



29 November 2016

**Celbridge Community Council**  
**Submission on Proposed Material Alterations to Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023**

Celbridge Community Council was established as a voluntary community group in 1975 and has for over forty years been actively involved in many aspects of community life in Celbridge. Our goal is to promote and improve community life in Celbridge and to influence in a positive way the physical development of Celbridge for the benefit of all those who live and work there. As a voluntary group, Celbridge Community Council welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023. Our observations are as follows:

Celbridge Community Council wishes to *suggest alternative wording* rather than the proposed removal of the following material alteration:

**Chapter 3, No. 3 Section 3.8 (Settlement Strategy Policies)**

Celbridge Community Council proposes the following explicit wording:

*SS5: To provide that where infrastructural deficits within a particular growth area cannot be overcome within the period of this Plan, the growth anticipated for that development centre will be curtailed pending rectification of the infrastructural deficits.*

Rather than the proposed removal of the policy in its entirety

...delete policy SS 5 from Section 3.8 Settlement Strategy Policies, as follows:

~~SS 5: To provide that where infrastructural deficits within a particular growth area cannot be overcome within the period of this Plan, the growth anticipated for that development centre will be allocated to other serviced towns within that level or to serviced towns at a higher level of the Settlement Hierarchy.~~



Celbridge Community Council wishes to *support* the amendment which reduces the growth allocation for Celbridge but *recommends that the figures in Table 3.3. be reviewed for accuracy.*

### Chapter 3, No. 4 Table 3.3 (Settlement Hierarchy and Population and Housing Unit Allocation)

Using the figures for Celbridge (rounded below for simplicity) as an example, the population forecast for 2023 does not tally with the dwellings forecast

<b>Celbridge</b>		
2011 (Population)	19,537	
2016 (Population)	20,631	
2011 (Dwellings)	6,911	
2016 (Dwellings)	7,084	
2016-2023 Growth	10.00%	reduction from 13.2%
2016-2023 Dwellings Target	3,250	reduction from 4,224
2023 Dwellings Forecast	10,333	
2023 Population Forecast	22,801	Increase of only 2170 => 66.66% of a person will inhabit each new dwelling!!

Celbridge Community Council wishes to *support* the following material alterations:

### Chapter 5, No. 9 Section 5.16 (Tourism and Kildare's Economy)

Amend Objective EO 37 as follows:

EO 37: To support the expansion and development of tourism in Kildare, investigating the feasibility of key opportunities such as those centred on the racing industry, retail, golf and eco-tourism to include: Arthur's Way, the Dublin – Galway Greenway, the Barrow Blueway, the Shackleton Trail, the Gordon Bennett Route, **the Grand Canal Greenway** and other opportunities.

### Chapter 5, No. 20 Section 5.20 (Heritage Tourism)

Insert a new policy in Section 5.20 Heritage Tourism as follows:

(Note: Renumber subsequent objectives accordingly)



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To work with stakeholders including the OPW, the Heritage Council, the Arts Council, local communities and businesses to support the development of heritage and cultural tourism in County Kildare.

Celbridge Community Council wishes to *support* references to the role of and collaboration with the National Transportation Authority in multiple amendments in Chapter 6 (Movement and Transportation – amendment numbers 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 etc.).

Celbridge Community Council wishes to *support* the following material alterations:

## **Chapter 6, No. 9 Section 6.3 (Movement and Transportation)**

Insert a new objective in Section 6.3 Movement and Transportation as follows:

**MTO 4:** That the Council will work with all relevant stakeholders and agencies (including the NTA and An Taisce Green Schools) to identify appropriate opportunities to provide 'Park and Stride' facilities within towns and villages at locations that allow safe pedestrian access to school sites. 'Park and Stride' locations should seek to reduce traffic movements in the vicinity of schools and allow parents to park or drop children off at the edge of a town or village and to walk safely to schools.

## **Chapter 6, No. 11 Section 6.4 (Public Transport)**

Insert a new policy PT 12 in Section 6.4 as follows:

**PT 12:** To liaise with and encourage transport providers and other agencies (e.g. NTA, developers etc) to provide appropriate bus shelters and real time information panels at bus stops.

