

Wexford County Council
Notice of Making Variation No. 1
of the Wexford County Development Plan 2022–2028

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 58(18)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended), that Wexford County Council, at their meeting on 13th July 2026, resolved to make Variation No. 1 of the Wexford County Development Plan 2022–2028.

The Variation relates to:

- Implementation of the NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements - Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)
- Introduction of interim Land Use Zoning and Objectives for Enniscorthy Town and New Ross Town to replace expired plans
- The incorporation of additional objectives with regard to the control of developments to which the SEVESO III Directive applies

Copies of the Development Plan, as varied, and associated documents will be available for inspection from 17th August 2026, online at <https://consult.wexfordcoco.ie> and during normal working hours at the following locations:

- Planning Department, Wexford County Council, County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford
- Borough District of Wexford Office, The Bull Ring, Wexford
- Enniscorthy Municipal District Office, Market Square, Enniscorthy
- Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Office, Civic Square, The Avenue, Gorey
- New Ross Municipal District Office, The Tholsel, Quay Street, New Ross.

As is required by Regulation 12 “Information on decision” of the European Union (Land Use Planning – Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2025 a statement, “the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Statement”, will also be available alongside the Variation, summarising:

- (a) how environmental considerations have been integrated into the Variation,
- (b) how the SEA Environmental Report prepared for the Variation; and submissions and observations made to the Council during the public consultation on the Proposed Variation, the Proposed Material Alterations to

the Proposed Variation and all associated documents, have been taken into account during the preparation of the Variation,

(c) the reasons for choosing the Variation, as adopted, in light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with, and

(d) the measures decided upon to monitor the significant environmental effects of implementation of the plan, as varied.

Notice of Determination in Respect of the Appropriate Assessment of Variation No. 1 to the County Development Plan 2022–2028

The Planning Authority has determined in accordance with Section 205 of Part 6 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended), and for the purposes of Article 6(3) of the European Habitats Directive (as amended), that, having incorporated mitigation measures into the Variation, no reasonable scientific doubt exists as to the absence of adverse effects on the integrity of any European site as a result of the implementation of the Proposed Variation, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects (except as provided for in Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directive, that is, there must be: no alternative solution available; imperative reasons of overriding public interest for the plan to proceed; and adequate compensatory measures in place). This determination has been arrived at in view of the Conservation Objectives of the habitats and/or species, for which these sites have been designated. The Determination may be accessed at <https://consult.wexfordcoco.ie>

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