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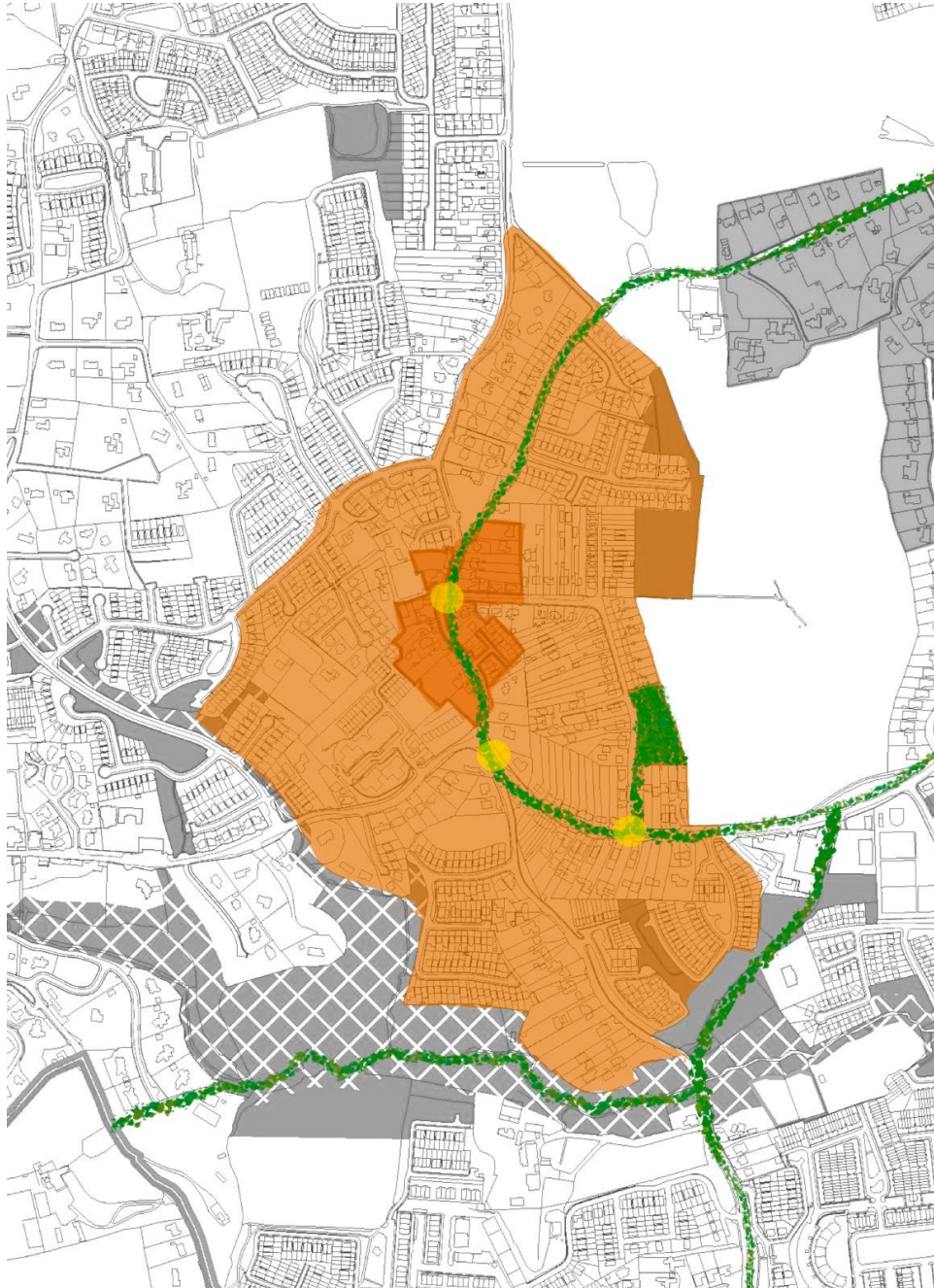
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Review of Local Area Plan of Greystones, Delgany and Kilcoole



Introduction

This review has been prepared by the Killincarrig Community Association (KCA) in response to the draft version of the Greystones, Delgany, and Kilcoole Local Area Plan. It outlines our observations and comments regarding the proposed policies for the area, with a particular focus on key concerns related to the Killincarrig village center and its surrounding environs.

