

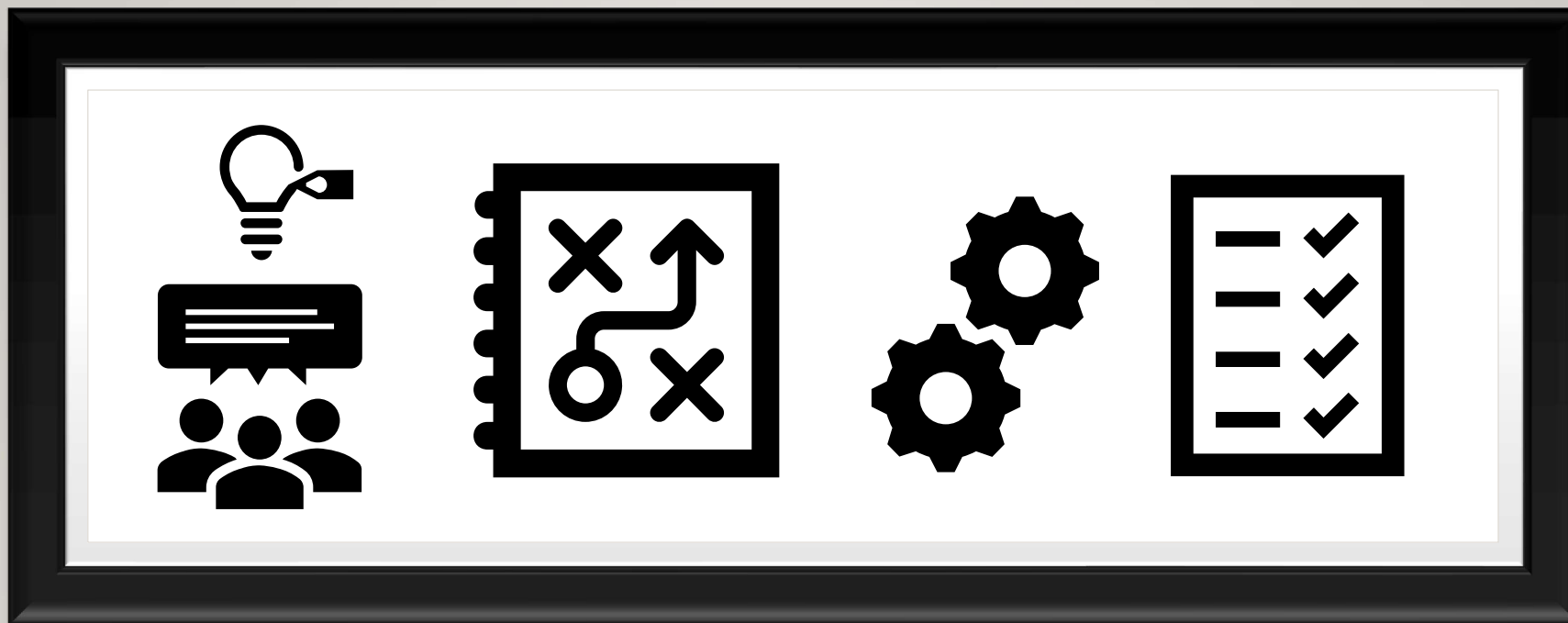


Gathering in the ideas

Thank you to all who contributed ideas and suggestions during the first stage of the consultation process from February to April, 2021.

This draft County Heritage Plan draws together all these ideas into an overarching shared vision and sets out the proposed areas of focus, aims, actions and outcomes.

We welcome your thoughts on this draft and look forward to hearing any further suggestions.



DRAFT DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY HERITAGE PLAN 2021-2025

PURPOSE + STRUCTURE

The dlr County Heritage Plan builds on work to date and establishes a **framework** for **coordinated heritage management and programming** based on:

- **A Vision and Areas of Focus**
- **Aims** – *what we want to achieve*
- **Actions** – *what we can do*
- **Outcomes** – *what we will have as a result*

WHERE IS THIS PLAN FOR?

