

Swan River Greenway

Community Workshop 7th December 2021

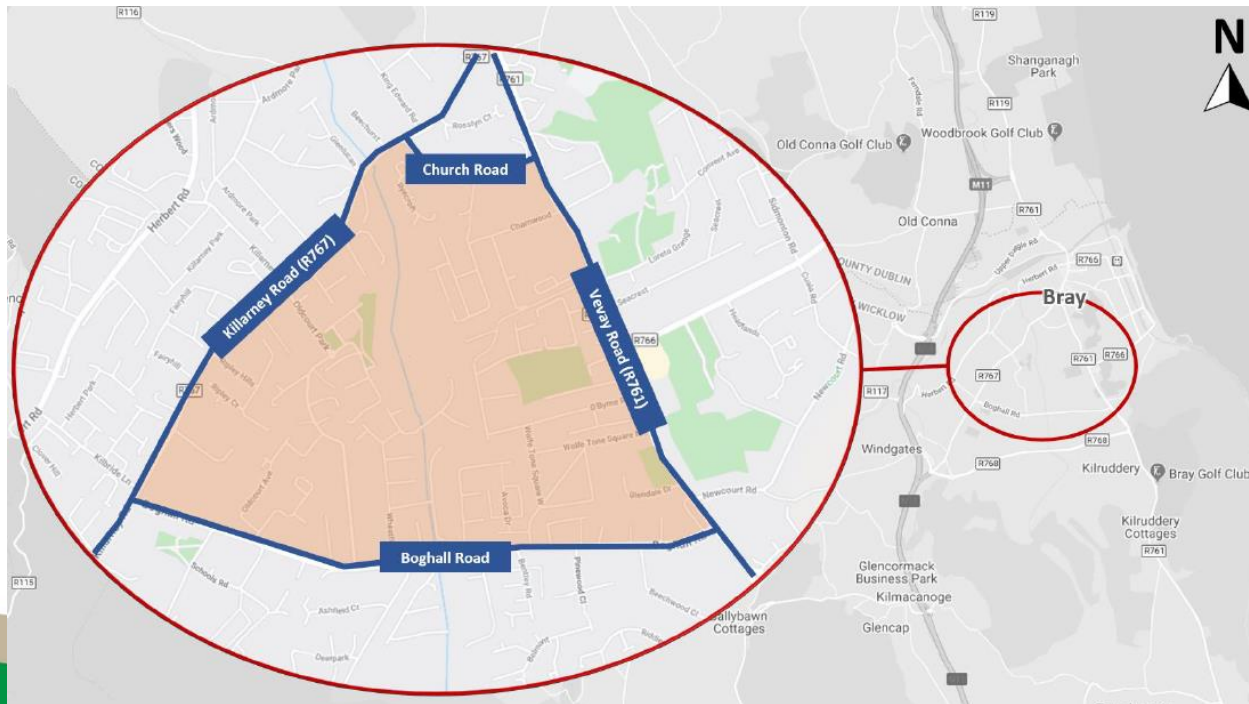
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Oldcourt Area

- Well established residential area close to Bray Town Centre
- Close to local amenities; schools, shops, businesses, sports clubs
- Rich in biodiversity
- Rich in heritage



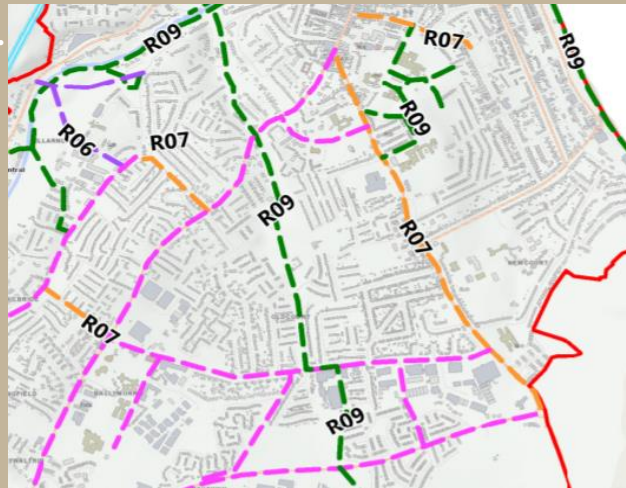
Why Consider the Project?

- The woodlands and open space along the Swan River provides a valuable natural resource for the Oldcourt Area. The area is rich in biodiversity, heritage and amenity value.
- Much of this area is difficult to access and lacks safe linkage into the surrounding housing developments.
- Bray suffers from traffic congestion particularly during school drop-off and collection times.
- Opportunity to develop a scheme that benefits the residents of Oldcourt and surrounding areas.



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- Planning Policy – Bray Local Area Plan 2018-2024
 - Roads Objective R09: To promote and support the development of enhanced or new greenways at a number of locations including along the Swan River.



