



Draft Wicklow Rathnew Draft LAP Amendment Stage Submission - Report

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Planning Department,
Wicklow County Council,
County Buildings,
Station Road,
Wicklow Town

28th March 2025

Re: Proposed Material Alterations to the Wicklow Town-Rathnew Plan 2025-2031

Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to the above. The Department of Education wishes to make the following submission to the proposed material alterations to the Wicklow Town & Rathnew Plan 2025-2031. The department has considered the above document and notes that there are no alterations to the population projections as outlined in the draft LAP and therefore the department re-affirms the projected school requirements as per its submission of the 20th November 2024.

Proposed Material Alterations No. 24 & 25

The department notes the proposed changes to the map for SLO 7 at Rosanna Lower. The department notes proposed amendment 24 and assumes that there is no change to the footprint of the new proposed Community and Education (CE) zoned land. It is noted that MA24 proposes to insert the following new text to SLO7 – Rosanna Lower (RIRR) - Lands zoned CE shall be reserved for future school use and shall not be developed for any other CE use during the lifetime of this plan. It must be stated that the reservation of any site for potential future use as a school facility is to be acknowledged. However, it is important to state that the department's preferred location for a potential future school site in this area of the draft LAP, along with the rationale for this preference remains as that which is identified in the department's submission (20/11/2024) to the draft LAP.

The department notes proposed amendment 25 in relation to the deletion of SLO 8 map and text at Rosanna Lower.

Proposed Material Alteration No. 28

The department notes the proposed amendment to create a new SLO 11 at Marton - Ballynerrin Lower. The department notes the proposed Land Use zoning changes for the new SLO area and further notes the proposed additional text for the new SLO.

The department acknowledges the crucial importance of the ongoing work of the Council in ensuring sufficient and appropriate land is zoned for educational needs. The



department wishes to thank Wicklow County Council for the consideration given to the department's submission to the draft Local Area Plan. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

If you have any queries in respect of the above, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read 'Mairead Garry', is written over a horizontal line.

Mairead Garry
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