The **whole county** of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown; the places considered special or distinctive, and the **lived environments of all residents**.

WHO IS THIS PLAN FOR?

- It will guide the work of the **dlr Heritage Office** and **dlrcc cross-departmental** activities that include heritage.
- It sets out a **framework for heritage activity** across the community, volunteer and NGO sectors and for **state agencies** with a role in dlr heritage.

WHAT THE PLAN WILL ENCOMPASS

- **Cultural Heritage** - includes *all aspects of the environment resulting from the interaction between people and places through time*
 - Cultural Heritage includes **tangible (physical) heritage** such as buildings, archaeology, documents and structures as well as **intangible heritage**, such as music, language, craft and sport
- **Natural Heritage** - includes landscape, seascape, historic parks as well as physical, biological or geological formations

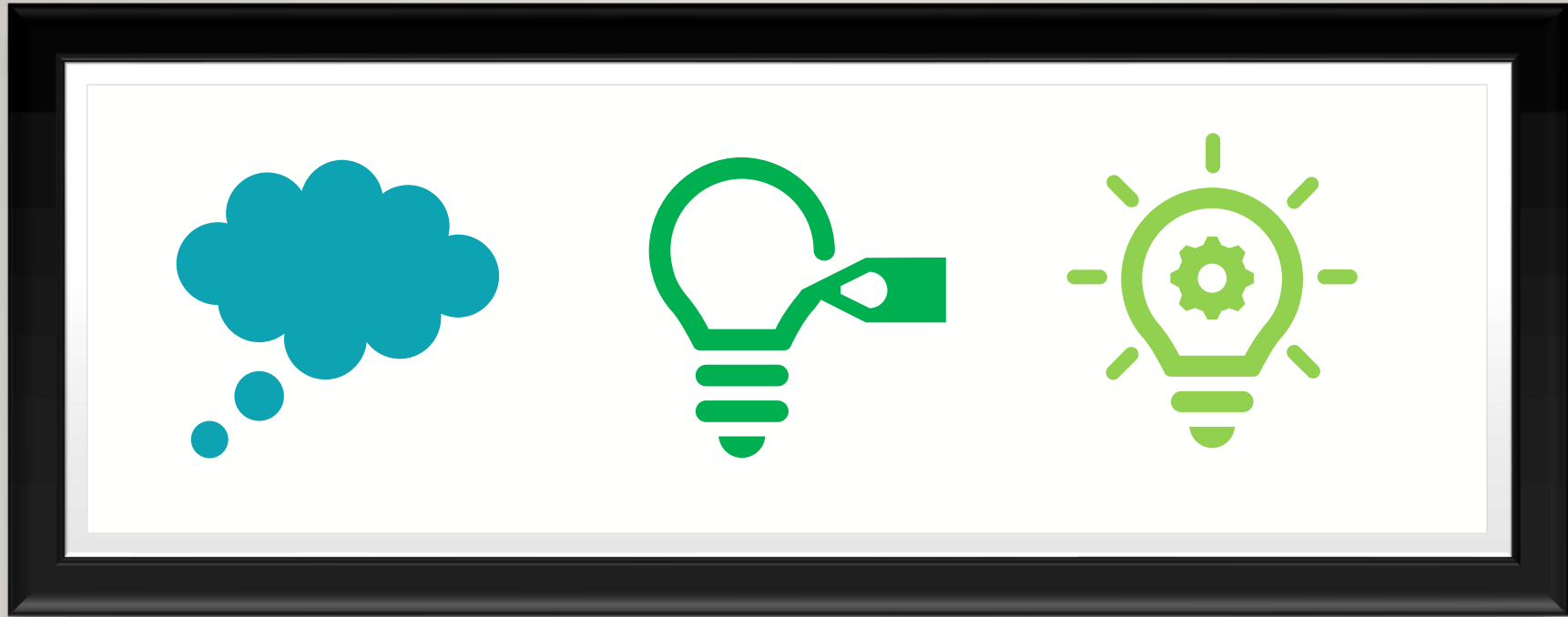
KEY RELATED dlr PLANS

The **dlr Biodiversity Action Plan 2021-2025** will set out how we understand, manage, connect and collaborate to protect and enhance the **variety of plant and animal life** in dlr over the next five years.

