

Uimhir Thagarta Uathúil: SD-C226-38

Stádas: Submitted

Submission: Development
Plan

Údar: Deputy Emer
Higgins

Comhairliúchán:

Proposed Material Amendments to the Draft South Dublin
County Development Plan

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Litir Chumhdaigh

Deputy Emer Higgins - TD for Dublin Mid-West

Observations:

Chapter 2: Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy

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Select Proposed Amendment on which you are commenting: Amendment 2.1

Ref Section 2.6.4 Deliverability Analysis, Consequential Amendment arising from Material Amendment 2.1

The Office of the Planning Regulator advised in September that “having regard to the need for Newcastle and Rathcoole to develop at an incremental pace, based on the delivery of social, physical and transport infrastructure and services as stated in the Core Strategy (pages 72 and 73), the planning authority is requested to strengthen the policy and objectives to reflect the need to support incremental growth to align with infrastructure and service”. I don’t believe this has been achieved. In fact, planned infrastructure is being reduced before it is even being built, with the Western Orbital Route proposed to only go to the N7 and not the N81 in the Draft Development Plan which went out to public consultation.

In light of the submission by the Office of the Planning Regulator, regarding the growth trajectory for the villages of Newcastle and Rathcoole, I question the planned development in Rathcoole, Saggart and Newcastle, which has dramatically increased by 25% without any planned increase in infrastructure. The population of Rathcoole has grown by 194% over a ten-year period (2006-2016). This level of growth far exceeds the South Dublin average for the same period (12.89%) and EMRA (15%). A further increase of 30%+ in Newcastle and Rathcoole without the delivery of much needed infrastructure would represent bad planning.

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Select Proposed Amendment on which you are commenting: Amendment 2.12

Ref Section 2.7.2 Self-Sustaining Growth Towns/ Self-Sustaining Town - Newcastle Amendment 2.12

I welcome the provision of additional educational facilities in Newcastle and ask that the Council, in tandem with the Department of Education, devise a plan for providing a post-primary school to serve the children and young people of Newcastle.

Chapter 4: Green Infrastructure

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Select Proposed Amendment on which you are commenting: Amendment 4.9

Ref Section 4.2.5 Landscape, Natural, Cultural and Built Heritage Amendment 4.9

I support the need to protect the Woodlands in Rathcoole giving the Council's finding that 'overall the site is currently considered to be of County ecological importance for its mosaic of Annex I (priority) habitats, species-rich semi-natural habitats, heritage value hedgerows, wetland habitats and mosaic of wooded and non-wooded semi-natural habitats which are rare in County Dublin'.

Chapter 6: Housing

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Select Proposed Amendment on which you are commenting: Amendment 6.8

Ref Section 6.9.1 Rural Housing Policies and Local Need Criteria Amendment 6.8

I support the idea of streamlining our planning eligibility, bringing it inline with our neighbouring Kildare County Council, for persons from our rural areas who wish to build on their family plot. I believe that the hinterland of our villages is an important part of our community and one-off rural housing, when built on appropriate sites, will help keep our rural areas alive and thriving.

Chapter 7: Sustainable Movement

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Select Proposed Amendment on which you are commenting: Amendment 7.21

Ref Section 7.7.2 New Street and Road Proposals - Amendment 7.21

I welcome the inclusion of this Route in the six-year roads programme and ask that this route be used to link the N81 to the N4, via the N7, as was originally envisaged. If this does not happen then it will not serve the core purpose of traffic management for Rathcoole and Saggart villages.

Chapter 8: Community Infrastructure and Open Space

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Select Proposed Amendment on which you are commenting: Amendment 8.4

Ref Section 8.4 Social/Community Infrastructure Amendment 8.4

I fully support the proposal to provide for a Garda Station in Clonburris. This is something Fine Gael proposed during the drafting of the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone but unfortunately, at that time, other parties disagreed with this idea. I am glad to see that some Councillors have changed their stance on this and hope that a new Garda Station will be delivered for our existing and future population.

Documents Attached: Níl

Teorainneacha Gafa ar an léarscáil: Níl