The review is divided into the following headings -

1. Killincarrig
2. Part 8 Killincarrig Village Enhancement Scheme implementation
3. Traffic Safety Concerns, at three key junctions
4. Place making within the village with improved pedestrian connection to Greystones
5. The Sandpit and Pocket Parks
6. The requirement for improvements to existing infrastructure to accommodate growing populations strain on existing amenities - transport, education and commerce.



1. Killincarrig

Killincarrig is one of the oldest historic settlements within the Greystones area. It has been recorded as a village for at least 700 years, with artefacts of human industry discovered from the bronze age. The name 'Killincarrig' or 'Killincarrick' comes from the Irish "coillín na carriage" which translates as "little wood of the rock".

The village has a colourful past. It was shown as Suttonstown on maps from 1297. It was home to famous Irish Rebel and Napoleonic war hero, John Bayly. It housed a makeshift barracks in Cromwell's 1641 invasion. It has been the site of a brewery, a mill, a famous tea house, and a Jacobean Manor House known as Killincarrig Castle.

The KCA strongly advocates for Killincarrig to be formally recognized as a distinct locality within the Local Area Plan. Establishing a clear identity for Killincarrig, separate from neighbouring areas, is essential for preserving its unique character and fostering a sense of community.

We commend the council for designating Killincarrig as a Small Local Centre in the draft plan, as this is an important step toward acknowledging its individuality. Additionally, we appreciate the inclusion of the renewed green space, known locally as "the Sandpit," and its designation as Outdoor Space Type 1 (OS1). This recognition highlights the importance of preserving and celebrating local amenities that enhance community well-being.

Killincarrig Village Objectives	
GDK_KV 01	To formally recognise Killincarrig as a distinct locality, establishing a clear identity for Killincarrig, separate from neighboring areas, preserving its unique character and fostering a sense of community.

2. Part 8 Implementation

The Part 8 Killincarrig Enhancement scheme is greatly anticipated and welcomed as a measure to improve traffic management and place making in Killincarrig Village. It is requested that a project manager and community liaison be appointed from WCC to oversee its implementation, now that it has been reapproved by the council as of the most recent GMD. A Cost Estimate, Updated plans and project timeline would be greatly appreciated.



3. Place Making to the village

It would be great if we could have a sign for our village delineating it as its own place.

In line with the National Planning Framework for 2050, improvement of local pedestrian routes would be very beneficial to the area. At the moment they are partial and disconnected, or unsafe especially around key routes like Mill Road and Carrig Villas.

The proposed new paving and place making proposed in the Village Enhancement scheme is greatly anticipated and appreciated and will help with establishing the town centre. Further lighting and walkways around the surrounding area would also be greatly appreciated and helpful for pedestrians.

Formalising and fully reinstating the historic pedestrian route from Greystones Dart Station to the historic Tea Rooms of Cherry Orchard via the golf course could greatly benefit the community and align with the council's current development plan. This intervention would establish a key route, enhancing connectivity for residents to the local town and Dart Station.

Public Transport

Existing southern bus stops on Mill Road are poorly placed and lack integration with recent developments and upgrades. It would be fantastic if we could relocate the southern bus stops to areas where the pavements are not so narrow for better accessibility and safety.

Parking

The primary mode of transportation in the area is private cars and the local business require parking as an amenity for employees and customers. Employees of local businesses require parking as their working hours are not supported by the public transport system. It is requested the improvements to the parking on Carrig Villas be provided with a potential spillover parking area formalized by the local green space the sandpit.