The **dlr County Development Plan 2022-2028** will set out **spatial planning policy objectives** for architectural conservation areas, protected structures, vernacular buildings, historic street furniture, archaeological heritage, historic gardens and demesnes, industrial heritage, coastal heritage, public rights of way and recreational access routes.

The **dlr Climate Change Action Plan 2019–2024** sets out actions relating to climate change adaptation and mitigation including nature-based solutions

*Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is committed to an **integrated heritage approach** when implementing actions within the dlr County Heritage Plan. For example, actions with a strong archaeology focus will also be required to consider any potential benefits to or impacts on biodiversity and ecological networks.*



OUR VISION



A Plan for all the people living here

- Heritage is nearby and for everyone
- Our county has many heritages, and we embrace different perspectives
- We extend an invitation to all to enjoy local heritage



Build capacity across the heritage sector

- Fuel people power - support the heritage sector in dlr
- Partner to succeed - collaborate and connect
- Enable community-led / expert-fed initiatives



Safeguard what we value and manage change with purpose

- Care for what we want to hand on to the next generation
- Ensure we have the information we need for good heritage management
- Incorporate climate action into all aspects of our work

AREAS OF FOCUS







AIMS - ACTIONS - OUTCOMES

1. What's the Story?

Where and how we tell the stories of this place

	Aims - what we want to achieve	Actions - what we can do	Outcomes - what we will have as a result
1.1	A coordinated, county-wide approach to telling the evolving story of people and place	1.1.1 Develop an Interpretation Framework to guide where and how we tell the county's stories and to steer dlrcc and community-led projects. The emphasis will be on digital, creative, guided approaches, podcasts, temporary and permanent outdoor trails, enhancing existing interpretation, celebrating key viewpoints and improving the setting of / access to heritage features through place-making and orientation.	A structured approach to heritage encounters across the county. An evidence base for programmes, place-naming, and areas of focus. Insights for the people who live here, and memorable experiences for our visitors. New stories revealed, new voices heard, new perspectives on our past.
		1.1.2 Develop a digital text/image resource pool based on Interpretation Framework themes.	
		1.1.3 Research and develop initiatives to platform untold stories recognising the multiplicity of heritages and perspectives in dlr.	
1.2	Mapping that inspires	1.2.1 Record and share the linguistic and historic origins of placenames , including street, field, landscape, water & seascape features and ensure that new place-naming is true to context and signage is accurate.	Engagement with the meaning held in place names, new placenames rooted in context.
		1.2.2 Develop a series of creative, accessible discovery maps , in digital/printed format with a focus on public transport, active travel and universal design. Utilise creative and engaging techniques such as illustration, gamification and web based StoryMaps.	Audience focused orientation and learning resources.
1.3	Audience development	1.3.1 Continue to enhance the annual Winter/Spring/Summer programmes of dlr heritage guided tours . Enable schools/group bookings and link the programmes with nationally themed weeks/days where relevant.	Heritage programmes that are accessible, inclusive and engage a broad audience.
		1.3.2 Implement the Marlay House, Cabinteely House and Carrickmines/Pale Ditch Interpretation and Communications Plans (2020).	
		1.3.3 Carry out research into current audiences and further develop programming to invite broad participation acknowledging the role of heritage in belonging and community.	

