, the development of a distributor road through SLO5 from the L-6179 to the northern boundary of Arklow Town Marsh at a location to be agreed with Wicklow County Council (RN 4) ▪ To improve, as funding allows, the principal access routes into the town centre from surrounding tourism locations, particular the Coast Road north of the town, the Clogga Road, the Vale Road, and access to potential northern waterfront zone developments.
<p>REASON</p>	<p>The inclusion of enhanced pedestrian pathways and formalised access to Arklow South Beach, The Cove and Nun's Beach from the Southern Port Access Road is consistent with the strategic objectives of the Arklow Local Area Plan and aligns with national policy promoting sustainable mobility, tourism development and high-quality placemaking.</p> <p>This amendment supports the principles of the Town Centre First Policy by strengthening physical and visual connections between the town centre, waterfront and coastal amenities, thereby improving the overall attractiveness and usability of Arklow as a place to live, work and visit. Improved access to these natural assets will encourage increased footfall, longer visitor dwell time, and greater economic activity within the town, reinforcing Arklow's role as a key coastal destination.</p> <p>The provision of safe, high-quality pedestrian infrastructure linking the Southern Port Access Road to the coastline also aligns with national investment priorities under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund and the National Transport Authority active travel programmes, which prioritise permeability, accessibility, and modal shift away from car dependency. By integrating walking and cycling infrastructure into strategic road projects, the proposal ensures that the Southern Port Access Road delivers multi-functional benefits beyond traffic management, including recreation, health, and climate action outcomes.</p> <p>Furthermore, enhancing access to Arklow South Beach, The Cove and Nuns Beach supports the development of a coherent coastal green infrastructure network, in line with objectives relating to biodiversity, recreation, and landscape protection. Improved connectivity between the Port Access Road, coastal walks and adjoining amenities—including links towards Clogga Beach—will facilitate the creation of an integrated recreational corridor, supporting both local use and tourism.</p> <p>Importantly, the provision of defined pathways and managed access points will also help to protect sensitive coastal environments by directing footfall away from vulnerable areas, thereby balancing increased usage with environmental stewardship.</p>

	Overall, this amendment represents a logical and sustainable extension of existing infrastructure objectives, ensuring that significant public investment in the Southern Port Access Road also delivers enhanced amenity, accessibility, and tourism benefits, in accordance with local and national policy frameworks
Chief Executive's Preliminary Response	
The CE is not opposed to the proposed alteration.	

Alteration No. EM8 was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke and agreed by all present.

COUNCILLOR ALTERATION No.	EM9	PROPOSED	Cllr. W. O'Toole
		SECONDED	Cllr. P. Leonard
OUTCOME		NOT PASSED	
Proposed Alteration Relates to:			
Submission Number		16, 43, 56	
Chief Executive Modification Number			
Arklow LPF Section		MAPS	
Chapter/Section		Map No. 1 Land Use Map	
PROPOSAL	Amend MAP NO. 1 LAND USE ZONING for lands at Money Little. Amend land use zoning at Money Little (measuring c. 4.2 ha) from CE 'Community and Education' to AOS 'Active Open Space', as follows: Change from:		

	 <p>Change to:</p> 
<p>REASON</p>	<p>This proposed alteration arises from a number of submissions received on Sports facilities as part of the process, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 56 -Submission Ref. 155026, which identifies the need to zone suitable lands for sports and club use, ensuring accessible and shared outdoor recreational infrastructure • 43 - Submission Ref. 103009 , which highlights the inadequacy of existing athletics facilities and the need for a purpose-built track and associated infrastructure • 16 - Submission Ref. 063341, which supports the provision of lands for sports use, including the potential development of a sports hub in the Wexford Road / Arklow bypass area. <p>Collectively, these submissions demonstrate a clear and ongoing demand for accessible, multi-use outdoor sports infrastructure within Arklow.</p> <p>In this context, the proposed amendment represents a reasonable and evidence-based response to identified needs, while also aligning with the Active Open Space requirements set out in the Social Infrastructure Audit.</p>

	<p>Also the approach suggested seeks to retain flexibility for long-term educational use, while allowing for Active Open Space or dual-use in the interim, ensuring that the lands can deliver tangible community benefit within the lifetime of the plan.</p> <p>I would also say that part of the reason this is even being looked at is down to the current situation with the existing running track. While there have been works done, it's still not really fit for purpose and that's been raised a number of times. Ideally, improving what's already there would always be the better option. But where that hasn't been delivered, it's only natural that people start looking at other opportunities, including greenfield sites, to actually meet the demand that's there.</p> <p>This proposal is focused on addressing a clear gap in Arklow the lack of accessible, multi-use outdoor sports infrastructure.</p> <p>The lands are well positioned to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A dedicated athletics track - Multi-use sports pitches - Hard courts for basketball, tennis and similar uses - Shared use for schools, clubs and the wider community <p>Rezoning these lands would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deliver much-needed sports infrastructure - Support health, wellbeing and youth engagement - Provide inclusive and accessible facilities for a growing population - Protect the lands for long-term recreational use <p>This is about ensuring that as Arklow continues to grow, the infrastructure to support active lifestyles grows with it.</p>
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Chief Executive's Preliminary Response

The CE does not support the proposed alteration.

