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Submission Moderation Summary

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Submissions

Moderation Summaries report

URN	Author	Location	Map Attached
WFD-C16-1	Metalman Paddlesports Club Waterford	Tramore Pier/ Saleens	No

Summary

The submission highlights the need for a clubhouse to store our trainer boats at a location either in the Boat Cove in Tramore or at the far (easterly) end of the beach car park in Tramore in Summer and possibly Saleens CarPark in Winter. In addition the submission supports the provision of an outdoor gym in Tramore.

Tags

Tourism, Water sports, Outdoor gym

WFD-C16-2	David Lumsden	Tramore	No
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Summary

The submission seeks the reduction of the maximum speed limit to 30km/h for all of Tramore, not just residential estates which would make the town safer and attractive. A number of benefits of 30km/h speed limits are listed in the submission along with some examples of the effect of reduced speed limits in other jurisdictions.

Tags

Transport, Speed limits

WFD-C16-3	Garrett Wyse	Tramore	No
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Summary

The submission is made on behalf of Tramore Area Community Theatre (TACT). The submission outlines the benefits that a community run theatre could bring to Tramore.

Tags

Community, Theatre

WFD-C16-4	Sean Aylward	Bookie's Wood, Cove Road, Adjacent to the Pier & Newtown Woods	No
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Summary

The submission highlights the existence & importance of native woodlands within Tramore. It seeks that the LAP afford them whatever status designation that will prevent them from ever being built over or removed.

Tags

Natural Heritage, Woodlands, Newtown Woods

WFD-C16-5	Lafcadio Hearn Japanese Gardens	Pond Road and Central Tramore	No
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Summary

The submission outlines a number of Specific Local Development Objectives relating to the Lafacadio Hearn Japanese Gardens ranging from supporting the further development of the gardens, facilitating on street car parking for coaches and visitors and signage directing people to the town centre.

Tags

Tourism, Lafcadio Hearn Japanese Gardens

WFD-C16-6	Stagemad Theatre Company	Tramore	No
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Summary

The submission is made on behalf of Tramore Area Community Theatre (TACT). The submission outlines what any future theatre building for Tramore should include.

Tags

Community, Theatre

WFD-C16-7	Kevin Murray	Gallwey's Hill, Tramore.	No
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Summary

This submission seeks an additional Specific Local Development Objective (SLDO) for Tramore - "To Preserve The Iconic Views of Tramore Beach from the Gallwey's Hill/Church Road area of the Town" - to be located on lands at the top of Gallwey's Hill. The submission outlines that such a SLDO would be complementary to a number of already existing SDOs namely TRDO 3, TRDO 11 and TRDO 12.

Tags

Landscape, Protected views

WFD-C16-8	Mollie Hunt		No
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Summary

The submission outlines a number of improvements that should be made to the road network and local streets in Tramore make it safer for people walking. These are summarised below:

- > More pedestrian crossings at the following locations - (i) Church Road at the Doneraile, (ii) Upper Cliff Road and Lodges Lane.
- > New Footpath at the following locations - (i) on opposite side of Upper Cliff Road to the junction of Newtown Hill, (ii) on opposite side of Church Road leading to Grand Hotel and Library.
- > More age friendly public seating at the bottom of Main Street along with more trees.
- > Hand rails located at steep sections of Gallwey's Hill, Stand Road, Train Hill and Queen Street.
- > Improved pedestrian safety around The Grand Hotel allowing safe access to the Library.
- > Public education to make drivers aware of needs of walkers.

Tags

Transport, Walking

WFD-C16-8	Mollie Hunt		No
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Summary

The submission highlights the need to enlarge the Lafcadio Hearn Japanese Gardens and the need to provide a weatherproof area. It also highlights the need to connect the gardens more with the town - with improved signage.

Tags

Tourism, Lafcadio Hearn Japanese Gardens

WFD-C16-9	Andrew Harrington	Tramore	No
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Summary

This submission focuses on how to make Tramore more pedestrian and cycle friendly. It requests that the LAP be more ambitious and consider planning a one-way traffic system around the entire centre of the town, to allow footpaths on all of the narrower streets to be made broader in more areas and possibly facilitate some cycle lanes. The submission lists a number of specific improvements that are required to meet this goal:

Secure Bike parking at the following locations:

- More secure bike racks at key locations across the town e.g. Supervalu car park, top of main street and on the Prom at the town end.

Improved footpaths at the following locations:

- Footpath leading from Bizzy Kids Creche/ Newtown.
- Footpath on the street between the credit union and O'Neill's pub – too narrow and dangerous. Make street one-way.
- Improved footpath on road leading to Newtown Wood.
- Improved footpath needed on the Newtown Road between the roundabout at the Cove Stores shop and Church road – too narrow. Drainage work may be needed as the path is covered in algae all year round.
- Improved footpath needed on Broad street between Galwey's Hill and the Seagull Bakery are extremely narrow on one side and completely lacking on the other.
- Footpath needed at Hotel Square – no path provided – the whole street is a car park.
- Improved footpath needed on Market Street between the library and Cahill's shop – too narrow.
- Footpath needed along the road leading into Splashworld from the Pebble Beach side. A simple gravel path could be extended from the end of the path which comes out of the boating lake area nearer to Pebble Beach.

