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PLANNING DEPT.

**WICKLOW COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.  
AMENDMENT VI-75****SUBMITTER****Marion Rueter**  
**AMENDMENT V1 – 75****Section 18.6 Green Infrastructure Objectives**

**CPO 18.11** To support the development of greenways, blueways and other access routes along natural corridors while ensuring that there is no adverse impact on the flora and fauna, biodiversity or water quality of natural assets. Wicklow County Council prioritises environmental protection in our design and construction of routes and surface selection.

In particular, to support the development of existing and examine the feasibility of new walking, and cycling, horse riding and water based routes and trails along the following routes:

- from Bray Head, via the Sugarloaf Mountains, joining up with The Wicklow Way;
- the extension of the 'Blessington Greenway' walk around the Phoulaphuca reservoir;
- the expansion of a lakeshore walk around the Vartry reservoir;
- the extension of the old Shillelagh branch recreational trail - railway walk from Arklow to Shillelagh;
- the development of a route along the disused Great Southern and Western Railway line (Naas to Tullow branch) through Dunlavin and Balinglass.
- the development of a coastal route from Bray to Arklow as well as links between this potential route and the coast road;

There appears to be a clerical error in the supporting map for CPO 18.11  
Map No. 18.11. Regional Cycleways / Walkways.

The amendment VI-73 proposes to examine the feasibility of the development of a coastal route from Bray to Arklow

The depicted "Coastal Route" on map no. 18.11 is not a regional Cycleway / Walkway  
As clearly indicated in the above amendment the depicted "Coastal Route" does not exist.

A feasibility study would show that this fictional route crosses beaches, eroding cliffs, private land, private businesses, protected heritage areas; it crosses rivers without bridges and private houses.

As there is an established transparent procedure for legitimately developing all new routes, greenways and blueways and this line does not conform to procedures, and this line is not physically possible, I believe an error has occurred.

The current existing cycleway follows the coast road R750 marked on the O.S. Map in yellow. As no cycleways are marked on the map for regional cycleways / walkways, I believe the coast was marked out in error, instead of the coast road.

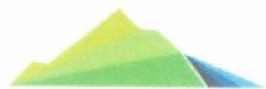
To correct this error may I suggest the removal of the "Coastal Route" as depicted and correction of the map, aligning the cycleway along the coast road as the "Cycle Route" or "Coastal Cycle Route."

Respectfully, Marion Rueter.



**Green Infrastructure**





**Map No. 18.11**



**WICKLOW**  
ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

**Legend**

**Regional Cycleways / Walkways**

-  Wicklow Way
-  Arklow - Shillelagh Trail
-  Coastal Route
-  Proposed Blessington Greenway (Indicative Alignment)

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