Derelict House

A derelict unfinished house on a key junction and its derelict neighbor, in the historic village centre has been pointed to as a major safety concern for local residents whilst simultaneously reducing the value of local amenities. This house is a key health and safety concern with fears as time goes on it becomes an attractive area for antisocial behavior. It is recommended that grants be provided to the owners to complete the property, or for the council to compulsory purchase this property and complete it, and give it to a family in need of a home.



Landscaping and Maintenance.

Currently the community maintains the roundabout area due to neglect, but consistent landscaping and weed control are essential and is requested from the council.

Cycling

Killincarrig is a popular throughway for cyclists during the weekend and it would not be an exaggeration to note cyclists come in their thousands. The route is used by several cycling clubs for events, up through the mountains and down via the coast road. The Wicklow 200 has come through a number of times, and clubs use it regularly for training, including the Bray Wheelers, Sorrento Cycling Club, Orwel Wheelers and St.Tiernans.

It would be fantastic to build on this route and improve the local cycle lanes in the area - connecting it to a more comprehensive cycle infrastructure within Bray, Greystones and the Wicklow Mountains similar to the greenway in from Connolly to Howth. Through the village in particular, it would be recommended to have a connected cycle lane on the uphill side of the village, and perhaps have downhill cycling traffic diverted through Carrig Villas.

At the moment cycle lanes are disconnected and difficult to manage with families, so providing a more comprehensive route, perhaps through the pocket parks would be a great option to bring more utility cyclists onto the road, like families and youths.

Killincarrig Village Objectives	
GDK_KV 02	To enhance the existing public realm of the village, providing improved pavements, benches, lighting and public interfacing items, providing a more accessible local hub
GDK_KV 03	To enhance and improve the pedestrian routes around the Killincarrig area, with specific regard in re-establishing a historic route to the train station via the golf club
GDK_KV 04	To enhance and encourage safer traffic management in the area, including the careful consideration of local parking and how it affects local business and pedestrian safety, and the positioning of bus stops
GDK_KV 05	To discourage dereliction and vacancy of local properties through maintenance of public properties and action against derelict and vacant homes
GDK_KV 06	Provide a comprehensive connected cycle infrastructure within the village and wider area, enhancing the already used route by local clubs and local residents.

4. Traffic Safety Concerns

Killincarrig faces significant traffic safety challenges due to heavy traffic volumes and vehicles traveling at higher-than-desirable speeds along its narrow roads. These conditions discourage pedestrian access, particularly for families, and compromise the overall safety and accessibility of the area.

The Killincarrig Community Association (KCA) respectfully requests that the council prioritize the implementation of traffic-calming measures to address these concerns. Specifically, the installation of a speedometer sign is recommended to deter speeding and improve road safety.

Additionally, we urge the council to review the safety and sight lines of the following key junctions, which we believe pose a risk to road users:

- The junction from the R761 to Carrig Villas.
- The double roundabouts leading between R761, Great Church Road and Mill Road.
- The junction at Carrig Villas and Mill Road.



R761, Carrig Villas Junction

The junction at Carrig Villas and the R761 is inherently dangerous in its existing layout. It poses a risk for all users and reduces the functionality of the village as a public realm. As an immediate remedial measure we request the re-implementation of a yellow box at this junction, until the enhancement scheme upgrades are implemented, as it is currently faded and/or ignored.



The Mill Road, Carrig Villas Junction

The Mill Road, Carrig Villas Junction is a dangerous junction for traffic and pedestrians. It is difficult to see oncoming traffic when you are trying to turn left or right onto Mill Road. Vehicles parked on corners further obstruct views, creating risks for both pedestrians and drivers. This is further exacerbated by poor pavement to the area creating a diagonal desire line across the road to the bus stop. We would request that a traffic mirror be installed at this junction to reduce the risk of vehicles turning onto Mill Road.



