

Motions for County Development Plan

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OVERALL STRATEGY

1. In the light of the current economic crisis and spiralling unemployment, it will be a central goal of the plan to protect existing jobs, generate new employment and develop sustainable enterprise and industry in the county. The 'Overall Strategy' chapter of the plan should be amended to reflect this new priority.
2. In section 2.3 Strategy (p10) following "The overall strategy is", delete bullet point 3 and replace with " In the light of changed economic circumstances, to fully review proposals for high density developments and previously identified strategic nodes in the south-west of the county, associated with the concurrent delivery of upgraded or planned public transport corridors."
3. In section 2.3 Strategy (p10 bullet, point 6) delete "concentrating on high technology and knowledge based industries" and amend as follows: "including high technology and knowledge based industries and traditional industries and by taking special initiatives aimed at employing the recently unemployed"
4. In section 2.4.2 Dun Laoghaire delete (iii) and replace with "to encourage sustainable community growth and social development."

DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

Shanganagh/Woodbrook

1. In the light of the changed economic circumstances, plans for intensive residential development (2,300 units) and the recent associated rezoning of lands & LAP to facilitate such plans at Shanganagh/Woodbrook are now inappropriate and unsustainable. While some residential development may be justified, particularly in the area of social housing, the bulk of these lands should be earmarked for alternative uses such as a sports centre, allotments, other agricultural and horticultural uses and for open space amenities. The plan should be amended to reflect the new situation and these lands re-zoned accordingly.

Cherrywood.

2. In the light of the changed economic circumstances, plans for intensive residential and other development and the associated rezoning of lands to facilitate such plans at Cherrywood should be entirely reviewed. While some residential, industrial and other development may be appropriate, the scale of development originally envisaged is unsustainable. Much of these lands should be earmarked for alternative uses such as, social housing, allotments, other agricultural and horticultural uses and for open space amenities. The

plan should be amended to reflect the new situation and significant portions of these lands should be re-zoned accordingly following an area specific review.

Blackrock

3. Notwithstanding the future preparation of an LAP for Blackrock, the special importance of Blackrock Baths as an historic amenity location and vital piece of local heritage should be acknowledged in the plan. Accordingly, Blackrock Baths should be re-zoned J “To improve coastal amenities” to safeguard the site from inappropriate development.
4. The plan shall create a new SLO in relation to Blackrock Baths as follows: To redevelop Blackrock Baths as a swimming, diving and sports amenity and ensure no-high rise, residential or excessive commercial development of the site.
5. That prior to the production of any draft for the proposed Blackrock LAP, the intention to prepare an LAP will be publicly advertised and a process of public consultation and public submissions initiated. The submissions and public views emanating from of this process will inform the first draft of the LAP.

Sallynoggin

6. That it will be a specific local objective to regenerate and upgrade the Sallynoggin area with the provision of improved community and local amenities and general refurbishment and landscaping of the area.
7. That prior to the production of any draft for the proposed Sallynoggin LAP, the intention to prepare an LAP will be publicly advertised and a process of public consultation and public submissions initiated. The submissions and public views emanating from of this process will inform the first draft of the LAP.

Dun Laoghaire

8. That prior to the production of any draft for the proposed Dun Laoghaire LAP, the intention to prepare an LAP will be publicly advertised and a process of public consultation and public submissions initiated. The submissions and public views emanating from of this process will inform the first draft of the LAP.

DUN LAOGHAIRE URBAN FRAMEWORK PLAN

Overall Character

9. It will be a priority of this plan to protect, enhance and emphasise the traditional maritime, architectural heritage and character of Dun Laoghaire and ensure that all development is considered in the context of achieving this objective

Carlisle Pier

10. It will be an Specific Local Objective (SLO) of the plan that the Carlisle Pier should be redeveloped only as a maritime, cultural, heritage and public amenity area, which facilitates public access to the waterfront and traditional harbour related activities. Any redevelopment should commemorate the unique heritage and history of the pier as a gateway for the Irish diaspora and restore the old train station as part of the redevelopment. High-rise, residential or privatised development should not be permitted on the Carlisle Pier.

