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Subject: Public Consultation re Draft RSES summary report.

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I wish to make the following observations on the Draft Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy report document,

I would like to reinforce the fact that Wicklow as a county is experiencing significant growth in recent times, primarily due to it being considered to be part of the greater Dublin Metropolitan Area and due to its close proximity to the Capital. There appears to be a lack of information highlighting the strategic value and potential of the County to the overall development of the Region ,in the objectives contained in the Draft RSES Document. There is no reference to the strategic importance of the Dublin to Rosslare road and rail corridor as being a vital economic and transportation link, especially significant in a post Brexit scenario.

All new housing developments should be environmentally sustainable , in the most suitable location,and serviced with efficient public transport options .

I would also like to highlight the important position of Greystones , which again has not been identified in terms of growth and future employment potential but requires urgent enhancement to its transportation infrastructure , both road and rail networks.

Upgrades to both the N11/ M11 Road and to the Rail line south of Bray are imperative to any strategy plan for the area. At present outward commuters face a daily grind traveling to work on unsuitable road networks and insufficient public transport services, which is having a severe impact on their general quality of life.

The identification of the IDA site at Greystones in the Draft Report as an opportunity to create much needed local employment is welcomed. A recent commuter survey conducted by Wicklow County Council helped to reinforce the fact that a significant number of highly educated skilled employees leave our County every day and the expedited development of this important site would have the effect of reversing this commute for many.

Also the further development of Claremont College in Ratnnew would be of significant importance in terms of education and the ,relevant to Wicklow, Film and Audio Video sector .

Finally. the proposed Coastal Greeway pedestrian/ cycle route from Wicklow to Greystones , which has received significant public and political support should be referenced in the Draft Document.

This would have a significant economic impact on north Wicklow in terms of tourist visitor numbers and job creation as well as the obvious health and well-being benefits it would bring to so many.

This project is currently the subject of a comprehensive feasibility study funded by Wicklow County County Council. which is expected to be completed by April 2019.

Regards,

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