



Variation No.6

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I have lived in Enniskerry for over 35 years and I am deeply worried about what is being proposed under Variation No. 6 of the Wicklow County Development Plan.

Enniskerry has always been classed as a small growth village, with limited development and low housing density. This has helped protect its character, community life, and natural environment. Now the Council is proposing to reclassify it as a large or medium growth town and allow two to five times more housing density than before. This is a huge change and one that has not been properly explained to the people who live here.

Our village does not have the infrastructure to support this level of growth. We have poor public transport, no rail link, narrow roads, limited footpaths, very few local jobs and sensitive natural areas. Even Wicklow County Council's own Chief Executive previously stated that Enniskerry is not well placed to take significant additional housing because of these issues.

I am also extremely concerned about the impact this level of development could have on Knocksink Wood, a protected Special Area of Conservation. Independent experts and the National Parks and Wildlife Service have already warned that development in this area could damage the rare tufa springs and water systems that are protected under EU law.

After more than three decades living here, I am watching a beautiful village with a strong sense of community and heritage being put under threat by overdevelopment driven by greedy developers, not by what is best for residents or the environment.

I strongly object to Enniskerry being reclassified as a large growth town. I ask that it remains a small growth village, that housing density stays appropriate to its scale, and that the protection of Knocksink Wood and our local environment is treated as a priority, not an afterthought.

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