Improved footpaths at the following locations:

- No pedestrian crossing on road leading to Newtown Woods.
- Increased zebra crossings/ proper pedestrian crossings along the ring road (outside Clarinwood housing estate and the next roundabout near Cluain Mor/Ard na Groi).
- Possible reconfiguration of roundabouts to facilitate safer crossings for people/ bikes.

- Improved pedestrian crossings also needed leading down to the Cove from Newtown Road and around the Cove Stores Shop.
- Need for a pedestrian crossing from the footpath on Newtown road onto Love Lane leading off to the Coastguard station and the Doneraile walk.
- Improved pedestrian crossing on Strand Road, no crossing point except right down at the Prom.
- Pedestrian crossing points needed at the roundabout at the junction between Strand Road and Turkey Road/Lower Branch Road as it can be very hard to cross the road here when the traffic is busy.

Traffic Calming at the following locations:

- Kilmeaden Road between the roundabout on the ring road and Monvoy Bridge needs speed bumps or some other traffic calming measures, and a pedestrian crossing.
- Speed bumps or other traffic calming measures are needed within the Monvoy Valley housing estate to slow down traffic in the vicinity of children playing.

Tags

Transport, Active Travel

WFD-C16-10	Tramore Tidy Towns	No
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Summary

This submission is on behalf of Tramore Tidy Towns (TTT). The submission highlights three initiatives for inclusion in the Draft Tramore Local Area Plan. These are outlined below.

1. The submission suggest that the LAP cater for Tramore's older communities and those living with sensory difficulties by developing a Sensory Garden on a site where the Lakelands development meets the greater Boating Lake area. The TTTs state that they have a broad design for a Sensory Garden which would specifically cater for the needs of people of all ages suffering from Autism and other sensory issues as well as older people who, we feel would welcome a quiet space to meet and chat or just read a newspaper.
2. TTT submission proposes the Local Area Plan should include the development of an outdoor Bowling Green in the same area. They feel this would be a well used amenity for locals and visitors alike.
3. TTT support all other organisations calling for a community space in Tramore which could be used for a myriad of purposes from entertainment to education and critically a meeting space for people of all ages.

Tags

Community, Sensory Garden, Bowling Green, Community Hall

WFD-C16-11	Tramore Area Museum Society	Railway Station	No
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Summary

The submission reference 'Tramore Area Museum Society'.

Tags

Culture

WFD-C16-12	Office of Public Works		No
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Summary

Submission relates primarily to the need to make specific reference to the Guidelines on the Planning System and Flood Risk Management (Nov, 2009), and assoc. circulars and technical appendices - ensure the principles are adopted.

Specific flood risk management (FRM) issues noted for consideration, include clear commitments and strategic objectives regarding flood risk and the principles of the Guidelines are included in the Draft Local Area Plan – such as the three stage process of (1) flood Risk ID, (2) Initial Flood Risk Assessments and (3) Detailed flood risk assessment; as well as Sequential Approach and the Justification Test.

Specific Flood Risk Management Issues for Consideration issues noted include keeping a register of key flood risk infrastructure in the Local Area Plan where it would not otherwise be readily identified or protected from interference or removal.

Coastal Change – the submission requests that the planning authorities should have regard to areas that may be at risk or vulnerable to coastal erosion or coastal change, including change associated with climate change (e.g. sea level rise, increased storm frequency, accelerated rates of coastal erosion, etc).

Nature-based Solutions and SuDS – the submission advises that the preparation of Local Area Plans should take account of the opportunities for nature-based solutions to reduce runoff and provide other benefits such as to water quality, biodiversity, etc. This can include in areas around existing developments, as well as within existing and proposed development in the form of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS). Waterford City & County Council should refer to The Best Practice Interim Guidance Document 'Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas' for further guidance.

Other issues raised include:

- The flood maps produced under the National CFRAM Programme provide an important resource for plan making and consideration of development in relation to the implementation of the Guidelines.
- Map Review Programme The OPW will review, and where necessary update, the flood maps on an on-going basis.

- National Indicative Flood Mapping.
- Consideration of Climate Change Impacts.

Tags

Flooding, Natural Heritage

WFD-C16-13	Heritage Group	No
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Summary

Submission raises concerns with regards to a number of topics such as fluoride and water quality, the impact of 5G health of humans and wildlife - removal of trees, water quality, removal of road verges and impact on surface water runoff, multi-storey buildings and impact on skyline/ private amenity and overlooking, heritage graveyards and the reuse of same for multiple burials, unsustainability of windfarms and e-cars, the use of round up on road verges and the need to protect fishers and migratory birds.

Tags

Transport, Energy, Natural Heritage

WFD-C16-14	David Smyth	entire town	No
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Summary

The submission requests a free, regular and reliable local public transport system to serve Tramore in the form of regularly circulating mini-buses.

Tags

Transport, Public Transport

WFD-C16-15	Milo Walsh	Tramore -four areas 1.Canons field 2.Doneraile 3.The prom near the toilet block and on the ring road near the golf club.	No
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Summary

This submission call for the an outdoor gym for Tramore. It outlines the location of possible stations:

1. The Canon's Field 2. The Doneraile (at the former site of the canon.) 3. The Prom -near the toilet block . 4. The Ring Road.

