



DRAFT COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT
PLAN **2016-2022**

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Acronyms:

AA:	Appropriate Assessment	EIA:	Environmental Impact Assessment
ACA:	Architectural Conservation Area	EIS:	Environmental Impact Statement
(c)ACA:	(candidate) Architectural Conservation Area	EPA:	Environmental Protection Agency
AEP:	Annual Exceedence Probability	ERFB:	Eastern Regional Fisheries Board
AFA:	Areas of Further Assessment	ESB:	Electricity Supply Board
AHBs:	Approved Housing Bodies	EU:	European Union
AQIH:	Air Quality Index for Health	FEI:	Further Education Institute
BFEI	Blackrock Further Education Institute	FRA:	Flood Risk Assessment
BRT:	Bus Rapid Transit	GDA:	Greater Dublin Area
BS:	British Standard	GSDSDS:	Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study
CCTV:	Closed-circuit Television	HAP:	Housing Assistant Payment
CDP:	County Development Plan 2010-2016	HLA:	Housing Land Availability
CFRAM:	Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management	HLCA:	Historic Landscape Character Assessments
CGS:	County Geological Sites	HSE:	Health Service Executive
CIRIA:	Construction Industry Research and Information Association	IAA:	Irish Aviation Authority
CMP:	Construction Management Plan	IADT:	Institute of Art, Design and Technology
CSO:	Central Statistics Office	ICNIRP:	International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection
DART:	Dublin Area Rapid Transit	ICW:	Integrated Constructed Wetlands
DCC:	Dublin City Council	ILP:	Institution of Lighting Professions
DHRE:	Dublin Region Homeless Executive	IROPI:	Imperative Reasons for Overriding Public Interest
DES:	Department of Education and Skills	ITS:	Intelligent Transport Systems
DFEi:	Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute	LAP:	Local Area Plan
DLR:	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	LCA:	Landscape Character Assessment
DMI:	Dublin Mountains Initiative	LECP:	Local Economic and Community Plan
DMP:	Dublin Mountains Partnership	LEO:	Local Enterprise Office
DMURS:	Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets	LUZ:	Land Use Zone
DoAHG:	Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht	MMP:	Mobility Management Plan
DoAHGI:	Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands	MUGA:	Multi Use Games Areas
DoECLG:	Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government	NEEAP:	National Energy Efficiency Action Plan
DoEHLG:	Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government	NESC:	National Economic and Social Council
DoJE:	Department of Justice and Equality	NHA:	Natural Heritage Area
DSHDT:	Dublin Social Housing Delivery Taskforce	(p)NHA:	(proposed) Natural Heritage Area
DTTaS:	Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport	NIAH:	National Inventory of Architectural Heritage
		NIS:	Natura Impact Statement
		NPWS:	National Parks and Wildlife Service
		NRA:	National Roads Authority
		NSAI:	National Standards Authority of Ireland

NSS:	National Spatial Strategy 2002 - 2020	UCD:	University College Dublin
NTA:	National Transport Authority	UFP:	Urban Framework Plan
NZEB:	Nearly Zero Energy Building	UPH:	Units per Hectare
OPW:	Office of Public Works	VDS:	Village Design Statements
PFRA:	Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment	VMS:	Variable Message Signage
PS:	Protected Structure	WEEE:	Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment
QBC:	Quality Bus Corridor	WSSP:	Water Services Strategic Plan
RAS:	Rental Accommodation Scheme		
RAR:	Recreational Access Routes		
RBMP:	River Basin Management Plan		
RIAI:	Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland		
RMP:	Record of Monuments and Places		
ROW:	Right of Way		
RPG:	Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area 2010-2022		
RPII:	Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland		
RPPI:	Residential Property Price Index		
RPS:	Record of Protected Structures		
RTPI:	Real Time Passenger Information		
RSA:	Road Safety Audit		
RSES:	Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy		
SAC:	Special Area of Conservation		
(c)SAC:	(Candidate) Special Area of Conservation		
SCD:	Senior College Dún Laoghaire		
SCATS:	Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic Systems		
SDCS:	Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme		
SDZ:	Strategic Development Zone		
SEA:	Strategic Environmental Assessment		
SEAI:	Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland		
SEAP:	Sustainable Energy Action Plan		
SFRA:	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment		
SHLI:	Social Housing Leasing Initiative		
SI:	Statutory Instrument		
SLO:	Specific Local Objective		
SPA:	Special Protection Area		
S2S:	Sutton to Sandycove Promenade and Cycleway		
SuDS:	Sustainable Drainage Solutions		
SUFP:	Sandyford Urban Framework Plan		
TCD:	Trinity College Dublin		
TTA:	Traffic and Transport Assessment		

