



Pre Draft Bray LAP Submission - Report

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council welcomes notice provided by Wicklow County Council advising the commencement of the pre-draft public consultation process for the Draft Bray Municipal District Local Area Plan 2025. The boundary of the proposed Bray Municipal District Local Area Plan area immediately adjoins the administrative boundary of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Council, in the southern extents of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midland Region 2019-2031 (RSES) sets out a settlement hierarchy for the Region. The Key Town of Bray is recognised in the RSES as having significant growth potential and comprises Tier 3 in the regional settlement hierarchy. It is noted that Old Connaught, located within the administrative boundary of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, is identified in the RSES and Dublin MASP for future growth as part of the westward expansion of the Key Town of Bray. Regional Policy Objectives 4.37 and 4.38 of the RSES provide that the westward extension of the Key Town of Bray is to be coordinated between Wicklow County Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, and the relevant transport agencies to facilitate the delivery of key enabling transport infrastructure and services.

Old Connaught is located to the west of the Bray and is identified as a 'New Residential Community' in the Settlement Strategy of the dlr County Development Plan 2022-2028. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has commenced the process of preparing a Local Area Plan for Old Connaught and the pre-draft public consultation process was undertaken in mid-2023. The plan-making process for Old Connaught is progressing and it is anticipated that the Draft Local Area Plan will be published for public consultation in Q1 2025.

A fundamental component to inform the Draft Old Connaught Local Area Plan has been the progression by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council of an Infrastructural Capacity Assessment Study to analyse and address the significant infrastructural deficiencies in the Old Connaught and Rathmichael areas. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council would like to acknowledge the collaborative role of Wicklow County Council, in addition to other relevant stakeholders and infrastructure providers, in the preparation and imminent finalisation of the Infrastructural Capacity Assessment Study.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council welcomes continued engagement with Wicklow County Council through the plan-making processes for the respective Local Area Plans of Old Connaught and the Bray Municipal District.

Yours faithfully,



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