Tags

Community, Outdoor gym

WFD-C16-16	Department of Education	Tramore Local Area Plan 2023-2029	No
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Summary

The submission notes the projected population increase of 1,168 persons for Tramore . It is states that any increase in population between 2028 and 2029 could also result in a requirement for additional education provision. .

The submission further states that the LAP must consider the cumulative impacts of regeneration and redevelopment on existing community facilities. The submission states it is critical that explicit provision for school development to cater for such development be made in existing "built-up" areas, within Tramore.

Ths submission further states that the Draft Plan should be explicit in its support for the provision of adequate and suitable school accommodation, including the development of new schools and the expansion or alteration of existing ones.

The Department also anticipates that additional Special Education Needs provision at both Primary and Post Primary level will be required in the future throughout the country and this may result in schools requiring additional accommodation to meet this growing need. The Department will consult with the Council if and when additional SEN accommodation is required within specific locations.

Tags

Community, Education

WFD-C16-17	Billy Moore	Lodges Lane Tramore	No
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Summary

The submission seeks a change in the existing two-way traffic flow on Lodges Lane, Tramore to a one-way traffic flow system over part of the lane. The submission also requests that an additional specific local development objective be included to read as follows: “*One-Way Traffic Flow Scheme for Part of Lodges Lane, Tramore*”.

Tags

Transport, Roads

WFD-C16-18	Tramore Wildlife Group		No
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Summary

The submission raises the following requests:

- The submission seeks that a suitable officer 'wildlife ranger' is employed to the SPA and SAC.
- All farm bordering the Backstrand should be contacted and made aware of any grants pertaining to wetlands, rewilding, habitat creation etc – the submission requests that these farms be made aware of any penalties for polluting said area with regards to fertilizer runoff etc.
- Additional protection should be added to the beach/ bac Backstrand area to protect against storm surges.
- Erect signage on the Backstrand banning camping, quads, bikes, motobikes etc.
- Restrict car access to the Backstrand.

Tags

Natural Heritage, Backstrand

WFD-C16-19	An Taisce	Tramore	No
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Summary

The submission seeks the establishment of a pond network across Tramore which would provide ecological and landscape benefits, including high-value wildlife refuges and corridors for biodiversity, and amenity features.

The submission requests the inclusion of the following recommendations in the Draft Local Area Plan:

1. Incorporate the creation of new ponds, the resurrection of 'ghost ponds' (a 'ghost pond' is an old pond lost to in-filling) and the maintenance of existing ponds, including currently unmanaged ponds as an objective within the LAP.
2. Establish a minimum of one new local freshwater pond in Tramore (ponds can range between one metre squared up to five hectares in area and need to contain water for a minimum of four months of the year).
3. Incorporation of clean, freshwater ponds into new developments as well as existing public amenity and green space areas as part of an integrated green infrastructure network strategy for the incorporation of biodiversity enhancement and climate change mitigation measures.
4. Incorporation of SuDs ponds as a nature-based solution for local surface water management and flood defence measures.

The submission requests that the following Specific Development Objectives for Tramore be expanded on to include reference to ponds:

- **TRD06** - new parks, amenity space - could benefit from a clean, freshwater pondscape for wildlife, amenity and climate mitigation.
- **TRD012 14 -15** - Ponds for flood mitigation, amenity value, and biodiversity (as well as climate mitigation).

Tags

Natural Heritage, Ponds

WFD-C16-20	Margaret Davin	Upper Branch Road, Queen Street, Lower Pond Road	No
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Summary

The submission covers four main points which are outlined below:

- **Speeding** – Speed limit on Upper Branch Road should be reduced to 30km p/h with traffic calming put in place.
- **Parking** – The area around Branch Road is very congested with regards to parking and more attention needs to be paid to residents.
- **Traffic Flow** – Additional signage put in place on Upper Branch Road to stop cars traveling up the one way street after leaving Lafcadio Gardens. Increased flow of Traffic on Upper Branch Road since the works were completed on Main Street.
- **Footpaths** – Footpaths are in major bad repaid throughout Tramore.

Tags

Transport, Roads, Parking

WFD-C16-21	Ian Galvin	Upper Branch Road , Queen Street , Lower Pond Road	No
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Summary

The submission covers four main points which are outlined below:

- **Parking** – The area around Branch Road is very congested with regards to parking and more attention needs to be paid to residents.
- **Speeding** – Speed limit on Upper Branch Road should be reduced to 30km p/h with traffic calming put in place.
- **Traffic Flow** – The traffic flow of the town should be revisited and additional signage put in place on Upper Branch Road to stop cars traveling up the one way street after leaving Lafcadio Gardens. Increased flow of Traffic on Upper Branch Road since the woks were completed on Main Street.

Tags

Transport, Roads, Parking

WFD-C16-22	Alicia Daniels	ON THE RING ROAD	No
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Summary

The submission calls for segregated cycle lanes on the Ring Road which would provide a safe environment for all users especially Children.

Tags

Transport, Active Travel

WFD-C16-23	Tramore Amusement and Leisure Park Ltd	Tramore Amusement Park's boating lake and islands.	No
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Summary

The submission calls for a 'bee island' to be located on one of the islands in the boating lake.

