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6.1 VISION

Ease of access to community, social infrastructure, recreational and cultural facilities is central to a high quality of life. A key objective in achieving a sustainable urban settlement will be securing high quality community and recreational facilities catering to the requirements of all ages, genders and social groups. Community and recreational activities are critical in fostering healthier lifestyles and strengthening the sense of community, pride, integration and identity.

6.2 CONTEXT

Greystones/Delgany benefits greatly from its environmental assets such as; South Beach, the Cliff Walk, the Harbour and the Three Trouts Stream. In the immediate hinterland of the settlement are the high amenity environments of Glen of the Downs, Kindlestown Hill, Bray Head and Kilruddery Demesne. The quality of life in the settlement will be greatly enhanced through the sensitive management and enhancement of these assets and by improving linkages with the environmental assets of its hinterland.

Greystones/Delgany has two golf courses within the settlement boundary; Greystones Golf Club and Charlesland, in addition Delgany Golf Club adjoins the settlement on its western boundary. There are two other golf courses in close proximity to Greystones/Delgany; Glen of the Downs Golf Club and Bray Golf Club. On Mill Road in Greystones there is a cluster of sports facilities including the Tennis Club, Rugby Club and Éire Óg GAA Club. There are soccer pitches and a golf driving range adjoining the rail-line in Charlesland and a bowling green in The Burnaby.

A new 20 acre sports campus is currently being developed south of Charlesland, incorporating playing pitches, all weather flood-lit courts and pitches, an athletics track and changing facilities.

The proposed development at the Harbour North Beach provides for a new clubhouse and boat launching facilities for the local sailing schools and clubs.

There is a public library in Greystones operated by Wicklow County Council. There are no theatres or publicly owned cultural facilities within the settlement.

Outside of the open spaces in residential estates there is poor provision of public green space, with there being no distinct town park or village greens. The settlement is lacking in a modern and multi-purpose indoor sports facility and swimming pool.



Killincarrig Community Centre



Greystones Harbour



Greystones Golf Club

Table 6.2.1 Educational Facilities - 2005					
Primary Schools					
School	Status	Location	Classroom No.	Ave. Class Size	Pupils
Scoil Chaoimhín	Primary	Greystones	18	30	461
St. Patrick's N.S	Primary	Greystones	8	27.5	220
St. Laurence's N.S	Primary	Greystones	18	28	500
St. Brigid's N.S	Primary	Greystones	14	28	400
Delgany N.S	Primary	Delgany	8	28	224
Total			66		1805
Secondary School					
School	Status	Location	Students	Capacity	
St. David's	Secondary	Greystones	520	800	

6.3 EDUCATION FACILITIES

At present there are five primary and a single post primary school in Greystones/Delgany. The primary schools are close to capacity and the Delgany primary school has been extended recently to cater for growing pupil numbers. The post primary school St. Davids is currently under subscribed, this reflects the pattern of students commuting to secondary schools in Bray, Dublin and Kilcoole. There are no third level or adult education facilities in the settlement

A secondary school has recently been opened in Kilcoole. This secondary school has been designed to cater for an eventual student population of 600.

CP01

The Council will support and facilitate the provision of adequate education facilities and services in Greystones/Delgany. Council will work in partnership with the Department of Education, independent education bodies and community groups to provide new and improved educational services.

CP02

The Council will support and facilitate the provision of adult education facilities and services in Greystones/Delgany.

Such educational facilities should be strategically located where they best serve areas of recent and future residential expansion and are well served by transportation routes.

Post primary facilities should be strategically located where they can be served by public transport, pedestrian and cycling routes. Sufficient land has been zoned in the Local Area Plan to facilitate an additional primary and post-primary facility.

6.4 HEALTHCARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

There are currently health centres in Greystones and Delgany. The nearest accident and emergency hospital is in Loughlinstown. There are four nursing homes in the settlement. Services for the physically disabled are provided at The Lakers, Greystones/Delgany Handicapped Association and Peacehaven.

CP03

It is Council policy to support the provision of additional primary care facilities within Greystones/Delgany.