Dun Laoghaire Harbour

11. Dun Laoghaire Harbour should be designated a national monument and a special policy be put in place for its protection
12. It shall be Council policy to maintain Dun Laoghaire harbour in public ownership, protect and enhance public access and traditional harbour uses and prevent the incursion of privatised or exclusive development.

Shop Fronts

13. It shall be policy to promote and put in place incentives to retain, and facilitate the return to, traditional shop fronts, signage and lighting in keeping with the heritage and character of Dun Laoghaire.

Traditional Materials

14. It shall be policy to actively promote the greater use of traditional building materials such as brick and stone and discourage the excessive use of steel, concrete and synthetic panelling that is out of character with the architectural heritage of the town.

S2S

15. To remove from the plan any commitment to progressing or supporting of the S2S cycle way pending full public notification/consultation on the concept, routes, cost projections, environmental and ecological impact and potential affects on coastal amenities/heritage.

Boylan Centre, Eblana Ave and Sussex Street area

16. It shall be an SLO of this plan to redevelop the Boylan Centre, Eblana Ave and Sussex Street area as a community and cultural quarter facilitating artisan, artistic and community groups. Family housing should also be considered but with no high-rise or excessively intensive development permitted.

Youth & Community

17. It shall be a SLO of this plan to prioritise the provision of a youth and community centre for Dun Laoghaire.

Moran's Park

18. Delete current SLO 18 and replace with. "To regenerate Moran's Park as a Central Park for Dun Laoghaire, ruling out any major development within the curtilage of Moran Park House which is a protected structure. Moran Park House and the reservoir (pond) should form the key features around which the regeneration and re-landscaping of the park will take place."

Building Heights

19. That building heights for all new development in Dun Laoghaire will be generally restricted to a 3 – 4 storey maximum other than in the most exceptional circumstances.

Dun Laoghaire Baths

20. That it will be an SLO of this plan to restore Dun Laoghaire Baths as a fully public swimming pool and water recreational amenity, with toddlers pools, seaweed baths, other water elements, a modest café/tearooms, public viewing area, while maintaining the façade of the existing building.

East Pier to Sandycove

21. There should be no interference/infill of the existing coastline from East Pier to Sandycove other than that which is absolutely necessary to provide adequate protection for a restored Baths facility.
22. Beyond necessary landscaping of the area between the Baths and East Pier and Baths restoration works, there should be no new buildings or structures on the seafront or on the green areas between the East Pier and Sandycove.

Bullock Harbour

23. This plan will retain the J zoning "to protect and improve coastal amenities" at Bullock Harbour to ensure no inappropriate or excessive development will be permitted unique amenity and heritage site.

RESIDENTIAL/HOUSING

24. That it shall be council policy and an objective of this plan to rectify the anomaly whereby thousand of residential units remain empty while there are thousands of families and individuals, deemed by the council to have a housing need, remaining without a permanent home. The council shall use all means at its disposal to take these empty units into public ownership for social use.

25. It will be objective of the Council during the period plan to reduce waiting list times on the council housing list to no more than one year
26. Establish a new policy to provide for the specific housing needs of people with disabilities.
27. It shall be council policy in all future residential development to ensure the varied needs of families, the elderly, the disabled and young people are paramount in terms of the size of units and the provision of open spaces, play and sports facilities, youth amenities, disability or limited mobility access, local schools (primary and secondary), transport, retail community facilities. These requirements must take priority over aspirations for higher densities.