The submission also states that Tramore Amusement Leisure Park would be very interested in helping, advising and facilitating, where appropriate, with the delivery of Tramore specific projects, that could form part of the LAP – particularly in the area of Tourism.

The submission concludes by highlighting that Tramore should be the start of any future Copper Coast route.

Tags

Tourism, Biodiversity

WFD-C16-24	Uisce Éireann	Pre-Draft Public Consultation Strategic Issues Paper - Tramore Local Area Plan	No
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Summary

The submission covers the following issues:

- National and Regional Policy
- Key Uisce Éireann Policies and Plans
- Water Services Infrastructure & Constraints
- Land Development Issues (Zoning, Developers, Serviceability of Settlements, LA Projects)

The submission specifically requests that Draft LAP make reference to the following:

- Section 8.1 of RSES which provides general policy direction in relation to the Sustainable Management of Water Supply and Wastewater Needs.
- With regards to Drinking Water Source Protection – the submission request the inclusion of objectives to support the implementation of source protection measures.
- In relation to Sustainable Drainage and Green-Blue Infrastructure UE encourage the inclusion of polices and objectives on the use of SUDs and GBI in new developments. The submission further requests that the Draft LAP include objectives to promote the introduction of NbSUDs in areas contributing to combined drainage systems where street scape enhancement programmes or resurfacing programmes are planned.

Tags

Utilities Infrastructure, Energy and Communication, Irish Water, SUDs

Summary

The submission covers many topics which are summarised below.

- **Housing and Sustainable Communities:**
 - Multigenerational housing units in new developments to accommodate younger and older members of society.
 - Integration of community spaces within new housing estates – garden allotments, parks, sports facilities, bbq areas etc.
 - Integration of small scale local commercial spaces within new housing estates.
 - Renovation of old Stella Maris / CBS schools into new secondary schools to provide for alternative to the current Ardscoil na Mara.
 - Restoration of the skatepark: its removal under obscure “maintenance reasons” has caused a great loss for the younger population of Tramore.
- **Economic Development, Tourism and Retail Services:**
 - Moonvoy Public Amenity – this could include a cafe serving the Ring Road area or year-round, safe and warm indoor facilities for teenagers.
 - Caravan and Camper Van facilities at the backstrand.
 - Hotels and Tourism the LAP needs to provide concrete location proposals for the creation of new hotels.
 - Windmills it is worth noting that the imminent construction of *visible* and *massive* wind turbines has a very significant potential to negatively affect tourism.
- **Climate Action and Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity:**
 - Afforestation of Green Spaces in the town by the creation of pocket forests within the town, on the many semi-barren and underutilized lawn spaces.
 - Zoning for natural spaces: the long term protection of any areas earmarked for natural preservation needs to be put in place.
 - Gardening allotments: the recent rejection citing zoning of the proposed community allotments in the industrial estate is a missed opportunity to provide a space for community and engagement with nature and the outdoors.
 - Firm protection of existing trees and hedgerows in new developments and the creation of Green Corridors between housing estates.
 - Wildlife-friendly boundary walls: the walls surrounding most housing estates exclude the transit of wild animals such as hedgehogs.
 - Management of green infrastructure: over-mowing, spraying and over-pruning of trees in green spaces along with the introduction of living / Green roofs in public buildings: the retrofitting of green roofs in structures.
 - Wildlife-friendly public lighting: any upgrades and retrofitting to public lighting.
- **Transport and Mobility:**

- Break up the cul-de-sacs between housing estates. This would have a dramatic effect on the walkability / bikeability of the town.
 - Bike track from Pickardstown along ring road to Newtown is needed.
 - Introduction of self-service bicycle rentals.
 - Increased reliability and frequency of public transport into town is required.
 - Improve pedestrian access to Lidl from the back of Bank of Ireland.
 - Summerhill - Tramore church: There is no easy solution to propose here, but this particular area is highly problematic for pedestrian / cyclist traffic.
- **Other Matters:**
 - A public hurling walls and calisthenics equipment at the boating lake. This would be a great addition for children and teenagers.

Tags

Housing and Sustainable Communities, Economic Development, Tourism and Retail, Climate Action and GI, Transport

WFD-C16-26	Alicia Daniels	THE LOWER PROM, TRAMORE	No
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Summary

The submission calls for the the Lower Prom area in Tramore pedestrianised - free from cars and traffic.

Tags

Transport, Active Travel

WFD-C16-27	Tramore Eco Group		No
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Summary

The submission outlines Tramore Eco Groups our aspirations for all aspects of life in Tramore. These are broken down into the following headings:

Around the Prom, boating lake and Inclusion Park area:

- Accessible exercise equipment.
- Outdoor sports facilities.

- Large skate park.
- Lower Prom car free zone – old skate park to become car park with bike lockers.
- A dog park at Pebble Beach Estate.
- Allotments.

Transport:

- Public Transport link directly to WHW.
- Park and Ride system for Tramore.
- Orbital local bus route for Tramore.
- Sensitive and environmental friendly street lighting needs to be provided on a number of 'edge-of-town' roads and cat-eyes on Waterford Tramore Road.
- Bike Lane on the Ring Road.
- Camper and caravan park required for Tramore.

Sustainable Communities - Safe and interesting walks:

- Signage is required for safe walking routes around the town.
- Tramore's Green Ring – objective to support its implementation.

