

This submission lays out a vision for Kilkenny and South-East community going forward. It's about building sustainable community. You will have many submissions that concentrate only on the Boundary Proposal, but many in Kilkenny believe that a broader vision is essential for best outcomes. The following suggestions support ongoing sustainable and social development in tandem with Tourism.

- 1) Construct a second-level school to serve the eastern environs of Kilkenny City, as this side of the city has no secondary school at all and a growing youth population.
- 2) Housing is a priority, to this end embark on a State led home construction/buying project that will meet demand into the future and will support sustainable social communities.
- 3) Retain and expand the current rural post office network.
- 4) Retain and expand sustainable bus and rail services at local, regional and national level.
- 5) Develop Waterford Airport as an international hub.
- 6) Develop a fully accredited and functioning University of the South East with fully accredited and functioning FT campuses in Carlow, Kilkenny and Waterford.
- 7) Develop and expand fully equipped and functioning hospitals, disability, elderly and mental health services in Waterford and Kilkenny.
- 8) Develop State purpose built clustered accommodation for those living with Alzheimer's and Autism.
- 9) State investment in sustainable local job development other than tourism is critical to Kilkenny going forward. Kilkenny is strong in the arts, heritage and creative fields we need investment, facilitation and encouragement education and support in these areas with the intention of producing sustainable, high concept jobs. Vital here (and for all suggested development) is the availability of fast, accessible BROADBAND throughout the County of Kilkenny.
- 10) Kilkenny has an excellent reputation for agricultural production. We need to exploit this by focusing on education and training and State support for the development of sustainable, high value products at micro industry/community level.
- 11) Develop a multi-purpose sports arena in Kilkenny City.
- 12) Develop a strong, coherent, unified South East Regional approach to development.

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