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The Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

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Welcome to the latest edition of the dlr times. This special edition is fully devoted to the Draft County Development Plan 2022 – 2028. The Draft Plan is on display from the 12 January 2021 to the 16 April 2021 and the Council are inviting submissions from residents, businesses, community groups, organisations and children or groups that represent children. We encourage everyone from our communities and neighbourhoods to participate in this important process.

Cllr. Una Power

The Draft County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 is a spatial Plan that sets out a framework to guide future development in the County over the six years from 2022 – 2028. What is important is that future growth in the County strengthens and enhances the existing landscape of towns and villages in the County whilst also allowing new communities and sustainable neighbourhoods to emerge, resulting in a County that is sustainable, inclusive, climate resilient, economically diverse and healthy.

With this in mind the Draft Plan focuses on people, homes and placemaking and introduces a number of new concepts including the “30-minute” neighbourhood whereby people can access the services they need, such as shops, parks, playgrounds, schools, all within a ten minute time frame of their home, by walking cycling or using public transport. It allows the “stay local” concept to come to life. The Plan also introduces a new land use zoning objective – Sustainable neighbourhood Infrastructure – which covers our schools, places of worship, community and civic facilities, recognising the valuable role they play within the communities they serve. This important Plan is for you and your area and sets the scene for many years to come. I would encourage you to read more on it in this edition of the dlr Times and on the Council website.

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Your dlr parks

BLACKROCK PARK
TIME: Sep 8am to 8pm | Oct 8am to 7pm | Nov – Jan 8am to 4.30pm | Feb – Mar 8am to 6pm | Apr 8am to 8pm | May – Aug 8am to 9pm
CABINTEELY PARK
TIME: Sep 8am to 8pm | Oct 8am to 7pm | Nov – Jan 8am to 5pm | Feb 8am to 6pm | Mar 8am to 7pm | Apr 8am to 8pm | May – Aug 8am to 10.30pm
DEER PARK
TIME: Open Access
FERNHILL PARK & GARDENS
TIME: 9am – 6pm
KILBOGGET PARK
TIME: Open Access
KILLINEY HILL PARK
TIME: Open Access
MARLAVY PARK
TIME: Sep 8am to 4.30pm | Apr – May 8am to 7.30pm | Jun – Sep 8am to 8pm | Oct – Nov 8am to 7.30pm
PEOPLE’S PARK
TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur 11.15pm – 8pm
SHANGANAGH PARK
TIME: Open Access

Your dlr libraries

For updated information during COVID-19 restrictions, please see our website libraries.dlrcoco.ie

dlr LEXICON
Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire
TEL: 01 281 1147
TIME: Mon – Thu 9.30am – 8pm | Fri to Sat 9.30am – 5pm | Sun 12noon – 4pm
BLACKROCK
Blackrock Town Hall, Main Street
TEL: 01 298 8117
TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur 2pm – 8pm
DALKEY
Castle Street, Dalkey
TEL: 01 285 5317
TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur 11.15pm – 8pm
DEANSGRANGE
Onokeen Drive, Deansgrange
TEL: 01 285 0860
TIME: Mon 10am – 5pm | Tue to Thu 10am – 8pm | Fri & Sat 10am – 5pm. My Open Library self-service 8am-10pm, 7 days a week, including bank holiday weekends.
DUNDURUM
Upper Churchtown Road, Dundrum
TEL: 01 298 5000
TIME: Mon 8am – 10am | Tue & Thur 10am – 8pm | Fri 8am – 8pm
SHANKILL*
Library Road, Shankill
TEL: 01 282 3081
TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat* 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur 2pm – 8pm
STILLORGAN
St. Laurence’s Park, Stillorgan
TEL: 01 278 9655
TIME: Mon 10am – 5pm | Tue to Thu 10am – 8pm | Fri & Sat 10am – 5pm. My Open Library self-service 8am-10pm, 7 days a week, including bank holiday weekends.

Recycling information

BALLYOGAN RECYCLING
Ballyogan Road
TELEPHONE: 01 291 3600
TIME: Mon – Fri 8.30am to 5.30pm | Sat 9.30am to 5.30pm | Sun Bank Hols 10.30am to 5.30pm.
EDEN PARK RECYCLING
Summerhill Road, Glasthule
TIME: Mon – Thur 8.30am to 4pm | Fri – Sat 8.30am to 3.30pm.
CLOSED: Sunday, Bank Holidays, Public Holidays.
SHANGANAGH RECYCLING CENTRE
Cemetery Car Park, Shankill
TIME: Mon – Thu 8.30am to 4pm | Fri – Sat 8.30am to 3.30pm.
CLOSED: Sunday, Bank Holidays, Public Holidays.

