

Greystones-Delgany & Kilcoole Local Area Plan Submission -Report

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I would like to see the Chapel Road (L-1027) upgrade scheme progressed to completion as an urgent priority. It is an essential piece of infrastructure for the many new homes built there and paying significant contributions. Given the delays so far, I guess the CPO is likely to lapse soon, which would be a shame. Given development at Seagreen, Waverly, Eastmount , Churchlands, Littlebrook (and next door to it) and soon Bellevue, and given schools in the Templecarrig complex have been identified for Safe Routes to Schools schemes, Chapel Road is a disgrace. Additionally, we continue to fail on our National targets towards 2030/50 greenhouse gas reductions, with a conversion to active travel, particularly starting in childhood being arguably the most crucial step towards the modal shift. Many children walk/cycle/scoot to school here but many other parents are afraid to given how narrow the paths are and in some cases (particularly near Foxford and La Touche Lodge) the kerb is so low to the road there is nothing to prevent a car from mounting it in the event of an accident, or lets face it, plenty of cars mount the kerb to allow passing traffic to continue - this would be prevented with 250mm kerbs. On top of local traffic favouring driving to school, these schools have huge catchment areas which naturally encourage some level of driving. The upgrade needs to happen so local commuting is through active measures. I do appreciate that we need construction traffic would ideally cease before WCC/NTA but we need to proceed with it while there is plenty of funding available for such schemes.

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