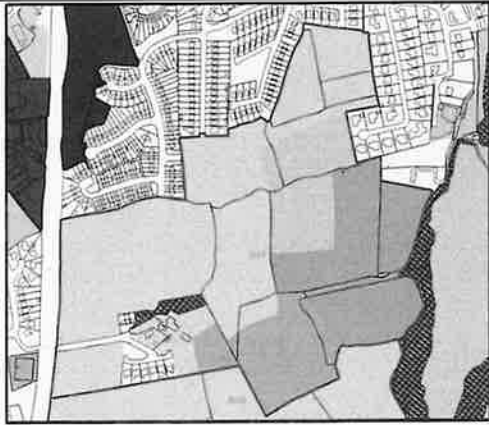
Alteration No. EM9 proposed by Cllr. W. O'Toole, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard was put to a vote and following a roll call was defeated by a margin of 9 for, 13 against, 7 not present and 2 abstained viz:-

FOR (9)	CLLRS. D. ALVEY, M. DUDDY, O. FINN, P. LEONARD, M. MURPHY, I. NEARY, G. O'NEILL, W. O'TOOLE AND J. SNELL
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AGAINST (13)	CLLRS. J. BEHAN, S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, L. FENELON GASKIN, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, S. LANGRELL, P. MAHON, G. RICHMOND, L. SCOTT, P. STAPLETON AND N. WHELAN
NOT PRESENT (7)	CLLRS. M. BARRY, E. DOYLE, G. DUNNE, P. FITZGERALD, J. MULHALL, P. O'BRIEN AND S. STOKES
ABSTAINED (2)	CLLRS. T. FORTUNE AND C. WINSTANLEY

COUNCILLOR ALTERATION No.	EM10	PROPOSED	Cllr. W. O'Toole
		SECONDED	Cllr. P. Leonard
OUTCOME			NOT PASSED

Proposed Alteration Relates to:		
Submission Number		37, 55, 56, 57
Chief Executive Modification Number		
Arklow LPF Section		B10: Specific Local Objectives
Chapter/Section		Map No. 1 Land Use Map
PROPOSAL	Amend MAP NO. 1 LAND USE ZONING for lands at SLO3 Abbeylands & Tinahask Expand area of AOS by 20%. Amend land use zoning at SLO3 of 0.7ha from 'RN2 – New Residential to 'AOS Active Open Space', as follows: Change from:	



Change to:



REASON

I propose that the Draft Arklow LPF be amended to increase the extent of lands zoned Active Open Space (AOS) within SLO3.

Notwithstanding compliance with the quantitative standards set out in Wicklow County Council's Active Open Space policy, it is important that provision is also considered in terms of distribution, accessibility, and functionality. SLO3 is a strategic residential growth areas, and there is currently insufficient allocation of appropriately scaled and located lands to accommodate formal and informal recreational uses.

Recent submissions within the plan process highlight ongoing deficiencies in sports facilities and the need to support expanding clubs and youth participation. Increasing AOS zoning in this area would provide for pitches, multi-use recreational spaces and community facilities in accessible locations, consistent with national policy objectives relating to compact growth, active travel and healthy placemaking.

Furthermore, additional AOS lands could be aligned with green infrastructure and surface water management measures, contributing to biodiversity enhancement and climate resilience.



	It is proposed that the zoning maps be amended to increase AOS lands within SLO3 to ensure additional, accessible and future-proofed recreational provision for the growing population of Arklow.
Chief Executive's Preliminary Response	
The CE does not support the proposed alteration.	

Alteration No. EM10 proposed by Cllr. W. O'Toole, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard was put to a vote and following a roll call was defeated by a margin of 7 for, 12 against, 7 not present and 5 abstained viz:-

FOR (7)	CLLRS. J. BEHAN, M. DUDDY, P. LEONARD, I. NEARY, G O'NEILL, W. O'TOOLE AND J. SNELL
AGAINST (12)	CLLRS. S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, L. FENELON GASKIN, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, S. LANGRELL, P. MAHON, M. MURPHY, G. RICHMOND, P. STAPLETON AND N. WHELAN
NOT PRESENT (7)	CLLRS. M. BARRY, E. DOYLE, G. DUNNE, P. FITZGERALD, J. MULHALL, P. O'BRIEN AND S. STOKES
ABSTAINED (5)	D. ALVEY, O. FINN, T. FORTUNE, L. SCOTT AND C. WINSTANLEY

COUNCILLOR ALTERATION No.	EM11	PROPOSED	Cllr. W. O'Toole
		SECONDED	Cllr. P. Leonard
OUTCOME			PASSED AS PROPOSED

Proposed Alteration Relates to:	
Submission Number	37, 55, 56, 57
Chief Executive Modification Number	
Arklow LPF Section	B10: Specific Local Objectives
Chapter/Section	Map No. 1 Land Use Map

<p>PROPOSAL</p>	<p>Amend MAP NO. 1 LAND USE ZONING for lands at SLO5 Kilbride</p> <p>Increase AOS by 20%.</p> <p>Amend land use zoning at SLO5 of 1.24ha from 'RN2 – New Residential to 'AOS Active Open Space', as follows:</p> <p>Change from:</p>  <p>Change to:</p> 
<p>REASON</p>	<p>I propose that the Draft Arklow LPF be amended to increase the extent of lands zoned Active Open Space (AOS) within SLO5.</p> <p>Notwithstanding compliance with the quantitative standards set out in Wicklow County Council's Active Open Space policy, it is important that provision is also considered in terms of distribution, accessibility, and functionality. SLO5 is a strategic residential growth areas, and there is currently insufficient allocation of appropriately scaled and located lands to accommodate formal and informal recreational uses.</p> <p>Recent submissions within the plan process highlight ongoing deficiencies in sports facilities and the need to support expanding clubs and youth participation. Increasing AOS zoning in this area would provide for pitches, multi-use recreational spaces and community facilities in accessible locations, consistent</p>

	<p>with national policy objectives relating to compact growth, active travel and healthy placemaking.</p> <p>Furthermore, additional AOS lands could be aligned with green infrastructure and surface water management measures, contributing to biodiversity enhancement and climate resilience.</p> <p>It is proposed that the zoning maps be amended to increase AOS lands within SLO5 to ensure additional, accessible and future-proofed recreational provision for the growing population of Arklow.</p>
Chief Executive's Preliminary Response	
The CE does not support the proposed alteration.	

