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2nd - Feb- 2019.

Mr. Simon Cooney, T.D.,
Minister for H.P.C & H.G.

Dear Minister,

I was delighted to hear your interview on the Sean O'Rourke programme this morning. I sincerely hope your ambitions are fully realised.

I enclose a copy of correspondence in relation to my proposal for the development of a Business Park in the West Wicklow area, sent to the T.D.s, in the Wicklow/Carlow constituency and my Regional County Council.

I hope you can see your way to support this proposal.

I welcome your views on the proposal in due course.

Sincerely,
Richard Burke.
RICHARD BURKE.



Comhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

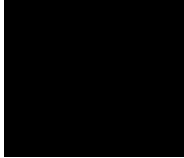
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27th January 2017

Dear Richard,

Sorry for delay in responding to your letter in regard to zoned land in West Wicklow. The reason for the delay was that the new County Development Plan was only finalised at the end of 2016 and the maps were not available until recently.

I have included for your information maps with regard to the zoning of Baltinglass, Blessington and Dunlavin which outline the areas for the various different zonings including industrial.

Regarding the land at Tinode you are right to suggest that this would be a suitable location because of its proximity to Dublin. This particular site generated a level of discussion in the past with regard to its possible use including a nursing home and industrial development. It is my understanding that there were some difficulties regarding development of this site including water, sewerage, electricity and broadband.

Trusting this is will be of some help to you.

Regards,

Vincent Blake

To - Deputy Brady T.D.,
Deputy Casey T.D.,
✓ Deputy Donnelly T.D.,

18th - Jan - 2014

Dear Deputy,

Re - development of a Business Park

Reference above and previous correspondence 22nd June and 11th November 2016, I have since learned that the county council owns 20-30 acres of land in Blessington zoned for commercial use.

This in my view is another plus for my proposal. The lands are 18 miles from the G.P.O. There are firm proposals for the upgrading of the N. 81 which services West Wicklow, and this too should be an added boost.

Of the three counties bordering county Dublin, Wicklow is far behind counties Meath and Kildare. Wicklow has as much, and indeed much more to offer in general terms as either Meath or Kildare.

I must express my utter disappointment in not having received the courtesy of an acknowledge or reply to date. I presume you have an interest in the proposal.

Sincerely
Richard Burke.



Cllr. Jim Ruttle

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05 January 2017

Dear Richard

I write regarding your idea of a business park in West Wicklow. I have spoken about this idea with the Council and the best route to advance an idea like this would be along the lines of getting it discussed at the Economic Development SPC of Wicklow County Council.

This committee of the Council is chaired by Gerry Walsh who I think you may know from GAA circles, he is also a former member of the Garda Siochana. I spoke to Gerry about your idea before Christmas and he would like to meet you to discuss it further his telephone number is [REDACTED] and he will be expecting a call from you.

The issue of buying land does not arise as the Council already owns 30 acres of land at the Avon Ri some of which is already zoned industrial. I am also of course supportive of the idea especially when we hear IDA spokesmen in recent days speak of post Brexit potential of such projects.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Ruttle".

Cllr. Jim Ruttle

[REDACTED]
11th November '16

RE: Development of a Business Park

To:

Each T.D.

County Wicklow

Each County Councillor,

West Wicklow Region

Dear T.D./ Councillor,

Further to my suggestion on 13th July '16, I would be grateful if you could let me know if anything has happened to progress the matter. As a result of Brexit, it has been stated by many experts, that there will be huge exit of jobs from London alone, by as much as 100,000.

I see that we in Ireland are in a great position to capitalise on this situation, and for me this seems an ideal opportunity for Wicklow especially As previously stated, Dublin is under pressure on a number of fronts and this gives a once in a lifetime opportunity to bring worthwhile employment and investment to Wicklow. Needless to say, I am campaigning for these to be located in West Wicklow.

I would welcome your views on this matter.

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Yours sincerely,

Richard Burke



ANDREW DOYLE TD
Wicklow/East Carlow Constituency

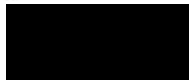


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Mr Richard Burke



27th September 2016

Dear Richard,

Many thanks for taking the time to contact my office regarding the possibility of developing a business park in West Wicklow.

Please accept my apology in the delay in responding to your letter.

The idea of a Business Park certainly deserves merit and further consideration. I commend your efforts on proposing this idea.

West Wicklow is an ideal location for the proposed business park and would provide great employment opportunities in the locality and benefit the local economy as a whole.

Please be assured that I will look into this proposal in greater detail and discuss the matter with the relevant authorities including the IDA, Enterprise Ireland and the Local Enterprise office.

Please be assured that I will keep you informed on any developments with this proposal.

Kind regards

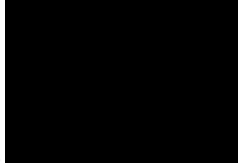
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Mr Richard Burke



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23 September 2016

Dear Richard,

I hope this letter finds you well.

