

Make Yourself Heard on the Draft County Development Plan 2016 – 2022

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is midway through the preparation of the new 2016 – 2022 County Development Plan. The new County Development Plan will, when adopted, set out the overall strategy and detailed policies to ensure that the future planning and development of the County over the six year period 2016 – 2022 takes place in a coherent, logical and sustainable manner.

The last six years has been a time of significant change in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown due to the impact of the international and national economic events. The challenge for the next six years is to prepare a land use plan that can help kickstart economic development and job creation whilst continuing to enhance and protect the heritage and natural assets of the County.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is in a unique position to build on the recent signs of recovery in the economy. The future represents an opportunity to build on past achievements and to enhance further what the County has to offer as a place to live, work and visit.

The Council published the Draft 2016 – 2022 County Development Plan on 2nd



March 2015 and the Plan is now out on public consultation for a 10 week period ending May 11th. Your views on what the Final Plan should contain or focus upon are most welcome and the purpose of this document is to bring the Draft County Development Plan process to your attention and to encourage you to participate in this process.

Pages 2 and 3 of this document give a brief overview of what is contained within the Draft Plan while full details on how to make a submission, and where the Draft Plan can be viewed or inspected, are set out on Page 4.

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Core Strategy and Population

The Core Strategy sets out the broad framework for the development of the County and ensures sufficient zoned land is available to address anticipated demands for residential and employment growth over the lifetime of the Plan. Currently, there is a reasonable balance between the land supply-demand equation but a major challenge will be to ensure the early servicing of these zoned lands, some of which have certain deficiencies in water and/or public transport infrastructure.



Sustainable Communities Strategy

The continuing development of successful communities in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown focuses on ensuring a close cohesion between transport and land-use planning policies. The Draft Plan continues to promote sustainable communities across the County both through consolidation and redevelopment of established built-up areas, and the development of new, mixed-use urban villages in greenfield areas well served by existing or planned public transport networks. The Draft Plan gives a commitment to preparing a number of more focused Local Area Plans – for Dún Laoghaire, Dundrum, Sallynoggin, Old Conna, Clonskeagh/UCD, Ballyogan and Ballybrack.



Enterprise and Employment Strategy

The Draft Plan focuses on supporting economic development across a range of sectors, and the Plan includes policies and objectives to help facilitate and assist job creation and business development across the County. Areas such as strengthening of

business support for start-ups, attraction of Foreign Direct Investment, growth of the existing SME sector and securing the vitality and viability of retail centres throughout the County are given particular focus. The importance of Third Level Institutions to the economy of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is also recognised and these have been afforded a distinct zoning in the Draft Plan.



Above: Marlay Park



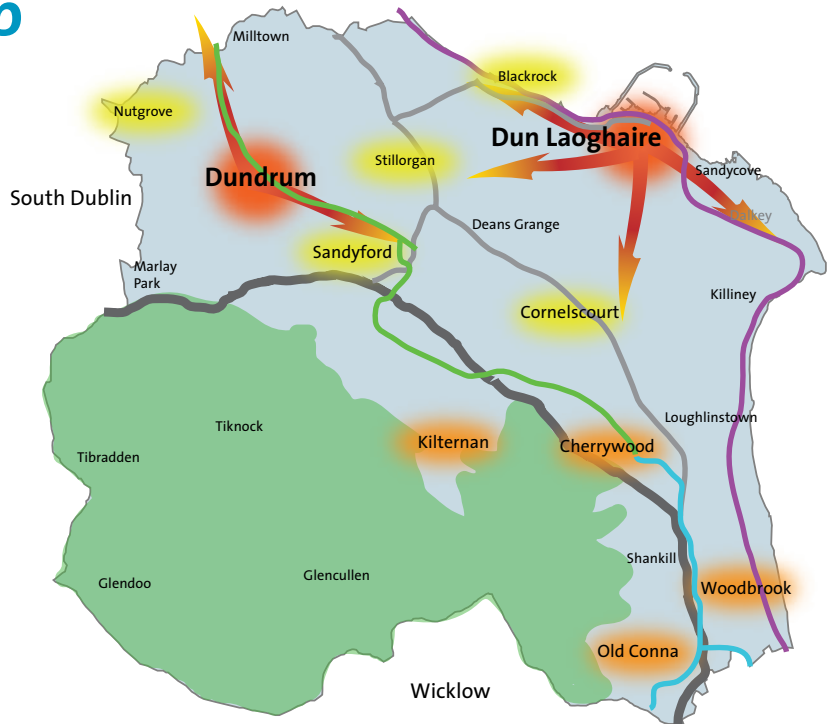
Green County Strategy

The Draft Plan continues to protect the overall 'Green Structure' of the County, including the interconnected networks of land and water that help sustain environmental diversity and enrich the quality of life of the citizens of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. The Draft Plan also incorporates specific policies and objectives aimed at improving existing, and identifying new opportunities for additional, high-quality publicly accessible parkland, open spaces and greenways that can support a multitude of uses and activities – children's play, passive recreation, safe and attractive walking and cycling routes etc.