Alteration No. EM11 proposed by Cllr. W. O'Toole, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard was put to a vote and following a roll call was passed by a margin of 10 for, 8 against, 8 not present and 5 abstained viz:-

FOR (10)	CLLRS. J. BEHAN, M. DUDDY, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, P. LEONARD, M. MURPHY, I. NEARY, G O'NEILL, W. O'TOOLE AND J. SNELL
AGAINST (8)	CLLRS. S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, L. FENELON GASKIN, S. LANGRELL, G. RICHMOND, P. STAPLETON AND N. WHELAN
NOT PRESENT (8)	CLLRS. M. BARRY, E. DOYLE, G. DUNNE, P. FITZGERALD, P. MAHON, J. MULHALL, P. O'BRIEN AND S. STOKES
ABSTAINED (5)	D. ALVEY, O. FINN, T. FORTUNE, L. SCOTT AND C. WINSTANLEY

COUNCILLOR ALTERATION No.	EM12	PROPOSED	Cllr. W. O'Toole
		SECONDED	Cllr. P. Leonard
Proposed Alteration Relates to:			
Submission Number		55, 56, 57	
Chief Executive Modification Number			
Arklow LPF Section		B10: Specific Local Objectives	
Chapter/Section		SLO 2 Southern Waterfront Zone	
PROPOSAL	Amend Objectives for SLO 2 Southern Waterfront Zone as follows:		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enhancement of existing and development of new maritime related based commercial and/or leisure activities on the sites directly fronting Arklow Port/Harbour shall be supported ▪ Any redevelopment proposals west of the harbour shall retain and incorporate the existing buildings on the north western corner as identified on the concept drawing. ▪ Any re-development proposals for the former Arklow Pottery Site shall provide for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A mixed used high density development incorporating residential development and tourism accommodation, with active uses at ground floor level including cafes/restaurants, small shops and marine based leisure activities, in particular along the façade addressing site Arklow South Beach. - The redevelopment of this site shall retain the vehicular access to Arklow Beach and facilitate pedestrian access through the site via a series of new streets and public spaces. - Proposals for this site shall be of a high architectural and landscape quality incorporating some reference to the former use of the site by Arklow Pottery and contribute positively to the streetscape and public realm environment of this area. The design shall carefully consider the visually prominent location of this site which will form primary facades onto Arklow Beach to the east, the Avoca River and Arklow Port to its north and west and Arklow Golf Club to the south. - An amenity green / recreational space of not less than 0.8ha that provides for passive play integrating universal design / sensory features. - The height of any development on site shall demonstrate how it appropriately responds to its waterfront location at the entrance to Arklow Port whilst not appearing out of character of context. ▪ The Seafarers Memorial Garden shall be retained as a focal point for this area ▪ Maintaining ease of access to the waterfront for existing and future marine users (such as the Sea Scouts and Arklow Rowing Club) shall be a key considered in the regeneration of this area. ▪ The design of any new development, in particular on sites along the water edge (both along the river or the harbour) shall incorporate any future identified / required surface water or flood management measures, in particular any future identified / required flood defences and / or surface water management infrastructure. ▪ All development proposals shall consider this locations exposed and visually prominent coastal location. Proposal shall be of a high architectural quality. High quality finishes are to be used in the public realm, including external elevational treatment to buildings, structures and public open space. Soft landscaping shall also consider this coastal location. Finishes shall be attractive and durable, and appropriate to the scale, form and appearance of the buildings and their surroundings.
REASON	<p>I welcome the inclusion of green infrastructure, biodiversity and amenity policies within the Draft LPP.</p> <p>However, I believe there is a gap in how these are spatially applied, particularly in relation to lands identified as SLO2. This presents a significant opportunity to formally recognise and partially zone some of these lands for a more appropriate and strategic form of Open Space.</p>

	<p>It is submitted that some SLO2 lands should be identified and strengthened as a blue-green infrastructure corridor, incorporating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - accessible coastal and riverside walkways - Low-impact recreational use (playground/ active play) - Biodiversity and habitat protection and enhancement - Sensory and inclusive design elements <p>While the LPF identifies substantial areas of open space , this does not address the type, function, or distribution of open space. The SLO2 lands represent a unique natural asset which is currently underutilised in this regard.</p> <p>Strengthening the designation or policy support for Open Space within SLO2 would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deliver on green infrastructure and biodiversity objectives already set out in the LPF; - Provide accessible recreational space for all users, including those with additional needs; - Support sustainable tourism by enhancing coastal and riverside amenities and connectivity; - Ensure these lands are protected from piecemeal or inappropriate development. <p>This approach aligns with national guidance on climate adaptation, sustainable urban drainage (SuDS) and multifunctional green infrastructure.</p> <p>I therefore propose that the LPF be amended to more clearly identify and support the use of SLO2 lands as strategic Open Space and blue-green infrastructure.</p>
Chief Executive's Preliminary Response	
The CE does not support the proposed alteration	

Alterations to the amendment were proposed as follows:

PROPOSAL	<p>Amend Objectives for SLO 2 Southern Waterfront Zone as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enhancement of existing and development of new maritime related based commercial and/or leisure activities on the sites directly fronting Arklow Port/Harbour shall be supported ▪ Any redevelopment proposals west of the harbour shall retain and incorporate the existing buildings on the north western corner as identified on the concept drawing. ▪ Any re-development proposals for the former Arklow Pottery Site shall provide for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A mixed used high density development incorporating residential development and tourism accommodation, with active uses at ground floor level including cafes/restaurants, small shops and marine based leisure activities, in particular along the façade addressing site Arklow South Beach. - The redevelopment of this site shall retain the vehicular access to Arklow Beach and facilitate pedestrian access though the site via a series of new streets and public spaces.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposals for this site shall be of a high architectural and landscape quality incorporating some reference to the former use of the site by Arklow Pottery and contribute positively to the streetscape and public realm environment of this area. The design shall carefully consider the visually prominent location of this site which will form primary facades onto Arklow Beach to the east, the Avoca River and Arklow Port to its north and west and Arklow Golf Club to the south. - An amenity green / recreational space of not less than 0.8ha that provides for passive play integrating universal design / sensory features. - The height of any development on site shall demonstrate how it appropriately responds to its waterfront location at the entrance to Arklow Port whilst not appearing out of character of context. ▪ The Seafarers Memorial Garden shall be retained as a focal point for this area ▪ Maintaining ease of access to the waterfront for existing and future marine users (such as the Sea Scouts and Arklow Rowing Club) shall be a key considered in the regeneration of this area. ▪ The design of any new development, in particular on sites along the water edge (both along the river or the harbour) shall incorporate any future identified / required surface water or flood management measures, in particular any future identified / required flood defences and / or surface water management infrastructure. ▪ All development proposals shall consider this locations exposed and visually prominent coastal location. Proposal shall be of a high architectural quality. High quality finishes are to be used in the public realm, including external elevational treatment to buildings, structures and public open space. Soft landscaping shall also consider this coastal location. Finishes shall be attractive and durable, and appropriate to the scale, form and appearance of the buildings and their surroundings.
REASON	<p>I welcome the inclusion of green infrastructure, biodiversity and amenity policies within the Draft LPF.</p> <p>However, I believe there is a gap in how these are spatially applied, particularly in relation to lands identified as SLO2. This presents a significant opportunity to formally recognise and partially zone some of these lands for a more appropriate and strategic form of Open Space.</p> <p>It is submitted that some SLO2 lands should be identified and strengthened as a blue-green infrastructure corridor, incorporating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - accessible coastal and riverside walkways - Low-impact recreational use (playground/ active play) - Biodiversity and habitat protection and enhancement - Sensory and inclusive design elements

	<p>While the LPF identifies substantial areas of open space , this does not address the type, function, or distribution of open space. The SLO2 lands represent a unique natural asset which is currently underutilised in this regard.</p> <p>Strengthening the designation or policy support for Open Space within SLO2 would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deliver on green infrastructure and biodiversity objectives already set out in the LPF; - Provide accessible recreational space for all users, including those with additional needs; - Support sustainable tourism by enhancing coastal and riverside amenities and connectivity; - Ensure these lands are protected from piecemeal or inappropriate development. <p>This approach aligns with national guidance on climate adaptation, sustainable urban drainage (SuDS) and multifunctional green infrastructure.</p> <p>I therefore propose that the LPF be amended to more clearly identify and support the use of SLO2 lands as strategic Open Space and blue-green infrastructure.</p>
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Alteration No. EM12 proposed by Cllr. W. O’Toole, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard was put to a vote and following a roll call was tied by a margin of 10 for, 10 against, 9 not present and 2 abstained viz:-

FOR (10)	CLLRS. D. ALVEY, J. BEHAN, M. DUDDY, T. FORTUNE, P. LEONARD, M. MURPHY, I. NEARY, W. O’TOOLE, J. SNELL AND C. WINSTANLEY
AGAINST (10)	CLLRS. S. BOURKE, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, L. FENELON GASKIN, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, S. LANGRELL, P. MAHON, G. RICHMOND AND N. WHELAN
NOT PRESENT (9)	CLLRS. M. BARRY, E. DOYLE, G. DUNNE, P. FITZGERALD, J. MULHALL, P. O’BRIEN, G. O’NEILL, P. STAPLETON AND S. STOKES
ABSTAINED (2)	CLLRS. O. FINN AND L. SCOTT

As the vote ended in a tie, the Cathaoirleach had the casting vote in which she voted against.

Part 2 Chief Executives Recommended Alterations to Proposed Variation / draft LPF

Section B.1 Town Centre Regeneration

No.	Section	Recommended Alterations
1	B.1.4 Opportunity Site 1 - The Alps	Alter the text as follows Objectives OP1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The topographical challenges of this site area recognised. Proposals shall carefully balance the challenges of this site with its highly accessible town centre location whilst been sensitive to its immediate built and natural context, including Protected Structure (A39 – Former Ormonde Cinema) and the Ormonde Castle National Monument (WI040-029002-Castle - Anglo-Norman masonry castle), and its location within an area of Archaeological Significance or Potential (Arklow Town). Proposals shall demonstrate how they accord with the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

CE Recommendation No. 1 was proposed by Cllr. S. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard and agreed by all present.

2	B.1.4 Opportunity Site 2 - Main Street	Alter the text as follows Objectives OP2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any new scheme should seek to protect the character and appearance of the traditional shop fronts including the Morgan Doyle facade and canopy and any architectural details on buildings of high architectural value wherever possible. Development shall take account of the site's location within an Area of Archaeological Significance or Potential (Arklow Town) and appropriately protect any heritage assets.
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CE Recommendation No. 2 was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke and agreed by all present.

B.4 Economic Development and Employment

No.	Section	Recommended Alterations
3	Arklow Employment Objectives	Include new Objective ARK X:

		<p>ARK XX 'To continue to facilitate the development of large-scale employment development (including ICT development and associated energy infrastructure) on E zoned lands at Avoca River Park and Bogland / Money Big'.</p>
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CE Recommendation No. 3 was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke and agreed by all present.

Section B.5 Tourism Development

No.	Section	Recommended Alterations
4	B.5 Tourism & Recreation Objectives	<p>Alter Objective ARK 35 as follows:</p> <p>'To support and facilitate the improvement of existing and the development of additional recreational infrastructure at beaches, harbours and coastlines in the LPF area, including (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ improvements to coastal access, including for those with disabilities, in particular Improvements to the visual and physical connectivity between the town centre and Arklow South Beach; ▪ improvement of existing or development of new toilets, changing facilities, waste disposal facilities etc; improvement of existing or development of new appropriately scaled and located car parking; ▪ infrastructure supporting swimming, sailing, marina/quayside berthing, rowing and other water sports, and shore fishing subject to ensuring no adverse environmental or visual impacts.'

