



Greystones-Delgany & Kilcoole Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

Heritage - Biodiversity- Green infrastructure- Climate Action- Energy

Submission

Greystones-Delgany Kilcoole Local Area Plan

Input on - HERITAGE - BIODIVERSITY - GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE - CLIMATE ACTION - ENERGY -

For the purposes of the next LAP, I request that specific objectives, zoning and planning for the following green infrastructure (for climate action, biodiversity action, and community wellbeing) are included:

- nature restoration and native woodland habitat development of the Coolagad / Kindlestown to Glen of the Downs area. This should include removing the plan for R001 link road from Greystones North through Coolagad to N11 and zoning the area for nature (Greenbelt or Open Space / Biodiversity)
- a comprehensive map of the local streams and the (CDP) set-back buffer zone of 25m each side (to inform zoning and development). Explicitly zone these as Open Space [see DTT map of local watercourse attached]
- a comprehensive assessment and mapping of the ponds and wetlands (as an extension of the streams map) and develop ponds / wetlands at The Glebe bridge, Delgany and other community locations
- complete the assessment of the already proposed trees for tree protection / preservation orders [see DTT input to Co Wicklow CDP attached]
- plan for community energy solutions including community solar and wind generation on all WCC and other public buildings
- plan for a community composting centre and community mechanical and electrical repair centre for each of the 3 town / village centres
- map the active travel infrastructure (cycle and walking routes) for the area and assess where further development is needed
- plan the Delgany Village community development of the de Buitléar Community Heritage Centre (was HSE building), the Carmelite Centre, etc.
- carry out an assessment of the already proposed historic protected buildings in Delgany village like Hollybrook Cottage

I request that the appropriate Key Performance Indicators to measure Local Area progress on Climate and Biodiversity Action be planned and baselined for regular progress reporting. This could include %OS, %Tree Cover, Stream and Pond Water Quality, Barn Owl population, etc.

As part of this, the Local Government Climate Action Key Performance Indicators report includes a list of potential climate action key performance indicators (KPIs) for the local government sector, which local authorities should consider using in key thematic areas, including transport, e.g., kilometres of permanent segregated cycling network, percentage of local authority, vehicle fleet which are zero

emissions.

I also support the submission from Delgany Community Council (DCC) on developing Delgany community, heritage and public realm.

File

Watercourse Map Delgany Greystones.pdf, 0.8MB

Nature Reserves and Tree Preservation Orders Input to Draft WW CDP.pdf, 0.77MB

Working draft DTT input to Draft Wicklow County Development Plan on

Nature Reserves and Tree Preservation Orders (Draft WW CDP 2021-2027, Chapter 17)

Our baseline understanding from the Draft CDP

Co Wicklow has 6 statutory Nature Reserves, including Glen of the Downs (Delgany), and 64 existing Tree Preservation Orders (TPO), including 3 in Greystones Municipal District. 9 new TPOs are proposed and 4 amendments are proposed.

Schedule 17.04 Nature Reserves

No.	Name	Habitat
1	Glen of the Downs	Woodland

Tree Preservation Orders (Summary of Schedule 17.05 A & Schedule 17.05 B)

Area	Existing	Proposed	Amendment Proposed
Total Co Wicklow	64	9	4
County Wide (outside Wicklow town & Bray)	46	0	0
Bray MD	17	4	3
Wicklow MD	3	2	0
Arklow MD	1	2	0
Baltinglass MD	Approx. 20	1	1
Greystones MD	3	0	0

Schedule 17.05 A Existing Tree Preservation Orders

County Wide – 46, including 3 in GMD, 1 in Wicklow Town, 17 in Bray

ID	Description	Location
4	Oak trees	Quarry Road, Killincarrig, Greystones
40	Oak, Pine Ornamental & boundary trees	Kendalstown Rise, Kindlestown Upper, Delgany
43	Roadside Beech trees	Holy Faith Convent, Kilcoole

Request from Delgany Tidy Towns

Given the urgency of the Wicklow Climate and Biodiversity Emergency (declared by WCC, April 2019) and the drastic status of continued decline in our Habitats and Biodiversity (the fabric of the garden county) [1, 2, 3],

Delgany Tidy Towns (DTT) calls for **an updated strategy and County Development Plan** where preservation and natural development of our remaining Habitats and Biodiversity becomes the (joint) main objective of WCC Planning and Development, rather than the exception that has to be prescribed for individual areas, habitats and trees.