CP04

It is Council policy to encourage the provision of public and private medical services and facilities in Greystones/Delgany.

6.5 RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY USES

A key objective of the Local Area Plan and forward planning in general is to ensure adequate provision is made for the provision of recreational and community uses.

CP05

It is Council policy to encourage the provision of new and improved community and recreational facilities in the Greystones/Delgany area.

CP06

Where possible, community facilities should be located in town, village, district centres and employment areas, and be easily accessed from public transport routes.

6.6 CHILDCARE FACILITIES

The design of all childcare facilities will have regard to the Childcare Facilities, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, June 2001.

CP07

It is Council policy to support Wicklow County Childcare Committee in the provision of high quality childcare facilities to meet the needs of the growing population.

CP08

To seek a balance of service provision between town and district centres, childcare facilities should be dispersed throughout the settlement.

CP09

The Council will support the provision of childcare facilities in schools and in association with other community and recreational facilities such as sports clubs.

CP10

Childcare facilities should be provided in all major residential, mixed-use developments and in employment areas.

Objectives

- The Council will require every applicant for planning permission to provide a minimum of 20 childcare places, or where such services are not required, community and recreational facilities for children and young people or for old age pensioners, for every 75 new residential units sanctioned by a planning permission.
- The Council will require the provision of childcare facilities in employment areas; such as business parks and large industrial facilities (where the estimated working population exceeds 500 persons).



Greystones Playground



Charlesland Astro-turf Pitches



Delgany National School

6.7 Sports and Recreation

A key concern of Local Area Plans and forward planning in general is to ensure that the recreational needs of the local population are provided for. There is at present a deficit in public green spaces within Greystones/Delgany, and in addition many of the recreational attractions in the hinterland such as Glen of the Downs and Kindlestown Hill are difficult to access by foot or bicycle.

CP11

It is Council policy to implement the Sports and Recreation Policy of the County Development Plan 2004-2010.

CP12

It is Council policy to facilitate the objectives of private sporting and recreational clubs, where such uses are compatible with other development objectives of the plan.

CP13

It is Council Policy to seek to improve the recreational assets of the settlement through the development and improvement of green routes for pedestrians and cyclists in co-operation and agreement with any affected landowners and to protect these recreational assets from inappropriate development;

- Three Trout's Stream, from Delgany to the coast.
- The Cliff Walk from the harbour to Bray Head
- Coastal walk from the Harbour via Marine Road to South Beach and from South Beach southwards along the coast towards Kilcoole
- From Blacklion to Kindlestown Wood

CP14

It is Council policy to support the development of a multi-use community centre and swimming pool that meets the sporting, social and cultural needs of the Greystones/Delgany area and that is accessible to all members of the community irrespective of age, gender or ability.

CP15

It is Council policy to support and encourage the provision of leisure centres and gym facilities in Greystones/Delgany. Such facilities should be located in town, village and district centres and employment areas.

6.8 Green Space in Residential Areas

The predominant type of green space in Greystones/Delgany are the green spaces within housing estates. Many of these spaces have over the course of time achieved little in providing for recreational activity having been;

- Poorly configured and designed initially, left-over space.
- Located in backlands away from walking/cycling routes.
- Small in area.
- Lacking play or sports facilities.

In seeking to build socially inclusive and sustainable communities Wicklow County Council recognises the need to plan and provide for all ages. Through its Play Policy, Wicklow County Council sets out to change the culture of thinking on play and provide more opportunities for children to play. This Play Policy reflects the importance that the Council places on the value of play in childhood and the importance of children in our society.-

CP 16

The Council will be guided by the Play Policy of the Wicklow County Development Plan in its approach to play issues and in the adoption of a strategic framework, it will guide the relevant agencies in the provision and development of play opportunities for the lifetime of this plan.

CP 17

The Council shall seek to maximise the opportunities for play and support the implementation of the Wicklow County Play Policy Council and its objectives.

CP18

It is Council policy to support the regeneration of green spaces in housing areas, to provide benefit and amenity to the residents.

