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1 Purpose of Report

DBFL Consulting Engineers were commissioned by Wicklow County Council to prepare a draft Local Transport Plan in accordance with the *Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) Guidance Note (2018)* and *ABTA Pilot Methodology (2021)* set out by the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). The draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) was prepared to support the statutory Arklow Local Planning Framework (LPF) and underwent public consultation in 2025.

This document considers the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Arklow Local Planning Framework / Proposed Variation to the County Development Plan at the Wicklow County Council meeting of 13th April 2026. The document provides an assessment of the impacts of the Proposed Material Alterations to the draft LTP prior to its finalisation.

The assessment found that the Proposed Material Alterations were broadly consistent with the aims, objectives and proposals outlined in the draft LTP. A limited number of minor amendments to the Active Travel chapter of the Local Transport Plan will be made to accommodate a desire for additional amenity, active travel and ecological routes as outlined in Table 1.1 and section 1.2 below.

1.1 Table of Proposed Material Alterations (PMAs)

Item Number	Proposed Material Alteration	Summary of PMA	Impact on Local Transport Plan	Proposed Change to Local Transport Plan
1	PMA 1 Add new ARK2 (B) Objective to ARKLOW TOWN CENTRE OBJECTIVES	New objectives to support & promote improvements to Arklow Town Centre. Relate to extension of public realm improvements on Main St, improvement of St Mary's Park area and landscaping at the riverbank at Coomie Lane.	PMA 1 considered to be consistent with the overarching aims and objectives of the LTP in particular those relating to the Walking and Public Realm Chapter	No change
2	PM2 Alter text of OPPORTUNITY SITE 1 - THE ALPS	Relate to redevelopment considerations of the built heritage of The Alps Opportunity Site	No direct impact.	No change

3	PMA 3 (a) Amend the boundary of 'OPPORTUNITY SITE 2 - MAIN STREET'	Extension of Opportunity Site boundary on Main St eastwards.	No direct impact.	No change
4	PMA 3 (b) Amend the Concept Plan of 'OPPORTUNITY SITE 2 - MAIN STREET'	Minor tweaks of Concept Plan	Supports public realm, desire lines and active travel LTP proposals	No change
5	PMA 3 (c) Amend the text objectives of OBJECTIVES OP2,	Inclusion of additional bullet points relating to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Buildings of archaeological Significance - Provision of indoor community space. - Conversion of part of public car park to civic space - Accessible pedestrian link to Coomie Lane - Guidance for redevelopment of sites fronting St Mary's Park - Integration of open space and civic functions to revitalise town centre, enhance safety and amenity 	PMA supports overarching aims and objectives of LTP relating to active travel, safety, town centre revitalisation.	No change

6	PMA 4 Add ARK XX Employment Objective	Relates to large-scale employment development at Avoca River Park and Bogland/ Money Big	No direct impact.	No change.
7	PMA 5 Add new objective to Employment objective	Any future development of 'Employment' (E1) lands at Ballynattin located to the West of the M11, shall be accompanied by the delivery of active travel connectivity (pedestrian and cycle infrastructure) to Knockmore / public transport services on the east side of the M11.	PMA 5 supports overarching aims and objectives of LTP to provide safe and sustainable transport links.	Updates to Active Travel chapter, map and Table 10-1.
8	PMA 6 Amend Tourism Development Objectives	Minor Amendment to include reference to marina berthing	No direct impact.	No change
9	PMA 7 Amend ARK 36 Tourism Development Objectives	Inclusion of bullet point to encourage/facilitate Walking infrastructure along the Port Access	Supports LTP proposals.	No change