As a start, DTT calls for the following actions in the WW CDP:

- **Map and Communicate** the Three Trouts Stream (TTS) River System to be a Wicklow Community Nature Reserve, to include the river and all its tributaries, from source(s) to sea, and the banks 25m each side¹. This would include and complement the existing Glen of the Downs Statutory Nature Reserve.
- **Protect** all mature native trees, including those we propose below, by a **default Tree Protection Order(s)** because they are vital to us as Wicklow Citizens for the following reasons:
 - o Preserving the Natural Heritage and Character of Delgany Village, GMD, and the Garden County
 - o Protecting our threatened Biodiversity
 - o Protecting our River Fresh Water Quality (and coastal / marine water quality downstream)
 - o Carbon capture and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

Immediate TPOs requested

ID	Description	Location	Reason
Prop-DTT-1	Yews and other mature trees	Old Burial Ground, Delgany Village	Natural Heritage and Character of Delgany Village, Biodiversity protection and Carbon capture
Prop-DTT-2	Oak, Willow and other mature trees	Old Rectory and other area between Church Road and Priory Road in Delgany Village	Natural Heritage and Character of Delgany Village, Biodiversity protection and Carbon capture
Prop- DTT-3	Scots Pine and other mature trees	Area between Convent Road, Church Road and Lloyds Auto Repair in	Natural Heritage and Character of Delgany Village, Biodiversity

¹ The draft WW CDP does already propose a (minimum) riverside protection / buffer zone 25m each side of each river and stream which is very welcome

		Delgany Village	protection and Carbon capture
Prop- DTT-4	Mature trees	Area between Bellevue Hill, Glen Rd (R762) and Valley View in Delgany Village	Natural Heritage and Character of Delgany Village, Biodiversity protection and Carbon capture
Prop- DTT-5	Mature trees	Stylebawn House Estate between Glen Road (R762) and Blackberry Lane in Delgany Village	Natural Heritage and Character of Delgany Village, Biodiversity protection and Carbon capture
Prop- DTT-6	Mature trees	Along Glen Road (R762) from Delgany Village to N11, including Delgany Golf Course, Delgany	Natural Heritage and Character of Delgany Village, Biodiversity protection and Carbon capture
Prop- DTT-7	Mature trees	Both banks along Three Trouts Stream, south of Glen Road (R762) from N11, through Delgany Village and downstream to Three Trouts Bridge on Kilcoole Road (R761)	Natural Heritage and Character of Delgany Village, River Water Quality Protection, Biodiversity protection and Carbon capture
Prop- DTT-8	Mature trees	Delgany Fairy Trail between Blackberry Lane and Priory Road, Delgany	Natural Heritage and Character of Delgany Village, Biodiversity protection and Carbon capture
Prop-DTT-9	Ridge of Scots Pine Trees (the Dancing Trees or Drummin Trees)	Harmon's Brow, Drummin, Delgany	Natural Heritage and Character of Delgany Village, Biodiversity protection and Carbon capture
Prop- DTT-10	Mature Trees	Gorteen House site and Carmelite Monastery site, Delgany Village	Natural Heritage and Character of Delgany Village, Biodiversity protection and Carbon capture
Prop- DTT-11	All other mature native trees in GMD	GMD	Biodiversity protection and Carbon capture

