



Pre Draft Bray LAP Submission - Report

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Topic

Regeneration of Communities & Places - Healthy Placemaking - Urban Design - Opportunity Sites in Arklow Submission

Placemaking and playful cities approach to Bray.

A public space that could be used might be for example be in the environs of the swimming pool on the southern cross road, a large tarmac area that seems relatively unused. This could be a prime area to introduce a cycle training facility - mini road layouts for children to use. Portlaoise has one in operation called a 'Learn to cycle facility. These are also located in a few other parts of Ireland. - link here to waterford's facility. <https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/munster/arid-40786968.html#:~:text=Ireland%27s%20first%20outdoor%20%27Learn%20to,%2C%20signs%2C%20and%20pedestrian%20crossings.>

More bike repair stations and more seating areas along walking routes for older persons who might accompany children to/from school.

Signage for routes, times and travel mode from Xlocation to Xschool for example.

Funky signs - in Westport they have had the car/bike signs - One runs on oil, the other burns fat.

Bike library facilities. <https://laois.ie/newsroom/2024/cycle-of-change-irelands-first-upcycled-bike-library-launches-in-portlaoise>

Topic

Infrastructure - Sustainable Movement – Transportation Submission

Too much reliance on the private car for the school journey.

Air quality is significantly compromised in Bray by the reliance on the private car and the exacerbated toxic emission content when vehicles are idling in traffic and idling at school pick ups. A local Bye Law to ban vehicle engine idling would be simple and swift, together with local school based education initiatives. A Bray Cluster project with all Bray, Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue schools would be an exciting and very feasible prospect.

The Vevay Road and Killarney road were poised to have cycle infrastructure consultancy work, this was culled in circa 2022/2023.

The introduction of the 30km/h speed limits at all schools in Wicklow is a significant statement. The periodics are not always functioning however - perhaps this could be enhanced with monitoring and the reintroduction

of a fixmystreet style reporting mechanism.

The 30 km/h zones would also benefit hugely from the deployment of uniform road markings,

Road markings and repeater signage would assist in reminder and alerting drivers to slow to 30 in these zones. They need to be bold and stand out, contrast surfacing etc.

In many areas with fixed periodic, the signage on entry - eg all entry points into Enniskerry are using 300mm repeater signage. These need to be the standard 600mm or indeed larger size elements. The impact at present is compromised by the use of repeater dimension signage.

Making routes to school fun, inviting and user friendly with continuity as much as possible.

Using cycle lanes in a contra flow on the Boghall road needs to be addressed and currently presents a danger.

The introduction of cyclist lighting on the routes at traffic lights would assist in the above issue.

Enhancement of permeability - for example the one way section of Old Soldiers Road - should be inviting and legally opened for cyclists to access officially, with signage to alert drivers of cyclists coming from the Giltspur woods direction.

The loss of red asphalt on Oldcourt Park and coming onto Killarney Road is so significant - it's almost impossible to tell it was there. Arklow has some very vivid sections of red asphalt.

Boghall road would greatly benefit from the introduction of several new crossing points, raised zebra crossings with the new style blue/yellow/white crossing signage - this is in situ in the south approach road area in Arklow.

The breaking of red lights in Bray by drivers is significant and too common and indeed condoned in a sense by the lack of action and enforcement.

Increase crossing times at traffic lights - Tesco and near Loreto secondary on allows 6 seconds - too short and presents significant danger. Lights along the entire Vevay need to be assessed.

It would be great to significantly increase the active travel modes of students going to the many schools in Bray. Making it attractive and having a Bray wide campaign to encourage could reap huge change and benefits.

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