CE Recommendation No. 4 was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke and agreed by all present.

Section B.6 Social & Community Development

No.	Section	Recommended Alterations
5	B.6 Social & Community Development Objectives	<p>Alter Objective ARK43 as follows:</p> <p>'Having regard to the potential longer term education needs in the Arklow area which have not been determined at this time but may arise; the physical and environmental constraints present in the area; and the space required particularly for new secondary schools, the development of new schools shall be permissible in principle in all land use zones in this LPF, other than OS1 and OS2, subject to the following criteria (in addition to all normal planning considerations) being fulfilled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In order to ensure an appropriate spatial distribution of schools throughout the LPF area and to ensure maximum accessibility of all residential areas to schools, no new primary school shall be located within a 10-minute walking time of any existing primary schools or no new secondary school shall be located within a 20-minute walking time of any existing secondary schools; ▪ The site has excellent public transport and active travel infrastructure in situ, or planned and committed to coincide with a new school opening at the site; ▪ No such development will be considered on lands in existing community use where the loss in the use / facility is not being made up for elsewhere within the settlement. ▪ In relation to flood risk, the sequential approach shall be applied in site planning, to ensure no encroachment onto, or loss of flood plain. Only water compatible development such as Open Space will be permitted for lands which are identified as being at risk of flooding'

CE Recommendation No. 5 was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke and agreed by all present.

Section B.7 Heritage, Biodiversity & Green Infrastructure

No.	Section	Recommended Alterations
6	B.7 Heritage, Biodiversity & Green Infrastructure Objectives	<p>Include new Objective ARK XX:</p> <p>ARK XX - Development, where relevant, should have regard to the structure and setting of Arklow/Ormonde Castle'.</p>

CE Recommendation No. 6 was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke and agreed by all present.

7	B.7 Heritage, Biodiversity & Green Infrastructure Objectives	Alter Objective ARK 57 as follows: 'To ensure development is planned in a manner that has appropriate regard to specific ecological sensitivities associated with the Arklow area, including those associated with pNHAs within and around the Arklow LPF area the Arklow pNHA , the Avoca River, coastal habitats and species, and sites suitable for wintering birds. In particular, to ensure the protection and where possible the restoration of the biodiversity associated with Avoca River and its riparian (bankside) habitats. Proposals for development at or in the vicinity of the Avoca River should be informed by ecological surveying and ecological impact assessment.'
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CE Recommendation No. 7 was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard and agreed by all present.

Section B.8 Physical Infrastructure

No.	Section	Recommended Alterations
8	Infrastructure Objectives	Alter Objective ARK 77 as follows: To promote and support the delivery of connections which would significantly reduce walking times to Arklow Train Station including but not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The provision of a new link/bridge over the railway line between Arklow Train Station and Tesco; ▪ A new pedestrian/cycle link between Yellow Lane and Arklow Train Station; ▪ Improvements to existing pedestrian links between the Main Street and the Train Station in particular Ditch Lane and Tom's Lane. These links shall be designed to high-quality standards, fully accessible, and integrated into the broader town centre regeneration and public-realm improvement programmes. (PT4)

CE Recommendation No. 8 was proposed by Cllr. J. Snell, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard and agreed by all present.

9	Infrastructure Objectives	Add new objective as follows ARK-XX To support and promote the implementation of the recommended measures set out in the Local Transport Plan
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CE Recommendation No. 9 was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke and agreed by all present.

10	Infrastructure Objectives	<p>Add new objective as follows</p> <p>ARK-XX To support the development and optimisation of off-street car-parking facilities in or adjacent to the town centre so that on-street, all-day parking can be relocated. On-street spaces shall be managed and repurposed where feasible to favour set-down/drop-off areas, short-stay visitor parking and active loading rather than long-stay parking.</p>
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CE Recommendation No. 10 was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. M. Murphy and agreed by all present.

11	Infrastructure Objectives	<p>Add the following objective to the LPF:</p> <p>ARK XX Public-realm works in Arklow town centre (including lighting, accessible street furniture, paving and signage) shall wherever feasible be carried out in a coordinated, locally distinctive manner which advances high-quality design, reduces visual clutter, reinforces the town's heritage, and improves the overall visitor and community experience, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New lighting, wiring and communications infrastructure shall be placed underground wherever feasible, to reduce over-head cabling, poles and visual intrusion. ▪ Lighting design shall wherever feasible be site-specific, using decorative standards in plazas and along quays, emphasising heritage frontages, town-centre gateways and riverside links ▪ The public-realm works shall wherever feasible reflect Arklow's heritage (boat-building, pottery, seaside identity) and integrate craft/design elements, coordinated across streets, junctions and the waterfront to create a cohesive sense of place. ▪ Infrastructure renewal shall wherever feasible, be planned and delivered as part of a comprehensive public-realm master-scheme rather than piecemeal, ensuring continuity of design, materials, branding and quality across the town-centre regeneration area.
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CE Recommendation No. 11 with modification, addition of word 'accessible' was proposed by Cllr. M. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke and agreed by all present.

12	Infrastructure Objectives	<p>Add new objective as follows</p> <p>ARK-XX To protect the strategic function of the N/M11 in accordance with Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DoECLG, 2012) and in compliance with TII Publications.</p>
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CE Recommendation No. 12 was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke and agreed by all present.

