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Minister of State for Housing.

Wicklow Development Plan 2022-2026 Draft Directive issued by Minister, re Kilmullen, Newcastle. Map 7.01

Dear Minister

I write in further to the direction to delete the objective providing a nursing home at Kilmullen Farm near Kilcoole. This land is or was in the Local Area Plan for Kilcoole and was zoned as part of the site of Druids Glen Golf & Leisure Resort to provide for 'Integrated Tourism & Leisure.

The critique of the nursing home zoning by officials seems to consider that it is in the middle of the countryside. Druids Glen has extensive roads, paths, swimming pool & health club, hotel, café, restaurant, lakes & parkland as well as golf. It is immediately accessible from the site by walking and smooth roads for wheel chairs. It would be a good outing by nursing home residents with/without friends for those with some mobility. There is a shuttle bus to the hotel and lots of taxis.

I believe that the nursing home zoning should stay in the plan but if not then it should revert to the 'Integrated Tourism/Leisure/Recreational' and would ask you to amend your directions to Wicklow County Council.

Yours sincerely

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