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1 Introduction

The Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme (NIRDP) 2007-2013 was launched to build capacity within local communities and provide support for community economic development in the most disadvantaged rural areas. The NIRDP is part financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and is managed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. A core principal of the approach to broader rural development in Northern Ireland has been and continues to be that the communities which most closely experience problems should be involved in the design and delivery of projects and programmes to tackle such problems and, thus, improve their quality of life.

The NIRDP contains a number of measures under each axis. These measures are specific areas where support is to be targeted. Each measure was selected from a menu of options provided by the European Union in order to target the aspects of rural life that are most important to Northern Ireland. Measure 3.5 targets Village Renewal and Development with the aim of “creating long term visions for villages and surrounding areas and to support initiatives promoting cross-community development”.

The objective is to enable and encourage residents of villages and surrounding areas to create a vision and an integrated action plan to ensure the full potential of their area is achieved and also to support integrated village initiatives.

1.1 How is the Programme administered at a local level?

The Southern Organisation for Action in Rural areas (SOAR) is the Joint Committee and Local Action Group for the Craigavon, Armagh and Newry & Mourne Council areas. They are responsible for the administration of the NIRDP within the rural areas of Craigavon, Armagh and Newry. SOAR local action group is comprised of local Councillors and Social Partner Representatives. Craigavon Borough Council acts as the Lead Council with responsibility for all financial and administrative matters.

1.2 Village Renewal and Development

Newry and Mourne District Council secured funding under Measure 3.5 for the preparation of Village Renewal and Development Plans for 13 pre-selected villages and clusters across the Newry and Mourne District Council Area.

URS were commissioned by Newry and Mourne District Council to facilitate the development of these plans. The plans will be prepared between February and June 2012, with potentially a second stage which will involve selected projects being taken forward to the stage of submitting an outline planning application, making a submission for funding or being ready to feed into an economic appraisal.

1.3 Methodology

This Village Renewal and Development Plan has been developed by the community for the community. The methodology was strongly consultation based and allowed a range of stakeholders including NMDC, local Councillors, community and voluntary groups and the general public to get involved.



for Government (PfG) and the Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland (ISNI). The Strategy takes account of key driving forces such as population growth and movement, demographic change, the increasing number of households, transportation needs, climate change and the spatial implications of divisions that still exist in our society. The RDS is not operational planning policy which is issued through Planning Policy Statements (PPSs) published by the Department of the Environment (DOE).

The RDS has a statutory basis under the Strategic Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1999, and the Order requires Departments to “have regard to the regional development strategy”.

The Strategy has four key elements:

- A Spatial Development Strategy which divides the region into 5 components based on functions and geography;
- Guidance at two levels;
 1. Regional level that is to be applied to all parts of the region, and
 2. Specific guidance for each element of the Spatial Framework
- A Regionally Significant Economic Infrastructure section which identifies the need to consider strategic infrastructure projects;
- Implementation.

The aims of the RDS:

- Support strong, sustainable growth for the benefit of all parts of Northern Ireland;
- Strengthen Belfast as the regional economic driver and Londonderry as the principal city of the North West;
- Support our towns, villages and rural communities to maximise their potential;
- Promote development which improves the health and wellbeing of communities;
- Improve connectivity to enhance the movement of people, goods, energy and information between places;
- Protect and enhance the environment for its own sake;
- Take actions to reduce our carbon footprint and facilitate adaption to climate change; and
- Strengthen links between north and south, east and west, with Europe and the rest of the world.

1.4 Policy Context

1.4.1 Regional Development Strategy 2035 ‘Building a Better Future’

The RDS provides an overarching strategic planning framework to facilitate and guide the public and private sectors. It does not redefine the other departments’ strategies but compliments them with a spatial perspective.

The RDS 2035 revises the original strategy published in 2001 and amended in 2008. The RDS influences various government strategy including the Programme

Chapter 3 of the RDS sets out the strategic guidance for the region focusing on the key principles of the economy, society and the environment. The guidance is also split into Regional Guidance (RG) and Spatial Framework Guidance (SFG).

There is a dedicated section regarding Rural Northern Ireland and the key guidance is set out below:

SFG13: Sustain rural communities living in smaller settlements and the open countryside

- Establish the role of multi-functional town centres
- Connect rural and urban areas
- Revitalise small towns and villages
- Facilitate the development of rural industries, businesses and enterprises in appropriate locations
- Encourage sustainable and sensitive development

SFG14: Improve accessibility for rural communities

- Improve the overall connectivity of rural communities to services and other parts of the Region by exploring innovative ways of bringing these services to the communities
- Integrate local transport

1.4.2 Rural White Paper Action Plan (Draft)

The Rural White Paper Action Plan is an Executive initiative aimed at addressing key issues and challenges facing rural communities. The development of the Action Plan is being led by the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Public consultation on the draft Action Plan commenced on 13 March 2011 and finished on 13 June 2011, with the final Rural White Paper Action Plan anticipated to be published in early 2012.

The draft Rural White Paper Action Plan has been developed following extensive consultation with the Rural White Paper Stakeholder Advisory Group.

The RWP has been developed to provide a strategic framework for rural policy for the next ten years and will help guide the work of the Executive in this significant and challenging area.

The RWP identifies the Rural Vision:

Our vision is of a fair and inclusive rural society where rural dwellers enjoy the same quality of life as all others in the region. We envisage **vibrant, strong rural communities**, resilient and receptive to global trends through **strong inter-linkages with urban areas** and market towns.

Our vision is for rural economies adapting to global trends and **improved infrastructure and transport systems** to ensure rural dwellers can avail of employment opportunities and **key services**.

Our vision is for rural areas that maintain their distinctive features as places of agricultural production, areas of outstanding beauty, places of social, historic and cultural uniqueness and places with a **strong community infrastructure** which can avail of **economic, social and cultural opportunities**.

Our vision is for the continuing development of **linkages between rural and urban** areas so that everyone can enjoy the beauty and uniqueness of rural places and the facilities and services of larger towns and cities.

Draft Rural White Paper, p5

In order to achieve the Vision the RWP identifies 5 key themes:

1. Urban / Rural Linkages
 - To support the development of an efficient transport and infrastructure system that facilitates effective rural – urban inter-linkages;
2. Access to Services
 - To promote fair and equitable access to key services for all rural dwellers;
3. Sustainable Rural Communities
 - To promote tolerance, health, well-being and inclusion for rural dwellers;
 - Seek to minimise, where it exists, disadvantage, poverty, social exclusion and inequality amongst those living in rural areas and in particularly amongst vulnerable groups;
 - To maintain a viable economic, social, cultural and physical infrastructure in rural areas and seek to ensure that regional infrastructure disparities are minimised;
 - To preserve the cultural and social uniqueness of rural community life linked to its smaller population settlement;
 - To promote the development of effective and inclusive rural governance structures and sufficient community capacity to engage in these structures;
 - To enhance and refine the Rural Development Programme to ensure the maximum benefit from future Programmes for rural communities;

4. Sustainable Rural Economies

- To provide rural businesses with appropriate support to ensure the development of dynamic and innovative rural economies;
- To seek to maximise employment opportunities for rural dwellers;

5. Sustainable Countryside

- To support the development of a more sustainable agricultural sector, a more competitive agri-food sector and enhanced agri-environmental links;
- To safeguard the beauty and fabric of our rural areas and increase opportunities for all to enjoy the benefits of the countryside.

The RWP does on to set out a detailed Action Plan which is based on the 5 key themes set out above, consisting of some 90 specific actions.

1.4.3 Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Framework 2011-2015

This framework sets out the goals, objectives, priority action areas and outcomes for the Programme for Government commitment to bring forward a package of measures to tackle rural poverty and social isolation.

The framework aims to:

- Build on the work of the Rural Anti-Poverty / Social Inclusion Framework 2008-2011;
- Provide the necessary tools to identify the needs of vulnerable people / groups in rural areas;
- Develop programmes / interventions to help alleviate poverty / social isolation amongst vulnerable people / groups in rural areas;
- Complement and add value to existing government strategies aimed at tackling poverty and social isolation;
- Empower rural communities to help themselves.

Programmes Implemented through the 2008-2011 Framework

1. Childcare Programme
2. Assisted Rural Transport Scheme (ARTS)
3. Maximising Access to Services, Benefits and Grants

4. Rural Challenge Programme

5. Rural Support

6. Rural Fuel Poverty

7. Community Development

Action Plan 2011-2015

Project	Budget
Assisted Rural Travel Scheme (ARTS – DRD)	1,800,000
Maximising Access Rural Areas (MARA – DHSSPS / PHA)	2,589,800
Community Development	4,800,000
Health Checks (PHA / Health Trusts)	383,000
Rural Support	351,000
Rural Challenge (Small Grants)	1,000,000
Older Peoples Rural Project 9Health Trusts / DHSSPS)	878,000
Youth Employability Programme (Advantage / DEL)	203,000
Youth Enterprise Scheme – Northern Periphery Programme	181,000
Safe Drinking Water Scheme	33,500
Emerging Issues	2,230,700
Potential Post Office Diversification Scheme	TBA
Vulnerable Groups in Rural Society Research Programme	TBA
Capital projects	
Fuel Poverty	1,871,605
MARA	68,080
Health Checks (PHA / Health Trusts)	60,315
Total	16.45 M

1.4.4 Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2007-2013

The NI Rural Development Programme was approved by the European Commission in July 2007 and has three key elements:

Axis 1 – improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sectors by supporting restructuring, development and innovation. Key measures include vocational training, adding value to agricultural products and marketing, farm modernisation and improving the supply chain. The up skilling and reskilling opportunities in this axis are a means of targeting farmers income and potential to be more competitive both within farming, or outside if that is more appropriate.

Axis 2 – improving the environment and countryside by supporting land management. Key measures include agri-environment programmes and less favoured area compensation schemes.

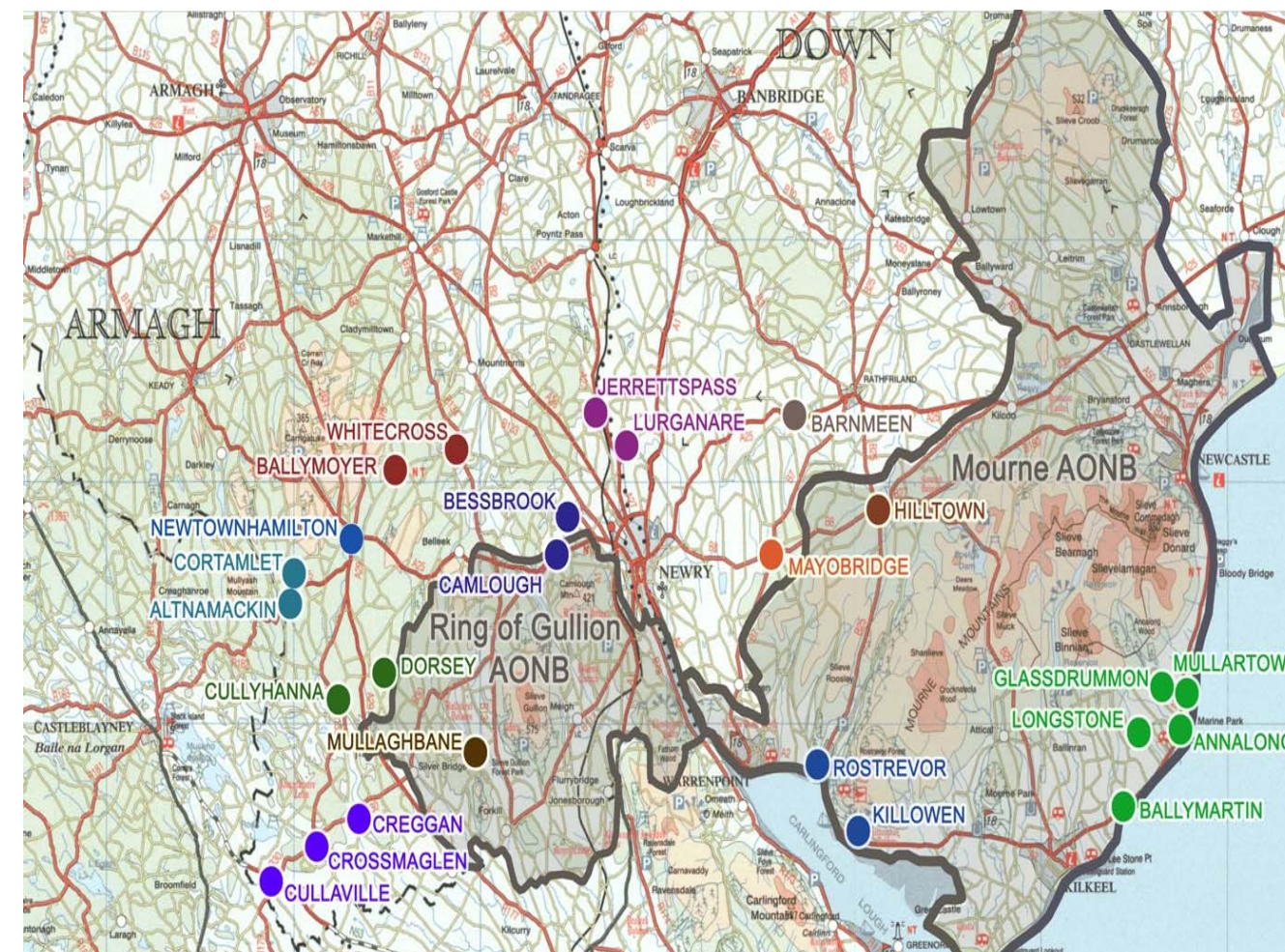
Axis 3 – improving the quality of life in rural areas and encouraging the diversification of economic activity. Key measures include business creation, farm diversification, encouragement of tourism activities, support for basic services for the rural economy, village renewal and conservation / upgrading of the rural heritage.