Core Strategy Map

- Metropolitan Area
- Rural Area
- Major Centre
- Secondary Centre
- Future Development Area

- Motorway
- Primary Roads
- Dart
- Luas
- Luas Extension





Physical Infrastructure Strategy

The Draft Plan highlights the current water and wastewater infrastructural shortcomings in the south of the County and the importance of continuing to work with Irish Water to address these issues, and so enable the full development potential of the County to be realised. The Draft Plan seeks to promote Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown as a carbon-neutral County by encouraging resource preservation, energy efficiency and the application of considered climate change mitigation policies for the duration of this Plan and beyond.



Above: Shanganagh Wastewater Treatment Plant



Principles of Development

Development and redevelopment within the County during the lifetime of the Plan will be required to be carried out to a high standard and adhere to the principles underpinning good urban design. The Draft Plan incorporates appropriate urban design policies, development management standards and land-use zoning objectives which will ensure that future development in the County delivers in terms of quality place-making and public realm.



Above: Honeypark Estate, Dún Laoghaire



Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) involves a systematic evaluation of the likely environmental effects of implementing the new Plan before a final decision has been made to adopt it. Appropriate Assessment (AA) examines the potential impact of the Plan on ecological sites of European importance – known as Natura 2000. Both SEA and AA screening have been carried out on the Draft Plan.



Flooding

For the first time the Draft Plan includes Strategic Flood Risk Assessment to enable considered planning decisions to be made on sites at risk of flooding over the lifetime of the plan. Appendix 13 includes Catchment Flood Risk Assessment Maps (CFRAM) for the Dodder. CFRAM mapping for the remainder of the County is still being prepared by the OPW – the body responsible for flood mapping across the state.



Green Infrastructure Strategy

The Green Infrastructure (GI) Strategy, completed in December 2014, is the first such prepared for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. It is based on three broad themes (i) accessibility, recreation and health/well-being (ii) natural and cultural heritage (iii) water management. Emerging from these themes a spatial framework has evolved featuring:

- A structure for integrating the network of local-level GI in the County
- A network of six connecting multi-functional GI corridors
- Integration with, and connectivity to, important Regional GI corridors
- A 'chain' of improved 'gateway hubs' between the mountains and the urban area



Built Heritage Strategy

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown possesses a wealth of built heritage which continues to be safeguarded through appropriate and considered Archaeological and Architectural Heritage policies set out in the Draft Plan. The Plan includes certain changes and further additions to the comprehensive Record of Monuments and Places, Record of Protected Structures, Architectural Conservation Areas and Industrial Heritage.



Community Strategy

The Draft Plan will continue to promote social inclusion and community development throughout the County. The Draft Plan incorporates policies which fully support the ongoing improvement in the provision of Community Facilities, Education, Childcare, Arts and Culture and will facilitate and complement the implementation of the forthcoming Local Economic and Community Plan - which is currently being prepared under separate legislation for the County.



Above: Launch of Social Inclusion Week 2014.

Make Yourself Heard

The Display

The Draft Plan has been on display since 2nd March and will continue to be on display until 11th May 2015 inclusive (Monday to Friday - excluding Bank Holidays) at the following locations:



- The Concourse, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire (9am-5pm)
 - Council Offices, Dundrum Office Park (9.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm)
 - All branches of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Libraries.
- The full Draft Plan – including an interactive mapping facility – is also available to view, or download from, the Council’s website www.dlrcoco.ie.

Open Days

A series of ‘Open Days’ are scheduled to take place over the coming weeks as set out below. The Development Plan Team will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have or to assist you in making a submission.

Date	Venue	Time
Tuesday 14th April 2015	Stonebridge Community Centre, Off Stonebridge Road, Shankill.	10am – 1pm, 5pm – 8pm
Thursday 16th April, 2015	Kilmacud Sports Club, Glenalbyn House, Stillorgan.	10am – 1pm, 5pm – 8pm
Tuesday 21st April, 2015	Concourse, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire.	10am – 1pm, 5pm – 8pm
Thursday 23rd April, 2015	Blackrock Library, Main Street, Blackrock.	2pm – 8pm
Tuesday 28th April 2015	Sandyford Community Centre, Lambs Cross, Sandyford.	10am – 1pm, 5pm – 8pm
Thursday 30th April, 2015	Dundrum Council Offices, (Rear of Bank of Ireland) Main Street, Dundrum.	10am – 1pm, 5pm – 8pm

Submissions

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council would like residents, businesses, community groups and organisations and children (or groups or associations representing the interests of children) to give us their views on the Draft County Development Plan 2016 - 2022. Your input in developing the Plan is important to ensure that the Final Plan both reflects, and responds to, public concerns and aspirations.



Submissions in relation to the Draft Plan can be made as follows:

- In writing to Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Enterprise Department, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire.
- by email to devplan@dlrcoco.ie
- online through the Council’s public consultation hub dlrcoco.citizenspace.com

Submissions must be made on or before 5.00 pm on Monday 11th May 2015.

Note: All submissions should include your name and a contact address, a map (where appropriate) and, where relevant, details of any organisation,

community group or company etc., which you represent.

Please make your submission by **one** medium only.

Data Protection

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Act. In order to assist Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in complying with the Data Protection Act please include your name and contact details on a separate page to the content of your submission/ observation.

The Planning process is an open and public one. In that context, all submission documents are made available for public inspection. This information may also be placed on the Council’s website.



Above: County Hall, Dún Laoghaire