## **Chapter 6, No. 20 Section 6.5 (Walking and Cycling)**

Insert a new objective WCO 4 in Section 6.5 as follows:

**WCO 4:** To identify off-site school drop off points as appropriate during the preparation of Local Area Plans, Small Town Plans and Village Plans, to reduce traffic congestion and facilitate and encourage walking to and from school.

Celbridge Community Council *suggests a slight amendment* to the following material alteration:

## **Chapter 6, No. 31 Section 6.6.1 (Motorways)**

Insert a new objective MO 8 in Section 6.6.1 as follows:

**MO 8:** To examine the feasibility of delivering a ~~an~~ non-vehicular overpass of the M4 to link the Wonderful Barn at Leixlip to Castletown Demesne in Celbridge in consultation with TII.



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Celbridge Community Council wishes to *support* the following material alterations:

## **Chapter 6, No. 33 Table 6.1 (Priority Road and Bridge Projects)**

Insert new items into Table 6.1 Priority Road and Bridge Projects as follows:

- Examine options in consultation with South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council, Meath County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and other statutory agencies for the delivery of an orbital link road from the M4 at Leixlip to the R149 in Fingal and to the M3 in Meath.

Celbridge Community Council wishes to *support* the following material alteration:

## **Chapter 9, No. 8 Section 9.4.4 (Metropolitan Area: Tier 1 Level 3 Town Centres – Celbridge and Maynooth)**

Amend the first Paragraph of Section 9.4.4 as follows;

Celbridge is underperforming in meeting the needs of local people in the town and its hinterland in a more efficient and equitable way. The key opportunities for this is to be ~~redressed~~ **satisfactorily addressed are to be identified in the forthcoming Celbridge/Castletown Local Area Plan, with due regard to the significance of the heritage of the 18th century streetscape, including buildings and their river frontages, historic houses, their settings, associated demesnes and landscapes being of significant importance. as the backlands area to the east of the town centre and Donaghcumper Demesne, with respect for the heritage and landscape of both areas being of significant importance. The new Celbridge/Castletown Local Area Plan will provide more specific detail at a local level on the most appropriate locations and extent for new retail provision and expansion within the town, taking account of heritage and landscape character.**

Celbridge Community Council wishes to *support* the following material alterations:

## **Chapter 11, No. 2 Section 11.9 (Local Development / Community Groups)**

Insert a new policy in Section 11.9 as follows:

**LDG 2: To support the Kildare Integrated Services Programme in the delivery of its objectives in County Kildare.**

## **Chapter 11, No. 5, 6 & 7 - Section 11.13 (Childcare and Pre School Facilities)**

The amendments give an improved level of priority to this important sector.



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Celbridge Community Council wishes to *support* the following material alteration:

**Chapter 12, No. 9 Map Ref V1-12.13 (Protected Area Castletown – Donaghcumper)**

Amend Map V 1-12.13 Protected Area Castletown- Donaghcumper to include the south western corner of Donaghcumper demesne into the 'Boundary of Area to be Protected'.

Celbridge Community Council is *not in favour of* the proposed insertion of the following material alteration:

**Chapter 12, No. 1 Section 12.4 (Protected Structures)**

Insert text in Section 12.4

Policies and objectives contained in this section do not seek to preclude development that is sensitive to and integrated with the historic landscape of the Donaghcumper and St. Wolstan's demesnes. The Celbridge Local Area Plan will provide clarity in relation to the key views and prospects that are to be protected and the nature of scale of development that is considered appropriate within these historic landscapes.



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Celbridge Community Council is disappointed to see that no amendments are proposed to **Chapter 2 (Core Strategy) Section 2.3.1.2** (Population Density 2011) and reiterates that the text contained in this section of the Draft County Development Plan erroneously interprets AIRO data.