Double Roundabouts

The double mini roundabouts between Mill Road, Great Church Road and R761 are inherently dangerous, especially when pedestrian crossings are added directly adjacent to them. We would request that the council relocate the pedestrian crossings further away from the roundabouts to avoid emergency stops and enhance safety. The area serves schoolchildren from local Schools and

nearby clubs, making safety paramount. We would also request a School warden be introduced to this area to further enhance the safety of school children.

A thorough assessment and subsequent improvements at these locations will significantly enhance traffic safety for both drivers and pedestrians in our community. We appreciate the council's attention to these matters and look forward to seeing measures that promote a safer and more pedestrian-friendly environment.



Killincarrig Village Objectives	
GDK_KV 07	To review traffic safety concerns in the area, and to provide remedial work to adhere to public safety and providing safer pedestrian and cycle routes, including a traffic warden at school times

5. The Sandpit and Pocket Parks



Enhancing Public Open Spaces and Connectivity

We are pleased to see that “the Sandpit” has been designated as OS1, a public open space, alongside several other areas. This recognition is a valuable step toward preserving and enhancing community amenities. To build on this progress, we respectfully request the implementation of a comprehensive landscape plan for these designated areas. Such a plan could include enhancements like improved usability, removal of the invasive heliotrope, and the addition of community-focused amenities. It would be fantastic to see these connected up in the future - connecting the route from Glen Heron, down by Aldi, up through Carrig Villas and the Golf course and through the Greystones.

In our ongoing efforts to develop “the Sandpit,” we have installed a bench, a small orchard, a solitary bee hotel, and a “Little Free Library” box. We envision collaborating with the council to further improve this space, encouraging local fitness, recreation, and social engagement.

Killincarrig Village Objectives	
GDK_KV 08	Implement a comprehensive landscape plan of connected pocket parks to the area whilst providing additional community-focused amenities, such as playground and benches.
GDK_KV 09	Provide maintenance of landscaped areas, protecting the native environment whilst allowing for the removal of the invasive species

6. Further Afield

Holistically connecting the Killincarrig development into Greystones would be a massive benefit to the village. Reimplementing the historic rights of way lost, such as through the golf club, would positively impact connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists and potentially remove further traffic from the already over-subscribed narrow roads.

At the moment the area of Greystones, Delgany and Kilcoole are lacking the infrastructure to support the increase in population; from transportation, schools, childcare and business amenities. With a population of 22,000; many of them young families commuting to Dublin for work, the area needs to be treated akin to towns of similar scale - and the appropriate amenities should be provided.

It's also important to note that as well as being an area that caters to a growing population, there is a surge of people coming in on weekends which further impacts transportation requirements.

Reducing weekend disruptions to the Dart is paramount. economic impacts have been noted by local businesses on key bank holiday weekends, this tied with the closure of the cliff walk has greatly impacted the Greystones businesses.

We would recommend benchmarking town facilities against comparable commuter towns like Naas or Newbridge. And encourage a plan for broader facilities such as retail, childcare, and education alongside housing development.

Conclusion

The Killincarrig Community Association (KCA) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Greystones, Delgany, and Kilcoole Local Area Plan. This review highlights our community's aspirations for enhancing Killincarrig's unique identity, addressing pressing concerns such as traffic safety, infrastructure improvement, and connectivity, and creating spaces that foster recreation and community well-being.

We commend the council for recognizing Killincarrig as a Small Local Centre and designating "the Sandpit" as a public open space. These steps reflect a commitment to preserving and celebrating the character of our village.

Our recommendations aim to balance historical preservation with modern needs, fostering a safe, vibrant, and connected community. By prioritizing improvements to pedestrian safety, public transport, green spaces, and local amenities, the council can ensure Killincarrig thrives as a distinct and integral part of the broader area.

We look forward to collaborating with the council to bring these proposals to life and create a Killincarrig that reflects the needs and aspirations of its residents.



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