		Road linking to Arklow South Beach, The Cove, Nun's Beach and onto Clogga Beach.		
10	PMA 8 Amend ARK 43 SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES	Relates to compatibility of Open Space uses on flood plain	No direct impact.	No change
11	PMA 9 Amend ARK57 Heritage, Biodiversity & Green Infrastructure	Minor word changes to emphasise plurality of pHNA's in Arklow.	No direct impact.	No change
12	PMA 10 ARK64 Amend HERITAGE, BIODIVERSITY & GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE OBJECTIVES	<p>Addition of bullet points to include enhancement/creation of green links at;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arklow South Beach, The Cove, Nun's Beach and onto Clogga Beach. • A biodiversity and ecological woodland-type corridor, linking OS2 lands and open spaces from Arklow South Beach, along the former town boundary, connecting to the Maples and Kish, extending to the rear of 	<p>The PMA proposes to create additional green/biodiverse amenity corridor routes as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A North-South amenity route running from the South Beach to Clogga Beach 	<p>Updates to Active Travel chapter, map and Table 10-1 to include two additional amenity routes.</p>

		<p>Knockmore and onwards to Glenart, and linking into the Arklow-Shillelagh Greenway (as shown as AT-X on Map No. 6). This corridor shall be integrated into the design of adjoining and future development lands, including SLO4, ensuring continuity, accessibility and ecological function throughout.1 1 <i>Where this route runs along the proposed SPAR, it shall comprise a segregated green spine separated from the SPAR by mature hedgerows and planting.</i></p>	<p>- A proposed east-west green biodiverse corridor route across the Knockmore area and onwards to Glenart and the Arklow-Shillelagh Greenway.</p>	
13	<p>PMA 11</p> <p>Add new objective ARK XX to HERITAGE, BIODIVERSITY & GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE OBJECTIVES</p>	<p>Minor Word change relating to setting to Arklow/Ormonde Castle</p>	<p>No direct impact</p>	<p>No change</p>
14	<p>PMA 12</p> <p>Amend ARK77 ACTIVE TRAVEL - WALKING & CYCLING</p>	<p>Additional bullet point relating to quality and accessibility of links between Train Station, Tesco, Yellow Lane and Tom's Lane</p>	<p>Supports LTP proposals in this area in particular PT4 Arklow Train Station Accessibility.</p>	<p>No change.</p>

	INFRASTRUCTURE OBJECTIVES			
15	PMA 13 Add new objective to CAR PARKING OBJECTIVES	<i>'To support the development and optimisation of off-street car-parking facilities in or adjacent to the town centre so that on-street, all-day parking can be relocated. On-street spaces shall be managed and repurposed where feasible to favour set-down/drop-off areas, short-stay visitor parking and active loading rather than long-stay parking.'</i>	Supports main thrust of LTP car parking proposals i.e. to optimise off-street long-stay parking in Chapter 16 Parking.	No change
16	PMA 14 Amend ROADS OBJECTIVES	Add and (d) improve amenity/pedestrian access to Arklow South Beach, The Cove, Nun's Beach and onto Clogga Beach to first bullet point.	Supports LTP proposals	No change

17	PMA 15 Add new objective ARK XX to ROADS OBJECTIVES	<i>'To protect the strategic function of the N/M11 in accordance with Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DoECLG, 2012) and in compliance with TII Publications.'</i>	Supports LTP and National Policy in relation to National Roads.	No change
18	PMA 16 Add new objective to ROADS OBJECTIVES	To support and promote the implementation of the recommended measures set out in the Local Transport Plan'	Supports LTP proposals.	No change
19	PMA 17 Amend FLOOD AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES	Text relating to LA ability to request Flood Risk Assessments	No direct impact.	No change
20	PMA 18 Amend ENERGY AND ELECTRICITY OBJECTIVES	ARK 88 Minor correction to location of substation on Dublin Road	No direct impact.	No change

21	<p>PMA 19</p> <p>Add new subsection and objective to ARK XX</p> <p>ARKLOW PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OBJECTIVES</p>	<p>Wide-ranging objectives relating to good practice for infrastructure provision, masterplan-led, minimise street clutter and amenity, respectful of Arklow's built and natural heritage.</p>	<p>Consistent with LTP aims and proposals.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
22	<p>PMA 20</p> <p>Amend text of</p> <p>SLO2 SOUTHERN WATERFRONT ZONE OBJECTIVES</p>	<p>Addition relating to emergency access to Southern Waterfront area.</p>	<p>No direct impact.</p>	<p>No change</p>
23	<p>PMA 21 (a)</p> <p>Amend MAP No. 1 (Land Use Zoning) for lands at SLO 5 - KILBRIDE</p>	<p>Change of zoning at SLO5 from New Residential to Active Open Space</p>	<p>No direct impact.</p>	<p>No change</p>