Culture:

- Revive the 'Banksy' street art competition, which was very successful pre Covid, drawing in artists from significant distances, including some from abroad.
- The use of the old railway station building for an arts project that would give qualified artists space to develop.

Natural Heritage

- New buildings to include swift bricks built in under the eaves, as the niches available in old buildings may be destroyed.
- 'Hedgehog highways' (small arches in walls and fences) should be mandatory when putting in boundaries between new houses.

Tags

Housing and Sustainable Communities, Transport, Culture, Natural Heritage

WFD-C16-28	Robert Nutt	R675 Coast Road to Dungarvan, at Coolnagoppoge, Tramore, Co Waterford, Eircode X91 V225	No
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Summary

Submission requests the removal of dangerous bend and rezoning of my lands for residential use.

Tags

Land use zoning

WFD-C16-29	Tramore Allotments Association	Tramore	No
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Summary

The submission is made on behalf of Tramore Allotment Association. The submission requests that allotments be included as a specific community amenity in the Local Area Plan and that there is a dedicated permanent site, with allowance made for expansion of said site based on future demand from residents of Tramore. The submission outlines that there is significant local demand for plots, there is identified interest from various sectors of the community for a community garden and users expressed an interest in lifelong learning opportunities.

Tags

Housing and Sustainable Communities, Allotments

WFD-C16-30	Peter Nolan	Lower Branch Road	No
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Summary

The submission requests a fully serviced & regulated site for camper vans to be provided urgently in Tramore. The submission further requests that camper vans parking overnight on Lr Branch Road be baned & properly signposted with fines.

Tags

Tourism, Camper Vans

WFD-C16-31	Tramore Development Trust	A pathway from the Doneraile to the Metalman	No
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Summary

Tramore Development Trust seeks a specific local development objective which supports the development of coastal path from the town centre through the Doneraile and out to the Metalman.

Tags

Landscape, Coast/ Marine and Blue Green Infrastructure, Coastal Walk

WFD-C16-31	Tramore Development Trust	A pathway from the Doneraile to the Metalman	No
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Summary

Tramore Development Trust seeks a specific local development objective which supports the development of the former station house as an one stop shop for residents and visitors to Tramore.

Tags

Housing and Sustainable Communities, Station House

WFD-C16-31	Tramore Development Trust	A pathway from the Doneraile to the Metalman	No
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Summary

The submission states that the area around the boating lake is ideally placed to provide this which will support the well-being of the town. This could include an outdoor gym, inclusion park, running track and skate park.

Tags

Housing and Sustainable Communities, Boating Lake

WFD-C16-32	Gerard ORIORDAN	Tramore	No
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Summary

The submission calls for an outdoor gym for Tramore at the Doneraile Walk, Eco Park or around the Boating Lake.

Tags

Housing and Sustainable Communities, Outdoor gym

WFD-C16-33	Gerard ORIORDAN	Gallweys Hill Tramore	No
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Summary

This submission calls for the area at the top of Gallweys Hill Tramore to be taken over by the Council via CPO and transformed into a small park.

Tags

Housing and Sustainable Communities, Pocket Park, Gallweys Hill

WFD-C16-34	Niall Cusack	Primarily Tivoli Terrace/Lower Branch Road and proposed park in TRD02 of LAP	No
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Summary

The submission covers two broad themes of Transport and Tourism.

Traffic, Parking and EV-Charging

- Reducing the speed limit and/or introducing further speed ramps along the Waterford Road and Upper Branch Road.
- Resident car parking on the Waterford Road and Branch Road needs attention.
- The submission highlights that there are a number of largely unused parking spaces at the back of Tivoli Terrace in the Lakelands/Pebble Beach area which could solve the immediate problem of parking for Tivoli Terrace residents and alleviate a huge amount of the parking issues in the area.
- LAP should support provision of on-street EV charging points.

Tourism

- Designated walking access to the Metalman.
- Gallwey's Hill created as an amenity area.
- There is a need for designated area for camping and motor homes in the Tramore (unused space in the park near Ocean View which could accommodate a small camping area – and motor homes could be accommodated on the unused land between the public toilets and nature park).
- Pedestrianise the lower prom area.

Tags

Transport, Tourism

WFD-C16-35	Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage	No	No
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Summary

The submission from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage outlines heritage-related observations/recommendations co-ordinated by the Development Applications Unit under the stated headings for Tramore LAP.

Architectural Heritage and Plan Alignment:

- it is recommended that area based plans (such as Local Area Plans, Municipal District Local Area Plans or similar) should specifically include the relevant architectural heritage statutory designations and development management policies and objectives or have a clear cross-referencing system to where this information can be found in the City and/or County Development Plan. All plans should also reference any guidance documents or assessments that the relevant authority may have produced in respect of architectural heritage.

Policy and Objective Cohesion:

- Local polices also align with and take into account the most up to date policy documents. In particular, the Town Centre First Policy will be a key policy in creating town centres that function 'as viable, vibrant and attractive locations for people to live work and visit, while also functioning as the service, social, cultural and recreational hub for the local community'.

Character Assessments:

- It is recommended that such assessments are undertaken and completed by suitably qualified person/s, for inclusion in the LAP.

