



# Wicklow Town - Rathnew LAP Submission - Report

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## Topic

Economic Opportunity - Tourism - Shops & Services - Community Facilities

## Submission

The following facilities are required:

Permanent public, wheelchair accessible toilets at Wicklow Harbour, Murrough Playground, Black Castle.

A suitable site for a sports and community centre, located on land between Wicklow and Rathnew, to cater for multi disciplinary activities including running track, playing pitches, tennis and basketball courts, indoor sports, boxing, bridge clubs and community meeting rooms.

Land to be allocated for investment in hotel or hotels in the area. Similar in size to the Parkview Hotel in Newtownmountkennedy or the Arklow Bay Hotel. Possibly in or close to Wicklow or Rathnew to keep footfall within the area to encourage trade with other businesses. We need a hotel to cater for tourists and events and to encourage people to visit and stay in Wicklow.

A site for a Maritime Museum in Wicklow and a Heritage Museum in Rathnew.

A site for allotments and community garden between Wicklow and Rathnew.

A site for investment by a clothing and household goods retailer or chain store group.

A site for artists of different mediums to both produce work and exhibit/sell their work together with a site or building for public performances and the arts. Possibly develop the disused buildings on the Murrough into an area for the arts and heritage with exhibition space, work space, museum, performance space, rehearsal space, cafe and/or restaurant.

## Topic

Heritage - Biodiversity- Green infrastructure- Climate Action- Energy

## Submission

A new access path to the Murrough from the promenade side to counter the effects of coastal erosion which has almost completely destroyed the access path to this very popular amenity.

The trees on Bachelors Walk, Leitrim Place and the Riverwalk should be protected. Also the trees on the Church banks opposite the riverwalk as many Herons and Little Egrets nest there and return to these nesting sites each year.

Rights of way to be registered to many of our local and coastal beauty spots.

We need larger green corridors wherever development takes place to help reduce the risk of flooding.

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