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AN INDEPENDENT VOICE FOR THE GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Wicklow County Councillor
Peace Commissioner
Mayor of Greystones 2013-14



Dear Wicklow Planning Department,

I would like to make a submission in relation to the Greystones-Delgany & Kilcoole Local Area Plan.

Biodiversity, Green Infrastructure & Public Transport:

- A recycling centre is vital for the Greystones Municipal District. This district is currently the only area without one. Some Municipal Districts have two recycling centres. It offers an opportunity to reduce emissions, rather than driving to Bray. Additionally it could allow local schools to engage with recycling facilities.
- More outdoor walking trails should be adopted. I would like to see the area behind and including Charlesland Golf Club acquired and opened up for nature walks. This area should be protected.
- Sweeping clearances such as that between Burnaby Mill and Charlesland Wood should be avoided. Any major biodiversity loss should have public consultation.
- Additional public transport is needed.
- Trams should be extended closer to Delgany, and ideally to the proposed Greystones Park & Ride on the N11.
- A second rail track is needed between Bray and Greystones.

Housing & Schools:

- More social houses are needed across Delgany, Greystones and Kilcoole.
- If compact growth is required, perhaps some low rise apartments can be looked at to facilitate this.
- The area needs to be cautious with further population growth, until infrastructure has caught up.
- Another secondary school is likely to be needed.

Economic Opportunity, Tourism & Community Facilities:

- More commercial units are needed for small and medium enterprise especially in Greystones and Kilcoole. Many need more floor space than a regular town or village shop.
- Greystones needs a hotel with conference facilities. This will facilitate tourism, local events and twinning with Holyhead. This will be especially important with the re-opening of the Cliff Walk, and potential development of the East Coast Greenway and Greystones Media Campus.
- Numerous community groups need facilities. These include Greystones Family Resource Centre, Greystones Cancer Support, Post 21 (Wicklow) Irish United Nations Veterans Association and the Bray-Greystones Chess Club. This will enhance the services that they offer. Perhaps a combined facility should be considered.
- Additional healthcare facilities are needed. I would recommend accelerating delivery of a Primary Care Centre.

Sport:

- The Council should actively pursue increased sporting and outdoor facilities.
- I would like to see two chess tables introduced in both Delgany and Kilcoole.
- I would recommend adding squash facilities in the area. A skate park is needed in north Greystones.

Yours sincerely,

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