

# Imagine Dundrum

Our Village, Our Community

## Newsletter

### We need the Dundrum Local Area Plan soon!

Much is happening in Dundrum and much is about to happen:

- A planning application for the development of the old Shopping Centre is likely in 2021.
- Design of the large-scale housing project at the Central Mental Hospital is under way.
- Major apartment development in the Dundrum area.
- New Busconnects proposals for the area just published.

These developments must not happen in a fragmented way. The Local Area Plan (LAP) for Dundrum will provide for a structured and coherent approach to the future of the Village and surrounding areas. But it is almost two years since the first public consultation for the Draft LAP took place. We should not have to wait any longer. Since this is so important for Dundrum please ask your local councillors to use their influence to ensure the Plan comes **without further delay**.

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*"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."*

Margaret J. Wheatley



*Imagine Dundrum public meeting discusses ideas for the draft Dundrum Local Area Plan. November 2018*

#### The value of walkable villages, towns and neighbourhoods

According to researchers, poorly designed streets and neighbourhoods that inhibit walking and physical activity are linked to poorer mental and physical health. There is a positive link between better walkability, lower blood pressure and hypertension. Read an article about this here: [https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2020/oct/15/study-reveals-worlds-most-walkable-cities?CMP=share\\_btn\\_link](https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2020/oct/15/study-reveals-worlds-most-walkable-cities?CMP=share_btn_link)



# Have you signed up for information about the development of the Central Mental Hospital Site?

Even if the Central Mental Hospital (now termed 'Dundrum Central') site is not on your doorstep, the development will have a big impact on Dundrum and the surrounding areas. The heritage buildings will be important to everyone. Traffic management issues will arise for the whole of Dundrum. We all have a stake in how this huge new urban community fits with and benefits the surrounding area.

You can register for updates on the website [www.dundrumcentral.ie](http://www.dundrumcentral.ie) and be involved in due course on 'virtual' consultation events and other public engagement projects.



## Dundrum Village is becoming more disability friendly



Imagine Dundrum has long been campaigning for improvements in Dundrum Village to make it a more disability friendly Village. We have asked for removal of redundant poles that block pavements, for the removal of sharp-edged planters that are dangerous for visually impaired people, and for wider pavements.

As part of the mobility works in the Village, many of our requests for a more accessible Village have been addressed. Poles have been taken away, those planters at the Usher monument are gone, pavements are wider and wheelchair-friendly seating is available. The pavement en route to the Mill Pond in Dundrum Town Centre is now much more wheelchair-friendly. We would like to thank the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown engineers and architects for creating a safer and more accessible public realm in Dundrum.

## Watch out for our upcoming Placemaking Webinar

What is Placemaking? Placemaking is an approach to planning our public spaces, our Villages and Towns that designs these places around communities so as to create high quality public spaces where people want to enjoy, live, work, learn and play in. At the heart of Placemaking is the commitment to a strong community voice in shaping the future of their place. That is what Imagine Dundrum stands for.

In keeping with this belief, Imagine Dundrum had plans for a public meeting this Autumn where together with local people we could keep on sharing ideas and imagining a bright future for Dundrum Village. Since that is not possible, we plan to hold an online event later this year, bringing together speakers with new and interesting ideas about how to create high quality public places. We will give you plenty of notice.



### A new Imagine Dundrum website coming soon!

Our redesigned website will soon be ready with lots of new features and new ways of connecting with you!

### Stay safe!

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