1.4.5 INTERREG IV Programme (Cross Border Rural Development)

The INTERREG IV Programme focuses on the strategic development of the North and border counties of the South. The funds are targeted towards those disadvantaged rural communities that are most in need of cross border support

2 Overview

Annalong, Ballymartin, Longstone and Glasdrumman/ Mullartown have been identified as a cluster within the Newry and Mourne Village renewal plan project. Although each settlement is situated in close proximity to one and other, it is also clear that each settlement has its own differing issues and opportunities. The ‘Annalong Cluster’ will provide a separate plan for each settlement as well as a separate action plan which identifies each of the future projects for the future development of the settlement. The coastal location of the settlements provides an opportunity for a number of tourism related projects to be developed. This is in line with the Northern Ireland Tourist Board Initiative – Mourne Coastal Routes and the Department for Social Development’s South East Coast Masterplan which is currently under development.



Newry and Mourne Village plans

3 Annalong Plan

3.1 Town Profile

3.1.1 Background

Annalong is a coastal village which lies at the foot of the Mourne Mountains on the A2 along the South Down coastline, between Newcastle and Kilkeel.

The village lies within the Mourne Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and originates around its harbour having developed mainly as a fishing port. The village grew out from the harbour in a linear fashion along the A2 road axis. More recently Annalong has expanded towards the shoreline with housing developing at its north end and inland along Majors Hill and Moneydarragh Road.

Although its role as a fishing port has now ceased as a major fishing port, there are still 10-12 inshore fishing boats operating on a full time basis from Annalong. This currently provides employment for around twenty people in the village. This highlights the importance of maintaining the harbour area effectively as it must be kept available and free from silt to maintain this level of employment in the village. The village continues to have an important role to play serving as a local centre for its rural hinterland providing a primary school, churches, a doctors surgery, pharmacy, petrol station/supermarket, a restaurant and take-aways, public houses, a community centre and a number of playing fields and playgrounds. Being located in an extremely attractive region of Northern Ireland on the main A2 coastal route it acts as a tourist centre with a caravan park and the recently developed marine park holiday centre comprising water based activities, self-catering cottages, the Cornmill and other tourist facilities. Boat building still takes place in the village which could become more of a tourist attraction in the future.

Granite stone cutting and polishing also continues on a smaller scale than in the past. The number of people employed in the industry has fallen from 60/ 70, ten years ago to 16 currently employed. Both Granite and fishing are of a strategic importance to the people of Annalong and should be supported and encouraged. The farming sector also provides employment to the Annalong community.

3.1.2 Demographics

The population of Annalong on Census day (29th April 2001) was 1778 people. The demographic characteristics of the people living in Annalong were as follows:

23.8% were aged under 16 years;

19.1% were aged 60 and over;

the average age was 36.2 years (NI average age 35.8 years);

50.1% of the population were male and 49.9% were female;

25.9% were from a Catholic Community Background;

71.8% were from a 'Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)' Community Background;

8.7% were born outside Northern Ireland; and

0.0% were from an ethnic group other than white.

On Census Day 2001 there were 663 households in Annalong. Statistics relating to Annalong households include:

average household size was 2.68 persons per household (NI level 2.65 persons per household);

68.8% of households were one family households;

5.6% were lone-parent households with dependent children.

Percentage Comparisons (%)	SETTLEMENT	CLASSIFICATION BAND	N.IRELAND
	Annalong	Village	N.I
Under 16 years of age	23.8	24.4	23.6
Over 60 years of age	19.1	17.0	17.6
Male	50.1	48.7	48.7
Female	49.9	51.3	51.3
Catholic (Community Background)	25.9	44.8	43.8
Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)	71.8	53.2	53.1

(Community Background)			
Born outside of NI	8.7	7.6	9.0
Ethnic group other than white	0.0	0.5	0.8
Persons with limiting long-term illness	20.3	20.1	20.4
Providing unpaid care	10.5	9.8	11.0
Owner-occupied households	68.9	68.4	69.6
Detached houses/bungalows	37.8	35.5	36.5
Access to a car or van	77.5	76.2	73.7
Degree level education or higher	7.7	11.9	15.8
No qualifications	50.0	45.5	41.6
Persons in employment who are female	40.8	44.4	45.0
Persons in employment who are male	59.2	55.6	55.0
Unemployed	3.1	4.1	4.1

Source: NISRA, 2001. Northern Ireland comparison figures

3.1.3 Planning Policy Context

The relevant planning policy for Annalong is set out within the Draft Banbridge Newry and Mourne 2015 (August 2006). Annalong is described as serving as a local centre for its rural hinterland.

3.1.3.1 Settlement Development Limit

The settlement development limit for Annalong has been drawn to take account of the role of the settlement, accommodating sites for new development opportunities while protecting the extremely attractive natural surroundings as well as extant and current planning applications. It seeks to protect the coastal stretch on the seaward side of the village, which is an Area of Scientific Interest and prevent further intrusion of that area. Furthermore, it consolidates the village and prevents ribboning of development along the Glassdrumman/Kilkeel Road (A2), while preventing further intrusion of development into the countryside along Majors Hill and Moneydarragh Road.

3.1.3.2 Housing

The Housing Needs Assessment identified a social housing need of 10 dwellings in Annalong. Site AN10 – Kilkeel Road North is identified to cater for this housing need.

The following sites, including committed sites, are zoned for housing.

- Zoning AN 02 Housing (Committed) East of Mullartown Park

- Zoning AN 03 Housing (Committed) South of Annalong Marine Park
- Zoning AN 04 Housing (Committed) The Hawthorns, Moneydarragh Road
- Zoning AN 05 Housing East of Glassdrumman Road
- Zoning AN 06 Housing Kellys Brae, Glassdrumman Road
- Zoning AN 07 Housing Kilkeel Road South
- Zoning AN 08 Housing Kilkeel Road North
- Zoning AN 09 Housing Moneydarragh Road

3.1.3.3 Transportation

The A2 is a Protected Route.. Policy for the control of access to this route is contained in Policy AMP 3 of PPS 3 - Access, Movement and Parking.

3.1.3.4 Environment and Conservation

Area of Townscape Character (ATC)

The following area is designated as ATC

Designation AN 10 Area of Townscape Character Annalong

An ATC is designated as identified on Map No. 3/07 - Annalong. Key features of the area, which will be taken into account when assessing development proposals, are as follows:

- The buildings on Main Street are mainly two-storeys with painted smooth plaster finishes and slated roofs. At the east end of Main Street, the intimacy of the fishing village becomes apparent;
- The Square has a relatively 'formal' mid to late 19th century character. The buildings in The Square are two-storey with smooth painted plaster finishes in various colours and slated roofs;
- The harbour is fairly complete with its stone walls being a feature alongside the corn mill, a stone built building with a slated roof, that has a prominent location contributing to the overall setting of the harbour;
- The traditional buildings on Shore Road are mainly single storey with smooth painted plaster finishes and slated roofs. There are half dormer windows in some of the buildings. Many of these modest fishermen's houses face the open sea;
- Terraces are the norm in the village and are characterised by one to two storey pitched roof buildings of mixed design;
- The dwellings generally front onto the road;

- Annalong River and corridor including associated vegetation provides local wildlife habitat and nature conservation interest.

3.1.3.5 Area of Archaeological Potential (AAP)

An AAP is defined in Annalong. Policy for the protection of archaeological remains is contained in PPS 6 - Planning, Archaeology and the Built Heritage.

3.1.3.6 Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

Annalong is located within the Mournes AONB as identified on indicated Map No. 3/07 - Annalong. The AONB was designated in 1986 under the Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 in recognition of its exceptional scenic quality.

3.1.3.7 Local Landscape Policy Areas (LLPAs)

The following areas are designated as LLPAs

Designation AN 11 Local Landscape Policy Area Mullartown House

A LLPA is designated as identified on Map No. 3/07 – Annalong.

Those features and areas that contribute to the environmental quality, integrity or character of these areas are listed as the following:

- Mullartown House (listed), its setting and views including views from shoreline path;
- The Manse including its setting and views;
- Area of locally significant nature conservation interest, which includes significant trees and tree groups.

Designation AN 12 Local Landscape Policy Area Annalong River Corridor

A LLPA is designated as identified on Map No. 3/07 - Annalong.

Those features and areas that contribute to the environmental quality, integrity or character of these areas are listed as the following:

- River corridor, including associated vegetation and restored quarry site, provides local wildlife habitat and nature conservation interest;
- Local industrial heritage and archaeology interest including settings and associated views of the corn mill, millrace and harbour.

Designation AN 13 Local Landscape Policy Area Presbyterian Church

A LLPA is designated as identified on Map No. 3/07 – Annalong.

Those features and areas that contribute to the environmental quality, integrity or character of these areas are listed as the following:

- Annalong Presbyterian Church (listed) and the church grounds provide a locally significant building and setting for the village;
- The church grounds and the adjacent graveyard with visually significant settings and views provide a focal point within the village from Kilkeel/Glassdrumman Roads and Majors Hill.

Designation AN 14 Local Landscape Policy Area Kilhome Church (C of I)

A LLPA is designated as identified on Map No. 3/07 - Annalong.

Those features and areas that contribute to the environmental quality, integrity or character of these areas are listed as the following:

- Kilhome Church (listed) and church grounds with mature vegetation, is a locally significant building and setting in the village with associated views from Kilkeel Road;
- Farmland adjacent to the church grounds and graveyard provides an open setting with significant views of the sea from the church grounds;
- The open land provides significant views of the church and graveyard setting from the footpath along the shoreline.

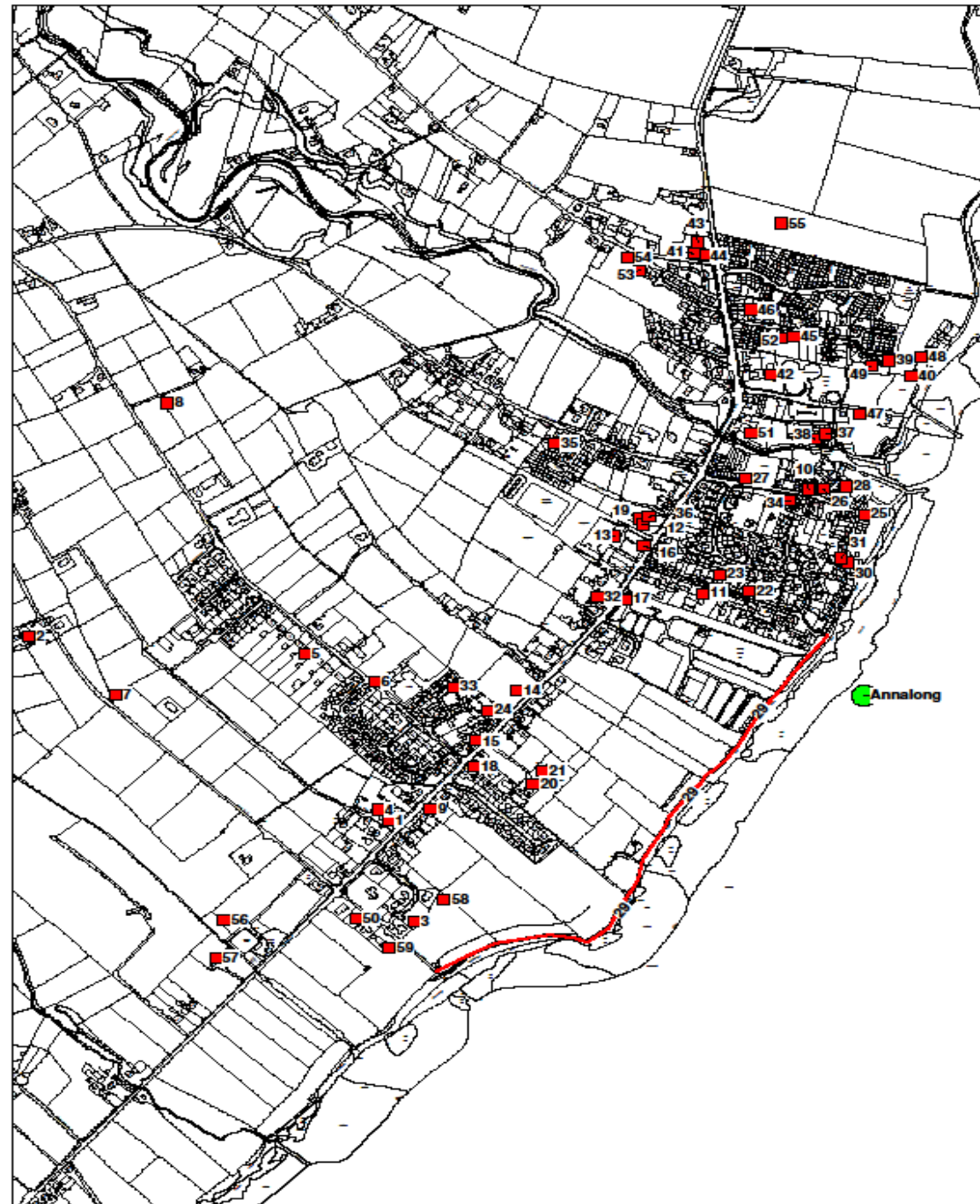
3.2 Listed Buildings



ID	HB Num	Council ID	Ward ID	Construction Date	Type	Address	Transferred	Second Survey	Original
2954	HB16/01/011	16	01	9	Mill	Annalong Corn Mill The Harbour Annalong Newry Co Down BT34 4AS	True	B+	B+
2355	HB16/01/012	16	01	9	Light House/ Navigation Mark	Navigation Mark In rear garden of 12 The Square Annalong Newry Co Down BT34 4TS	True	B2	B2
1860	HB16/01/013	16	01	11	Church	Annalong Presbyterian Church Glassdrumman Road Annalong Newry Co Down BT34 4TH	True	Record Only	B
5126	HB16/01/014	16	01	11	Church	Kilhorne Church (C of I) Kilkeel Rd Annalong Newry Co Down BT34 4TJ	True	B1	B1
5656	HB16/01/022	16	01	9	Boat House	Rocket House 147 Kilkeel Road Annalong Newry Co Down BT34 4TL	True	B1	B1
9886	HB16/01/070	16	01	11	Harbour/ Pier	The Harbour Annalong Newry Co Down BT34 4QH	True	B2	Not_Listed

Listed buildings within Annalong settlement limit

3.3 Planning History check – Annalong



The sheer number of current planning applications and approvals within Annalong as listed below highlights the importance of improving the community infrastructure within the village. There are around three hundred new homes in the system therefore future upgrading will be required to cater for an increased population. It is also important that tourist facilities are improved and developed to cater for more people coming into the village. Additional car parking and amenity facilities around the shore and harbour area are elements of future projects identified within the plan.

