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Eastern Midland & Regional Assembly
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Re Public Consultation on Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy

Dear Sir or Madam

In 2018, Co Wicklow PPN consulted community groups across the 5 Municipal Districts of Co Wicklow, asking them "What is your vision for community wellbeing for this and future generations"? We asked them to consider this question under the following headings:

- Environment & Sustainability
- Health (physical & mental)
- Work, Economy, & Resources
- Social & Community Development
- Participation, Democracy & Good Governance
- Values, Culture & Meaning

The responses we received were documented and are available to download from our website: www.countywicklowppn.ie. We ran 11 workshops, 5 online consultations and accepted 2 submissions in total. The consultations facilitated the development of an overarching vision for each Municipal District along with community visions and high-level goals under each heading. The county vision was developed in the same way.

The vision and the national & regional strategic outcomes laid out in the Draft RSES and the key principals have many similarities with the Wicklow community's vision for our county.

Wise use of our resources, care for our environment, and enabling people to live healthy and sustainable lives was predominantly heard across the county with a plea that all planning decisions and development would support sustainability and liveability. Connectivity came across as vitally important, with a vision that transport and infrastructure would support access to education, employment and services that communities need to be healthy and to thrive.

We are submitting the visions for each Municipal District and the county in the hope that they will be considered and included in the final regional strategy, which we look forward to receiving.

Yours sincerely

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