Definitions and Terminology:

- It is recommended that LAPs, provide definitions of architectural heritage and architectural heritage related statutory designations, such as protected structures, architectural conservations areas, areas of special planning control, vernacular buildings and historic demesnes.

Underwater Archaeology

- The submission seeks that the Tramore LAP, due to its rich and diverse underwater archaeological and heritage, contain a specific section on underwater archaeology and that the protection of underwater cultural heritage in all its forms (which includes a range of features, including wrecks, remains of bridges, marine and riverine built heritage, submerged, or partially submerged, coastal and riverine structures, objects and palaeolandscapes) is a core objective in relation to archaeological heritage (detailed policies contained in submission).

Climate change policies and objectives for archaeological heritage:

- The submission contains a number of recommendations with regards to policy on climate change.

Tags

Built Heritage

WFD-C16-36	Ursula Doherty	Pond Road,	No
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Summary

The submission calls for the further enhancement of the visitor experience at the gardens, along with indoor facilities. It states that attention needs to be given to improving parking facilities as well.

Tags

Tourism, Lafcadio Hearn Japanese Gardens

WFD-C16-37	James Plunkett		No
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Summary

The submission calls for a museum in the old Station house in Tramore.

Tags

Culture, Station House

WFD-C16-38	Nicola Clarke	Several areas / locations included	No
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Summary

The submission calls for the continued development of Tourism in Tramore, but, also to put a greater emphasis on developing the Historical Value that Tramore has to offer for the sunny South East. The submission suggests that the specific development objectives for Tramore as outlined in the Issues Paper be augmented as follows:

- **TRDO2** – Developing the Boating Lake area into a Town Park, is a great idea. Suggest keeping an element of a lake and possibly the train as this is a great family favourite, suitable for the young and old!
- **TRDO4** Sand Dunes/ Back Strand Habitats Directive must be maintained – however solutions should be given to fixing the breach in “Malcom’s Embankment” and allowing sufficient automatic drainage , to preserve the bird sanctuary etc. – It’s amazing what engineers can do these days!
- **TRDO 6** – A New public park off the ring road, nice idea, but unsure with the way the map is drawn, how much of an area is being considered and what safety and preservation elements are being considered so close to the bird Sanctuary area,
- **TRDO 8** – An Indoor/ Outdoor public area or Performance space - no 8 does not appear on the map supplied at the library presentation in Feb - the ideal location would be in and around the Railway Station house- the back and side of the existing building could be sheltered off as required – parking near the sea front and Majestic Hotel- Green space to sit and listen to music etc in front of splash world etc- Public amenities close by and food outlets etc. However the public loos on strand road need upgrading, at least to be as good as the ones down the end of the prom.
- **TRDO9** – Redevelopment of the Station House- This could be reinvented as a community type hub, like Tramore house was in it’s day- 1960-90’s when several groups had rooms or shared rooms, in a local spot. Now more than ever, Tramore needs an office-based hub, for voluntary and community groups- Tramore Tidy Towns, Tramore Area Museum Society, Eco group. Save the dunes group, to name a few- all small set ups, but could thrive if they had a home base to work from. Most of these groups can get local government grants, etc. to support some of their activities if they have a postal address and a sense of Local permanency. To make a commercial entity in part of it as a computer hub, could also be developed for Tourists to charge and recharge phones, send emails, access local information, especially when the local library is not open. Small towns need somewhere like this, close to the bus stop, near the sea front- etc.
- **TRDO 13** – (a) Retirement village Scheme, is a great idea too as Tramore draws many retirees to its shores for the great walks and the beach for sea swimming. To continue to keep this cohort in Tramore, a scheme like this sounds beneficial to all.
- **TRDO 13** – (b) Pickardstown- is on the outskirts of Tramore and needs development to help with all the new houses on the Tramore to Waterford Road. A suggestion to have a Bicycle stall here like in Dublin and Cork where folk could Cycle to Waterford, a mere 10 K , mostly on the flat-great incentive for most of the year in the warm climate of the South East of Ireland. This would be a good eco -environment Plan.

The submission further suggests that the remaining general TRDOs include the reference to the following:

1. The need for a family hostel.

2. More trees/ seats on the Prom with associated shelters.
3. Pedestrian lights by the Donerail.
4. Location for Allotments.
5. Open Space on Galleys Hill (Covid Memorial Garden).
6. Tourist Signage / QR codes.
7. Community Hub in the old Station House – needs to happen in the next 2/3 years.
Community hub.
8. Roller Rink on the Prom.
9. Bike hub at the Station house to Waterford.
10. Park and Ride from Tramore to Waterford.
11. Remove cars on the lower prom – allow disabled parking.
12. Additional secondary school required in Tramore.
13. Cinema/Hall on Main Street at the old Rex Cinema Site.

Tags

Housing and Sustainable Communities, Transport, Tourism, Education

WFD-C16-39	Ann Mc Cann	Tramore	No
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Summary

The submission calls for a campervan sites in Tramore.

