



Variation No.6

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Write your observations here:

Thank you for asking for submissions on the Proposed Variation (No.6), to the County Wicklow County Development Plan. I would like to make the following submission.

Introduction

Our community supports sustainable housing, as is testified by the number of

developments completed and in progress to date, in and around Enniskerry Village, however the risks of further overdevelopment that the adoption of the proposed variation No.6 will cause, is to further damage the fabric of the village including the community life using the village. Our village is being used by developers to build and cash in on mansions not affordable housing for local families and generations to live close to family. The new estates built in the last decades do not function for village community with majority using the village to live but not have affection for the village. Eg being my husbands mother, [REDACTED] years old 8 off spring 6 live withing 2 km of her as a direct result of council estate builds back in 70s. But her grandkids, only 2 have a home in Enniskerry. We are not all in high wage jobs and therefore the prospects of setting and raring a family here is a complete no no, leading to moving abroad or living with parents. No support from you our council to promote family heritage.

The proposed changing Enniskerry status to a 'Key Town / Large Town or Small / Medium Town Centre', along with increased densities of over 100% according to the Table 6.1.

My observations are as follows:-

The published Proposal for Variation No.6

The explanation for calculation of these huge increases in density relating to Enniskerry is not given.

Our village is being classified as a large town, why is this?

Impact to Enniskerry Village:

The densities proposed require High-Capacity Public Transport. Enniskerry is served only by low-frequency bus routes. The village has no rail or DART link. The high densities noted in the proposed variation will further increase the traffic gridlock on the R117 and R760, creating a public safety risk for emergency vehicle access. These routes are also served by Coillte who have over 5 forestry sites west of the village and the only exit for HGV trucks is through the village.

Increasing density by 2 to 5 times without a costed plan for a proper sustainable infrastructure for transport result in an unsustainable surge in traffic contradicting

the Wicklow County Councils Climate Action Plan 2024.

Impact to Knocksink Woods SAC and surrounding wildlife as a direct result of any higher increase in development. This area is so important and has to be our Wicklow Council to help protect it foremost and will answer to EU law if you fail to protect it.

The Proposed Variation No.6 is ambiguous and confusing to say the least.

I ask that the proposed Variation No. 6 be:-

Explained more fully and proper public consultation held for communities.

Amend the Enniskerry status to Rural Town or Village.

Density per hectare of not greater than 25.

Revisit the Parknasillogue AA2 designated lands be rezoned for community use.(Recreation/ Conservation).

Revisit the environmental Appropriate Assessment for Knocksink Woods and reflect the view of the National Parks and Wildlife Service in their previous submissions in relation to planning matters at AA2 lands, Parknasillogue.

Thank you for accepting my opposition.

Regards

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