PLANNING HISTORY – ANNALONG – TABLE 1					
No.	Planning Application Code	Site Location	Proposed Development	Decision	Expiry Date
1	P/2004/1946/F	Lands at Nos 139 & 147 Kilkeel Road, Annalong (comprising the Former Coastguard Station, associated Rocket House and vacant dwelling, with frontage located between Nos 137 & 155 Kilkeel Road)	Erection of residential development comprising revised proposal for 20No. (two-bedroom) apartments, to include the conversion of former Rocket House building to 1No. apartment with extension and alterations, associated road layout (that incorporates amended access provision for Nos. 141, 143, 151, 155 & 155a Kilkeel Road and local agricultural land to the north-west / west), parking provision and ancillary works (with demolition of existing dwelling at No. 147 Kilkeel Road). Application being considered in conjunction with that for Listed Building Consent, under File Ref. P/2008/0321/LB, for conversion works to former Rocket House building	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	28/07/2015
2	P/2006/2094/F	3 Turloughs Hill, Moneydorrhagh More, Annalong	i) Erection of extension to listed building for self-catering accom., ii) 'change of use', existing out-building converted to self-catering accom., iii) erection of new building, 2-storey self-catering accom	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	06/05/2013
3	P/2006/2417/F	8 Leeward Cove, Annalong	Erection of dwelling and detached garage	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	10/12/2012
4	P/2008/0321/LB	Lands at Former Rocket Tower to the rear of No. 139 Kilkeel Road (Former Coastguard Station), Annalong	Conversion of former Rocket Tower building to two-bedroom residential unit (apartment) with extension and alterations (being considered in conjunction with full application, under File Ref. P/2004/1946/F, for wider development comprising 20 No. apartments in total, on lands at Nos. 139 and 147 Kilkeel Road, Annalong (comprising the Former Coastguard Station and Rocket House, with site frontage located between Nos 137 & 155 Kilkeel Road)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	29/07/2015
5	P/2011/0817/O	Rear of No 16a Moneydarragh Road Annalong BT34 4TY	Site for dwelling and garage	PRE-DECISION STAGE - RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES	Pending
6	P/2009/0628/F	70 metres south-east of 12 Moneydarragh Road, Annalong	Erection of 2 dwellings and attached garages	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	07/08/2014
7	P/2007/1569/F	180 metres south-west of 18 Moneydarragh Road, Annalong	Erection of farm retirement dwelling	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	10/03/2013
8	P/2007/0840/F	120 metres south-east of 28 Moneydarragh Road, Annalong	Erection of dwelling and garage (Manse for Annalong Free Presbyterian Church)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	09/02/2015
9	P/2006/1152/F	128 Kilkeel Road, Annalong	Erection of replacement dwelling and garage	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	10/12/2012
10	P/2012/0147/F	27 Main Street Annalong	Proposed change of use from 1 retail unit with associated living accommodation to 2 no. flats and fi...	CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED	Pending
11	P/2011/0963/F	11 Ulster Avenue Annalong BT34 4TX	Proposed 4 dwellings (2 pairs of semi's)	APPLICATION BEING CONSIDERED BY DEVELOPMENT CONTROL GROUP	Pending
12	P/2011/0763/F	No 17 Kilkeel Road Annalong	Housing scheme comprising of 8 semi detached dwellings, 2 detached dwellings, 4 terraced dwellings, 2 detached garages, road determination and associated siteworks	NEIGHBOURS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED	Pending
13	P/2011/0705/F	Annalong Primary School 31 Kilkeel Road Annalong Newry	Extension of existing primary school to provide addition classroom, resource area, toilets and office accommodation	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	20/03/2017
14	P/2011/0670/F	Lands between 75 & 83 Kilkeel Road Annalong BT34 4TJ	Proposed residential development consisting of 18 units, comprising of 14 no semi detached dwellings and 4 no detached dwellings with private parking and landscaped gardens	CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED	Pending

PLANNING HISTORY – ANNALONG CONTINUED – TABLE 2

No.	Planning Application Code	Site Location	Proposed Development	Decision	Expiry Date
15	P/2010/1410/F	99 Kilkeel Road Annalong	Replacement of 2 storey fire damaged dwelling	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	15/02/2016
16	P/2010/0547/F	Outside Annalong Primary School No.31 Kilkeel Road, Annalong	Erection of new street cabinet to facilitate provision of new fibre optic infrastructure across the BT network. Cabinet dimensions approx 1600mm*1200mmwide*450mm deep.	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	01/07/2015
17	P/2010/0425/F	38 Kilkeel Road, Annalong	Erection of replacement wardens residence, office, store and associated siteworks including domestic garage	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	06/08/2015
18	P/2010/0113/F	Northern Ireland water ltd. Sewage Outfall site, adjacent to 106 & 114 Kilkeel Road, Annalong	Development of radio broadcast site for use by the Northern Ireland Emergency Services (Erection of 18.5 metre lattice mast, equipment cabins and 2.8 metre high security fence and associated site works).	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	21/07/2015
19	P/2009/1610/O	17 Kilkeel Road, Annalong	Site for 12 no. dwellings	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	11/06/2013
20	P/2009/0869/F	112 Kilkeel Road, Annalong	Extension for function room, toilets, disabled toilet and disabled access also internal alterations ...	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	19/04/2015
21	P/2009/0865/LB	Kilhome Parish Church, 112 Kilkeel Road, Annalong, Co Down	Extension and alterations	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	19/04/2015
22	P/2009/0293/F	Between no 22 and 20 Ulster Avenue Annalong.	Erection of dwelling. (amended proposal)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	10/08/2014
23	P/2008/1300/F	Adjacent and north of 14 Beachfield Drive, Annalong.	Erection of dwelling	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	16/04/2014
24	P/2008/1268/F	Lands to the rear of 83 and 85 Kilkeel Road, Annalong	Erection of 2 no. two storey dwellings	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	21/04/2014
25	P/2008/0684/F	Lands at and adjacent to the 'The Old Smokery', Shore Road, Annalong and No. 2 Shore Road, extending southwards to the rear of Nos 4-16 Shore Road	Demolition of existing dwelling at No 2 Shore Road. New access formed off Shore Road to serve proposed private residential development of 29no 2 bed apartments over three stories with central atrium; with associated private parking and site works. (amended scheme)	CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN	Pending
26	P/2008/0600/F	4 The Square, Annalong	Demolition of existing property and erection of 2 dwellings	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	16/02/2014
27	P/2007/1704/F	Public toilets, Main Street, Annalong (between No's 41 & 53)	Demolition of existing public toilet facility and construction of ground floor retail unit with living accommodation over.	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	13/06/2013
28	P/2007/1489/F	9 Harbour Drive, Annalong.	Erection of 5 No. Apartments (revised scheme)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	06/05/2015
29	P/2007/1247/F	Annalong Coastal Path from Wreck Road to Ulster Avenue and Glassdrumman Road to Springwell Lane.	Re-instatement and maintenance of existing path.	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	10/12/2012
30	P/2007/0644/F	26 Shore Road, Annalong	Erection of residential development (4 village/town houses)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	10/08/2015
31	P/2007/0144/F	Adjacent to (20 metres south) of 21 Shore Road, Annalong	Erection of dwelling	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	12/06/2013

PLANNING HISTORY – ANNALONG CONTINUED - TABLE 3

No.	Planning Application Code	Site Location	Proposed Development	Decision	Expiry Date
32	P/2006/2108/F	20 metres north of 43 Kilkeel Road, Annalong	Erection of 4 apartments	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	09/06/2013
33	P/2006/2078/F	The Hawthorns, Moneydarragh Road, Annalong	Erection of 3 No. terrace dwellings. Change of house type from previously approved scheme	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	09/06/2013
34	P/2006/1863/F	36-40 Main Street, Annalong	Erection of 2 dwellings and 3 apartments (reduced scheme).	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	15/01/2014
35	P/2012/0174/O	Opposite and south-east of no 22 Majors Hill Annalong Newry BT34 4QR	Site for dwelling	CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED	Pending
36	P/2011/0763/F	No 17 Kilkeel Road Annalong	Housing scheme comprising of 8 semi detached dwellings, 2 detached dwellings, 4 terraced dwellings, 2 detached garages, road determination and associated siteworks	NEIGHBOURS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED	Pending
37	P/2011/0310/LBC	Annalong Cornmill Marine Park Annalong Newcastle BT34 4RT	Refurbishment of Cornmill including conversion of two unused spaces to offices enabling full time opening as a Cornmill and Mourne Granite Interpretation Centre	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	08/11/2016
38	P/2011/0308/F	Annalong Cornmill Marine Park Annalong Newcastle BT34 4RT	Refurbishment of Cornmill including conversion of two unused spaces to offices enabling full time opening as a Cornmill and Mourne Granite Interpretation Centre	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	08/11/2016
39	P/2010/1103/F	Adjacent 21 Mullartown Park, Annalong	Determination for adoption of new access road to car parking area	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	28/10/2016
40	P/2010/1004/F	73 Glasdrummand Road, Annalong and land adjacent to and north of 73 Glasdrummand Road, Annalong	Replacement dwelling and detached garage at no 73 Glasdrummand Road. 2 dwellings on land adjacent to and north west of no. 73 accessed via Mullartown Park in substitution to approval P/2002/1238/O	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	08/08/2016

PLANNING HISTORY – ANNALONG CONTINUED - TABLE 4

No.	Planning Application Code	Site Location	Proposed Development	Decision	Expiry Date
41	P/2010/0154/F	Immediately to the rear of 138 Glassdrumman Road, Annalong.	Demolition of rear return restaurant and erection of 2 no. dwellings including underground gas storage tank for ancillary heating systems	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	23/09/2015
42	P/2010/0120/F	Existing semi-derelict community building at Annalong Marine Park, Annalong	Renovations and extension to provide classrooms/meeting spaces	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	11/06/2015
43	P/2006/2138/F	140 Glassdrumman Road, Mullartown, Annalong	Demolition of existing Bookmakers Shop, erection of replacement Bookmakers Shop and private housing development (comprising 6 no.semi detached dwellings and 4 no. apartments)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	10/10/2013
44	P/2009/0577/F	Adjacent to and rear of 138 Glassdrumman Road, Annalong, Co Down	Provision of temporary accommodation for bookmakers shop while replacement shop (approved under P/2006/2138/F)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	11/08/2014
45	P/2009/0332/F	111 Glassdrumman Road Annalong	Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and store and erection of two dwellings (reduced scheme).	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	24/06/2014
46	P/2008/1174/F	Site to rear and North of no 99 Donard Avenue, Annalong, Newry	Erection of 2 no. semi-detached dwellings	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	10/02/2014
47	P/2008/0059/F	Lands between and adjacent to Nos. 65 & 69 Glassdrumman Road, Annalong (extending southwards)	Erection of residential development comprising 6 No. Townhouses, 8 No. semi-detached Dwellings and 13 No. Apartments.	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	23/09/2015
48	P/2008/0009/F	75 Glassdrumman Road (with proposed access via Mullartown Park) Annalong.	Erection of Replacement Dwelling and new Dwelling, each with attached Garage.	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	15/08/2013
49	P/2007/1320/F	To rear of 21-26 Mullartown Park, Annalong	Extension to housing estate car park	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	09/11/2012
50	P/2008/1134/F	Site on Wreck Road, adjacent to 5 Wreck Road, Annalong	Erection of dwelling and detached garage	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	10/03/2014
51	P/2007/1020/F	Lands at No. 25 Glassdrumman Road Annalong (adjacent to Nos 31 & 47 Glassdrumman Road extending southwards to bank of Annalong River and eastwards to boundary with Cornmill Quay Hostel)	Erection of residential development with associated access provision, parking provision and ancillary site works and discontinuance of existing stone merchants business and demolition of existing buildings on site (revised scheme comprising 27 No. dwellings, with 22 No. dwellings to be accessed off main Glassdrumman Road, amended access to existing No. 31 Glassdrumman Road via the proposed estate road and 5 No. dwellings to be accessed off minor public road along north boundary)	PRE-DECISION STAGE - RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES	Pending
52	P/2007/0933/F	Adjacent to 107 Glassdrumman Road, Annalong	Erection of two no. dwellings and garages	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	21/07/2013

PLANNING HISTORY – ANNALONG CONTINUED - TABLE 5

No.	Planning Application Code	Site Location	Proposed Development	Decision	Expiry Date
53	P/2007/0167/F	Lands adjacent and to the north-west of Kelly's Brae, Glasdrumman Road, Annalong	Erection of residential development (Phase 2, comprising 24No. units)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	03/07/2013
54	P/2006/0961/O	Lands adjoining and north-west of Kelly's Brae, Glasdrumman Road, Annalong	Site for 26No. dwellings (with access off Kelly's Brae and Mill Road)	CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED	Pending
55	P/2005/0627/O	Lands to the east of Glasdrumman Road, and North of Dunmore Avenue, Moolieve Close, Sherbey Crescent and Shannagh Drive, Annalong	Site for Residential Development including provision of landscaping and open space	PLANNING APPEAL - APPEAL UPHeld (PERMISSION GRANTED BY PAC)	
56	P/2012/0042/F	Existing telecommunications site on grass verge 95 metres north west of 173 Kilkeel Road Annalong BT34 4TN	Existing 1 no OMNI antenna (L1708xDIA.167mm) to be removed and replaced by 1 no tri sector antenna (L1400xDIA.390mm) within shroud, existing 1 no equipment cabinet to be removed and replaced by 1 no equipment cabinets and 1 no metre pillar	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	20/03/2017
57	P/2011/0172/F	177 Kilkeel Road Annalong BT34 4TW	Erection of replacement dwelling, garage, outhouses and associated siteworks	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	20/12/2016
58	P/2010/1315/F	Lands north-east and adjacent to No.8 Leeward Cove Annalong	Construction of 2No. semi-detached dwellings and associated site works	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	12/09/2016
59	P/2009/0605/F	Adjacent to 7 Wreck Road, Annalong	Erection of dwelling and detached garage	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	10/03/2017

3.4 Consultation Process

Stage	Consultation Method	Date	Venue	Attendance / Responses
Information gathering	Stakeholder Forum meeting	Wednesday 14 th March 2012	Cornmill Quay (7.30pm-10pm)	9
Information gathering	Questionnaires	March 2012		24
Baseline findings	Presentation for Councillors	16 th March 2012	Newry & Mourne District Council	
	Questionnaires returned			45
Draft Village Renewal and Development Plan	Draft Plan presented to councillors	20 th April 2012	Newry & Mourne District Council	
Draft proposals	Annalong Stakeholder forum meeting	24 th May 2012	Cornmill Quay (7pm – 10pm)	
Draft Village Plan and Action Plan	Draft Plan presented to Project Steering Group	Thursday 21 st June	Newry & Mourne District Council	

An introductory meeting was held on Tuesday 14th March with a range of stakeholders in order to gain an understanding of the main community issues.