Preamble

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County is a unique area of Ireland which contains over two dozen thriving, distinctive and valued areas – some recognised as communities and others as villages, but all known for their quality and sense of place. Our residents enjoy unparalleled access to a wide range of options in public transportation, amenities, shopping, cultural and educational institutions, as well as a wide choice of housing. The County also provides employment opportunities in businesses and enterprises ranging from international software giants to small home-based craft activities.

This wealth of opportunities is embedded in a network, focussed on the two major towns – the County town of Dún Laoghaire and the other Metropolitan Consolidation town of Dundrum - as well as large and small mature settlements and centres, some with well recognised names – such as Blackrock, Cabinteely, Dalkey, Sallynoggin and Stillorgan – as well as a myriad of locally cherished areas such as Glasthule, Stepside, Glencullen and Old Conna.

Our County is also endowed with some of the Region's best and most important economic and natural resources. We sustain and support significant portions of National and Regional economic and natural resources such as the M50 and its associated economic clusters in Dundrum and Sandyford as well as Dublin's Bay and Mountains which are among Dublin's finest natural amenities. We also have one of the most developable zones in the Country in the Cherrywood SDZ.

This Development Plan seeks to protect and nurture the future growth of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown – both by serving and leading the community – to cherish our inheritances while fostering our future by creating the conditions that will attract and sustain social and economic development to the benefit of every one of our 206,000 residents.

All of this must be achieved while actively protecting and enhancing our natural and cultural endowments of mountains, coasts and monuments - as well as the distinctiveness and vitality of our many neighbourhoods and their residents - both young and old.

The County's archaeological and architectural heritage will continue to be afforded appropriate level of protection in accordance with the Valletta and Granada Conventions to which Ireland is a signatory.

Development Plans have become large, complex documents in order to comply with an ever-increasing set of regulatory demands. It is important, therefore, to ensure that this complexity retains a clear Vision at its core. That Vision needs to be easily understood and have meaning

for every resident of our County. The Vision also needs to send clear signals about how our County sees itself.

Vision

Our Vision is for the County to achieve three goals by 2022:

1. To deliver Ireland's best quality of residential life by 2022 with particular reference to achieving environmental excellence in planning and development decisions. Every resident in every community and village will share in this.
2. To co-ordinate and facilitate economic actors towards achieving full employment in sustainable, meaningful jobs by 2022.
3. To support and sustain economic and natural resources of Regional significance to 2022 and beyond.

Quality of Life

We will strive to achieve these ambitions by providing a superior public service that will aim to offer the best possible opportunities for each specific community to:

1. enjoy the highest quality of life
2. achieve specific objectives for prosperity, equity, opportunity and amenity.

The key to achieving these deliverables is investment in, and commitment to, convenience, connectivity and accessibility and the quality of the public realm and associated social facilities.

We will focus on distinct areas of character – communities, villages and towns – large and small - as the building blocks to achieve the highest quality of life throughout the County.

We will achieve quality of life through the Local Community Plan by implementing a rolling programme of community and village-based public realm works and through the promotion of distinct characteristics as well as a menu of Arts, Libraries and Events Programmes.

In each area we will work to improve amenity, safety, connectivity and footfall - which in turn supports permeability and economic development – including tourism.

The Public Participation Network will replace the Community and Voluntary Forum and will be the vehicle through which increased engagement can be facilitated to provide assistance to voluntary efforts by means of the Council providing support to local organisations.

We will employ the Age Friendly County initiative to provide the clearest and most practical indicator of our progress towards identifying and achieving meaningful quality of life targets as part of a comprehensive plan to promote DLR as a County that is, indeed, friendly to an older population. We undertake to develop, encourage and implement initiatives to ensure that older citizens in the County are truly valued and respected and are supported in a secure and enabling environment to lead active, independent and meaningful lives, participating fully in their local communities

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown has the greatest potential to provide significant high quality residential neighbourhoods that will be well connected to the facilities on offer in the wider Metropolitan area. These 'soft' quality of life characteristics will be the fundamental factors that will attract and sustain the best workforce to the County and, in turn, will attract quality economic activities – the next generation of manufacturing, commerce and services.

