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Arts & Culture

- To include a strong focus on creativity and culture, in recognition of their critical importance to vibrant communities. This should be viewed as an integral part of the Local Authority role of providing a place to live with a high quality of life.
- To properly fund and resource the Arts Office and associated programmes.

Housing

- Provide a good mix of house to create neighbourhoods for people of different ages and lifestyles. The population is ageing and this should be properly planned for in any future housing developments. A mix of house and accommodation types – and not just apartments - allows people the choice and opportunity to remain in the area they wish to live in - the 'Lifecycle Approach'. It is vital that opportunities to downsize are provided.
- Accommodation catering for older people should be located in existing residential areas well served by social infrastructure and amenities.
- Plan for new sports, recreational, community and other support infrastructure - including active recreational space for children - as an integral part of any major housing proposal. Ensure that development levies are used to improve this vital infrastructure in the area where the development takes place.

In the Greystones area it seems that huge amounts of housing developments have been granted planning and have been built/are coming on stream in the last number of years without any of associated infrastructure being considered properly. The roads have not been improved or widened, none of the public transport has been increased. This is impacting negatively on the area – traffic has increased hugely, the condition of the roads around these new developments are terrible, school places are impacted – these are all areas that can and should be planned for in advance of building new developments. There should be a strong focus on sustainability – looking at designated cycle paths/ways, good footpaths.

Transport Infrastructure

- There is a vital need to reduce reliance on car-based travel and to ensure more sustainable patterns of travel, transportation and development.
- The Council should work with the NTA and national government to ensure that the public transport is upgraded and increased before new housing developments commence. More park and ride facilities, increased service from Greystones Dart station, more carriages on the Wexford train, better bus services.