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location for tourism • The harbour – Outstanding natural beauty • The Cornmill • Tourism potential • Fishing/ Game Fishing/ Golf/ Walks/ Boulderling/ Climbing/ Canoeing/ Tennis/ Bowls • Facilities for elderly people • Friendly welcoming Village – Welcome stones into Annalong • Heritage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its location – Hard to get to • Poor Infrastructure • Not promoted enough for tourism • No community centre/ core • Signage is poor for Coastal path • Lack of parking in the town • Car parking problem on Main street
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of a new community mini bus • Cornmill regeneration • The Square – buildings to be power hosed and painted. • Purchase no22/22a on the Square as a community hub/ tourist centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heart has gone from the village • Anti social behaviour • Lack of promotion

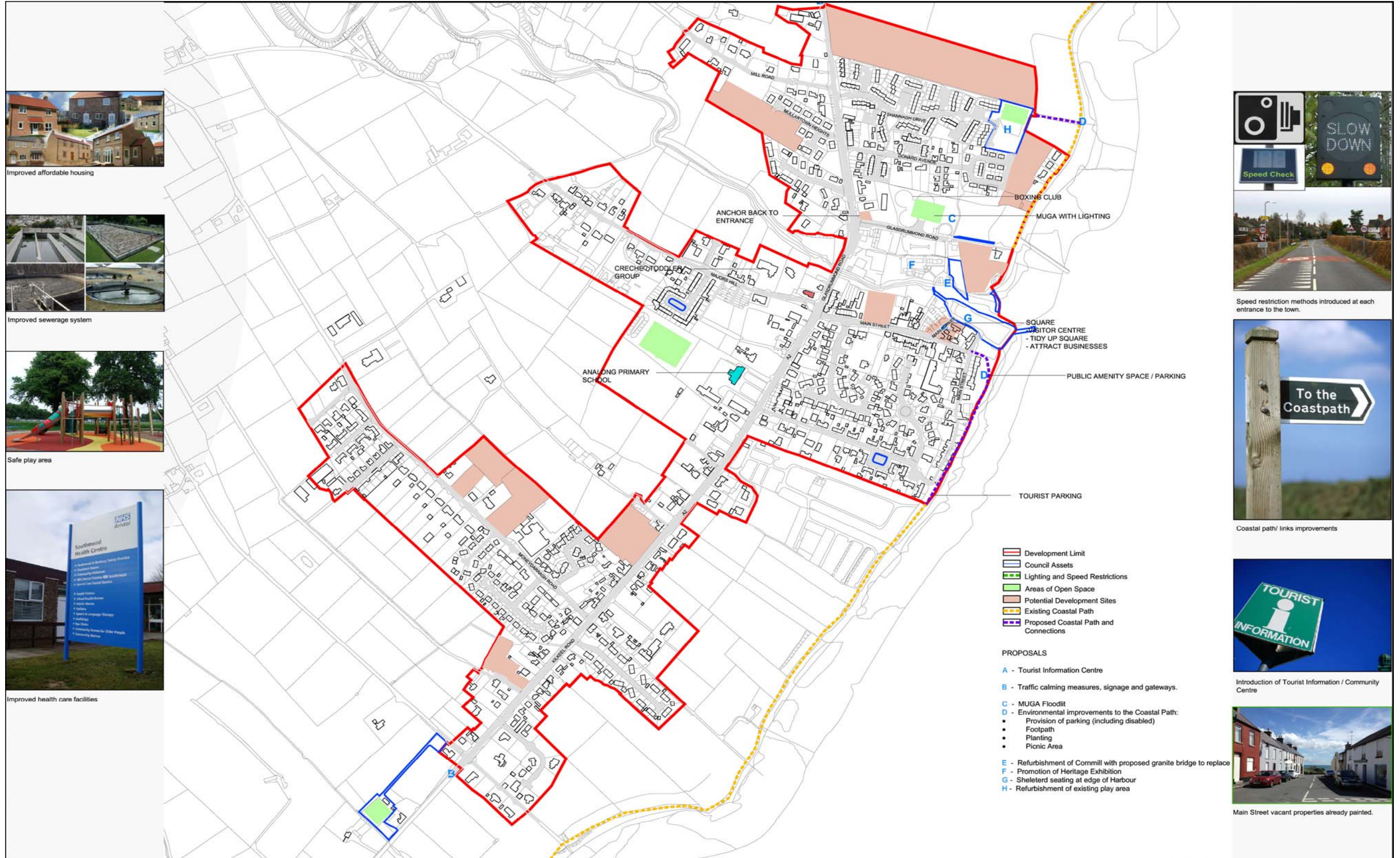
3.5 Consultation Findings

3.5.1 Information Gathering Stage

The SWOT Analysis below is a summary of the information gained during the early information gathering stage. The strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats were identified during the initial consultation workshops and the initial questionnaire which was circulated throughout the community. The questionnaire addressed a range of factors, focusing on 3 general themes of Planning and Infrastructure, Essential Services and Economic and Community Development.

3.5.2 Vision

Annalong will be an attractive, colourful village, making the most of its character, harbour and history. The village will be a popular tourist destination along the Mourne coastal route, well connected to neighbouring settlements by both road and pathway. Main Street and the Square will be reinvigorated as the heart of Annalong acting as a central meeting place for the local community and tourists alike.



Improved affordable housing



Improved sewerage system



Safe play area



Improved health care facilities



Speed restriction methods introduced at each entrance to the town.



Coastal path/ links improvements



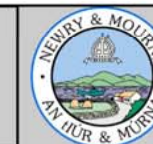
Introduction of Tourist Information / Community Centre



Main Street vacant properties already painted.

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3.5.3 Draft Proposals

The draft Annalong Village plan was put on public display in the Annalong Community centre for a two week period from Monday 7th April until Friday 18th May 2012. In order to gain further feedback from the public a questionnaire was available asking the community to comment on proposals as well as prioritise them.

In total there were 46 questionnaires returned, from a mixture of members of community groups and members of the public. The response was extremely positive with almost all the recipients 'liking' all the proposals.

The questionnaire also encouraged people to rank the projects and proposals in order of importance to help establish the key priorities. Clearly different members of the community have different opinions on what they feel are priorities for their area, however there are also key issues which people are clearly agreed upon. For example forty five respondents liked the proposal for a new car park/ public amenity site with coastal path on the Shore Road. The proposals for a realigned slip way and redirection of the Annalong River were removed from the plan following negative feedback. This feedback was largely based on confusion as to the meaning of the proposals, This section of the report will provide some additional detail on the projects which received the greatest positive feedback as well as those which are achievable through funding opportunities rather than the responsibility of statutory agencies.

3.6 Initiatives

3.6.1 Environmental Improvement scheme Main Street / Square

The Main Street/ Square area received strong community support in the community questionnaires and community forum meetings. The local community believe that Annalong has lost its identity and heart. The proposals for this area seek to build on and further the work carried out to date by the Annalong Regeneration Group. Derelict buildings have recently been painted and false shop fronts added in an attempt to improve the appearance of the area but also to illustrate how this area could look in the future as a thriving ‘heart ‘ to the village of Annalong. The scheme includes an Environmental Improvement Scheme encompassing the cobbling of the street surface within the Square and resurfacing the footpaths on both main Street and the Square. The completion of cable undergrounding on Main Street is also proposed. Large granite planters in keeping with the Village’s granite history would also be proposed to line Main Street and the Square.

The proposals for Main Street and the Square, link with other projects in the immediate vicinity. The draft South East Coast masterplan document commissioned by DSD looks at the towns along the Mourne Coastal route and how they can better align themselves to the capture the tourist market. The Square and Main Street coupled with the regeneration of the Annalong Cornmill, the proposed new granite bridge and the proposals for a new tourist amenity area at Shore road are all focussed on building on the Village’s history and creating visitor friendly spaces around the historic harbour area. The proposed coastal path highlighted in the Mullartown/ Glassdrumman and the Ballymartin plans is also in line with the aims of the South East Coast masterplan which seeks to create better links between the settlements by road, cycle ways, pathways and boat.



Main Street/ Square Environmental Improvement scheme

3.6.2 Community hub/ tourist information

A new community hub building is an aspiration of the local community. Situated in close proximity to the Square, this project would compliment the proposed Environmental Improvement scheme. Number 22 Main Street has been identified as a potential building for the hub, however it is currently not in the ownership of Annalong community Development Association. Potential uses are as a tourist information point, a craft shop selling locally produced items and a coffee shop. The facility would be managed by the local community.



Community hub/ tourist information

3.6.3 Painting/ False shop fronts

A Painting and false shop front scheme has been implemented by the Annalong Community development association.



Before and after the recent shop front Improvement scheme



The success of this scheme within the Square should be extended into Main Street in order to improve the streetscape of this area of the Village, revitalising the area and bringing the heart back into the Village. A number of units are currently derelict or in a poor state of repair on Main street. The fact that most of Main street lies within an Area of Townscape Character provides further weight to the benefits of this project. The scheme in the Square has sought to restore derelict properties, using traditional shop fronts and signage to reflect the historical character of the street.

3.6.4 Coastal Path, amenity/ parking area

Currently in private ownership, this area has great potential as a public amenity area indeed the land at the rear of the Shore Road has served as an important amenity site for local residents and visiting tourists for generations.

Newry & Mourne Council (as of June 30th 2003) have asserted a Public Right of Way which runs through the site. This Public Right of Way connects the existing coastal paths that run along the shoreline on either side of the village, an essential element of the regeneration plan. This proposal seeks to maintain and potentially enhance this shoreline path, and thus also maintains the public views of the coastline and also public access to the shore and coastline.

As mentioned, the land at the rear of the Shore Road is currently used as a central amenity and car parking. It is vital that future development is planned in such a way to maintain provision for public car parking alongside private car parking spaces to ensure that the Main Street and Shore Road do not become totally choked up with parking and traffic during the busy summer months.

In addition to crucial public car parking, the local community strongly support liaison with Newry and Mourne Council in order to develop some of the land at the rear of the Shore Road as a tourist amenity site in which historical or geographical information about Annalong and the shoreline could be displayed, and which could serve as an outdoor venue for community activities such as a local fishermen’s market.

In recognition of Annalong’s status as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Shore Road’s proposed status as an Area of Townscape Character, we would support a development that respects and enhances the townscape character of the Shore Road and our Listed Harbour as well as designed and landscaped in such a way as to promote an inclusive atmosphere, in which residents will feel part of the local community and integration will be facilitated.

Land acquisition would be required in order to deliver this proposal as the site is currently in private ownership, however the prime location along the Coast and the potential to link the existing coastal path to the site provides a strong case for the land to be used to cater for tourists and in turn to benefit Annalong and surrounding settlements. Proposed for the site is a public car parking area, a picnic area, a coastal path and landscape area.



Proposed car parking/ tourist amenity area, Shore Road.

4 Ballymartin Plan

4.1 Town Profile

4.1.1 Background

Ballymartin lies at the foot of the Mourne Mountains on the A2 coast road, approximately 15 kilometres south of Newcastle and 3 kilometres north of Kilkeel.

It lies within the Mourne Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The scenic, low-lying and gently undulating landscape surrounding the village has both influenced, and constrained, the growth of the settlement and is reflected in the pattern of its development.

Originally formed in a linear fashion along the A2 road axis, Ballymartin has slowly expanded on both sides of the Annalong Road. The development of St. Josephs Bungalows at the edge of steep slopes down to the beach and the development of housing on Seaview Heights and most recently, Binnian View Park on the north eastern approach to the village, have changed the character of the settlement. Housing development has occurred inland on the south-western end of the town at Ballykeel Court. In addition, the development of Victoria Court housing development off School Road has commenced.

As a small village it serves as a local centre for its rural hinterland. Being located in an extremely attractive region of Northern Ireland on the main A2 coastal route, it acts as a tourist centre. There is a caravan park located on the seaward side of the main street. The village also provides a primary school, a church and graveyard, a public house, post office, shop and filling station. A gospel hall and a garden centre lie on the edge of the development limit.

4.1.2 Demographics

There are no census figures available specifically for Ballymartin, however the village lies within the Binnian Ward.

On Census Day 29th April 2001 the resident population of Binnian ward was 2754. Of this population:

- 27.5% were under 16 years old and 16.7% were aged 60 and over;
- 50.0% of the population were male and 50.0% were female;
- 48.3% were from a Catholic community background and 50.9% were from a 'Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)' community background;
- 31.0% of persons aged 16 and over were single (never married);
- 34.1 years was the average age of the population; and
- the population density was 0.4 persons per hectare.