ENTERPRISE AND EMPLOYMENT

28. It shall be council policy to seek to work in conjunction with other government and state agencies, to support, facilitate and directly initiate job creation programmes and socially useful and sustainable local industry. Areas to be explored in this regard include: council run farming/market garden enterprise; a public works programme to provide social and affordable housing, new/upgraded schools and hospitals; a county recycling industry; a research and development and production programme for wind/wave/current/solar power etc; an expanded forestry/timber industry; a county home insulation programme; a programme to upgrade/construct youth, community, disabled and senior citizen facilities and enterprise centres; a computer software research development and production programme; a generic pharmaceutical research, development and production programme; a programme to expand and develop maritime and sea related industry and research; a shop front restoration and enhancement programme; expanding and developing quarrying/brick and stone production industry; a water/waste infrastructure improvement scheme; expanded local shuttle bus services; literary/arts/music and artisan centres.
29. It shall be a particular policy objective of the Council to make use of land now unlikely to be developed for residential purposes, as a result of changed economic circumstances, to directly pilot the establishment of a publicly run market gardening/farm enterprise to generate local employment and a new sustainable local industry.
30. It shall be an objective of the plan to establish a public enterprise research and development centre in the Ballybrack/Loughlinstown/Cherrywood area and other areas as appropriate.

SOCIAL COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

31. It shall be council policy that in all substantial future residential developments to require the necessary social, play, youth, community and retail facilities be built in tandem with the residential development, not afterwards.

32. That this plan acknowledges the particular deficiency in the area of youth/teenage facilities in the county and sets as an objective the provision of such facilities in all major districts, town centre and community areas.

33. It shall be council policy to retain all existing library branches and retain the Carnegie library buildings as libraries, and to expand library services to provide permanent libraries in areas currently without them.

34. It will be an objective of the plan to enhance and promote the pedestrian link between Sallynoggin and Dun Laoghaire via Glenageary Woods, Myrtle Park, and Royal Terrace.

35. It will be Council policy to actively promote and support the expansion of public transport provision, particularly in terms of developing shuttle bus services from outlying and district areas to major town centres and public transport nodes.

36. It will be Council policy to actively pursue the rapid installation of intelligent transport systems, with a view to encouraging greater use of public transport services.

37. It will be an objective of the Council to provide adequate taxi rank space in major town centres, such as Dun Laoghaire and at major public transport nodes.

38. It shall be Council policy to promote and support the provision of full disability access at current and proposed Dart and Luas Stations.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Consultation

39. It shall be council policy prior to the preparation of any plan (CDP, LAP etc) or any proposal or concept for public (Part 8 type) development to notify the public of the intention to draft such a plan/proposal and seek public submissions prior to the first drafting of the plan/proposal/concept and that these submissions will inform the initial first draft/proposal/concept.

Building Heights

40. The Urban Initiatives, Building Heights Study shall be integrated into the plan and shall guide development in terms of height and scale of new buildings in the County.

SPECIFIC LOCAL OBJECTIVES (SLO's)

41. It shall be an SLO of this plan to provide a state of the art youth facility in the Ballybrack/Loughlinstown area
42. It shall be an SLO of this plan to provide a public swimming pool facility to cater for the Ballybrack/Loughlinstown and Shankill Areas
43. To amend SLO 18 as follows: “To provide for a library and cultural amenities as part of the redevelopment and regeneration of Carlisle Pier.”
44. It shall be an SLO of this plan “To rejuvenate and upgrade Moran’s Park as a Central Park for Dun Laoghaire with Moran’s Park House and the Reservoir (Pond) as central features.”
45. It will be an SLO of this plan to promote and support (including financially) the upgrading of St Columcille’s Hospital in Loughlinstown to full regional status, providing the full range of medical services in appropriate buildings.
46. Amend SLO 73 as follows: “to retain the existing hospital at St Michaels and to develop and upgrade the hospital to provide a wider range of services, including the restoration of a 24 hour A& E.”
47. It shall be an SLO of this plan to rejuvenate and upgrade neglected council built estates and areas such as Sallynoggin, Loughlinstown, Ballybrack, Rathallagh, Monkstown Farm with a particular focus on the provision of youth and community amenities, road and path repair, landscaping and more regular cleansing.
48. It shall be an SLO of this plan to provide a purpose built day and social centre for people with disabilities in Dun Laoghaire.
49. Delete current wording of proposed SLO 7 (p 188) on Blackrock Park and replace it with the following: “To enhance and upgrade Blackrock Park as a public amenity, without adversely affecting its unique and essential character, and on the basis of thorough public consultation.”
50. Delete current wording of SLO 13 (p188) and replace with the following: “To protect Dun Laoghaire Harbour as a working harbour, public amenity and centrepiece of Dun Laoghaire’s unique maritime and architectural heritage. To protect, in particular, the harbour’s public character, traditional uses and prevent the incursion of privatised or exclusive development. To work with the Dun Laoghaire Harbour Board to achieve this.

