Greystones-Delgany & Kilcoole Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Submission
Q) What are the unique features of Greystones-Delgany and Kilcoole's urban environment that should inform future policy?

A) Being close to the sea and mountains is the most important feature of Greystones/Kilcoole. Being able to get out and enjoy nature and also the food culture is also something that is vital for the area. Greystones is a active outdoors seaside town and it should really try to enhance that view.

Q) Where do you see potential to enhance the public realm in Greystones-Delgany and Kilcoole?

A) More open spaces and proper well managed walking trails would be ideal. There are a good few around but they are poor quality or poorly maintained.

The Bray to Greystones cliff walk is a obvious issue and a disaster how it was and is being handled (this should have been a priority two years ago)

More public amenities/attraction/services around the beaches/seafront/cove and marina in particular. The walkway by the marina is such a lost opportunity, would have been great for restaurants or cafes along that stretch (i know a bakery is opening there shortly.). Im sure tourists coming to Greystones would rather sit and enjoy a view of the sea or harbor while eating/having a coffee.

Kilcoole doesn't have any parks, has two trails but only one is a loop and both are short walks. These two paths are terrible any time other then summer.

Kilcoole to Greystones walk along the cost is dangerous for large parts, this would be a good walk to upgrade and add a cycle track to.

Q) Are there any areas/ vacant buildings you would like to see redeveloped/regenerated? What uses and design would you like to see?

A) Kilcoole main street is a mess... There is a large gritty car park in the middle of the main street with abandon shipping containers, its one of the first things people see coming into the town. Further down in the very center of the town there is ruins with a field behind. A car has since crash through the wall so it looks ever worse then before (a car also seems to have crashed through the wall beside the old convent which looks horrible) . Across the road from that, again in the very center of the town is another ruin. Plans had been put in for these abandon areas but all were refused.. So they are just left empty and make the town look rundown as a result

The "Rock of Kilcoole" is another mess. It is completely closed off and the area at the bottom is a wasteland, this could be made into a public area or park.

Kilcoole feels a bit forgotten

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