Comparisons	WARD	LGD	AA	N.IRELAND
	Binnian	Newry & Mourne	South Down	N.I
Census 2001				
Resident population	2754	87058	104658	1685267
Persons under 16 years old (%)	27.5	26.6	25.6	23.6
Persons aged 60 and over (%)	16.7	15.7	16.5	17.6
Males (%)	50.0	49.5	49.8	48.7
Females (%)	50.0	50.5	50.2	51.3
Catholic community background (%)	48.3	80.6	66.3	43.8
Protestant and other Christian community background (%)	50.9	18.5	31.8	53.1
Persons aged 16 and over single (never married) (%)	31.0	33.8	32.6	33.1
Average age of population	34.1	34.0	34.8	35.8
Population density (persons per hectare)	0.4	1.0	0.8	1.2
Migration Data Sources				
Health card registrations from non-UK nationals (per 1,000 resident population) (2010)	0.6	8.0	3.4	6.3

Source NISRA – Binnian Ward comparison to Northern Ireland demographic figures.

4.1.3 Planning Policy Context

The relevant planning policy for Annalong is set out within the Draft Banbridge Newry and Mourne 2015 (August 2006). Ballymartin is described as acting as a tourist centre.

4.1.3.1 Settlement Development Limit

The settlement development limit has been designated to take account of land with extant planning permission for housing and sites that have not yet been approved but are at a stage in the planning application process where there is reasonable expectation that approval will be granted. The settlement development limit has been drawn to take account of the role of the settlement, accommodating sites for new development while protecting the extremely attractive natural surroundings. It will serve to consolidate the village and prevent ribboning of development along the Annalong Road (A2) and along School Road, while protecting the coastal plain and adjoining countryside.

4.1.3.2 Housing

The Housing Needs Assessment identified a social housing need of 3 dwellings in Ballymartin. It is envisaged this this need will be met through the development control process.

The following sites, including committed sites, are zoned for housing. Policy for the control of development on zoned sites is contained in Policy SMT 2 in Volume 1 of the Plan. Zoned land will be developed in accordance with all prevailing regional planning policy and with any relevant Plan Policies and Proposals including, where specified, key site requirements.

The plan does not stipulate key site requirements for committed sites because future development will be subject to the conditions attached to planning permission. However, in the event that such permission may lapse Planning Service may alter existing conditions or attach new conditions to any subsequent approval to take account of prevailing regional planning policy and the Plan Proposals.

Zoning BM 02 Housing (Committed) West of School Road

1.76 hectares of land to the west of School Road are zoned for housing as identified on Map No. 3/09 – Ballymartin.

Full planning permission has been granted for housing development on this site. Development has commenced.

Zoning BM 03 Housing East of Ballykeel Court

0.49 hectares of land to the east of Ballykeel Court are zoned for housing as identified on Map No 3/09 - Ballymartin.

Key Site Requirements:

Housing development shall be a minimum gross density of 15 dwellings per hectare and a maximum gross density of 20 dwellings per hectare;

Access shall be from Ballykeel Court.

An application for full planning permission has been submitted for housing development on this site accessed off Ballykeel Court.

Zoning BM 04 Housing East of School Rd/opposite Victoria Court

2.17 hectares of land to the east of School Road opposite Victoria Court are zoned for housing as identified on Map No. 3/09 - Ballymartin.

Key Site Requirements:

Housing development shall be a minimum gross density of 10 dwellings per hectare and a maximum gross density of 15 dwellings per hectare;

Particular attention should be paid to dwelling design, site layout and landscaping and use of materials. These should reflect the character of the vernacular architecture of the local area. The use of dry stone walls and hedgerows on all sides of the site should be integrated into the proposed development. These features should be replicated throughout the design of the site;

4.1.3.3 Transportation

The A2 is a Protected Route.. Policy for the control of access to this route is contained in Policy AMP 3 of PPS 3 - Access, Movement and Parking.

4.1.3.4 Education

The following site is zoned for education use. Policy for the control of development on zoned sites is contained in Policy SMT 2 in Volume 1 of the Plan.

Zoning BM 05 Education Seaview Heights

0.68 hectares are zoned for education as identified on Map No. 3/09 – Ballymartin.

A full planning application for a new replacement primary school on this site has been submitted.

Environment and Conservation

Site of Local Nature Conservation Importance (SLNCI)

Ballymartin Moraine incorporating Ballyveagh Beg is designated as a SLNCI under Plan Proposal NC 13 as indicated on Map No. 3/09 – Ballymartin.

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

Ballymartin is located within the Mourne AONB as identified on Map No. 3/09 – Ballymartin. The AONB was designated in 1986 under the Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 in recognition of its exceptional scenic quality.

Local Landscape Policy Areas (LLPAs)

The following areas are designated as LLPAs. Policy for the control of development within LLPAs is contained in Policy CVN 4 in Volume 1 of the Plan.

Designation BM 06 Local Landscape Policy Area Lignagin Stream Corridor

A LLPA is designated as identified on Map No. 3/09 - Ballymartin.

Those features and areas that contribute to the environmental quality, integrity or character of these areas are listed as the following:

Stream corridor including associated landform and vegetation including the headlands on either side of the valley provides local wildlife habitat and nature conservation interest;

Significant views of the valley, the fields at the top of the cliff and the sea from Annalong Road;

Public access path along the stream down to the shingle beach on the shore;

Mahula's Well and the old fisherman's cottages provide sites of local heritage interest as well as significant views against the backdrop of the cliffs;

The undeveloped fields between the settlement and the shoreline enhance the setting and views of the valley and the cottages from Annalong Road and the beach.

Designation BM 07 Local Landscape Policy Area St. Joseph's Church

A LLPA is designated as identified on Map No. 3/09 – Ballymartin.

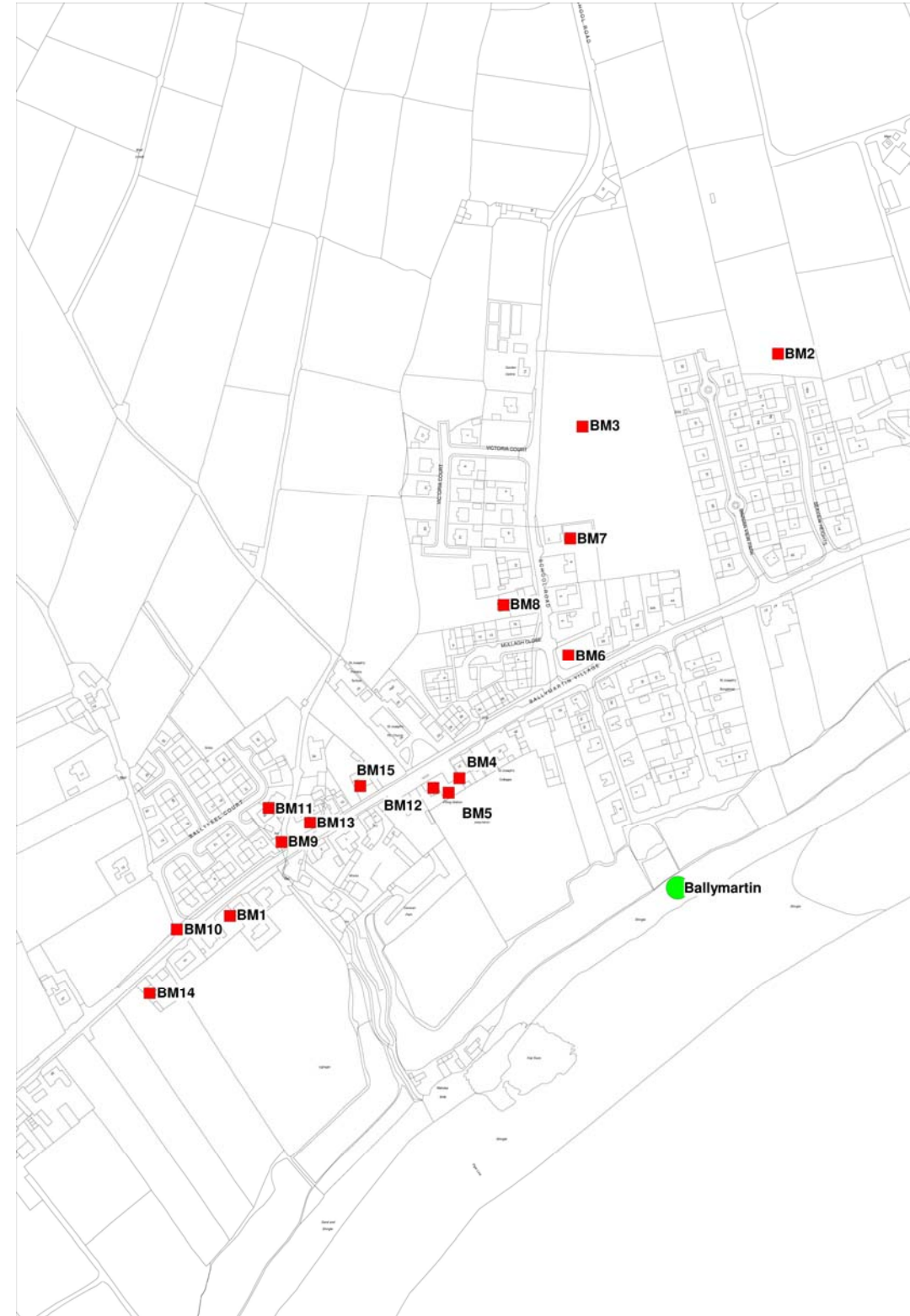
Those features and areas that contribute to the environmental quality, integrity or character of these areas are listed as the following:

St. Joseph's Church and graveyard provide a locally significant building with associated views and setting for the village;

The church and graveyard on a locally raised landform provide a very attractive focal point within the village and dominate the views of the village from along Annalong Road

There are significant views of the village, sea and Mourne Mountains from the raised grounds around the church.

4.2 Planning History



PLANNING HISTORY – BALLYMARTIN					
No.	Planning Application Code	Site Location	Proposed Development	Decision	Expiry Date
BM1	P/2007/0576/F	Adjacent to No.6 Main Street, Ballymartin Village, Kilkeel	Erection of dwelling and garage	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	22/05/2013
BM2	P/2005/2761/F	Immediately north of Seaview Heights, Ballymartin, Kilkeel (to include access through Seaview Heights)	Erection of Primary School, and construction of right hand turning lane on Annalong Road.	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	07/10/2013
BM3	P/2007/0872/F	Lands opposite Nos. 1-5 Victoria Court and No. 14 School Road Ballymartin (immediately north of No.11 School Road and Nos. 38-44 Ballymartin Village and adjacent and west/rear of Nos. 13-25 Binnian View Park Annalong / Newcastle Road)	Erection of residential development and associated works (revised scheme for 38 No. dwellings with main vehicular access off School Road for 37 No. dwellings, vehicular access provision for 1 No. dwelling off Ballymartin Village (A2, Annalong / Newcastle Road) at adjacent and east of No. 44 Ballymartin Village and provision of pedestrian access route to Ballymartin Village (A2, Annalong / Newcastle Road) opposite No. 1 St. Joseph's Bungalows). Revised Description.	CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED	Pending
BM4	P/2011/0226/F	19 Ballymartin Village Ballymartin Kilkeel	Proposed part demolition of existing shop & renovation & alteration of existing stockroom, shop and office into new shop space, office, canteen, wc & stock room. Erection of canopy	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	01/09/2016
BM5	P/2011/0177/F	19 Ballymartin Village Ballymartin Kilkeel	Proposed part demolish of existing shop and renovate and alterate existing stock room shop and offic...	NEIGHBOURS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED	Pending
BM6	P/2011/0040/F	Corner site between 3 School Road Ballymartin Newry BT34 4PQ and 38 Ballymartin Village Newry BT34 4PB	Erection of one dwelling including improvement of existing shared access (reduced scheme)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	30/03/2017
BM7	P/2009/1374/F	11 School Road, Ballymartin, Kilkeel	Replacement dwelling and garage (Change of house type in substitution for planning ref: P/2004/2711/F)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	21/01/2015
BM8	P/2008/1161/F	To the rear of and including 6 School Road, Ballymartin, Newry.	Erection of Housing Development (comprising of 5 no residential units) and new road serving 3 units and 2 units accessed from school road. (reduced scheme)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	13/09/2016
BM9	P/2012/0093/F	20m south west of No 2 Ballymartin Village Ballykeel Ballymartin Newry Co Down BT34 4PA	Development of a pumping station to transfer waste water to Annalong WwTW for treatment.	CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED	Pending
BM10	P/2010/1332/F	Main Road Ballykeel Court Junctions Ballymartin Kilkeel opposite no 10 Main Street BT34 1LR	Erection of new street cabinet to facilitate provision of new fibre optic infrastructure across BT network. Cabinet dimensions approx. 1300mm high x 800mm width x 450mm deep	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	06/01/2016
BM11	P/2009/1468/F	29 and 30 Ballykeel Court, Ballymartin, Kilkeel	Change of 2 no. house types and erection of domestic garages for 2 said houses	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	14/01/2015
BM12	P/2009/0047/F	Site adjacent to 19 Main Road Ballymartin Newry Co Down BT34 4NU	Erection of dwelling and detached garage	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	14/09/2014
BM13	P/2008/1429/F	Opposite 2a Ballymartin Village, Ballymartin, Kilkeel	Erection of 2 dwellings and attached garages	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	15/12/2014
BM14	P/2007/0751/F	Adjacent to 24 Main Road, Ballymartin	Erection of dwelling.	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	16/01/2014
BM15	P/2008/0090/F	14 Ballymartin Village, Ballymartin, Kilkeel.	Erection of Housing Development (reduced scheme)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	21/03/2016