13	Flood and Coastal Management Objectives	<p>Alter the wording of Objective ARK 85 as follows:</p> <p>'Applications for new developments or significant alterations/extension to existing developments in an area identified as at risk of flooding (Flood Zones A and B) as set out in the SFRA and flood maps appended to this LPF OR in Flood Zone C but within an area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ that is deemed by the Local Authority at any time to be at possible risk of flooding having regard to new information with respect to flood risk in the area that has come to light; or ▪ that is deemed by the Local Authority at any time to be at possible risk of flooding having regard to nearby watercourses that lack corresponding indicative flood zones; ▪ that is identified as at possible future risk of flooding having regard to climate change scenarios either on Map 4C attached to this LPF or on any future maps prepared by the OPW during the lifetime of the LPF; <p>shall comply with the 'Justification Test for Development Management', as set out in Box 5.1 of 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management' Guidelines 2009 (as may be amended, supplemented or replaced during the lifetime of this LPF) and shall be accompanied by a site specific Flood Risk Assessment. Site Specific Flood Risk Assessments shall be in accordance with the requirements set out in the Flood Risk Management Guidelines and the LPF SFRA.'</p>
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CE Recommendation No. 13 was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke and agreed by all present.

14	Infrastructure Objectives	<p>Alter the wording of Objective ARK 88 as follows:</p> <p>ARK 88 To require that the development of Public Utility lands on the eastern western side of the Dublin Road to facilitate the</p>
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		expansion of the existing electricity substation comprise of high-quality design and boundary treatments, include planting and landscaping proposals to mitigate their visual impact having regard to their prominent location along the northern gateway entrance to Arklow Town.
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CE Recommendation No. 14 was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed by all present.

B.10 Specific Local Objectives

No.	Section	Recommended Alterations
15	SLO 2 Southern Waterfront Zone	Alter SLO 2 objective - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintaining ease of access to the waterfront for existing and future marine users (such as the Sea Scouts and Arklow Rowing Club) as well as emergency services shall be a key consideration in the regeneration of this area.

CE Recommendation No. 15 was proposed by Cllr. J. Snell, seconded by Cllr. P. Kennedy and agreed by all present.

16	SLO 5 Kilbride	Alter SLO 5 objective - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An area of 5ha zoned CE: Community & Education shall be reserved to facilitate the planned development of a new school campus (primary and post primary). No more than 250 dwellings may be occupied in this SLO until the CE lands have been transferred to the relevant authorities or otherwise made available for the provision of a schools campus.
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CE Recommendation No. 16 was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. T. Fortune and agreed by all present.

17	SLO 5 Kilbride	Alter SLO 5 objective - To achieve a sense of place and allow for visual diversity any residential application should provide for a number of identifiable and distinct residential areas (not exceeding 150 200 units) each containing materially different house designs and typologies within an overall unified theme.
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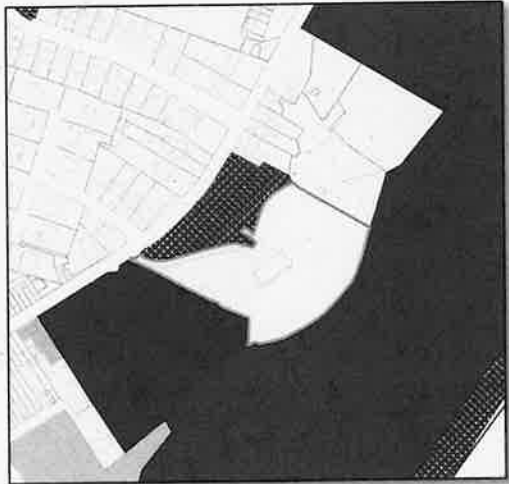
CE Recommendation No. 17 was proposed by Cllr. S. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. T. Fortune and agreed by all present.

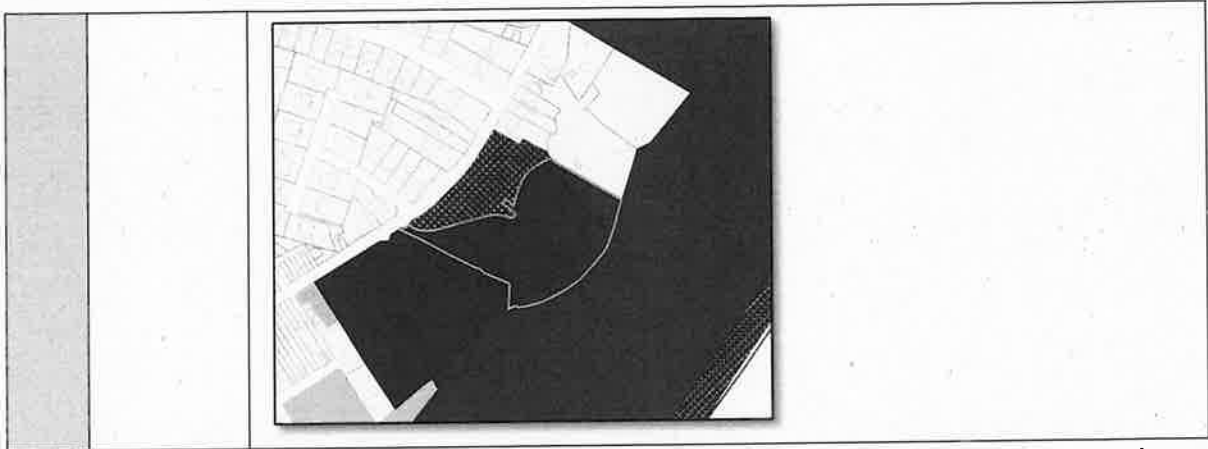
18	SLO Kilbride	5	<p>Add additional objective -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of this SLO shall ensure that views of the Howard Mausoleum from Ferrybank, and local road L-6179 Ticknock – Kilbride are maintained where feasible.
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CE Recommendation No. 18 was proposed by Cllr. S. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard and agreed by all present.