Following our recent correspondence I wrote to Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD. I have received the following response from the Minister:

"IDA Ireland operates two business/technology parks in Wicklow, both of which have the capacity to accommodate new investments. Arklow Business Park is a 24-hectare property with approximately 14 hectares available for marketing and Greystones Business & Technology Park, which is a 25.6-hectare property and has approximately 18 hectares available.

The Agency markets Wicklow as part of its Mid-East region, along with Kildare and Meath. The Mid-East region has clearly benefitted from the improving economic conditions and now boasts the lowest unemployment rate in the State at 6.9%. This is in comparison to 8.6% nationally and 8.1% in Dublin. In the second quarter of 2016, there were 10,800 more people employed in the Mid-East region than in the first quarter.

As Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, I am committed to developing each region to enable it to meet its economic potential. As part of the wider Action Plan for Jobs process, my Department published eight regional action plans, including the Mid-East Regional Action Plan, which was published in January of this year. Since then, three 'Enterprise Champions' have been appointed. These champions are senior private sector representatives who have been appointed to oversee and monitor progress.

Among the actions in the Mid-East Regional Action Plan are:

- The further development of the region's potential as a hub for indigenous and international film production;
- The development of a value proposition to market the Mid-East region as a second site location option for existing multinationals in the Dublin area;
- IDA Ireland to target a 30-40% uplift in investments in the region by the end of 2019."



FINE GAEL

Please send return correspondence to Office Unit 4, Market Court, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

Please be assured of my continuing best efforts on this issue.

Kind regards



Simon Harris TD
Minister for Health

Richard, please keep
in touch + let
me know if I
can be of any
assistance.

Best,
Simon

Richard Burke


15th August 2016

Dear Richard,

Thank you for your recent letter.

I fully support any measures that will bring Economic Development to West Wicklow.

This area is underdeveloped on a number of fronts, mainly industrial, infrastructure and tourism.

I have raised the issue of the lack of IDA interest in West Wicklow when they attended the full council meeting earlier this year. I pointed out how one of the main employers Rupp and Hubrach ended up here by accident. I have asked them to bring prospective companies to West Wicklow. I also campaigned successfully to allow companies in County Wicklow avail of EES funding to expand.

I will continue to raise these issues. I work for a company in west Wicklow employing 120 people so am well aware of what is needed.

Our road infrastructure and Broadband are substandard. I support the building of a new N81, even though it proved unpopular to do so. I now believe that others are also supportive of this project. Some people may see it as along way off but I think we should constantly raise it and work to have it happen in the shorter term. I know how important it is for both companies and employees to have good road access to where they are located. Some areas also need Water and Sewage upgrading.

I am promoting a tourism brochure covering West and South West Wicklow to develop this growing industry. The council have allocated some funding for this.

I agree with your proposal of looking at a specific business park. There is land zoned near the Avon Ri in Blessington for light industrial but no moves have been made. I will specifically raise this with the County Manager.

Yours sincerely,


Edward Timmins

Tel. 



Richard Burke



SIMON HARRIS TD

Minister for Health

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13 July 2016

Dear Richard,

I hope you are well.

Just a short note to thank you for visiting Leinster House this week with members of Hollywood Senior Citizens.

I was delighted to meet you all and I hope that the visit was enjoyable.

Thanks also for providing me with a copy of the letter which you sent to Councillors in the West Wicklow area concerning the establishment of a Business Park,

I have now written to the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation, Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD on this matter and will revert to you with her response.

Please be assured of my best efforts.

Best wishes.

Kind regards,

Simon Harris TD
Minister for Health

Richard, keep
in touch.



FINE GAEL

Please send return correspondence to Office Unit 4, Market Court, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

Koch T.D,
Wicklow

13th - July - 2016

Dear Minister

Re Development of a Business Park

Reference above, I enclose copy of a suggestion sent to the County Councilors in the West Wicklow Region.

I would ask you to give it careful consideration, and if you feel there is merit in it, perhaps you would follow it up.

There is very little employment in the area, and a business park / commercial development would be a great boost.

To the best of my knowledge there has been no I.D.A. assisted development in the area in years, if ever.

Please acknowledge.

Yours sincerely
Richard Burke

P.S Sorry about the quality of the copy

22nd June 2016

Kate Councillor
West Wicklow Region.

Dear Councillor,

Development of a Business Park.

Reference above, I'm to let you know that I wrote to the Council's Chief Executive recently, with the following suggestion -

" That West Wicklow catch in on the problems been experienced by Dublin in the following regard:-

- (I) The lack of housing.
- (II) The lack of office space.
- (III) The lack of an adequate water supply.
- (IV) The problems with the sewerage system.
- (V) The chaotic traffic problems."

I spoke very briefly with the Chief Executive on the matter.

The development of a business park would be a huge boost West Wicklow. As it is most of the residents in the area have to travel outside the county for employment - which is a pity.

There is a plot of land for sale at Linode, just a few miles north of

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Blessington, which in my opinion
would be ideal for such a project.
It runs alongside the N.81 and is of
a good size

I would be grateful if you would
look into the suggestion, if you
considered it of some merit.

I'm grateful for your views in due
course.

Sincerely
Richard Burke