2. Our Place in Time

How we look after what we value and how we manage change

	Aims - what we want to achieve	Actions - what we can do	Outcomes - what we will have as a result
2.1	Protected and accessible dlr historic sites, buildings and monuments	<p>2.1.1 Implement the existing conservation plans for Dalkey Islands and Carrickmines Castle, and progress conservation plans for dlr owned Martello towers and historic burial grounds.</p> <p>2.1.2 Undertake condition assessments of buildings/structures on the Record of Protected Structures that are in Council ownership. Establish a maintenance programme for each structure in line with relevant guidance. Enable appropriate curation, access and use.</p> <p>2.1.3 Engage a community archaeologist to progress the Dublin Mountains Archaeology Trail in line with the Dublin Mountains Partnership Strategic Plan 2020 – 2025.</p>	<p>A robust foundation for decision-making, management and access to historic buildings, sites and places.</p> <p>Improved protection for and access to the ancient history of the uplands and Dublin Mountains.</p>
2.2	Recognition of the important role of heritage in people's lived experience of place	<p>2.2.1 Update and expand dlr's Historic Landscape Character mapping, identifying the visible and connected remnants of the past in contemporary urban, peri-urban and rural landscapes.</p> <p>2.2.2 Incorporate heritage information into all appropriate dlr spatial plans. Proactively identify opportunities for adaptive reuse of existing structures. Leverage heritage benefits for areas of new development to enable new communities to connect with the time depth of their landscapes.</p> <p>2.2.3 Map and develop projects on the historic paths we tread; mass routes, military routes, designed avenues, sheep walks and pedestrian links through the urban fabric, to the coast and into the mountains.</p>	<p>Recognition and mapping of the historic designed urban fabric, archaeological landscapes and historic routes.</p> <p>Strengthened connections between people and place, sense of belonging and individual well-being.</p>

3. Cherishing the Immediate

Understanding what's on our doorstep, providing stepping stones of encounter

	Aims - what we want to achieve	Actions – what we can do	Outcomes - what we will have as a result
3.1	Build the local heritage sector and support active engagement with heritage	<p>3.1.1 Expand the number of participatory initiatives in dlr to build active involvement with heritage (e.g. adopt a monument, adopt a path, “friends of” schemes).</p> <p>3.1.2 Provide support for community-led inventories and mapping of heritage features in the streetscape and landscape.</p> <p>3.1.3 Support and promote heritage activity in the county through an annual community heritage grant scheme, advice on national funding opportunities and enabling skills development, training, apprenticeship and network building across the heritage sector.</p>	<p>An active, supported and connected community heritage sector carrying out important work to document and celebrate local heritage.</p> <p>Inclusive ways for people to enjoyably learn about and get involved with their local heritage.</p>
3.2	Collaborate with established visitor attractions and experiences to build local audiences	<p>3.2.1 Support, promote and develop Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre as a key visitor experience in the county and explore potential for developing satellite experiences.</p> <p>3.2.2 Promote local engagement with key heritage visitor experiences across the county including; the National Maritime Museum, James Joyce Tower and Museum and Airfield Estate.</p>	<p>Connected visitor experiences across the county, enabling an ongoing exploration of the relationship between people and place.</p>
3.3	Explore the potential for new heritage hubs	<p>3.3.1 Explore opportunities to pilot new heritage hubs by repurposing buildings, spaces and public transport nodes. Start small, connected and tailored to local needs as part of a <i>10 minute neighbourhood</i> and scope the potential to scale up over time.</p> <p>3.3.2 Identify suitable ways and locations across the county to celebrate dlr as an enduring place of arrival and departure, including the significant maritime and transport heritage of Dún Laoghaire Harbour in line with the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Heritage Management Plan, other dlr harbours and the broader context of the Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere.</p>	<p>Piloted heritage hubs which offer a point of contact with local heritage for communities and visitors.</p>

