



Proposed Variation No. 7 to the Wicklow County Development Plan Submission Report

Submission Details

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Proposed Variation Parts

Topic	Part 1: Proposed Variation to town / settlement zoning maps and, where relevant, proposed new or amended site specific policy objectives.
Submission	1. Level 3: Greystones-Delgany

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I am completely against the rezoning of the old Charlesland Golf Club for anything other than green space. The GAA club is already rezoning within the townland. Another development is crazy.

The need/planning for housing is of course welcome, but replacing one of the last green open spaces in a town with no substantial wild space seems reckless and short sighted. Children growing up today, don't have the same room to roam as previous generations. Once a green space is paved over, it will never be wild again. The promises of playing fields is welcome, but I suspect it will fall foul of the same fate of Archers Wood. We would be careful to replace lush greens with artificial playing fields, which negatively impact the environment. A native woodland would be better suited in place to help with bio diversity and the conurbation of kilcoole and Greystones.

The council used to have a policy of having green belts around towns to help biodiversity and town boundaries. In most European countries, this is the case. Why are we suffering ourselves to urban sprawl.

Future houses here will also negatively impact the development of the railway to Wicklow. Sound restrictions will be in place due to the presence of residential housing and speed limits in built up areas affecting the timing too. It will also affect the development of two tracks south of Greystones, when this needs arises. Never mind the extra traffic this will cause for schools and commuting. The already full trains in the morning and evening will be completely overwhelmed should another 1400 houses be delivered.

In summary, questions need to be asked off the 'need' vs 'greed' of the development. The infrastructure in the town will not cope with the new development. Any new houses in here won't get any flood insurance, and possibly won't be here in 10 years time if sea levels rise.

