



Greystones-Delgany & Kilcoole Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

Heritage – Biodiversity- Green infrastructure- Climate Action- Energy

Submission

- To protect the sensitive habitats near the sea, we should restrict development on Kilcoole's Sea Road, creating a greenbelt to separate Kilcoole from the beach similar to the greenbelt between Charlesland and Kilcoole. The lands zoned as Strategic Land Bank are low-lying and too near sensitive habitats near the sea, and along the river.
- We need to measure and mitigate the outflow of untreated sewerage into Kilcoole's river and into the sea during heavy rainfall events.
- We need a river development minimum setback rule that prevents housing, roads, and ditch outflows into Kilcoole's river. This will help protect downstream habitats and preserve river edges for wildlife. This is particularly important for the proposed development near Kilcoole's centre, which borders a long stretch of wooded riverbank.
- We need to protect the rural character of the Mass Path by mandating a development setback and preventing any future roads from bisecting the Path. This amenity is vitally important to both heritage and active recreation of Kilcoole.
- To facilitate more pedestrian links into the rural countryside, we should create a pedestrian-safe crossing at the intersection of the Farrankelly Road and Drummin Mass Path.
- Allotments and community gardens are essential infrastructure to encourage resilience, biodiversity and community engagement. County Wicklow does not have an allotments and community garden plan; we should have a plan specific to Greystones and Kilcoole, and request a similar plan at the county level. The plan should lead to acquiring land for public allotments in proportion to the population. There is tremendous demand currently being met by private allotments, but these are too expensive for lower income families.

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Infrastructure - Sustainable Movement – Transportation

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- Kilcoole requires a non-car (bicycle) transportation link to the existing bicycle paths along the Farrankelly Road. Currently it is not safe for most cyclists to exit or enter the village from the north.
- Kilcoole and Newtownkennedy need a safe bicycle connection for students attending Colaiste Chraobh Abhann from Newtownmountkennedy.
- Kilcoole has a population of nearly 5,000 people but only an hourly bus service (compared to much more frequent services for Newtownmountkennedy or Charlesland). The bus service should be every half-hour and a train link bus service should be established that connects the train and bus networks at the appropriate times.
- The additional train stops at Kilcoole on Sunday are very welcome and we should continue to expand the train schedule for trains already passing Kilcoole station.

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