4. New Ways of Living

Adapting to 21st century realities and incorporating climate change action

	Aims - what we want to achieve	Actions – what we can do	Outcomes - what we will have as a result
4.1	Establish evidence base and integrate climate change actions into heritage operations	<p>4.1.1 Carry out climate change risk assessments of archaeological and architectural heritage under dlr management to establish a baseline of heritage sites at risk and to inform a strategic basis for maintenance, stabilization and decision-making, incorporating evidence from the CHERISH climate change and coastal heritage project.</p> <p>4.1.2 Collaborate on the implementation of the dlr County Biodiversity Plan 2021-2025, the dlr Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024 (particularly nature-based solutions section), and the dlr Trees and Urban Forestry Strategy (2021- 2031).</p> <p>4.1.3 Collaborate on events for Dublin Climate Action Week and join the Climate Heritage Network.</p>	<p>Baseline established to enable climate change mitigation and adaptation decision-making.</p> <p>Integrated implementation of Heritage, Biodiversity and Climate Action Plans.</p>
4.2	Heritage initiatives to support positive culture change and resilience	<p>4.2.1 Include creative / design practitioners in heritage projects to support positive culture change in creative and engaging ways.</p> <p>4.2.2 Identify opportunities for dlr afforded by emerging EU programmes e.g. <i>New European Bauhaus</i> which combines design, sustainability and accessibility to facilitate a profound, collaborative, and multidisciplinary societal transformation to help deliver the European Green Deal.</p> <p>4.2.3 Avail of the Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO) Climate Action Knowledge Hub for tools, resources, research, case studies, training, events and ideas sharing and ensure that all outputs of the Heritage Office are part of the circular economy.</p>	Collaborative and creative initiatives aligning with international, national, local and community goals in relation to climate change action.
4.3	Enable communities to access heritage in compact and connected places	<p>4.3.1 Identify suitable towns and villages for collaborative approaches to historic built environment conservation such as the Collaborative Town Centre Health Check / Historic Town Initiative.</p> <p>4.3.2 Explore potential for heritage initiatives based on local and sustainable food production and foraging, and traditional uses of local trees and plants.</p>	Easily accessible and new engagement with built and natural heritage on your doorstep.

5. The Voices of Place

Celebrating the distinctive sounds of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

	Aims - what we want to achieve	Actions – what we can do	Outcomes - what we will have as a result
5.1	Celebrate the words and music from this place and their roots in landscape and seascape, biodiversity, geodiversity and historic urban fabric	<p>5.1.1 Build on dlr’s tradition of connecting word and place. Continue and enhance programming and trails focused on our most celebrated writers, including the Ulysses centenary in 2022, and shine a light on lesser known dlr writers with strong connection to place.</p> <p>5.1.2 Support contemporary writers to create new connections between word and place.</p> <p>5.1.3 Identify opportunities to celebrate local musicians of note, ways to experience live music in heritage sites, and the local songs of the sea, the suburbs and the mountains.</p>	Continued strong connections between word, music and place in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
5.2	Celebrate the languages spoken now and in the past in this place and the associated folklore, place lore and opportunities for learning	<p>5.2.1 Support initiatives to explore the heritage and contemporary use of the Irish language in dlr and actively engage with local Irish language groups and organisations to interweave Gaeilge into heritage plan implementation.</p> <p>5.2.2 Incorporate the range of spoken languages within dlr into heritage initiatives, acknowledging the breadth of linguistic heritage diversity in the county.</p> <p>5.2.3 Take opportunities to intertwine lost or nearly lost local words and sayings associated with trades/farming, working at sea and other sources into programmes and how these relate to dlr placenames, folklore and place lore.</p>	Programmes and initiatives that embrace the broad linguistic diversity of the county, in the past and in the present.
5.3	Record, curate and share the county’s oral history	<p>5.3.1 Develop an oral history programme of capturing dlr voices and memories across the community in line with Irish Oral History Network guidance.</p> <p>5.3.2 Explore potential collaborations with UCD’s national folklore collection.</p> <p>5.3.3 Develop a digital county repository of oral history using web based StoryMap techniques.</p>	A systematic and collaborative approach to recording and sharing the oral history this place.