24	PMA 21 (b) Amend SLO5 KILBRIDE OBJECTIVES	Removal of restriction on number of houses prior to development of a school campus	No direct impact.	No change
25	PMA 21 (c) Amend SLO5 KILBRIDE OBJECTIVES	Relates to housing typologies and number of units	No direct impact	No change
26	PMA 21 (d) Amend SLO5 KILBRIDE OBJECTIVES	Relates to view protection of the Howard Mausoleum and local road L-6179	No direct impact.	No change
27	PMA 22 (a) Amend MAP NO. 1 LAND USE ZONING and add new Specific Local Objective (SLO) SLO6 - Ballyraine	Amendment to zoning at Ballyraine	No direct impact.	No change

28	PMA 22 (b) Add new text objectives for SLO6 – Ballyraine	Site specific objectives related to protection of trees, wetlands, water courses and areas to be kept free from development	No direct impact	No change
29	PMA 23 Amend MAP NO.1 LAND USE ZONING land at Ballynattin	Change of zoning from Tourism to Employment	No direct impact.	No change
30	PMA 24 Amend MAP NO. 1 LAND USE ZONING for lands at Kynoch Lodge, Sea Road	Amending part zoning of lands at Sea Road	No direct impact.	No change
31	PMA 25 Amend MAP NO. 1 LAND USE ZONING for lands at Avoca River Park	Amending part zoning of lands at Avoca Rover Park	No direct impact.	No change

32	<p>PMA 26</p> <p>Amend MAP NO. 1 LAND USE ZONING for lands at Lamberton</p>	<p>Minor amendments to zoning at Lamberton</p>	No direct impact.	No change
33	<p>PMA 27</p> <p>Amend MAP NO. 1 LAND USE ZONING and SLO4 BOUNDARY for lands at Money Big</p>	<p>Minor amendments to zoning at Money Big</p>	No direct impact.	No change
34	<p>PMA 28</p> <p>Amend MAP NO. 6 ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY to include new active travel route (ATX),</p>	<p>Proposed primarily U-shaped new active travel route running from South Beach to Glenart/ Arklow – Shillelagh Greenway along the southern boundary of the built-up area of Arklow. Includes spur at SLO3 and SLO4 lands.</p>	New route for inclusion.	Update to Active Travel chapter, map and Table 10-1.

35	PMA 29 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	Update flood mapping.	No direct impact.	No change.
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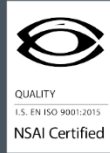
1.2 Assessment of Proposed Material Alterations

This document provided an assessment of a number of Proposed Material Alterations (PMA) to the Draft Arklow Local Planning Framework / Proposed Variation to the County Development Plan at the Wicklow County Council meeting of 13th April 2026. All PMAs were assessed to determine their consistency with the draft Arklow Local Transport Plan (LTP) in particular, and whether updates were required to support its finalisation.

The assessment found that the Proposed Material Alterations were broadly consistent with the aims, objectives and proposals outlined in the draft LTP. A limited number of minor amendments to the Active Travel chapter of the draft Local Transport Plan will be made to accommodate a desire for additional amenity, green and active travel routes as follows:

- An extension to the Active Travel network to support sustainable transport connectivity to the future expansion of the IDA Business Park at Ballynattin (Proposed Material Amendment 5)
- The inclusion of a green ecological corridor linking future development lands and existing open spaces from Arklow South Beach along the former town boundary, connecting to the Maples and Kish, extending to the rear of Knockmore and onwards to Glenart and linking with the Arklow-Shillelagh Greenway (Proposed Material Amendment 10).
- The inclusion of a north-south amenity route running from the South Beach to Clogga Beach (Proposed Material Amendment 10)

The draft Local Transport Plan will be updated to include the above to support the final Arklow Local Transport Plan and to conclude the Area Based Transport Assessment process.



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