



Draft Wicklow Town – Rathnew LAP Submission - Report

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Topic

Residential Development

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I have noticed a deeply concerning trend (mostly online Wicklow town forum) around school places for children. There is a nasty and sinister narrative prevalent on this forum which is pitting children of families who are local (Wicklow town born and bred) against children of families in the local area who have moved in recently. I was very shocked to see this sentiment being shared openly online 2 nights ago on the Wicklow town facebook Forum. There seems to be the thinking that children of parents who have been born and bred in Wicklow town themselves should have priority over children who have moved in recently. All children living in the local area deserve school places. As someone who works with children daily I find this way of thinking deeply alarming and it is sowing seeds of division between parents.

I do think the rate of residential development in Wicklow town/Rathnew is causing extreme pressure on essential services such as GP, Dental services and school places.

This is allowing a dangerous rhetoric to take traction which is thriving when parents cant get school places for their children or have been left on extensive waiting lists for oversubscribed schools. I do think this needs to be taken into consideration when approving future residential developments in the Wicklow Town/Rathnew area.

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Retail /Opportunity Sites

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We badly need a new hotel in Wicklow Town.

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Community Development (inc. sports facilities & schools, etc)

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See point above about schools places.

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Infrastructure (inc. Infrastructure Delivery Schedule)

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We need more investment in our local train infrastructure. The current weekend timetable from Wicklow town

into Dublin city centre is insufficient. 3 trains daily on Sunday is not sufficient. We need a late train leaving Dublin on Saturday at around 21:00pm to cater for those who want to stay out and have a meal or a few drinks.

There is no electronic platform display at Wicklow town train station. On Sundays there is no station master present at the station so there is no one to ask at the desk. Everything is shut up. It a game trying to figure out which platform your train will depart from. There is no intercom announcement service at the station on Sundays either.

How do elderly people or people with hearing or visual difficulties manage?

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[Green Infrastructure / GI map](#)

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A greenway between Wicklow town, Kilcoole and Greystones should be established.

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