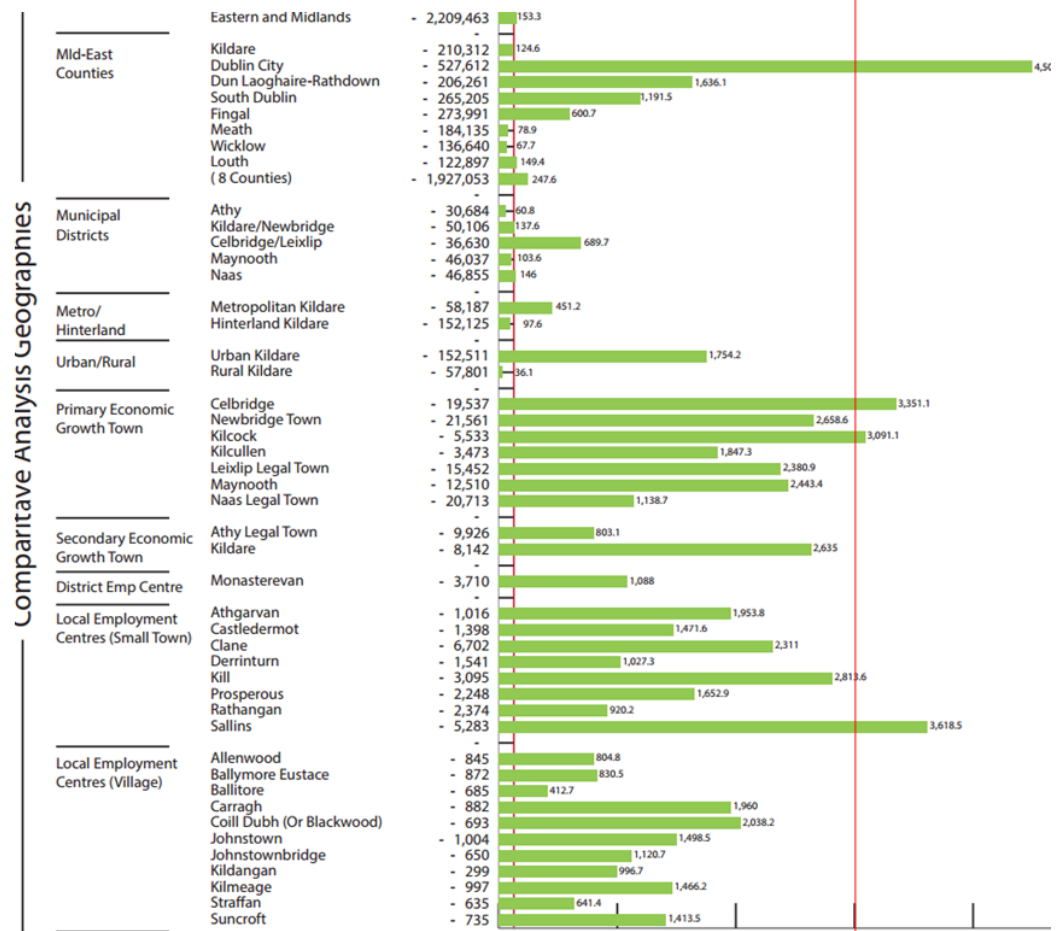
Specifically, the following statement:

*“It varies significantly from concentrations of over 3,000 persons per square kilometre in major urban centres like Naas, Newbridge, Leixlip and Athy to more sparsely populated rural areas in the west and south of the county”*

incorrectly interprets the AIRO population density data<sup>1</sup>.

The AIRO data is reproduced here to the right with a red vertical line superimposed at the 3000 persons per km<sup>2</sup> mark. None of the 4 towns listed actually has a density of over 3000 persons per km<sup>2</sup>.

- Athy has 803 per km<sup>2</sup>,
- Naas has 1139 per km<sup>2</sup>,
- Leixlip has 2381 per km<sup>2</sup>
- Maynooth has 2443 per km<sup>2</sup>



Celbridge Community Council recommends that the layer of interpretation of AIRO data be removed from this section and that the AIRO analysis of Census data be included and allowed to speak for itself.

Yours faithfully,

**David Trost**

**Secretary**

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<sup>1</sup> see AIRO data from [http://www.kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/KildareLECP/Kildare\\_LECP\\_EvidenceBaselineReport\\_2015.compressed.pdf](http://www.kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/KildareLECP/Kildare_LECP_EvidenceBaselineReport_2015.compressed.pdf)