4.3 Consultation Process

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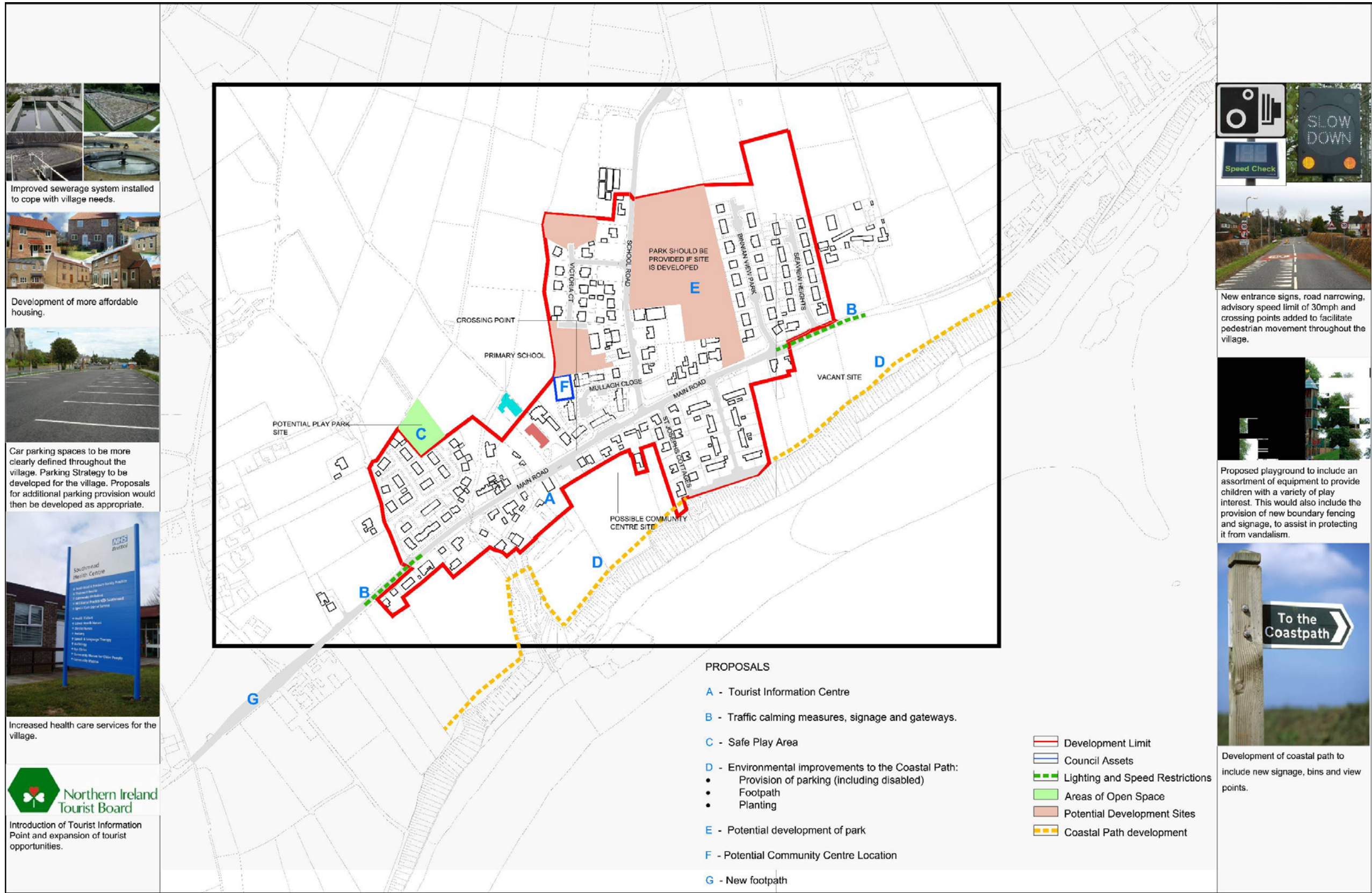
STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close knit community • Clean and tidy • Very little graffiti • Very Little vandalism • Location – The Mountains and the Coast 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No opportunity sites within the town • Young people have nothing to do • Location
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crossing point at the Chapel • New footpath to link Gaelic Pitch to the Village • Need for a play park but no sites available • Need for affordable Housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic speed through the village to the detriment of tourism/ business and resident safety • National Park Designation • Most tourism jobs are minimum wage

4.4 Consultation Findings

4.4.1 Information Gathering Stage

The SWOT Analysis below is a summary of the information gained during the early information gathering stage. The strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats were identified during the initial consultation workshops and the initial questionnaire which was circulated throughout the community. The questionnaire addressed a range of factors, focusing on 3 general themes of Planning and Infrastructure, Essential Services and Economic and Community Development.

An introductory meeting was held on Tuesday 14th March with a range of stakeholders in order to gain an understanding of the main community issues.



Improved sewerage system installed to cope with village needs.



Development of more affordable housing.



Car parking spaces to be more clearly defined throughout the village. Parking Strategy to be developed for the village. Proposals for additional parking provision would then be developed as appropriate.



Increased health care services for the village.



Introduction of Tourist Information Point and expansion of tourist opportunities.



New entrance signs, road narrowing, advisory speed limit of 30mph and crossing points added to facilitate pedestrian movement throughout the village.

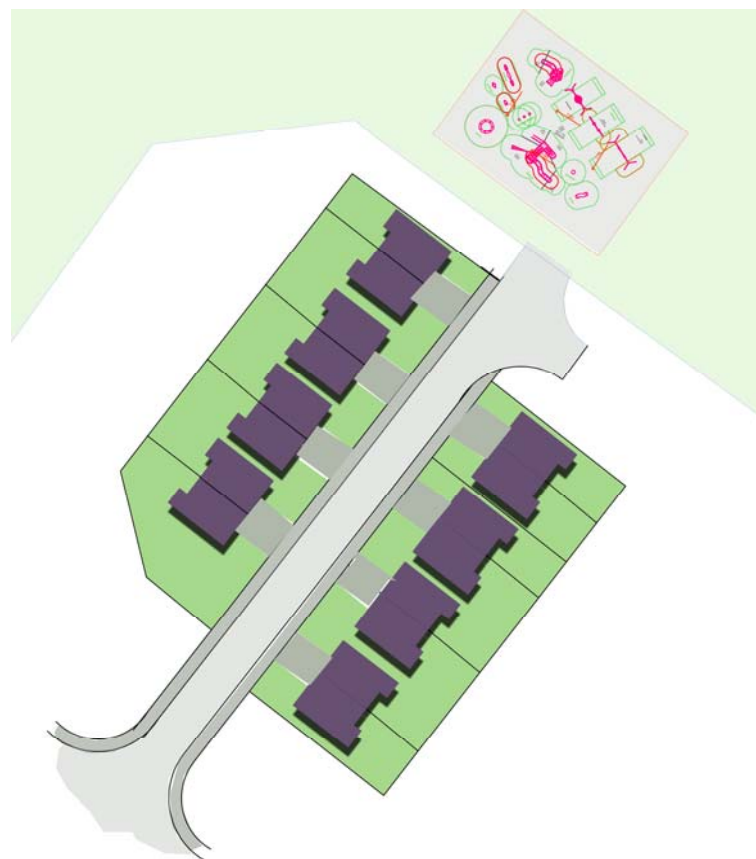


Proposed playground to include an assortment of equipment to provide children with a variety of play interest. This would also include the provision of new boundary fencing and signage, to assist in protecting it from vandalism.



Development of coastal path to include new signage, bins and view points.

4.5 Initiatives



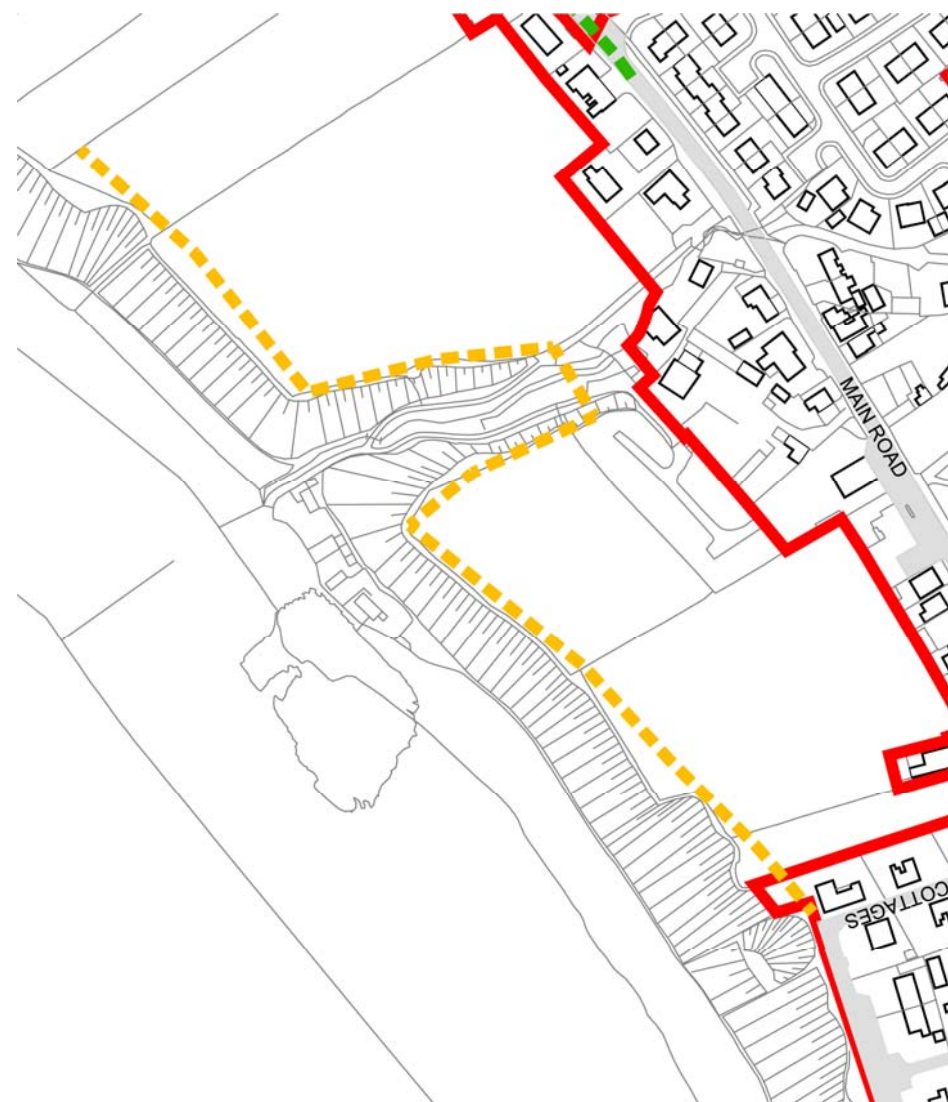
New play area within new residential development

Consultations highlighted the lack of play facilities for children within Ballymartin. It is proposed that when new housing is developed on zoned land that a new playpark should be a condition of the planning approval. The new park would be for the use of all children within the village and not solely for the use of the new residents.



Proposed new community centre

Ballymartin currently doesn't have a community centre. There may be potential for a new facility on council owned land identified as proposal 'F' in the village plan. A new village centre would benefit Ballymartin considerably in helping to increase community cohesion. The current provision for shared community facilities within the village is very limited.



Proposed Coastal Path

This proposal is in keeping with the South East Coast Masterplans proposal for a new coastal walking route which would link each of the coastal settlements together. This new path could have economic advantages for Ballymartin by bringing more tourists into the Village. Further feasibility work is required to take account of land ownerships and the retreating coastline. Providing links from the A2 down to the coastal path will also be important in order to link the path effectively with the village.

5 Longstone Plan

5.1 Village Profile

5.1.1 Background

Longstone lies within the Annalong ward which lies in the following administrative areas:

- Newry & Mourne Local Government District;
- South Down Parliamentary Constituency (1992 Boundaries - See Assembly Area tab for further information);
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Neighbouring ward(s): [Binnian](#), [Donard](#).

Annalong ward is classified as Rural according to the [Inter-Departmental Urban-Rural Definition Group](#).

The nearest hospital to Annalong ward (as the crow flies) is Downe Hospital.

Datasets used: [Urban Rural Classification 2005](#), [Central Postcode Directory](#) (NISRA Geography), [Hospital Locations](#) (DHSSPS).

5.1.1.1 Demography

On Census Day 29th April 2001 the resident population of Annalong ward was 3048. Of this population:

- 25.5% were under 16 years old and 18.0% were aged 60 and over;
- 50.2% of the population were male and 49.8% were female;
- 42.6% were from a Catholic community background and 55.7% were from a 'Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)' community background;
- 28.9% of persons aged 16 and over were single (never married);
- 35.4 years was the average age of the population; and
- the population density was 0.8 persons per hectare.

Comparisons	WARD	LGD	AA	N.IRELAND
	Annalong	Newry & Mourne	South Down	N.I
Census 2001				
Resident population	3048	87058	104658	1685267
Persons under 16 years old (%)	25.5	26.6	25.6	23.6
Persons aged 60 and over (%)	18.0	15.7	16.5	17.6
Males (%)	50.2	49.5	49.8	48.7
Females (%)	49.8	50.5	50.2	51.3
Catholic community background (%)	42.6	80.6	66.3	43.8
Protestant and other Christian community background (%)	55.7	18.5	31.8	53.1
Persons aged 16 and over single (never married) (%)	28.9	33.8	32.6	33.1
Average age of population	35.4	34.0	34.8	35.8
Population density (persons per hectare)	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.2
Migration Data Sources				
Health card registrations from non-UK nationals (per 1,000 resident population) (2010)	1.8	8.0	3.4	6.3

(NISRA Census), [Health Card Registrations 2010](#) (Central Services Agency).

The population for **Annalong** ward in 2010 was estimated at 3255, of which 20.0% were children, 33.9% were young working age adults, 28.9% were older working age adults and 17.2% were older people. Young working age adults are defined as 16-39 year olds, and older working age adults as males 40-64 and females 40-59 years. This represents an increase of 6.4% (195 individuals) from the estimated mid-year ward population in 2001.

