



# Pre Draft Bray LAP Submission - Report

Who are you:	Group
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## Topic

Economic Opportunity – Tourism - Shops & Services - Community Facilities

## Submission

Irish sailing are currently in the process of recruiting an EEDI officer Environment, Equality Diversity and Inclusion Officer. This could be a super time to work with Irish Sailing via BRAY MD and Bray Sailing Club for example to increase and build on current sailing diversity and sailability provision, indeed an opportunity to Bray on the map nationally and internationally.

## Topic

Heritage – Biodiversity- Green infrastructure- Climate Action- Energy

## Submission

This submission represents 450 followers on our Bray Harbour Swan Sanctuary Facebook page.

This submission further represents the views of 6742 signatories on our Change.org Petition  
<https://www.change.org/p/save-bray-swans-from-carnage>

This submission further represents the views of the Save Our Swans 'Rescue, Rehabilitation, Welfare and Education Group' comprised of 21 active members.

The large colony of swans who have chosen Bray Harbour as their home and refuge, is recognised by Wicklow County Council as a Swan Sanctuary. We are grateful to the LA for the signage put in place. It would be super to have a redevelopment of the sign design, information content and indeed the creation and installation of a series of interpretative signage to factor in all the species the harbour is home too, Swans, Crabs, Otters, gulls and others and visiting bird species, crabs, seaweed species etc.

## Topic

Infrastructure - Sustainable Movement – Transportation

## Submission

Proposed transport bridge:

The road safety report of a potential transport bridge at the harbour highlighted many issues and concerns with regard to the proposed changes and this is directly relating to it's use by people. Are the council prepared to ignore that report?

With so many developments and changes, such a plan and design is no longer fresh or current.

We need the level of private car significantly reduced on Bray main street - the proposed transport bridge is poised to accept busses...bikes and bodies...

With the narrowing of the roadway currently on Quinsboro road by virtue of the volumes of busses using it as a temporary stopping zone, how can one give countenance to the plan for busses emerging onto Seapoint Road and cutting across the dual path of cyclists???

Focusing now on the proposed Bridge design and it's 22m height and vertical struts - it is a design picked out several years ago by a member of the LA who no longer works for Wicklow.

We would ask the council to give serious consideration to this bridge design, serious consideration to the issue of certain swan deaths arising from fatal collisions , serious consideration to the dwarfing of the harbour by such a structure.

Please give serious consideration to the legacy of swans deaths, th impact on visitors who will witness swan deaths, and indeed children who may witness same and whose parents may in turn sue the LA for trauma. Deaths occur regularly on the DART line at Bray when swans crash into the overhead lines, in this case they hit the track or a moving DART.

Consideration needs to be given to the weight of a swan falling from anywhere from 22 metres onto a passing pedestrian, cyclist or bus. A swan weighs over 15kg, that's similar to the weight of a 4 year old child falling potentially on top of someone. It would certainly make for an interesting insurance policy add on. A series of physics calculations will tell you exactly how significant such an impact on the human head could be.

Someone needs to make a stand on this bridge design. and take a risk averse stance.

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