Greystones-Delgany & Kilcoole Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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The protections afforded to the ACAs should be sufficiently strengthened to ensure that proposed developments positively contribute to enhancing the character of the ACAs. The LAP should clearly set out the extent of characteristics which contribute to this character so that all residents are aware of and respect what is / not permissible.

The LAP should enable all property owners within an ACA to be made aware of their responsibilities to protect and respect the character of the area, and that all works to their property requires careful consideration to determine if they materially affect the character of the area.

The LAP should contain robust and clear guidance on the principles of contemporary design within an ACA. New buildings that are clearly not of their own time and appearance should not be allowed. Pastiche modern interventions that replicate the style and detailing of heritage buildings should not be allowed unless they are a very close and considered match, and of a very small scale type extension – for instance not a full residential unit. It is understood that the previous LAP was very clear in this regard and stipulated that .....The replication of historic architectural styles is considered to be counterproductive to heritage conservation in principle as it blurs the distinction between what is historic and what is contemporary and can lead to the emergence of poorly considered and inauthentic buildings.

The LAP should include objectives that enhance the character of all the ACAs. The character of ACAs is being eroded by unauthorised and inappropriate developments in piecemeal fashion. The LAP should contain measures to ensure the ACA objectives are enforced to mitigate potential damaging development at any scale.

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