



Pre Draft Bray LAP Submission - Report

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make a submission for the Bray County Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

Traffic. I feel Park and Rides to visit the city or inner suburbs are a good solution for Dublin and surrounding counties to workably reduce congestion. Local buses are too unreliable and infrequent to be depended upon and require connections to get into town, and some buses are too slow. Realistically, although driving to a park and ride with a quick commute connection does involve driving, it is the most workable way to reduce car use. I live in Enniskerry, and at the moment I have to drive to Carrickmines or Stillorgan park and rides with the angst of wondering if I will find a spot. I think we should have multiple park and rides along the N11 with buses to Dublin.

Healthy placemaking. Large trees in the ground (not in pots) in villages and towns and outside new developments softens the impact of roads and parked cars. It makes the place more inviting and less abrupt. It 'grounds' a place. Additionally any brown field developments should be set back from the road with a green strip between the road and the footpath.

Parking in Enniskerry. This is a growing problem. We want people to stop and engage with the village, not drive through it. Only residents should be able to park in the village center for more than 3 hours at a time. People working in the shops and commuting to other places should park on the outside.

The Old Schoolhouse in Enniskerry is a lovely old building with character and the old playground in front seems under utilised. I would like to see the public able to sit here away from the traffic.

Community Buildings such as the Parochial Hall, the hall next to Crimmins garage, the hall in the Bogmeadow and the GAA hall should have visible notices showing what clubs are on and when to make them more welcoming and an integral part of village life. A lot of these halls could do with updating and providing public toilets. The AOH hall never seems to be used.

Housing – population – compact growth. Enniskerry has grown extensively in the last few years. It is not suited to more growth due to infrastructure and traffic. I would like to see the conservation lands above Knocksink Woods at Parknasilloge/Kilgarron extended to protect Knocksink from the damage that will be caused by housing development and the increased footfall from an increasing population around Dublin looking for nature. By rezoning to conservation and amenity on the slopes to Knocksink, I would aim to avoid land compaction, removal of soil, prevention of urban pollution, and avoidance of alteration to the natural drainage avenues to and from the springs at Knocksink.

Biodiversity – Please consider rezoning 50m each side of our river corridors for protection, restoration and rewilding.

Walks. We need more walking routes of different lengths and circular routes from the village and in the Glencree Valley. We also need sufficient parking for walking groups. I have met people reconnoitering for walks and they find old routes closing and lack of variety for the growing numbers of walkers. Any brownfield development should incorporate compulsory footpaths at planning stage (even dirt ones) around the edges of the property to provide for future connectivity between lands. I suggest a couple of walks may be made from Enniskerry to Kilgarron or Kilmolin, to the Glencree river and back to the village.

Cyclists. We have an inordinate number of cyclists through Enniskerry at weekends. We should better plan for them with cycle lanes or passing lanes where possible to allow traffic to flow. This is most easily achieved before new developments are given planning. Any brownfield site should prioritise cycle lanes first. This will ease road rage and improve safety.

Tree protection. 1. The tree lined avenues from all directions into Enniskerry village should be protected. 2. The Scots Pines at Curtlestown Wood should be protected.

Thank you for your time in considering my submission,

Julia Strickland,

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