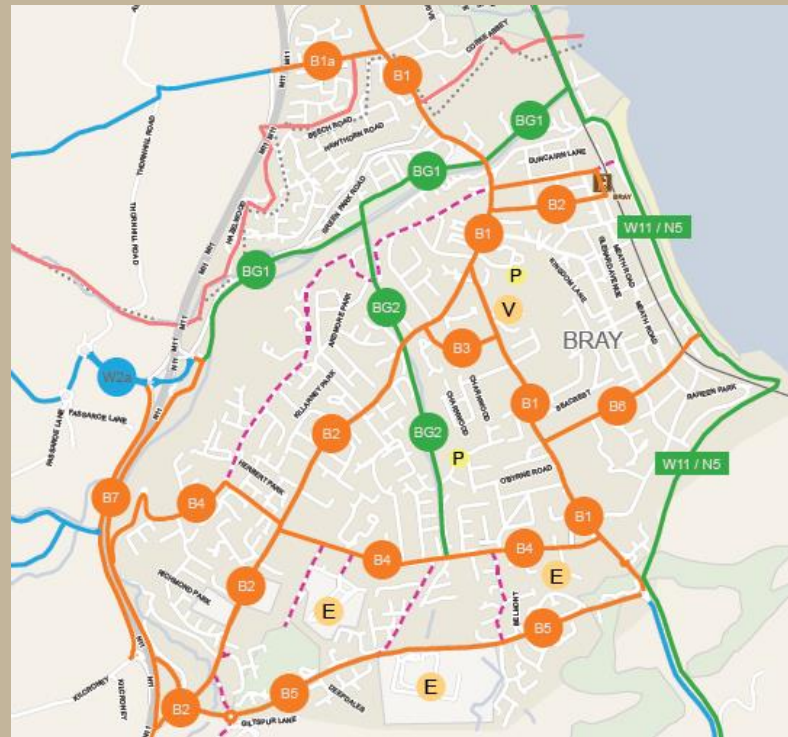
	M11/N11 Improvements
	Regional Road Improvements
	Local Road Improvements
	Green Routes
	Foot / Cycleways Improvements
	Objective R04 - See Chapter 9 of LAP
	Road Objectives - See Chapter 9 of LAP

- Green Infrastructure Objective GI5: To promote a series of open spaces and recreation areas linked by green corridors along Swan River.



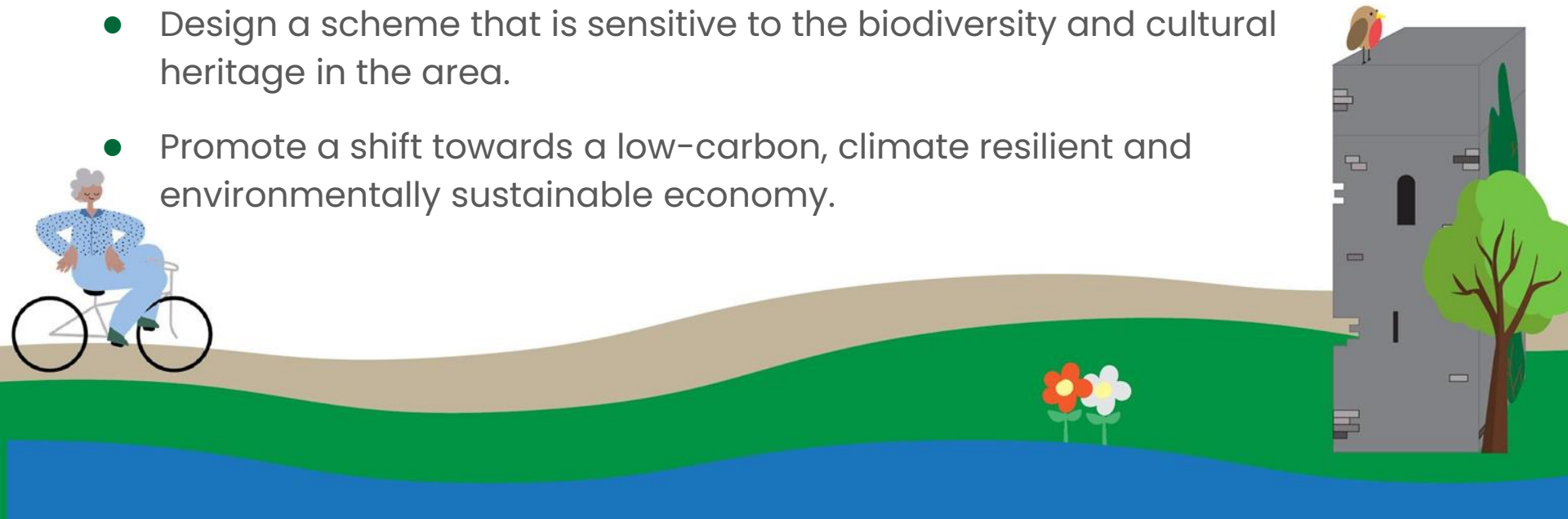
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- NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan identified a possible greenway route along Swan River.



What is the Aim of the Project?

- Design a scheme that significantly enhances pedestrian and cycle connectivity to schools, employment, shops and public transport.
- Provide high quality pedestrian and cycle facilities which will encourage and facilitate a modal shift away from car usage to more sustainable modes of transport such as walking and cycling.
- Design a scheme that has a positive impact on the public realm and helps to promote social integration and community development.
- Design a scheme that is sensitive to the biodiversity and cultural heritage in the area.
- Promote a shift towards a low-carbon, climate resilient and environmentally sustainable economy.



What is the Project Development Process?

- Stage 1 – Scope of Scheme & Funding Application
- Stage 2 – Concept Development & Non-Statutory Consultation
- Stage 3 – Preliminary Design
- Stage 4 – Statutory Approval Process
- Stage 5 – Detail Design & Procurement of Contractor
- Stage 6 – Construction
- Stage 7 – Project Close-Out



How will the Project be Funded?

- Wicklow County Council applied for funding through the National Transport Authority's Sustainable Transport Measures Grant Scheme.
- The NTA have approved funding for Concept Development and Option Selection Stage.
- Wicklow County Council will continue to work with the NTA to progress the project through all stages.



Project Consultants

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