

# Imagine Dundrum

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# Dundrum needs a Civic Centre

## A Civic Centre at the heart of the new Dundrum

Imagine Dundrum believes that the redevelopment of Dundrum offers a real chance to restore the unique village character of Dundrum, and to provide a Civic Centre that will be a new and strong public focus for the village and the wider surrounding area.

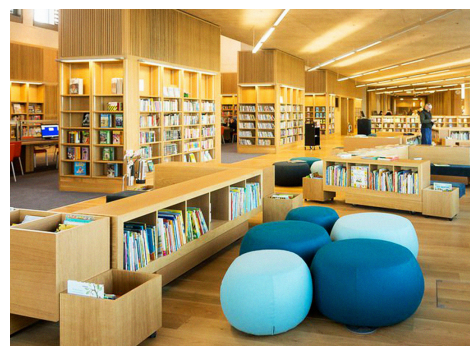
Dundrum deserves a Civic Centre that fits its status as the second major County Town in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. Dundrum is densely populated and at the heart of a large and fast-growing area. Given the expected growth, such a Centre is vital for maintaining and enhancing a vibrant and sustainable community.

## Our vision for the Civic Centre

Imagine Dundrum proposes that the Civic Centre for Dundrum will be a prominent building and surrounding public space positioned at the heart of the Village. The Civic Centre will be the focal point of the community, ideally located within the redeveloped site of the old Dundrum Shopping Centre, it will be the administrative hub for the area, and house key local council and other public services. It will consolidate and strengthen the community.

This landmark building will

- Create a substantial public focal point, with associated public open space opening onto a restored and reinvigorated Main Street
- Provide a single point of access to key public services at local level
- House a new modern library for Dundrum
- Host multiple cultural and community activities alongside civic functions
- Enable collaborations with local and national cultural and educational institutions such as the Mill Theatre, National Concert Hall, Science Gallery, National Gallery
- Provide access to services and spaces that will benefit the entire community in an open, accessible, inter-generational and inclusive way
- Showcase sustainable, environmentally-friendly design and building techniques.



*DLR Lexicon*



## Core provisions in the Civic Centre

The Civic Centre should include:

- A modern library, offering a range of modern library services and cultural activities;
- A one-stop shop to facilitate easy access to key public services including the Civic Offices, County Council services, Citizen's Information, Tourist information, and other services;
- Multi-use facilities available for community events;
- Space for cultural events including art exhibitions, science-related events, music/theatre/book/film events;
- External public space for local events (such as a farmers' markets, open air concerts).

## The Civic Centre at the heart of a network of community services

The Civic Centre can be at the heart of an integrated plan for community services in Dundrum. With a new modern library within the Civic Centre, the Carnegie Building which presently houses the library offers an excellent addition to community spaces and facilities for activities such as:

- Youth café/youth services
- Community creche
- Meeting spaces for local groups
- HSE health and wellbeing programmes and services on an outreach basis
- Community programmes and activities.



*A vision for a Market Square or public plaza viewed from Main Street with the Civic Centre at its heart.*

**Imagine Dundrum** urges local residents, businesses and community groups to support the proposal for a Civic Centre at the heart of Dundrum Village.

Please make your support known to your public representatives and to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

See [www.imaginedundrum.ie](http://www.imaginedundrum.ie) for contact details for local councillors and T.Ds.

## Voices from the Imagine Dundrum Public Meeting June 2017

At the public meeting, there was near unanimous support for the demand for a new civic and community centre, which could also house cultural activities, in the new Dundrum. Participants called for a:

*'Centrally-placed civic and community centre for Dundrum...[which] would reflect Dundrum's status as the second major centre of the County, and its role as the natural heart of the large and growing area around it.'*

*'Dundrum badly needs a civic and cultural centre'*

*'We need a proper civic centre, belonging to the community'*

*'A proper civic centre and community spaces'*

*'A civic and community space as the focal point of the new development'*

*'We need significant public space for cultural and family activities'*