The following Sections of the Development Plan set out a series of policies and objectives that will help Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown to achieve this Vision of possessing *Ireland's best quality of residential life by 2022*.

- Section 2.** Sustainable Communities Strategy
- Section 4.** Green County Strategy
- Section 6.** Built Heritage Strategy
- Section 7.** Community Strategy

Facilitating Full Employment in Sustainable, Meaningful Jobs

The socio-economic profile of the County is very positive – it has both the lowest unemployment rate and the highest level of educational attainment of any County in the State. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown has a unique array of economic activities that span from existing cultural, technological and educational establishments – including UCD and IADT – to high tech, pharmaceutical, financial and services sectors. It also has significant potential as an amenity and tourism destination for the Region – both for Dublin residents and visitors – and Nationally.

We will co-ordinate and facilitate such economic actors to achieve full employment in sustainable, meaningful jobs by 2022 by supporting the following groups:

- Existing established local businesses
- Confident and Distinctive Communities
- Budding Businesses and Entrepreneurs in the County
- Enterprises that rely upon our Regional Economic and Natural Resources
- Residents seeking to work within their community

It is proposed that this programme will be developed through the Local Enterprise Office (LEO).

We will use the Council's expanded role in economic development and community development to lead on the first Economic and Community Plan for the County that will provide the opportunity to increase mutual co-operation – especially focussed on removing costs, risks or delays for the groups identified above.

We will achieve this by establishing solid working partnerships within the County to create defining, diverse and dynamic neighbourhoods that will have amenities that are convenient both to homes and work places.

We will also establish solid working partnerships within the wider Region to secure investment in infrastructure and initiatives that are likely to sustain existing, or attract further, employment.

We will prioritise and promote areas where existing infrastructural investment can be harnessed to provide economic competitiveness for the County.

We will reinforce the capacity and potential of each area as both social and economic Hubs that will be interconnected, wherever possible, with walking, cycling and amenity networks

The following Sections of the Development Plan set out policies and objectives that will help Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown to achieve this Vision to co-ordinate and facilitate economic actors to achieve full employment in sustainable, meaningful jobs by 2022.

- Section 3.** Enterprise and Employment Strategy
- Section 5.** Physical Infrastructure Strategy
- Section 7.** Community Strategy

Supporting and Sustaining Economic and Natural Resources of Regional Significance

Access to transportation – for residents and commerce - is one of the most important economic advantages that an area can have. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown has some of the best such economic resources in Ireland.

The majority of the County's population occupy an area that lies between some of Ireland's most important transportation corridors – with the Coastal Rail and DART line along the east and the Luas line along the west. These public transportation links are complemented by the N11/Stillorgan Road (and its Quality Bus Corridors) which is the spine of the County and also by five junctions along the M50.

Sandyford and Dundrum provide Regionally significant, if not Nationally unique, centres of commercial and retail innovation and expansion while UCD, and its associated research and enterprise cluster, offers one of Ireland's

best concentration of research-based opportunities for economic development.

Dublin Bay offers potential to compete in international markets for marine events and cruise visits. We will strive to establish working partnerships with the various groups and sectors with direct interests in the Bay to secure investment in infrastructure and other initiatives that are likely to sustain existing, or attract further, employment in marine-based events and tourism.

We will again capitalise on the expanded role in economic and community development now afforded to the Council to foster improved and meaningful co-operation with the various groups and sectors identified above – but especially focussed and targeted on the removal of costs, risks or delays.

We will achieve this by establishing solid working partnerships within the Region to secure investment in infrastructure and initiatives that are likely to sustain existing, or attract further, employment for these specialist high-value sectors.

The following Sections of the Development Plan set out policies and objectives that will help Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown to achieve this Vision to support and sustain economic and natural resources of Regional significance:

Section 1: Strategic Overview

Section 3: Enterprise and Employment Strategy

Section 5: Physical Infrastructure Strategy

This County Development Plan offers a significant opportunity to capitalise on the natural, infrastructural and developed assets of Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown to take its place as the destination to achieve the best quality of life in Ireland.

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