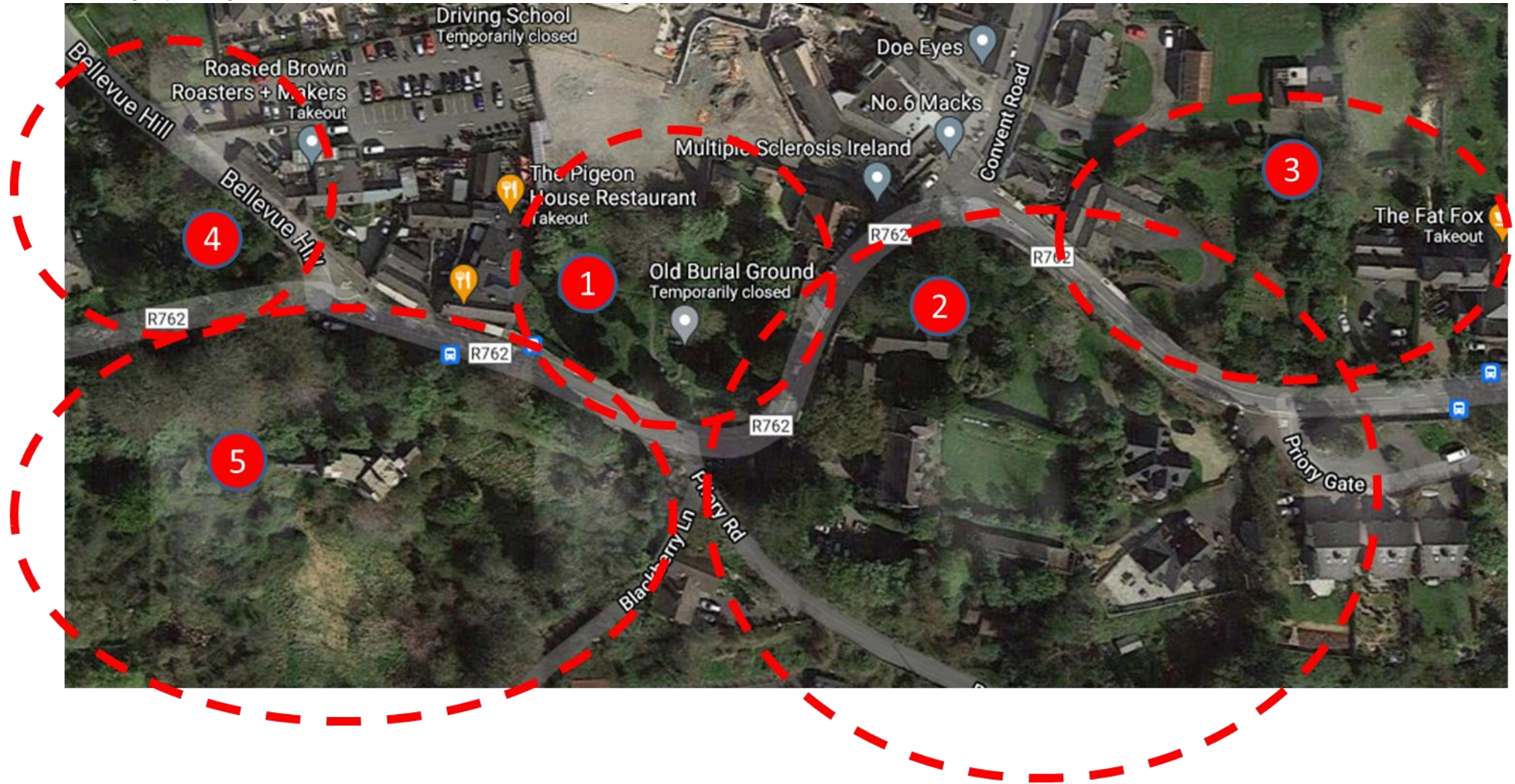
References:

[1] [Greystones / Delgany Local Area Plan 2006 – 2012 \(Appendix VI\) - Local Biodiversity Areas 20th, February 2006 by Altemar, Marine and Environmental Consultants for Wicklow County Council.](#)

[2] [Preliminary Biodiversity Appraisal of the Three Trouts Stream, Degany, 2019, by Alan Lauder, for Delgany Tidy Towns](#)

[3] [2021 Greystones Biodiversity Report, by Faith Wilson, for Greystones Tidy Towns](#)

Trees in Delgany Village Centre proposed for TPOs (1-5)



Trees around Delgany Village proposed for TPOs (6-8)



Dancing Trees at Harmon's Brow, Drummin East, south of and adjacent to Delgany Village proposed for TPOs (9)