6. On the Record

How we will keep track of and easily access information and documentary heritage, how and what we remember

	Aims – what we want to achieve	Actions – what we can do	Outcomes – what we will have as a result
6.1	A comprehensive approach to cataloguing and enabling access to documentary heritage	<p>6.1.1 Resource the cataloguing and storage of dlr documentary heritage (archives, collections and records), recognising the important role of documentary heritage for research and public history. Enable physical and digital access and curation of content for exhibitions.</p> <p>6.1.2 Explore the potential for a community digital archive in association with the Irish Community Archive Network and provide guidance to custodians of private archives.</p> <p>6.1.3 Collate the imagery of change; explore the role for citizen science / development management in image capture of changing landscapes.</p>	<p>Easy public access to the documentary heritage under the care of dlrc.</p> <p>Support for custodians of community documentary heritage.</p>
6.2	Clear guidance and approaches to the formal commemoration of people and events and ethical remembering	<p>6.2.1 Audit the range, subject and type of dlr civic memorials.</p> <p>6.2.2 Update the dlr Memorials Policy, integrating findings from the audit and the learnings from the Decade of Centenaries programme.</p> <p>6.2.3 Support a local genealogical service and explore the potential of diaspora initiatives connected with Dún Laoghaire Harbour.</p>	<p>Cohesive and up to date approaches to what and how we remember.</p> <p>Support for people seeking family connections to the county.</p>
6.3	Up to date and accessible heritage information, surveys and inventories	<p>6.3.1 In line with the National Open Data Strategy (2017-2022), digitize and make easily available existing dlr geospatial heritage surveys and inventories to HeritageMaps and Dublinked Open Data Store.</p> <p>6.3.2 Support the updating of the Dublin County Archaeology GIS project and the Dublin Suburbs and County volume of the Buildings of Ireland series.</p> <p>6.3.3 Adapt the dlr County Geodiversity Audit into an accessible book and identify ways to make other dlr audits and surveys accessible to a wider audience.</p> <p>6.3.4 Collate/update surveys of historic designed landscape features and built heritage features in open spaces and parks.</p>	<p>Information that is easily accessible to the public and which informs dlr strategies, plans and programmes.</p>

7. Starting Young / Staying Curious

Lighting the spark in a new generation, keeping it lit

	Aims – what we want to achieve	Actions – what we can do	Outcomes – what we will have as a result
7.1	Light an early spark of interest in heritage and enable strong connections with place from a young age	<p>7.1.1 Collaborate with national heritage agencies already engaging with school curricula and align dlr heritage programme themes with the History, Geography and SESE curricula of Primary, Junior and Senior history cycles.</p> <p>7.1.2 Connect schools with the Heritage in Schools programme and collaborate with the Blackrock Education Centre on teacher surveys, provision of resources for teacher training and activities / tours programming which is relevant and local.</p> <p>7.1.3 Include a kid's section on the dlr heritage webpages.</p>	Local history resources and programmes that are tailored to young people in dlr.
7.2	Enable life-long learning	<p>7.2.1 Ensure heritage engagement programmes and initiatives have multi-generational appeal – explore concept of “tasters”, having a go, trying something new.</p> <p>7.2.2 Collaborate to develop heritage life-long learning opportunities and provision of digital training for inclusion.</p>	An invitation to explore heritage in easy ways, support for those that want to go deeper.
7.3	Enable collaboration and sharing of skills	<p>7.3.1 Establish a County Heritage Network as a mechanism for sharing news and ideas.</p> <p>7.3.2 Facilitate the learning/sharing of traditional skills in relation to built, maritime and natural heritage.</p> <p>7.3.3 Use National Heritage Week to showcase community-led local history research/projects and projects funded by dlr Community Heritage Grant.</p>	Ways for people undertaking heritage projects and activities to share what they've learned, what works, and how others can get involved.

*How we will do
all this...*



A County Heritage Forum to steer the plan's implementation

Reformulate the County Heritage Forum to include community heritage sector representation as well as expert and academic input.

An Annual Implementation Plan

- A costed implementation plan will be formulated annually.
- This will be a live and agile document, updated regularly to account for opportunities, funding and the creative evolution of projects.

Measure progress

- An annual report will be prepared on the progression of Heritage Plan actions
- The impact of the Heritage Plan actions will be monitored and evaluated
- Ongoing monitoring will allow changes to be made to the implementation of the plan if necessary
- Evaluation at the end of the plan delivery period will allow the results of the plan to be quantified

Thank you for taking the time to read though the draft
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Heritage Plan 2021-2025.

We welcome your feedback.

