

Tallaght Town Centre Local Area Plan

Pre Draft Public Consultation

Pre-Draft Stage: Frequently Asked Questions?

- **What is the Tallaght Town Centre Local Area Plan?**

South Dublin County Council is preparing a new Local Area Plan for Tallaght Town Centre. The areas that the plan will look at include Tallaght Village, the Square Shopping Centre, Sean Walsh Memorial Park, Cookstown Industrial Estate, South City Business Park, the Institute of Technology Tallaght, Belgard Road and Airtown Road.

The Tallaght Town Centre Local Area Plan 2006 has now expired and this new plan presents an opportunity to shape Tallaght's future growth and development. This is why your input matters. This is your community and the decisions made will impact your future for years to come.

- **What does a Local Area Plan do?**

A Local Area Plan takes a detailed look at a specific area, identifying and analysing various issues of relevance, before establishing and setting out principles and objectives for the future development of the area. The Plan can contain objectives relating to density, public open space, car parking, infrastructure, heritage, community facilities and design standards. Local area plans are important as they indicate how an area will develop over time, the types of development that will be encouraged and where these should be located. The Tallaght Town Centre Local Area Plan will influence the types of development allowed in this area as South Dublin County Council will take the Local Area Plan into account when assessing planning applications in the area. It will also guide the works carried out by South Dublin County Council in the town centre area.



- **Do we have to prepare a Local Area Plan?**

Planning legislation states that a Local Area Plan can be prepared for any area which the planning authority considers suitable, in particular, areas which require economic, physical and social renewal and areas likely to be subject to large scale development within the life of the Plan. The Tallaght Town Centre Area meets these criteria and a Local Area Plan will help guide the future growth and development and any investment or public funding in Tallaght.

- **What areas does the Local Area Plan cover?**

The Plan will look at things like how easy it is to travel around Tallaght town centre, the quality of the public spaces in the town centre, the design of future buildings, what type of development should be encouraged in the area of the Plan.



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- **How to take part in the Pre Draft public consultation?**

The Council is consulting with the community now before a Draft Plan is prepared. You can help in preparing the Draft Plan by making a submission to the Council between **Monday 3rd July and 4pm on Friday 11th August 2017**. Information material can be viewed on the Council's Public Consultation Portal website <http://consult.sdublincoco.ie>, at the County Library and County Hall, Tallaght and at the Castletymon Library, Tymon Road North, Tallaght during normal opening hours [excluding public holidays].

You can make a submission in two ways:

- Online: <http://consult.sdublincoco.ie> OR
- By Post: Senior Executive Officer, Forward Planning Section, Land Use Planning & Transportation Department, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

Children, or groups or associations representing children, are entitled to make submissions or observations.

- **Can I talk to someone about the Plan?**

Certainly. Staff will be available to provide general guidance and answer queries on the Pre-Draft Consultation every Wednesday afternoon between 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. at County Hall, Tallaght, during the public consultation. Council staff will also be available at County Library, Tallaght at the following times:

Tuesday	11th July	1:00 - 4:00 pm
Wednesday	12th July	4:00 - 7:30 pm
Monday	17th July	1:00 - 4:00 pm
Tuesday	18th July	4:00 - 7:30 pm

If you have further questions on the Local Area Plan please call 01-414 9000 or email cccounter@sdublincoco.ie



- **Why should I make a submission?**

This new plan presents an opportunity to shape Tallaght Town Centre's future growth and development. This is why your input matters. This is your community and the decisions made will shape your future for years to come.

- **Can I make a submission in relation to the zoning of a particular parcel of land?**

No. The zoning of land was undertaken as part of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2016 – 2022. Submissions on the Local Area Plan should focus on what you would like to see happen in Tallaght Town Centre, how can Tallaght Town Centre be improved and what can help to make this happen.

- **Can a Local Area Plan be used to block development?**

No. Local Area Plans are about shaping development of a local area in a positive manner. It is not a tool to be used to prevent development proposals from taking place.



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- What is the Local Area Plan process?

Below is a summary of the process of the making of the Tallaght Town Centre Local Area Plan.