Recommended Alterations to Maps

Map No.1 Land Use Map

No.	Section	Recommended Alterations
19	Kynoch Lodge	<p>Change c. 0.96ha of 'RE – Existing Residential' to c. 0.83ha 'T – Tourism' and c. 0.13ha 'OS1 – Open Space'</p> <p>Change from:</p>  <p>Change to:</p>

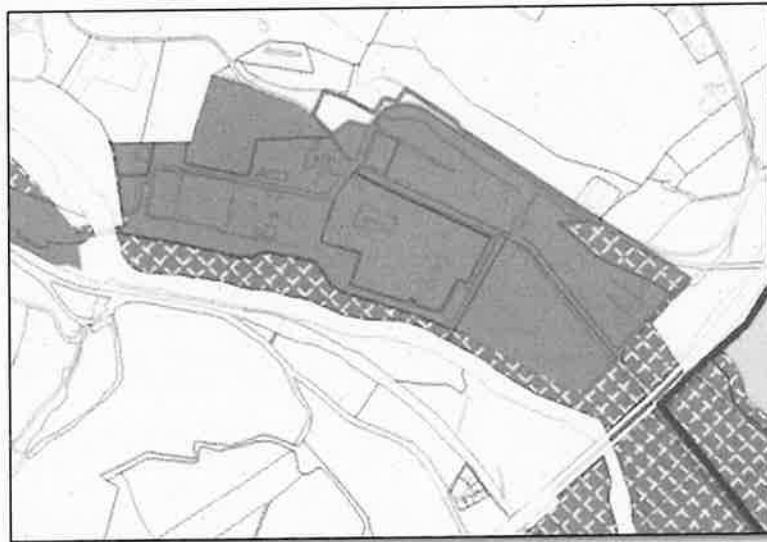


CE Recommendation No. 19 was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke and agreed by all present.

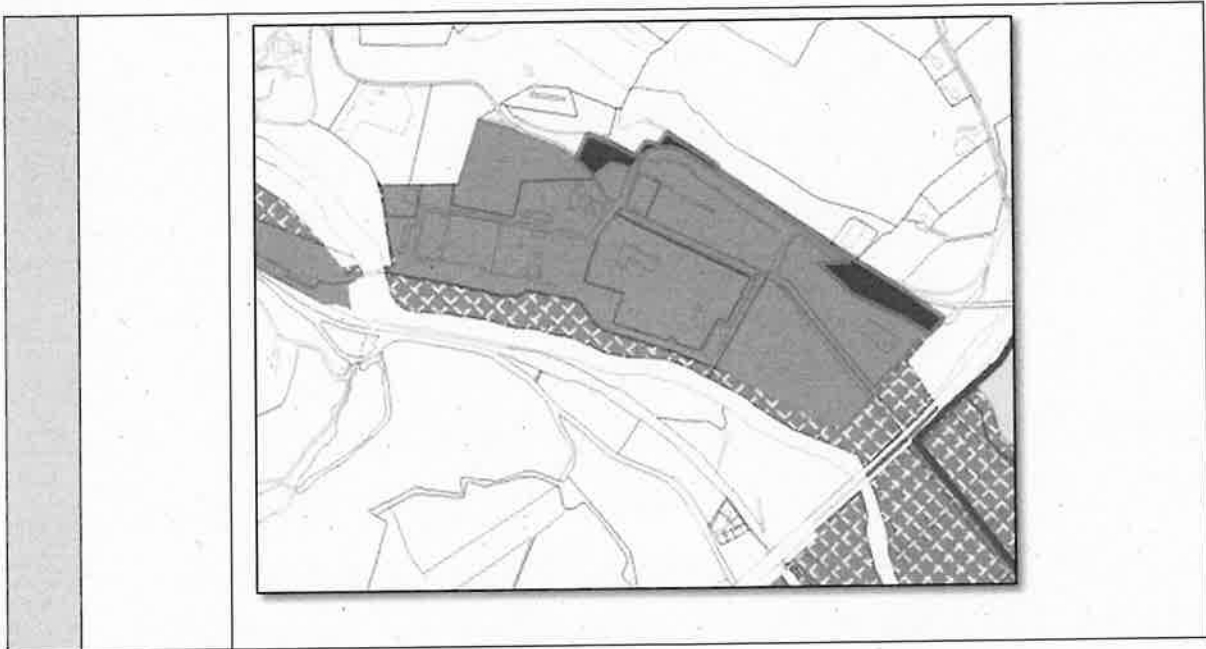
20 **Avoca River Park**

A: Change c. 1.32ha from 'OS2 Natural Areas' to 'E – Employment'
B: Change c. 1.4ha from 'unzoned' to 'E – Employment'

Change from:



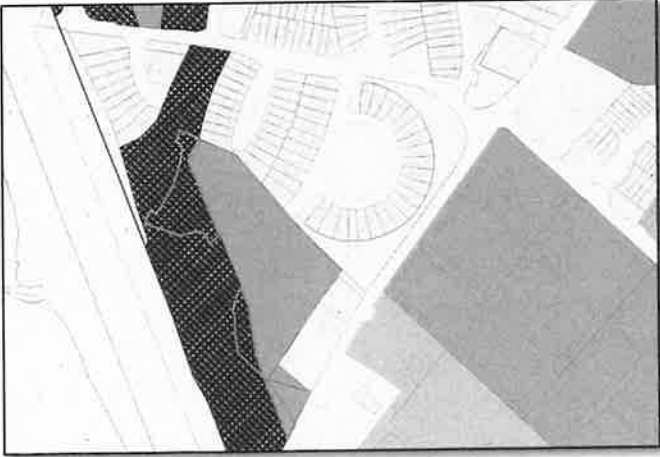
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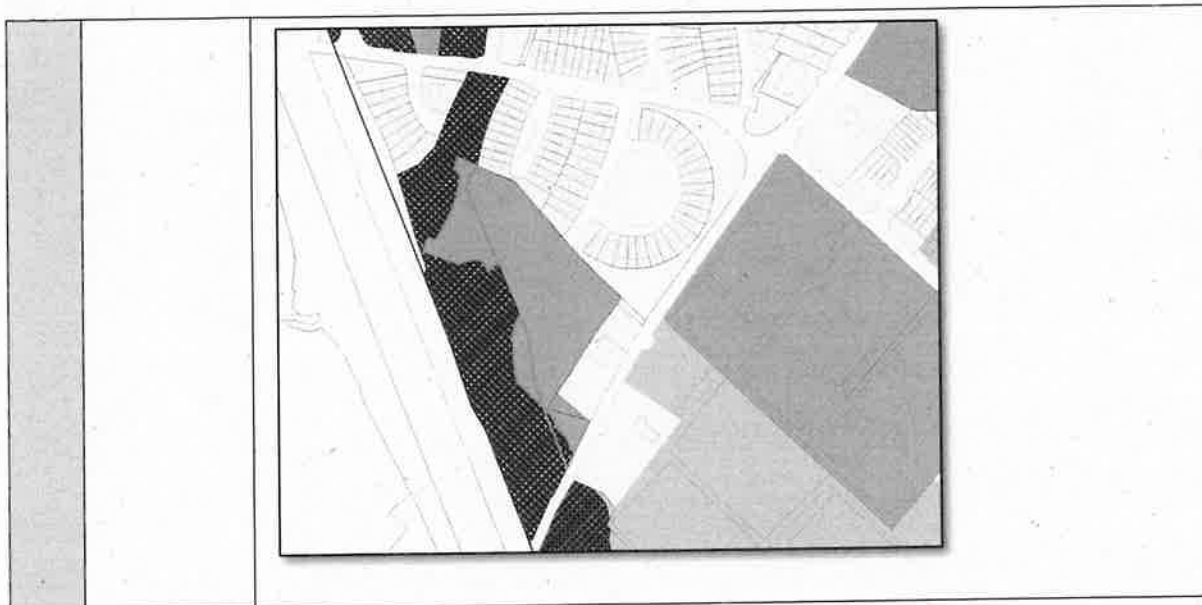


CE Recommendation No. 20 was proposed by Cllr. P. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. W. O'Toole and agreed by all present.



Prior to voting on CE Recommendation No. 21, Cllr. S. Bourke disclosed to the meeting the nature of a beneficial interest and withdrew fully from the meeting for consideration of the item.

21	Lamberton	<p>A: Change c. 0.3ha from 'OS2 Natural Areas' to 'RN2 – New Residential'</p> <p>B: Change c. 0.04ha from 'RN2 - New Residential' to 'OS2 Natural Areas'</p> <p>Change from:</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <p>Change to:</p>
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CE Recommendation No. 21 was opposed by Cllr. W. O'Toole, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard was put to a vote and following a roll call was defeated by a margin of 3 for, 11 against, 15 not present and 2 abstained viz:- as such the alteration was passed as proposed by the Chief Executive.

FOR (3)	CLLRS. P. LEONARD, W. O'TOOLE AND J. SNELL
AGAINST (11)	CLLRS. J. BEHAN, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, M. DUDDY, L. FENELON GASKIN, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, P. MAHON, G. RICHMOND, N. WHELAN AND C. WINSTANLEY
NOT PRESENT (15)	CLLRS. D. ALVEY, M. BARRY, S. BOURKE, E. DOYLE, G. DUNNE, P. FITZGERALD, S. LANGRELL, J. MULHALL, M. MURPHY, I. NEARY, P. O'BRIEN, G. O'NEILL, L. SCOTT, P. STAPLETON AND S. STOKES
ABSTAINED (2)	CLLRS. O. FINN AND T. FORTUNE

Cllr. S. Bourke was invited to rejoin the meeting which he duly did.

22	Money Big	A: Change c. 2.5ha from 'OS2 – Natural Areas' to 'E – Employment' B: Exclude c. 6.1ha of 'E' zoned land from SLO4
		Change from:



Change to (including altered SLO4 boundary):



CE Recommendation No. 22 was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. P. Glennon and agreed by all present.

Appendix

No.	Section	Recommended Alterations
23	SFRA appendix	Update flood mapping as detailed in Addendum I to the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

CE Recommendation No. 23 was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. P. Glennon and agreed by all present.

Prior to voting, Cllr. S. Bourke disclosed to the meeting the nature of a beneficial interest and withdrew fully from the meeting for consideration of the item.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Leonard, seconded by Cllr. P. Glennon that:


'The Elected Members resolve to amend the Proposed Variation to the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022 2028 Draft Arklow Local Planning Framework in accordance with the Chief Executive's recommended proposed alterations and the Elected Members proposed alterations approved at this meeting and given that said proposed alterations constitute material alterations to the Proposed Variation Draft Local Planning Framework resolve to publish notice of the proposed material alterations and any changes consequent to said material alterations for public consultation'

was put to a vote and following a roll call was passed by a margin of 15 for and 16 not present: -

FOR (15)	CLLRS. J. BEHAN, M. CORRIGAN, A. CRONIN, M. DUDDY, L. FENELON GASKIN, O. FINN, P. GLENNON, P. KENNEDY, P. LEONARD, P. MAHON, W. O'TOOLE, G. RICHMOND, J. SNELL, N. WHELAN AND C. WINSTANLEY
AGAINST (0)	
NOT PRESENT (16)	CLLRS. D. ALVEY, M. BARRY, S. BOURKE, E. DOYLE, G. DUNNE, P. FITZGERALD, T. FORTUNE, S. LANGRELL, J. MULHALL, M. MURPHY, I. NEARY, P. O'BRIEN, G. O'NEILL, L. SCOTT, P. STAPLETON AND S. STOKES
ABSTAINED (0)	

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING


CLLR. MELANIE CORRIGAN
CATHAOIRLEACH
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL


MS. HELEN PURCELL
**SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

Confirmed at meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday the 11th May 2026.