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Older Working Age Adults (%) (2010)	28.9	27.1	28.3	28.5
Older People (%) (2010)	17.2	14.5	15.8	17.1
Population Change 2001-2010 (%)	<i>an increase of 6.4%</i>	<i>an increase of 14.3%</i>	<i>an increase of 12.6%</i>	<i>an increase of 6.5%</i>

Datasets used: Small Area Population Estimates 2001-2010

5.1.2 Deprivation - NIMDM 2010

The Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2010 (NIMDM 2010) report was published in May 2010. The report identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across Northern Ireland. The results for **Annalong** ward are shown below.

On the Multiple Deprivation Measure ward level summary **Annalong** ward has an overall rank of 270 out of 582 wards. All wards in Northern Ireland are ranked, 1 being the most deprived (Whiterock in Belfast) and 582 the least deprived (Wallace Park in Lisburn). Wards with ranks of 58 or lower are in the top 10% most deprived wards in Northern Ireland, this means **Annalong**, with a rank of 270, is outside the top 10% most deprived wards. **Annalong** ward's rank of 270 places it in the 40% to 50% band.

Annalong ward lies in **Newry & Mourne** LGD, which has 30 wards with ranks from 36 (Ballybot) to 480 (Burren and Kilbroney).

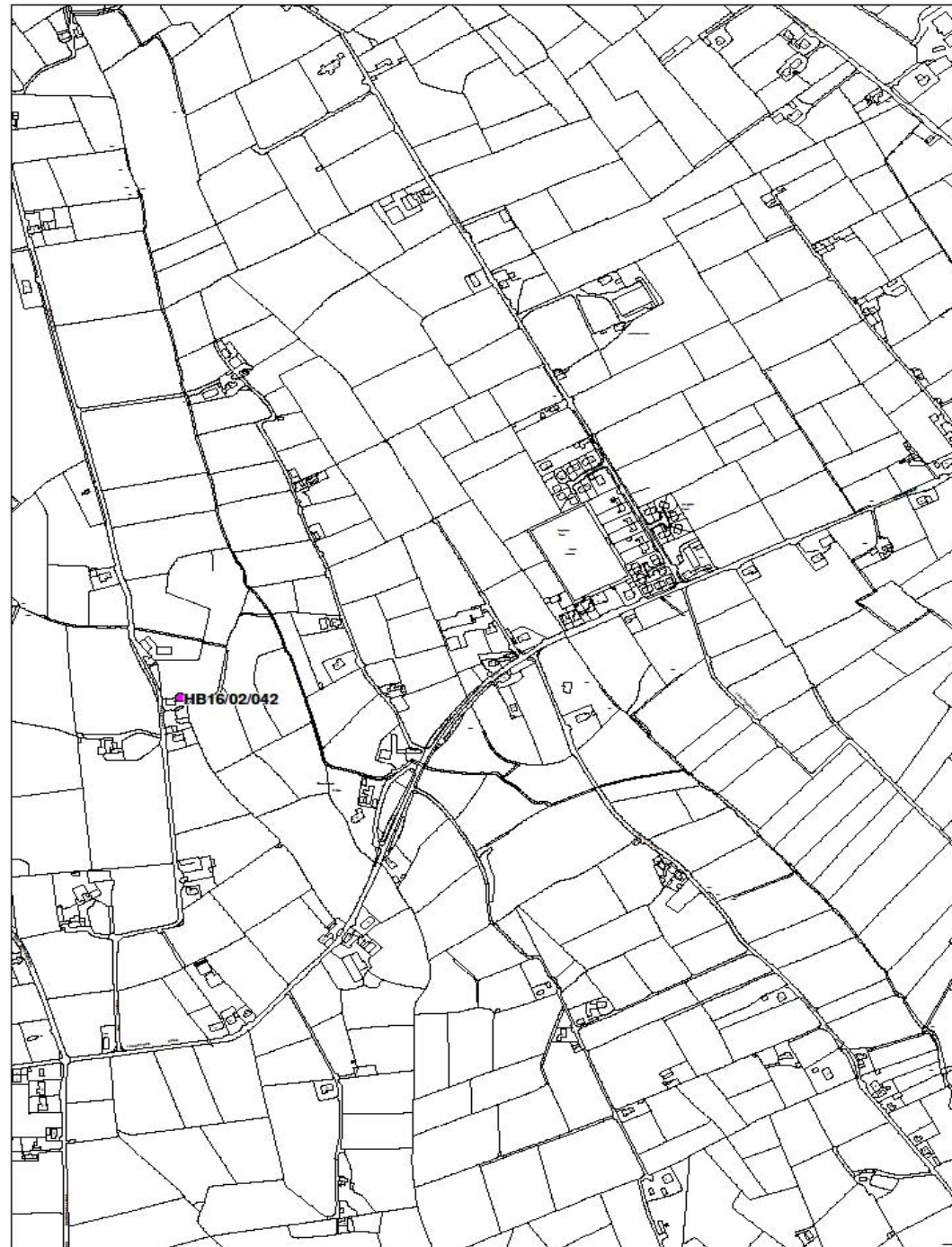
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Ward Scores and Ranks (NIMDM 2010)	Ward Score	Ward Rank
Multiple Deprivation Measure	-	270
Income Domain	-	255
Employment Domain	-	315
Health Deprivation and Disability Domain	-	282
Education, Skills and Training Domain	-	203
Proximity to Services Domain	-	119
Living Environment Domain	-	420
Crime and Disorder Domain	-	268

[Ward Ranks range from 1 (most deprived) to 582 (least deprived)]

Source - Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2010 Ward (NISRA).

5.2 Listed Buildings



ID	HB Num	Council ID	Ward ID	Construction Date	Type	Address	Transferred	Second Survey	Original
9875	HB16/02/042	16	02	12	House	Adjacent to 15 Sabbath Hill Ballymartin Kilkeel Newry Co Down BT34 4UR	True	B1	Not_Listed

Listed building

Listed building map, Longstone

5.2.1 Planning Policy Context

The relevant planning policy for Longstone is set out within the Draft Banbridge Newry and Mourne 2015 (August 2006).

5.2.2 Settlement Development Limit

The settlement development limit has been designated to take account of land with extant planning permission for housing and sites that have not yet been approved but are at a stage in the planning application process where there is reasonable expectation that approval will be granted.

The settlement development limit has been drawn to take account of the role of the settlement, accommodating sites for new development while protecting the extremely attractive natural surroundings. It will consolidate the settlement and include the new housing development off Oldtown Road, while preventing ribbon development on the southern side of Longstone Road.

5.3 Social Housing

The Housing Need Assessment has identified a social housing need of 7 dwellings in Longstone. The following site has been identified in whole or in part to meet this social housing need.

Site Reference	Location	No. of Dwellings
LE 02	Longstone Road	7

5.4 Housing Zonings

The following site is zoned for housing. Policy for the control of development on zoned sites is contained in Policy SMT 2 in Volume 1 of the Plan. Zoned land will be developed in accordance with all prevailing regional planning policy and with any relevant Plan Policies and Proposals including, where specified, key site requirements

Zoning LE 02 Housing Longstone Road
0.65 hectares of land on Longstone Road are zoned for housing as identified on Map No.

3/38 – Longstone.
Key Site Requirements:

- A minimum of 7 dwellings units shall be provided for social housing;
- Housing development shall be a minimum gross density of 15 dwellings per hectare and a maximum gross density of 25 dwellings per hectare.
- It will be necessary that land outside this site is made available in order to meet sight line requirements.

5.5 Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

Longstone is located within the Mourne AONB as identified on Map No. 3/38 – Longstone. The AONB was designated in 1986 under the Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 in recognition of its exceptional scenic quality.

5.6 Local Landscape Policy Area (LLPA)

The following area is designated as a LLPA.

Designation LE 03 Local Landscape Policy Area Longstone

A LLPA is designated as identified on Map No. 3/38 – Longstone. Those features and areas that contribute to the environmental quality, integrity or character of these areas are listed as the following:

- Long Stone Standing Stone (scheduled monument), with associated views and setting, provides a local historic and archaeological interest;
- The undeveloped land in the foreground of the standing stone provides significant views from Longstone Road, Turlough Hill and Oldtown Lane.

5.7 Planning History



PLANNING HISTORY - LONGSTONE					
No.	Planning Application Code	Site Location	Proposed Development	Decision	Expiry Date
LS1	P/2008/0674/F	Lands at and adjacent to No. 75 Longstone Road, Longstone, Annalong	Erection of housing development comprising 17 No. dwellings with associated site works and landscaping	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	22/10/2014
LS2	P/2011/0192/F	Lands adjacent to 75 Longstone Road Annalong. BT34 4UY	6 No 5p3B social housing units provided by 3 No semi detached blocks.	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	06/09/2016
LS3	P/2008/0775/F	82 Longstone Road, Annalong.	Erection of replacement dwelling- bungalow of traditional construction with dark tiled roof and white or grey walls externally.	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	15/10/2013
LS4	P/2010/0577/F	No 4 Longstone Park, Old Town Lane, Longstone, Annalong	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of holiday chalet	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	05/05/2016
LS5	P/2010/0578/F	No 5 Longstone Park, Old Town Lane, Longstone, Annalong	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of holiday chalet	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	01/04/2016

5.8 Consultation Process

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Information gathering	Stakeholder Forum meeting	Wednesday 14 th March 2012	Cornmill Quay (7.30pm-10pm)	9
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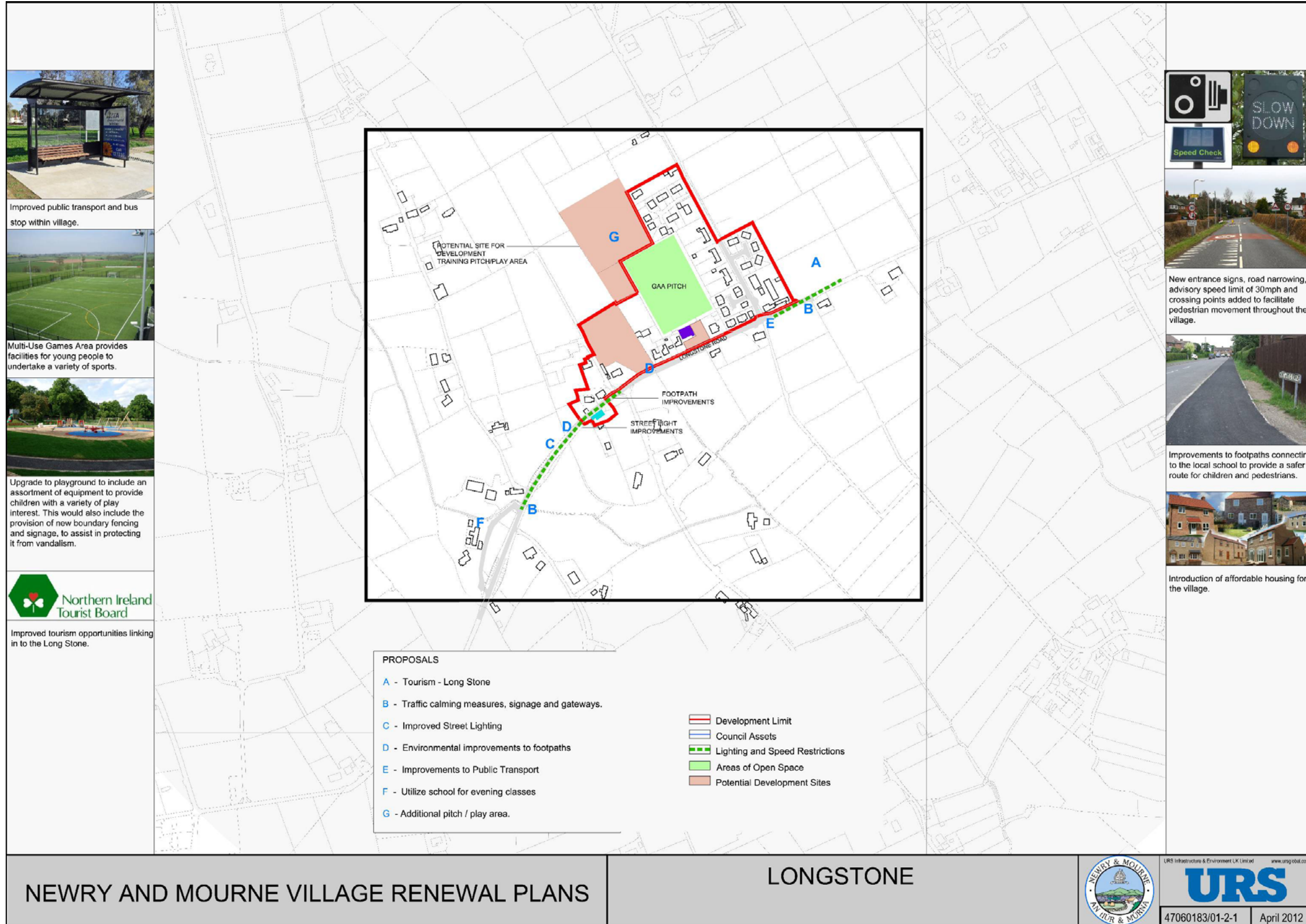
STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of children in area • School has a play area • Bingo in GAA Hall in evenings • Youth Club for youth in GAA Hall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No crossing point at school • Lack of footpaths • Land restrictions for development • Nothing to cater for elderly – crafts/activities/classes • No bus service
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism –Long Stone • Affordable housing • Crossing point • Utilizing school for extra classes • Improved street lighting • Improved footpath connection to school • Introduce bus stop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted settlement limit • Speeding along road • Unemployment

5.9 Consultation Findings

5.9.1 Information Gathering Stage

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5.10 Initiatives



Proposed new Gaelic football pitch

Longstone GAC have plans to develop a new Gaelic pitch adjacent to their current pitch. The GAC are eligible to make an application for funding through the Rural development Programme. Evidence of strong community support for the new pitch will be important in gaining funding.



