

Development Plan Review



The New County Development Plan – Issues and Options Paper What is it and what does it mean for Social Inclusion?

The Southside Partnership SPAN Project cordially invites you, as someone working in the area of **Social Inclusion** in the county, to a briefing session on the new County Development Plan '*Options and Issues Paper*'. The paper has been prepared by the Department of Economic Development and Planning in Dun Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council and will be introduced by the Development Plan Team, headed by Dave Irvine.

**The Royal Marine Hotel
Dun Laoghaire
Wednesday 30th April 2008
11.00am-1.30pm**

The new Development Plan aims to set out a framework for proper planning and sustainable development in the county over a 6 year period from 2010-2016. There is an initial 8 week period of consultation, from 18th April until mid June, for public debate on the broad planning and development matters affecting the county. Over the next two years there will be opportunities, at intervals, for further feedback and input.

Why is this important?

The Planning Department have highlighted a number of key questions which will be of interest to many of you, including the following:

Population and Housing

- How best can the critical cultural, economic and social supports required by communities – retail, transport, education, childcare, leisure-be delivered in tandem with residential developments? What about "infill" housing and increased density i.e. medium rise building; where and how should social and affordable housing be provided?...

Social and Community Infrastructure

- How do we address "quality of life" issues including delivery of amenities, cultural, recreational and community facilities? Should specific community facilities be provided as standard...with new developments at local and neighbourhood level...Should and how can...school facilities be "opened up"? Is there adequate provision of primary and secondary schools in the County & should locations be identified and reserved for the future ...Are the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged groups being adequately met?

Enterprise and Employment

- Should there be continued development of a small number of key centres of economic development e.g. Sandyford/Cherrywood/Carrickmines/Clonskeagh; how should we support new and different types of work, e.g. e-business and teleworking, incubator units...

Transport Linkages

- How do we coordinate and integrate land use and public transport facilities?

There are many other questions under these headings. The Plan also has to give consideration to other topics such as Environmental Infrastructure and Management, Open Space and Recreation, natural heritage and biodiversity...

The Purpose of the session is:

- To hear what the Development Plan is, what exactly it covers and most importantly the timeline for consultation
- To identify and explore some of the key issues and questions relevant from a ***social inclusion perspective*** and begin to gather comments, thinking etc...that can be developed into a constructive, strategic submission paper. People may also decide to work within their own sector to inform the Plan
- Identify further opportunities for input, and the necessary time, expertise, resources required

This is the first time we have been able to involve our sector i.e. local and community development, along with our partners who have 'social inclusion' as part of their brief, to consider how we might individually, collectively or sectorally inform and contribute to the debate and issues raised in this important strategic planning process. In particular, we can consider how they impact on those families, children, older people etc, living in the county who experience poverty, disadvantage, isolation and marginalisation.

We will obviously not answer all the issues that arise, and we are very aware of the need to manage our expectations around what can and can't be delivered, however this is an important experiment in participation and involving ourselves at the very beginning. We will track the learning experienced throughout the process.

The actual Options and Issues Paper will be circulated to you when it is made public on the 18th April, and in the meantime e-mail lorraine.stewart@sspship.ie to express your interest.

I look forward to seeing you,

Lorraine Stewart
SPAN Project Leader

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