



Arklow LPF Variation No.5

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Submission on Draft Arklow LPF – Priorities for Nature, Heritage, and Community Engagement

Dear WCC Planners,

Thank you for your continued work in shaping a sustainable future for Arklow. I'm writing to share a few observations on the draft Local Planning Framework (LPF), with particular emphasis on nature protection, heritage, and meaningful community engagement.

• Glenart Forest & Woods

I strongly support the protection and restoration of this vital old wet woodland. Please consider maximising OS2 zoning or, alternatively, dezoning the area as rural to prevent future development. Urban encroachment into such habitats need to be resisted, especially given recent precedents in other LPF areas.

• Southern Port Access Road

As this infrastructure progresses, biodiversity, coastal habitats, and beaches must be prioritised and restored—not compromised. These natural assets are central to Arklow's environmental resilience and long-term wellbeing.

• Arklow Town Marsh (pNHA)

I support the expansion of OS2 zoning and urge planners to avoid routing the Arklow–Laragh Greenway through this sensitive ecological area. This unique urban blue/green lung is irreplaceable and should remain free from roads or development—especially as Arklow is designated a decarbonisation zone.

• Pedestrian Bridge near the 19 Arch Bridge

I respectfully request reconsideration of the proposed location and call for local engagement in the planning process.

Thank you again for your professional and thoughtful approach to planning. I appreciate your commitment to balancing development with environmental stewardship and community voice.

Yours faithfully,

Carina Holmes