



Wicklow Town - Rathnew LAP Submission - Report

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Topic

Regeneration of Communities & Places - Healthy Placemaking - Urban Design - Opportunity Sites in Wicklow Town - Rathnew

Submission

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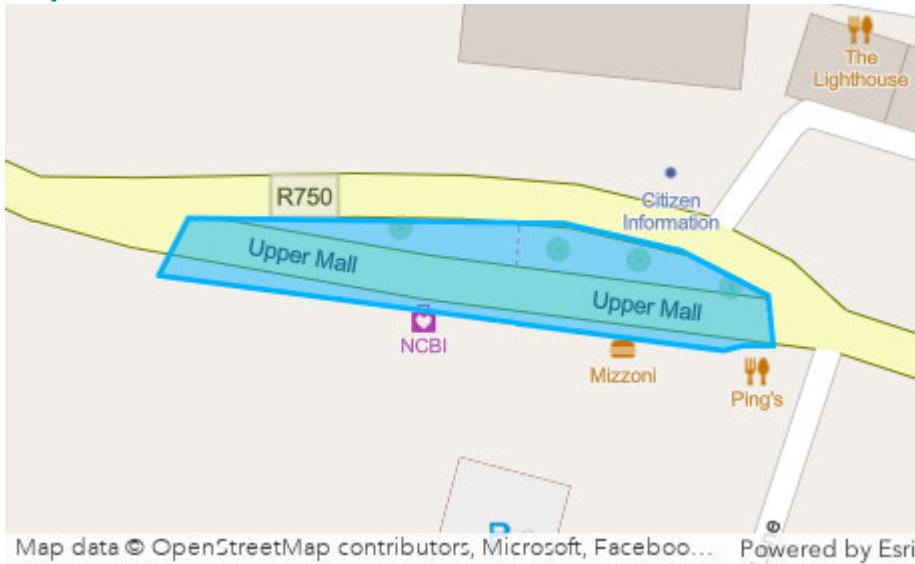
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Map



Site Description:

The Mall, Wicklow Town.

Pedestrianisation of the upper section

Development of a mixed-use facility for the community and tourists.

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The Mall, Wicklow Town



Wicklow - Rathnew LAP

Town/Village: Wicklow Town

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Potential Stakeholders/Partners:

Wicklow Town & District Chamber

Wicklow Town Community Development Group

Environment Section Wicklow

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Please note; pictures are artists' renditions, not to scale.

Area for proposed development is here;



The Mall, Wicklow Town



Pedestrian Proposal:

One of our standout propositions is the pedestrianization of the adjacent roadway. This transformation has multiple benefits:



Safety & Accessibility: A car-free zone ensures children and elderly residents can navigate safely.

Environmental Prowess: Positioning Wicklow Town as an eco-friendly town, reducing carbon footprints.

Urban Renewal: Creating a European piazza or plaza ambience, fostering social interactions and community-building.



Goals & Metrics:

Boost in Tourism: Elevate tourist influx within two years.

Local Employment: Generate over 70 jobs, with a commitment that 60% are local hires.

Sustainability: Achieve a carbon-neutral operation within three years, setting an environmental benchmark.

Economic Impact: Anticipate a 22% ROI by year three, catalyzing regional economic growth.