



# Pre Draft Bray LAP Submission - Report

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## Topic

Heritage – Biodiversity- Green infrastructure- Climate Action- Energy  
Submission

We are extremely lucky to have the SACs Knocksink Woods, Monastery Glen and Ballyman Glen in the vicinity of Enniskerry, but they are unappreciated, in poor condition despite their status and under threat because of lack of knowledge, the need for development and what many believe are errors in zoning. Fassaroe New Town will be a very welcome new development with much of this being on a brownfield site, and the Enniskerry Delta ([https://gsi.geodata.gov.ie/downloads/Geoheritage/Reports/WW020\\_Enniskerry\\_Delta.pdf](https://gsi.geodata.gov.ie/downloads/Geoheritage/Reports/WW020_Enniskerry_Delta.pdf)). However it is close to the Ballyman stream and Ballyman Glen SAC, as well as the Glencullen River/valley and its riparian border - all rich in biodiversity which as you know is in crisis. This development must be carried out in close consultation with independent ecologists to protect these delicate environments and ensure decoupling of development and biodiversity loss. It would be possible to conserve heritage and biodiversity at the Enniskerry Delta by protecting the already present walking trail around the natural lake and old quarry where sand martins are nesting. This could also serve as natural flood defense for the development. The creation of new ponds, protection of old woodland and riparian areas would create biodiversity net gain with careful management, protection, and planting, including new hedgerows. The present trail connects to an old carriageway trail that goes all the way down to the Bray Road (R117/21 Bends). Preserving this would also preserve the giant redwoods and the Richard Barrington Bridge - saving both natural and historical heritage and keeping a fantastic active travel route linking Fassaroe New Town and Enniskerry.

Further into Enniskerry on Kilgarron Hill, we have very unfortunately zoning right on the boundary of Knocksink Woods Nature Reserve (SAC). Any development here would threaten the special interests of petrifying springs and alluvial forest that contribute along with ancient oaks to the status of this SAC, which already suffers many challenges. Without the protection of rezoning to CZ (zoned for conservation) this area will be under constant threat of development - such as the SHD under Judicial Review now. It is unconscionable that protection of this unique area in the future should be left to a few concerned residents who may, or may not be able to fundraise enough money to contest the constant stream of planning applications we have already contested. Rezoning to CZ will enable the natural expansion of Knocksink Woods, which will not only further help to conserve its qualifying interests, and with well-managed additional trails this area could bring enhanced benefits to Enniskerry community and beyond. This could be enhanced further still by creating a protected biodiversity corridor the length of the Glencullen River, with greenways where necessary to provide a walking trail from the foothills of the Glendoo and Cruagh mountains, through Glencullen and Enniskerry, taking walkers to the R117, and the trail to Fassaroe. This would be a fantastic contribution to the Nature Restoration project.

## Topic

Infrastructure - Sustainable Movement – Transportation

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I would like to suggest 2 junctions that are dangerous and in desperate need of traffic management. The first is in Enniskerry Village at the junction of Cookestown Rd, Church Hill and the entrance to Powerscourt Estate/Eagle Valley (53.188291,-6.169791). Traffic coming from St Patrick's Church and Powerscourt NS, as well as cars travelling up from the Cookestown Rd, have to battle it out with cars coming from the Kilmacanogue direction, and Eagle Valley/Knocksink and up from the village. It is quite often chaotic with walkers, cars and cyclists taking their lives in their hands to attempt to turn on to their route. A roundabout here would be of great benefit, especially bearing in mind the extra traffic that will be joining in the chaos from the new developments along the Cookestown Rd.

The second is the junction of the Lower Dargle Rd with Castle St, and Ravenswell Rd (53.205686,-6.109846). This junction is another point of chaos, with pedestrians, cyclists and cars all battling to get on to Castle St. It is also due to be impacted by development of the Ravenswell Rd. The construction of a roundabout here could alleviate traffic congestion, increase safety for all travellers, and mitigate the impact of development.

I would also request that the 30Km/h speed limit recently applied from Millfield towards Enniskerry village square be extended to before the previous bend, before the Community Centre and Crimmins Garage to point 53.192799,-6.165773. The present position of the notice gives traffic very little time to slow down before it turns into the village and also many people try to cross the road very near the present sign to reach the toilets, Ploughman's Corner, or to go further up to the Bog Meadow/Dixons Meadow Community Garden. The loss of wildlife and pets on the stretch of road between the previous corner and the present 30Km/h sign indicates how dangerous this stretch of road is and how fast cars tend to travel at a point where people are also trying to cross to reach Crimmins Garage or the Community Centre. By extending the zone further around that bend, it gives traffic time to slow down well before the community centre and the entrance to Millfield, as well as the bend that leads to the village centre.

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