Tags

Tourism, Camper Vans

WFD-C16-40	Office of the Planning Regulator		No
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Summary

This submission is made by the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR). Issues raised in the submission are summarised below:

1. Strategic Policy Framework

- a. The OPR encourages the planning authority to liaise with the Southern Regional Assembly in preparation of the draft LAP to ensure consistency with the RSES, particularly where clarity is required on the objectives and guiding principles set out therein.
- b. The OPR notes that a strategic issue for Tramore is addressing the high levels of commuting experienced by the town (40%) into the Metropolitan Area from Tramore and the low employment base with a Jobs to Workers Ratio of 0.42. The OPR notes a considerable challenge for the LAP will be addressing the employment/ residential function of the town which will have benefits in terms addressing climate change.
- c. The LAP should consider the strategic vision, goals and guiding principles of the RSES, in addition to consistency with the relevant regional policy objectives (RPOs).

2. Development plan and core strategy

- a. The Office therefore cautions against the introduction of any objectives that would conflict with the detailed provisions of the core strategy for the proposed area of the LAP and the housing supply target for the settlement.
- b. The Issues Paper refers to the requirement for 470 housing units up to 2028, whereas the Development Plan (Table 2.4), refers to a core strategy housing supply target of 261 housing units for Tramore up to 2028. It will be necessary, therefore, to ensure that the LAP is consistent with the Development Plan.

3. Zoning, compact growth and infrastructural services

- a. Any provisions or standards for residential density or building height in the LAP should have regard to relevant section 28 guidelines, including Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas: Cities, Towns & Villages (2009), Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2018), and Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2020) and should be consistent with any SPPRs therein.

4. Regeneration

- a. The OPR notes that it will be important for the LAP to identify opportunity/regeneration sites, vacant and underutilised buildings.
- b. The LAP should also identify specific investment and/or infrastructure to support regeneration development, such as site assembly, land acquisition, and/or sustainable transport initiatives.

5. Education, social and community amenities

- a. The LAP should also be consistent with the objectives of the RSES for education facilities. It should also have regard to the provisions for social audits under the Development Plans, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022) (Development Plans Guidelines) (or civic infrastructure audits under the LAP Guidelines).
- b. The office notes that the LAP must include objectives in relation to planning for the housing/transport/accessibility and leisure needs of an aging population (NPO 30) and for the Traveller community. The LAP should also be consistent with the objectives of the RSES for social and community facilities – LECP and TAP should inform LAP.

- c. The LAP should consider the capacity of existing facilities, including community centres, leisure, amenity and cultural facilities to serve existing and future residents.
- d. The LAP should give focus to the implementation of Key Specific Development Objective's to deliver on the provision of social and community facilities including TRD08 (supporting the development of indoor and outdoor performance space) and TRD09 (redevelopment of the former station house for community and commercial purposes).

6. Economic development and employment

- a. The OPR notes that the LAP Guidelines state that LAPs should include objectives to promote local economic development and employment growth by focusing on issues such as the creation of vibrant and dynamic city and town centres where local businesses thrive and the provision of low cost accommodation for start-up businesses.

7. Transport and mobility

- a. The OPR notes that the LAP should be informed by the guiding principles and be consistent with the RPOs of the RSES relating to integration of land use and transport planning, where applicable.
- b. The OPR acknowledges and welcomes the Development Plan policy objective (Trans 04) to prepare a Local Transport Plan (LTP) for Tramore, within one year of adoption. The transport strategy of the LAP should also demonstrate consistency with the Avoid-Shift-Improve principle, the implementation of the Decide Provide approach and the 10minute town concept.

8. Climate change and flood risk management

- a. The effective implementation of climate mitigation objectives through the LAP, consistent with national and regional policy objectives (and guiding principles) identified by the Office under each of the themes, above, will be critical to the achievement of the Government's GHG emissions reduction target to mitigate climate change.
- b. Flood risk management is the most critical climate change adaptation measure to be addressed in the LAP, informed by Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA). The planning authority is advised to liaise with the OPW regarding the requirements in respect of the LAP.
- c. The implementation of objectives for green and blue infrastructure consistent with national and regional policy objectives should also form an important part of the LAP's response to climate change adaptation.
- d. The LAP is required to integrate sustainable water management solutions, such as Sustainable urban Drainage Systems (SuDS). In this regard the Office would draw the planning authority's attention to Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas, Water Sensitive Urban Design, Best Practice Interim Guidance Document (2021) which was issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage after the adoption of the Development Plan.

9. Environment and natural and built heritage

- a. The planning authority is required to have regard to the revised section 28 Strategic Environmental Assessment Guidelines for Regional Assemblies and Planning

Authorities (2022). It should also consider the Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland Guidance for Planning Authorities (2010), as revised.

- b. The planning authority should ensure the LAP is consistent with objectives of the NPF concerning environmental protection (NPO 52, NPO 57, **NPO 58**, NPO 60, NPO 62, NPO 63, NPO 64 and NPO 65, among others), in addition to the objectives or guiding principles of the RSES.
- c. The planning authority should consider what location specific objectives or measures would assist in the protection or improvement of built heritage over the period of the LAP. In this regard the planning authority should have regard to the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2011), as amended.

10. Implementation and monitoring

- a. The planning authority is therefore encouraged to provide for monitoring of implementation of the objectives of the LAP, having regard to the provisions of the Development Plans Guidelines and the LAP Guidelines.

Tags

OPR

WFD-C16-41	Newtown & Guillamene Swimming Club	Newtown & Guillamene swimming Coves	No
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Summary

The submission highlights the financial investment put into swimming facilities in Newtown and Guillamene over the last number of years. The submission requests that more detailed plans be put in place for the area in the Draft LAP.