All markets currently closed

CoCo Markets
PEOPLE’S PARK & DLR LEXICON, Dún Laoghaire
Sunday 11am-4pm
MARLAVY PARK
Rathfarnham, Dublin 16
Saturday 10am-4pm & Sunday 11am-4pm

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS
Out of Hours: (after 5pm & weekends)
Homeless Persons: (after hours services)
Irish Water: (24 hours)
01 677 8844
1800 724 724
1850 278 278

time 01 285 5317
TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur 2pm – 8pm

* Libraries with an asterisk are open either Friday or Saturday – please contact for further details.
- On Bank Holiday weekends, all libraries are closed Saturday, Sunday & Monday while Deansgrange opens in My Open Library mode.
What is a County Development Plan?
In very simple terms a Development Plan is a spatial plan which includes a suite of different policy objectives on issues including density, building height, transport and provision of schools. These policy objectives along with the Vision and the five Strategic County Outcomes will be realised by a range of different parties working alongside the Council, including, residents extending or building new homes, developers supplying new homes and other uses, the Department of Education in the delivery of schools, Irish Water in the delivery of water and waste water infrastructure, the National Transport Authority in the delivery of cycle and public transport infrastructure and the OPW in the delivery of flood relief works.

What is contained in the Plan?
The Draft Plan comprises a number of elements including what is called a “Written statement” which sets out policy objectives to guide development that may take place over the 6 years from 2022 – 2028. Other important elements of the Plan include;

- The Core Strategy which sets out the settlement hierarchy for the County,
- The “Development Management” chapter which sets out specific requirements for future developments in relation to issues including open space, design and car parking,
- The 14 lands use zoning maps,
- Flood maps,
- The 17 appendices which include the Building Height Strategy and the Housing Strategy and Interim Housing Needs Demand Assessment and the “Environmental Report” which evaluates the likely environmental impacts of implementing the Draft, Plan and the Appropriate Assessment which assess the impact of the Plan on European Sites.

The Council published the Draft Plan in January 2021 and this Draft is now out on public consultation for a ten week period until 16 April 2021. Your views on the Draft Plan are most welcome.

How can I make a submission or observation on the Draft Plan?
The plan–making process is a collaborative one and we are looking for your views on the Draft County Development Plan. Written submissions or observations with respect to the Draft Plan are invited from members of the public and other interested parties, including children or groups or associations representing the interests of children.

Submissions/observations may be made on the Draft Plan by Friday 16 April 2021 inclusive in the following ways:
1. A written submission can be made online at www.dlrcoco.ie/draftcdp2022-2028
OR
2. In writing to the following: Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire.
To deliver on the vision set out on page 3, the Plan is underpinned by five cross cutting Strategic County Outcomes. Policy Objectives set out in the plan aim to ensure that development in the County - be it new homes, new schools, new parks, new employment opportunities - delivers on these outcomes.

1 **Creation of a Climate Resilient County**

Climate Action is recognised as one of the biggest global challenges of our time. The County Development Plan can play a key role in supporting the delivery of meaningful action on climate change. This can be achieved by very simple measures such as ensuring that new homes are provided on lands that have good public transport, pedestrian and cycle links. Making sure that people can walk, cycle or use public transport to get to work, school or to avail of services such as shops, the local park and other facilities is the impact that good planning can have on reducing our overall carbon footprint. The thrust of the Draft Plan is about achieving such development. The Core Strategy, or settlement strategy, demonstrates that new residential communities which are delivered over the lifetime of the plan will be located close to good public transport routes. To reflect the importance of Climate Action, Chapter 3 of the Draft Plan is a new standalone chapter relating to Climate Action.

2 **Creation of a Compact and Connected County**

One of the best ways to transition to a climate resilient County is to ensure that, in tandem with new growth areas, there is also a focus on new homes and communities within what is called the existing built up area thus making best use of land in the County. The policy objectives contained in chapters 4 and 5 of the Draft County Development Plan encourage such development so that development takes place close to good quality public transport options and supporting services and facilities. This will allow those living, working and visiting the County easy access to amenities and services by way of either high-quality public transport or by walking and cycling.
In creating a climate resilient and a compact and connected County one must also create a liveable County, where our necklace of towns, villages, and the surrounding neighbourhoods, work better for the people who live in or use them. Various chapters in the Draft Plan set out policy objectives that feed into achieving this outcome.