6.9 LAND-USE ZONING OBJECTIVES

Objective C1	To provide for community and/or educational uses
Objective C2	To provide for cemetery
Objective OS	To preserve and enhance public open space
Objective POS	To preserve and enhance private open space
Objective ROS	To preserve and enhance private open space

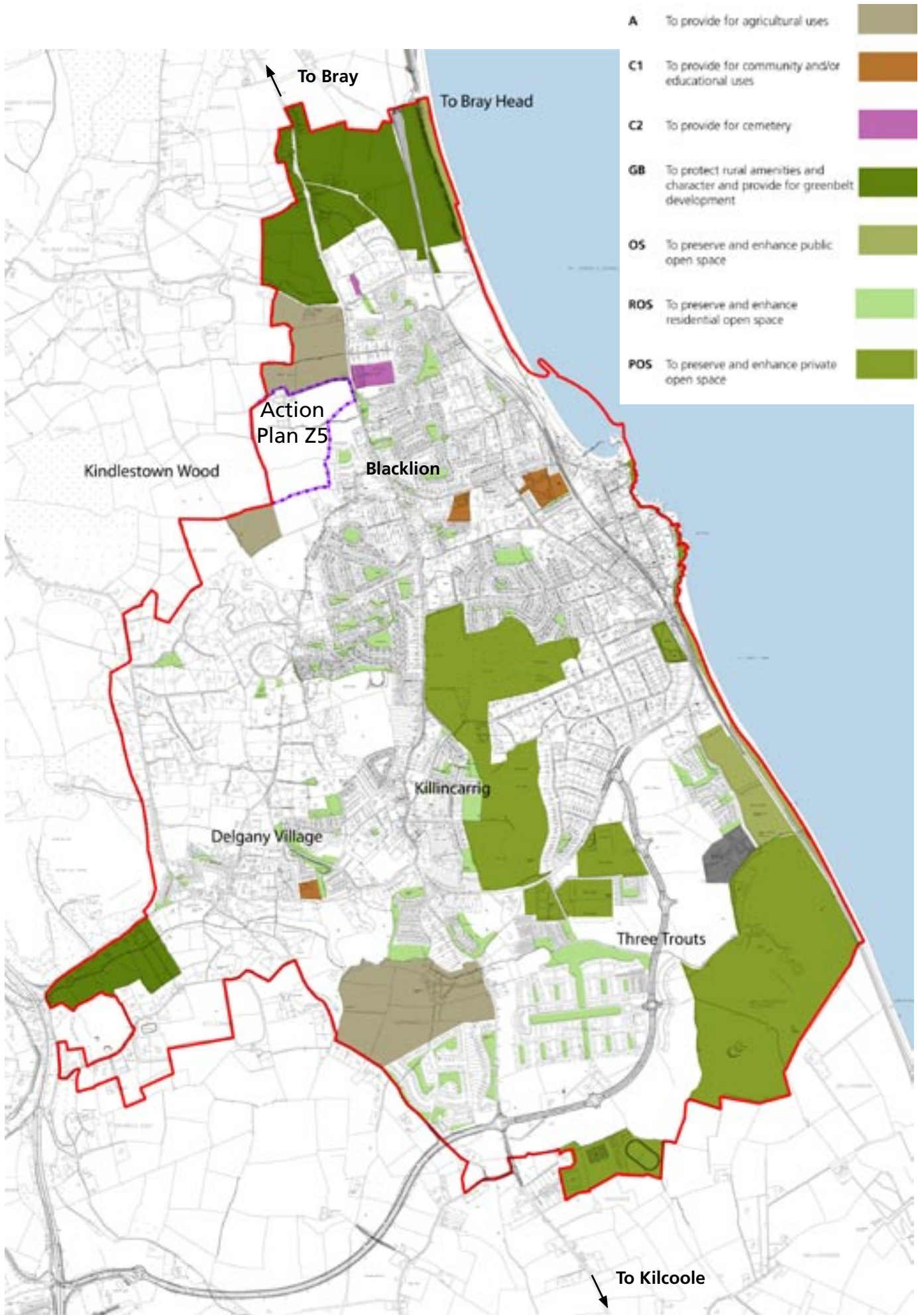


Fig. 6.0 Community and Recreation Strategy

