



# Greystones-Delgany & Kilcoole Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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## Topic

Compact Growth - Housing - Population Growth

### Submission

As a voluntary secondary school in the catchment area for the Local Area Plan, can we make a plea that housing provision makes due regard for adequate community infrastructure within the local area?. At present, houses and apartments are being developed without any regard for whether there are adequate facilities to service the families living in the houses. We see this especially with school places, where local schools are placed under significant pressure due to a developer led growth in population which is not matched with a simultaneous provision in local community infrastructure, whether that includes schools, community spaces or facilities.

## Topic

Regeneration of Communities & Places - Healthy Placemaking - Urban Design - Opportunity Sites in Wicklow Town - Rathnew

### Submission

Healthy placemaking involves smart and integrated development which draws connections and linkages between different elements of what is becoming an increasingly dispersed town. All our schools should be safely accessible by bicycles with safe cycling routes. We also need to examine if some of the land currently zoned for residential purposes, but undeveloped, would service a better use and function for the community with a zoning aimed at enhancing community, educational and amenity provision. The position is particularly acute on the northern part of Greystones where there is no real available amenity space, despite significant development. Additionally, the land zoned to service the 3 schools in Blacklion is inadequate and access to additional land for recreation, community and sporting purposes would be a positive development for the schools and the wider local community.

## Topic

Economic Opportunity - Tourism - Shops & Services - Community Facilities

### Submission

New recreation, sport and community facilities are urgently needed in the northern part of Greystones. In Temple Carrig at present, with nearly 1,000 students, we have to transport students by bus to pitches in the southern part of the town for sports. Having access to a pitch close to the School would be a real bonus for the pupils and the wider community. There is an area of Active Open Space adjacent to Temple Carrig School but at present it can only be developed and used at a timing and to a specification of the developer of housing on the site. The need for amenity/sport/recreation facilities adjacent to our school is so acute that WCC should look for mechanisms to unlock the potential of the Active Open Space lands now rather than having the benefit of this community based zoning frustrated by the development being linked to broader residential development. It is a flaw in the planning scheme for Blacklion that a core part of the community and amenity provision for the Blacklion Area Plan can be held up for a decade, although acutely needed to service aspects of the plan which have been developed.

## Topic

Infrastructure - Sustainable Movement - Transportation

### Submission

At peak times, traffic around the 3 Schools in Blacklion is chronic and congested. It also represents a

safety hazard. There is an urgent need to proceed with the development of filter lanes at the junction with the R761 for which land has been reserved.

There is also a need to target and complete safe cycling routes through the town so that the schools can be serviced safely by cyclists. At present only parts of the cycling routes are on separated lanes. Over the period of the next plan it should be a priority to develop a network of safe cycling routes through the town and environs.

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