



Wicklow Rathnew LAP – Draft Ministerial Direction Stage Submission - Report

Who are you:	State Body
Name:	The Office of Public Works
Reference:	DWTRLAP-105655
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Topic

Draft Ministerial Direction to the Local Area Plan

Submission

Please see OPW FRM submission attached

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Material Amendment No. 38 (Charvey Court)

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Material Amendment No. 41 (Murrough North)

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14/07/2025

RE: Draft Ministerial Direction on the Wicklow Town - Rathnew Local Area Plan 2025 - 2031

Dear Sir/Madam,

The OPW, as lead agency for flood risk management in Ireland, welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Ministerial Direction on the Wicklow Town - Rathnew Local Area Plan 2025 - 2031

The OPW have reviewed the draft direction and supporting material provided, and can confirm that issues highlighted in the direction with regard to Flood Risk Management as set out in part I of the Statement of Reasons are consistent with the below commentary contained within the OPW submission on the Material Alterations to the draft Wicklow Town – Rathnew Local Area Plan 2025-2031 consultation:

“Amendment No. 38 and Amendment No. 41 proposes rezoning lands from OS2 Natural Areas to RN1 New Residential and E Employment respectively. Both sites overlap with Flood Zone A and B, have not satisfied multiple criteria of the Justification Tests and the zonings are noted as not appropriate. The rezoning of these lands are contrary to the Guidelines and is not recommended by the SFRA. The OPW recommends reinstating the OS2 Natural Areas zonings or rezoning as another water compatible type zoning.”

The OPW can therefore confirm its support for this ministerial direction.

If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact the OPW (floodplanning@opw.ie).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Conor Galvin', written over a horizontal line.

pp Conor Galvin



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