Tags

Housing and Sustainable Communities, Tourism, Newtown and Guillamene

WFD-C16-42	National Transport Authority	Full LAP area	No
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Summary

This submission is made by the National Transport Authority (NTA). Issues raised in the submission are summarised below:

Guiding Principles

- The NTA recommends that the preparation of the Local Area Plan (LAP) should be guided by, and should include, land use policies and objectives that support the consolidation of urban-generated development within existing urban areas. The submission outlines a number of factors that should be considered.
- The NTA recommended that the LAP should take account of WMATS measures that relate to Tramore, along with the active travel and sustainable transport plans and programmes of the NTA more generally.

Road User Hierarchy

- The LAP should align with The National Sustainable Mobility Policy (NSMP) and The National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland (NIFTI) and should seek the reallocation of road space in appropriate locations in accordance with the road user hierarchy, in order to prioritise walking, cycling and public transport use and prioritise the place-making functions of the urban street network.

Movement at Settlement Level – Local Transport Plans (LTP)

- The NTA recommends that an Local Transport Plan should be prepared in tandem with the Draft LAP, and is available to liaise with the Council in this regard.

Walking and Cycling

- The LTP should identify the weaknesses in the walking and cycling networks in the town and the measures required to provide safe and efficient routes from origin (housing) to destination (school, work and services). The LTP can identify measures such as filtered permeability, junction improvements, and footpath and cycle track upgrades required.
- It is recommended that the LAP and proposed LTP, in developing a town cycle network, should be cognisant of the draft network and its proposals as they relate to Tramore.

Provision of Public Transport Services in Rural Areas

- It is recommended that the LAP acknowledge the role rural transport services can perform in providing for social and economic connectivity between small villages/rural areas and larger towns. Policies and objectives to support the role of rural transport, in particular, the Connecting Ireland plan should be included in the LAP.

Accessibility

- Enabling universal access and facilitating and promoting universal design should be a key consideration in the LAP, as it relates to transport policies and objectives.
- The NTA notes that Objectives which promote universal design should be included in the Draft LAP such as in the external built environment, such as providing separate pedestrian entrances, the provision of dropped curbs and tactile paving, will provide a safer and more attractive environment for all.

Strategic Road Network

- In order to protect the strategic transport function of the national roads, including motorways, the NTA recommends that development objectives should accord with the DOECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines (2012), and that this should be referenced in the LAP.

Traffic Management

- The LTP should include an analysis of car parking provision within the town and the inclusion of objectives and measures to manage car parking, which is a key determinant of the likelihood of someone using a car.

Indicators – Modal Share

- It is recommended that consideration is given at the LAP level to the inclusion of sustainable transport indicators, including mode share, for the purpose of monitoring the effectiveness of policies and development objectives.

Tags

Transport, NTA

WFD-C16-43	Caroline Burke	Provision of Campervan Parking	No
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Summary

The submission calls for a campervan parking site in Tramore - possible location at the Backstrand.

Tags

Tourism, Camper Vans

WFD-C16-44	Paul Flynn		No
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Summary

The submission requests that Tramore develop as an Eco Tourism Destination. The town could be an international and national eco conference location. The submission also calls for the development of Irelands first 'Green Amusement Park'. The submission highlights the need for camper van parking and glamping sites in Tramore.

Tags

Tourism, Camper Vans

WFD-C16-44	Paul Flynn	No
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Summary

The submission calls for a renewable (hydrogen) development centre at Riverstown Business Park. The submission calls for the Albedo initiative to start in Tramore (Albedo is **an expression of the ability of surfaces to reflect sunlight (heat from the sun)**). Light-coloured surfaces return a large part of the sunrays back to the atmosphere (high albedo). Dark surfaces absorb the rays from the sun (low albedo).

Tags

Renewable Energy

WFD-C16-44	Paul Flynn	No
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Summary

The submission calls for the development of a rediscovery centre in Tramore similar to the one in Ballymun Co. Dublin and a Community Co-Op.

Tags

Housing and Sustainable Communities

WFD-C16-44	Paul Flynn	No
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Summary

The submission calls for the promotion of permaculture principles and the planting of trees along grass edges, trees in the nature park, bee friendly planting, allotments and no mow season. The submission calls for signage to at the Borrows to notify people of its protected status.

Tags

Natural Heritage, Biodiversity

WFD-C16-45	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage	Full LAP Area	No
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Summary

Objective DGDO14 - The Department note that the construction of a coastal pathway between Tramore and Dungarvan in previously undisturbed areas within or adjoining the SPA would be a significant conservation concern. Key areas of ex-situ usage outside the SPA could also be potentially impacted by such a development. It may be possible to identify a route sufficiently back from the shore to avoid disturbance but this is not at all certain and this constraint should be reflected in the Objective. The Department recommends the Objective is amended to reflect these constraints.

Support for such a development should be dependent on a route being found which would not negatively impact on the European Site. This European Site includes most of the coastline from Dungarvan to Tramore and on average spans from the coastline to in the region of three hundred metres inland. The Objective should reflect this constraint and the authority's obligations not to support developments that would adversely impact on the integrity of the SPA.

Tags

Tourism, Coastal Walk



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