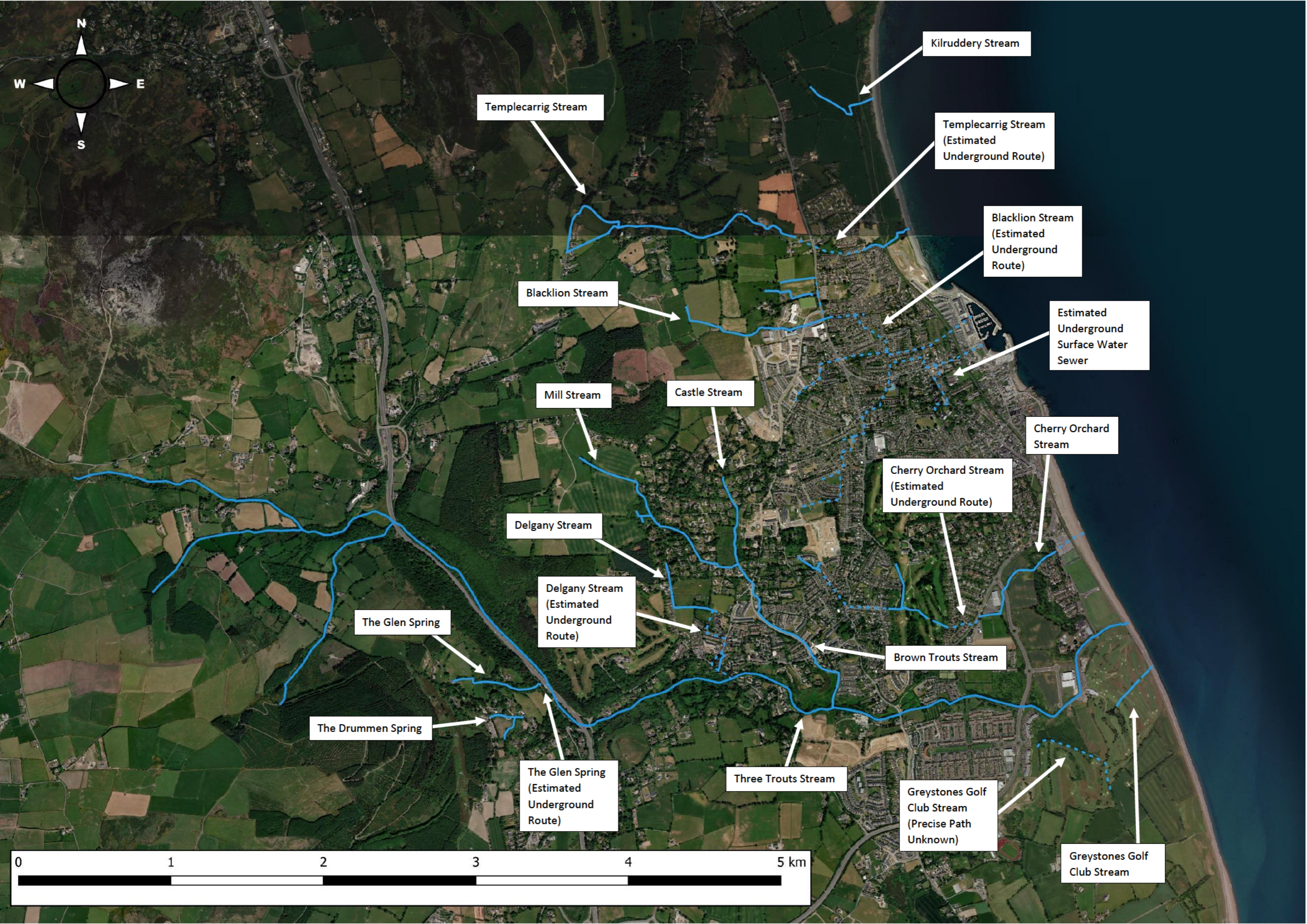
Dancing Trees at Harmon's Brow, Drummin East, south of and adjacent to Delgany Village proposed for TPOs (9) – following 2 photos from LAP 2006 -2012 [1]

*Prominent treeline of
Scots pine just outside
LAP area
(viewed from Kindlestown)*



Mature Trees at Gorteen House site and Carmelite Monastery site, at North edge of Delgany Village proposed for TPOs (10)





Templecarrig Stream

Kilruddery Stream

Templecarrig Stream
(Estimated
Underground
Route)

Blacklion Stream
(Estimated
Underground
Route)

Estimated
Underground
Surface Water
Sewer

Blacklion Stream

Mill Stream

Castle Stream

Cherry Orchard
Stream

Cherry Orchard Stream
(Estimated
Underground
Route)

Delgany Stream

Delgany Stream
(Estimated
Underground
Route)

The Glen Spring

The Drummen Spring

The Glen Spring
(Estimated
Underground
Route)

Brown Trouts Stream

Three Trouts Stream

Greystones Golf
Club Stream
(Precise Path
Unknown)

Greystones Golf
Club Stream