- In chapter 4 “Neighbourhood: People, Homes and Place” the “10-minute” neighbourhood concept is promoted. This concept builds on the idea of the sustainable urban village where one can walk, cycle or avail of high quality public transport to access neighbourhood support facilities within a 10 minute timeframe.
- Chapter 7 “Towns Villages and Retail Development” sets out policy objectives relating to the role of our towns and villages including their retail function but also focuses on their multi-functional role as locations for cultural, community, civic, heritage and recreational uses.
- Chapters 8 and 9 set out policy objectives relating to green infrastructure, biodiversity, open space, parks and recreation.
- Chapter 11 “Heritage and Conservation” contains policy objectives and guidance relating to the protection of the County’s heritage including its architectural and archaeological heritage.
- Chapter 4 also introduces a new land use zoning objective entitled “Sustainable Neighbourhood Infrastructure” which recognises the importance of the wealth of existing facilities and services in the County including education, community, cultural, civic, recreational, healthcare and religious.

We are interested in hearing your views on these chapters and the new zoning objective which can be viewed on the 14 maps that accompany the Plan.
Core Strategy

What is the Core Strategy?
The Core Strategy sets out the housing requirement for the County over the plan period and ensures that there is sufficient land zoned to meet this need. It also includes the settlement strategy which ensures that housing and jobs growth is coordinated and delivered in the right places with supporting infrastructure including utility infrastructure, schools, public transport, roads and cycleways, and community facilities.

How many new homes will be required over the Plan period?
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown has experienced strong population growth over the last 10 to 15 years with 218,018 persons recorded in Census 2016. National and regional plans allocate a further 40,000 people to live in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown between 2016 – 2028, which equates to growth of circa 3,400 persons per year. The Core Strategy estimates that there is a requirement for an additional 20,669 homes for both current and future residents.

Is there enough land zoned to deliver the new homes?
Yes. dlr has undertaken a comprehensive study of all zoned residential and mixed-use land in the County to estimate existing capacity for residential development. The study estimates that there are approximately 553 hectares of zoned land which is or may become available for residential development. It’s considered that there is a sufficient supply of existing zoned land to meet the requirement for new housing over the lifetime of the Plan.

Where will development take place?
The Core Strategy includes a settlement strategy which sets out the future spatial growth of the County. The settlement strategy supports the transition to a low carbon and climate resilient County through the implementation of a compact growth agenda, increased integration between land-use and transportation, increased sustainable mobility and the sustainable management of our environmental resources.

The settlement strategy identifies Dún Laoghaire and Dundrum as the two Major Centres in the County, Sandyford and Cherrywood as Mixed Use Districts. New residential communities are identified at Ballyogan and Environ, Killman-Glenamuck, Rathmichael, Woodbrook-Shanganagh and Old Connaught.

We would welcome your views on the core strategy.
Public information

Architectural Heritage

It is recognised that the conservation and enhancement of the County’s heritage has the potential to contribute to individual well-being, shared community identities and the liveability of our towns and villages.

The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires each Planning Authority to include in their Development Plan objectives for the protection of structures, or parts of structures, which are of, special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, technical or social interest. These buildings and structures are compiled on a register referred to as the Record of Protected Structures (RPS). The RPS for dlr currently includes close to 2,100 structures, and this Draft Plan proposes to add an additional 160 new protected structures which include houses, walled gardens, gate lodges and mausoleums.

5 New Architectural Conservation Areas!

The Plan proposes to make five new Architectural Conservation Areas at:

- De Vesci, Vesey and Willow Bank,
- Marlborough Road,
- Seafort Parade,
- Sydney Avenue and
- Waltham Terrace.

What is an Architectural Conservation Area?

An Architectural Conservation Areas affords protection to groups of buildings and their streetscape. Do you live in one of them? We would welcome your views. Details of how to make a submission can be found on page 3.

VIEW THE PLAN

Character Appraisals for each proposed ACA are located in a supplementary document at dlrcoco.ie/draftcdp2022-2028

The Record of Protected Structures is contained in Appendix 4