OTHER MOTIONS

51. The county development plan will fully implement the heritage plan and all heritage legislation and directives national and EU.
52. That no applications for substantial development nor any plan shall be approved or adopted without prior environmental assessment as required by legislation and the EU Environmental Directives.

53.No applications for substantial developments will be considered unless the necessary and mandatory waste water/sewage treatment capacity is already in place.

54.That this Council amends the Draft County Development Plan 2010-2016 as follows: that in Chapter 6 there should be a policy on “Commercial Forestry” and that it be based on Pol E22 in the 2004 Plan, and that, in particular, it include the last sentence in the 3rd para and that it should include the following additional policies: A “It is Council policy to encourage access to forestry, including private forestry, for walking routes, mountain bike trails, bridle paths and other non-noise generating activities.”B “ It is Council policy that Forestry should not obstruct existing rights of way or traditional walking routes.” C “It is Council policy to identify exiting rights of way and traditional walking routes before planting commences.” D “It is Council policy to take into account the likely impact of forestry proposals on access and recreational potential including public rights of way.”E “It is Council policy to protect access routes to upland walks and rights of way.

55. That this Council amends the Draft County Development Plan 2010-2016 as follows: in Chapter 6 there should be a policy on “Extractive Industry” and that it be based on 7.2.3 in the 2004 plan and that, in particular, it should include “It is Council will policy that it will not permit developments which would impinge on existing rights of way or walking routes.”

56. That this Council amends the Draft County Development Plan 2010-2016 as follows: p84 para 9.3.1 that it include an additional point: “Protection of existing rights of way to such sites and the establishment of public access where it does not existing at present.”

57. That this Council amends the Draft County Development Plan 2010-2016 as follows: that in Chapter 6 there should be a policy on “Natural Heritage”: “It is Council policy to protect and conserve the natural heritage and to encourage and promote access thereto and to the geological and geomorphological feature of value.”

58. That this Council amends the Draft County Development Plan 2010-2016 as follows: p85 para 9.3.2 that an additional para be included: “The Council fully endorses this Heritage Plan. Policies, aims and objectives contained therein will have the same effect as if they were included in the Plan.”

59. That this Council amends the Draft County Development Plan 2010-2016 as follows: p95 para 9.4.9 “and that these should be waymarked/signposted and listed” be added the first para and that the following additional policies be included: A Work in partnership with local authorities in adjoining counties to provide a network of walking trails beyond the county boundaries. B Facilitate the provision of car parks for walkers at appropriate access points to amenities.C Research and map the existing network of traditional paths used for recreational purposes with the intention of determining the legal basis and status of their use. D Map(s) showing walking routes be included.

60. That this Council amends the Draft County Development Plan 2010-2016 as follows: “It is the policy of the Council to preserve the open character, if possible, of commonage and other hill land and will secure access thereto.”
61. That this Council amends the Draft County Development Plan 2010-2016 as follows: p99 para 10.2.7 that :“All Greenways should be considered possible designation as public rights of way.” be added.
62. That this Council amends the Draft County Development 2010-2016 as follows: p185 para 16.18.2 that “nor interfere with access” should be added to last point.
63. That this Council amends the Draft County Development Plan 2010-2016 as follows: that in Chapter 16 the following additional policies should be included: Golf Courses – “The Council will ensure that proposals for golf courses will not impinge on any right of way or walking route.”Fencing of open land – As per the Mayo Plan 4.22. Galway - DM Standard 34 have adopted an identical policy. Planning Enforcement - As per Meath 9.6,South Dublin 12.1.1 & Wicklow – page 2. Unauthorised Development – As per Meath – 9.6.2 & South Dublin 12.1.5.
64. That this Council amends the Draft County Development Plan 2010-2016 as follows: Map 7 that an additional objective be added: “Restore access along the full length of Killiney Beach at high tide, providing that this does not significantly prejudice coastal protection”.