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What area does your submission relate to?

Core Strategy

Your comments

I live in Greystones and after attending the public consultation evening there on 13 November 2019 and seeing that this town is slated for growth, I have to say that this is worrying on several counts. There seems to be very little local control over what is becoming a chaotically 'planned' area where growth means an agglomeration of estates with identikit houses and fairly barren green areas to compensate for a lack of decent gardens. The current plan of Greystones shows a shocking lack of public green space (and golf courses do not constitute public space). Transport issues: Cars block and choke Church Road several times a day: traffic and air pollution needs to be taken seriously. Greystones has a dog faeces problem - most people try to clean up their pet's mess but there are so many dogs it only takes a small proportion of antisocial owners to ensure the promenade and the cliff walk towards Bray - and already the new path over the coastal park! - are permanently soiled. Solutions?: Proper planning for a healthy and pleasant town to include more public green and biodiverse space with trees and bushes not just lawn; more imaginative estate design - look at garden suburbs such as Moor Pool in Birmingham. Car-free days? Difficult but should be considered. Council should ensure serious consideration given to having DART extended? Re dog faeces problem, in short term dog wardens, as a deterrent; long-term look at other European solutions, including DNA records. I would like to raise one last issue. The council seems to have a policy of replacing any broken street lights with white (daylight) LED lighting. This has been proved to disrupt sleep rhythms of humans and to disturb wildlife. If the council wants a healthy population and a green environment, not only should this policy be modified but existing white LEDs should be replaced. I hope this is helpful.

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