Proposed new footpath, Longstone Road

An extension to the existing footpath was raised through community consultation as being important to the local community. The existing narrow footpaths were highlighted as a major health and safety issue for the local community.

6 Mullartown/ Glassdrumman Plan

6.1 Village Profile

6.1.1 Background

Glassdrumman/ Mullartown lies within the Annalong ward which lies in the following administrative areas:

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Datasets used: (NISRA Census)

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(Ballybot) to 480 (Burren and Kilbroney).

All information for **Annalong** ward is shown in the table below. On the income domain **Annalong** ward is ranked 255, while on the employment domain it is ranked 315. Looking at proximity to services **Annalong** ward is ranked 119.

Ward Scores and Ranks (NIMDM 2010)	Ward Score	Ward Rank
Multiple Deprivation Measure	-	270
Income Domain	-	255
Employment Domain	-	315
Health Deprivation and Disability Domain	-	282
Education, Skills and Training Domain	-	203
Proximity to Services Domain	-	119
Living Environment Domain	-	420
Crime and Disorder Domain	-	268

[Ward Ranks range from 1 (most deprived) to 582 (least deprived)]

Source

Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2010 Ward (NISRA).

6.1.3 PLANNING

The settlement development limit has been designated to take account of land with extant planning permission for housing and sites that have not yet been approved but are at a stage in the planning application process where there is reasonable expectation that approval will be granted.

The settlement development limit has been drawn to take account of the role of the settlement, accommodating sites for new development opportunities while protecting the extremely attractive natural surroundings. It consolidates the existing settlement and prevents ribboning of development along Glassdrumman Road (A2), while preventing further intrusion of development into the countryside.

6.2 Social Housing

The Housing Need Assessment has identified a social housing need of 6 dwellings in Glassdrumman. The following site has been identified in whole or in part to meet this social housing need.

Site Reference	Location	No. of Dwellings
GM 02	Glassdrumman Road	6

Details of the social housing allocation and associated methodology are contained in the Population and Housing Technical Supplement.

6.3 Housing Zonings

The following site is zoned for housing. Policy for the control of development on zoned sites is contained in Policy SMT 2 in Volume 1 of the Plan. Zoned land will be developed in accordance with all prevailing regional planning policy and with any relevant Plan Policies and Proposals including, where specified, key site requirements.

Zoning GM 02 Housing Glassdrumman Road

1.24 hectares of land at Glassdrumman Road are zoned for housing as identified on Map No. 3/31 – Glassdrumman/Mullartown (Co. Down).

Key Site Requirements:

- A minimum of 6 dwellings shall be developed as social housing;
- Housing development shall be a minimum gross density of 15 dwellings per hectare and a maximum gross density of 25 dwellings per hectare.

6.4 Protected Route

The A2 is a Protected Route as indicated on Map No. 3/31 – Glassdrumman/Mullartown (Co Down). Policy for the control of access to this route is contained in Policy AMP 3 of PPS 3 - Access, Movement and Parking.

6.5 Site of Local Nature Conservation Importance (SLNCI)

Glassdrumman Lough is designated as a SLNCI under Plan Proposal NC 13 as indicated on Map No. 3/31 – Glassdrumman/Mullartown.

6.6 Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

Glassdrumman/Mullartown is located within the Mournes AONB as identified on Map No. 3/31 – Glassdrumman/Mullartown. The AONB was designated in 1986 under the Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 in recognition of its exceptional scenic quality.

6.7 Local Landscape Policy Areas (LLPAs)

The following areas are designated as a LLPAs. Policy for the control of development within LLPAs is contained in Policy CVN 4 in Volume 1 of the Plan.

Designation GM 03 Local Landscape Policy Area Glassdrumman

A LLPA is designated as identified on Map No. 3/31 – Glassdrumman/ Mullartown (Co. Down).

Those features and areas that contribute to the environmental quality, integrity or character of these areas are listed as the following:

- St. Mary's RC Church (listed) a locally significant building, and the parochial house including the physical and visual linkages between the buildings with associated views and settings.

Designation GM 04 Local Landscape Policy Area Glassdrumman House

A LLPA is designated as identified on Map No. 3/31 – Glassdrumman/Mullartown (Co. Down).

Those features and areas that contribute to the environmental quality, integrity or character of these areas are listed as the following:

- Glassdrumman House (listed) its views and setting.

Designation GM 05 Local Landscape Policy Area Mullartown Cottage

A LLPA is designated as identified on Map No. 3/31 – Glassdrumman/Mullartown (Co. Down).

Those features and areas that contribute to the environmental quality, integrity or character of these areas are listed as the following:

- Mullartown Cottage, a locally significant building and associated vegetation;
- Traditional farmhouse and associated outbuildings.

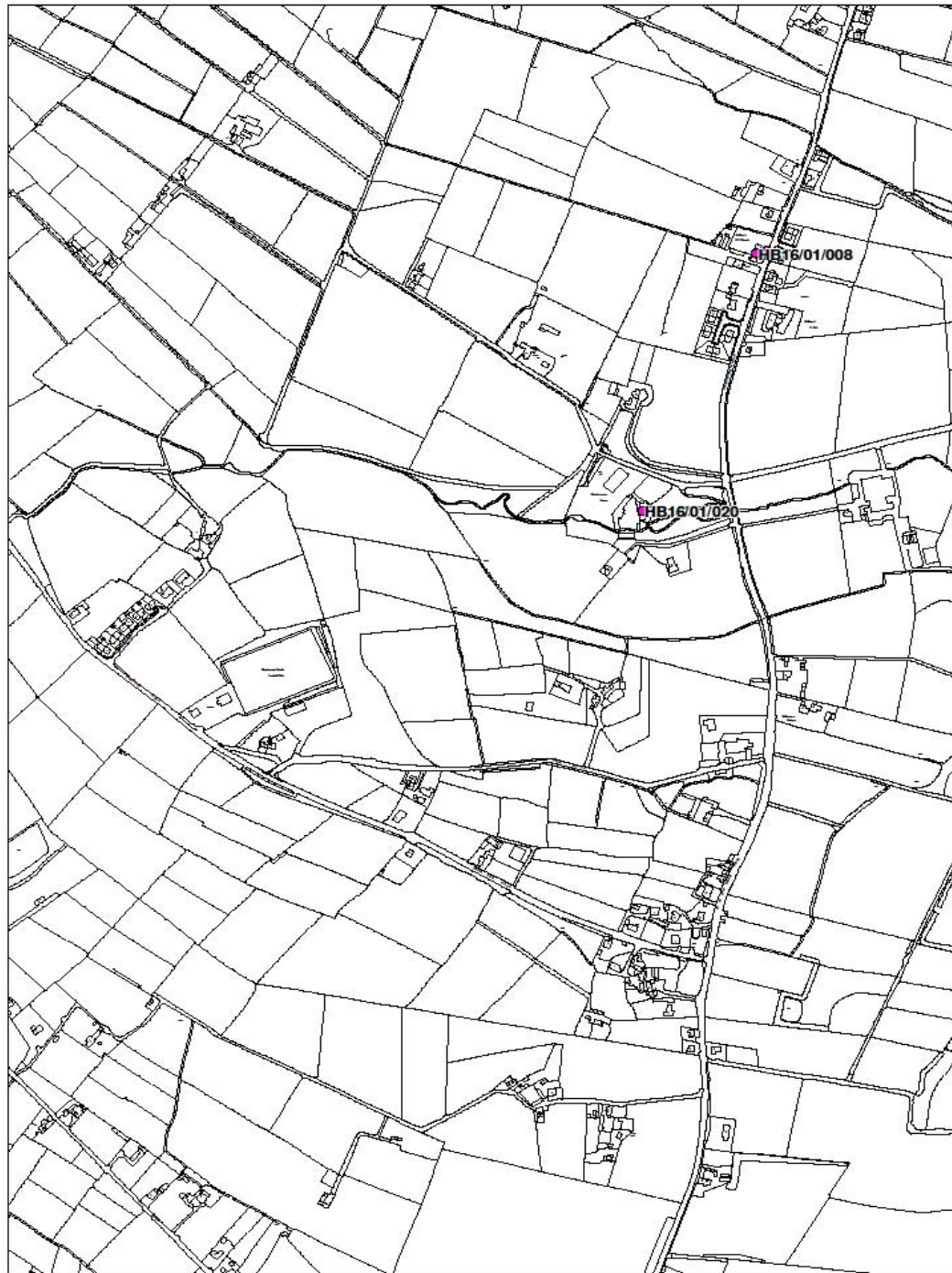
Designation GM 06 Local Landscape Policy Area Mullartown

A LLPA is designated as identified on Map No. 3/31 – Glassdrumman/ Mullartown (Co. Down).

Those features and areas that contribute to the environmental quality, integrity or character of these areas are listed as the following:

- Group of significant buildings with stream and associated vegetation.

6.8 Listed Buildings

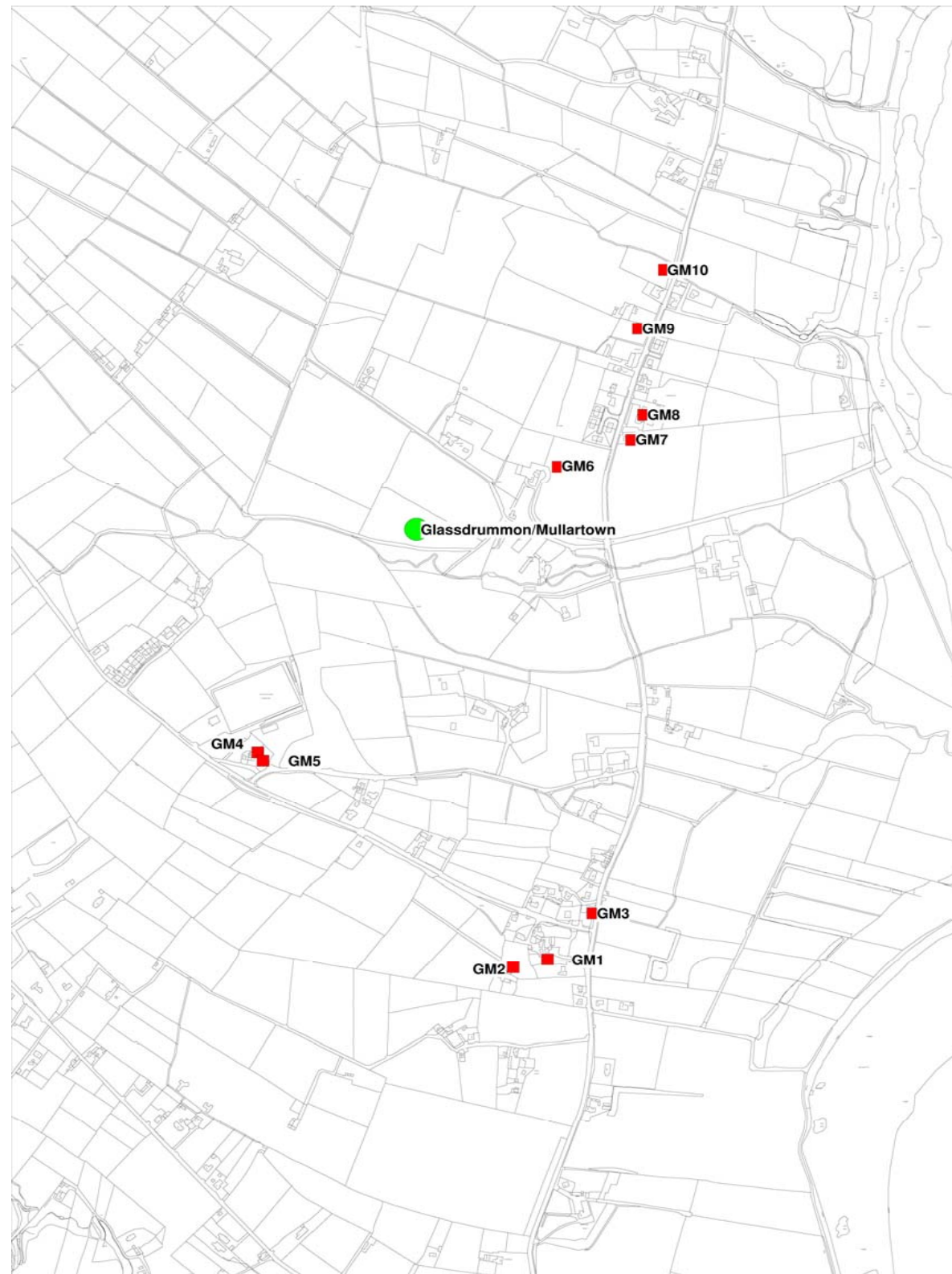


ID	HB Num	Council ID	Ward ID	Construction Date	Type	Address	Transferred	Second Survey	Original
5137	HB16/01/008	16	01	10	Church	St Marys Church (RC) Glassdrumman Rd Annalong Newry Co Down BT34 4QN	True	Record Only	B
5127	HB16/01/020	16	01	9	House	Glassdrumman House 224 Glassdrumman Road Annalong Newry Co Down BT34 4QN	True	B1	B1

Listed buildings

Listed building map, Glassdrumman/ Mullartown

6.9 Planning History check



PLANNING HISTORY – GLASSDRUMMAN/ MULLARTOWN					
No.	Planning Application Code	Site Location	Proposed Development	Decision	Expiry Date
GM1	P/2011/0579/F	180 Glasdrumman Road Annalong Newry BT34 4QL	Erection of a Replacement Dwelling	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	13/05/2017
GM2	P/2008/1582/F	80 metres west of 178 Glasdrumman Road, Annalong Co Down	Erection of one-and-a-half storey replacement dwelling and garage	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	12/10/2014
GM3	P/2010/0524/F	Glasdrummond Road outside filling station, junction Quarter Road, Annalong	Erection of new street cabinet to facilitate provision of new fibre optic infrastructure across the BT network. Cabinet dimensions approx 1600mm*1200mmwide*450mm deep.	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	01/07/2015
GM4	P/2010/0774/F	Site adjacent to no.23 Back Road, Mullartown, Annalong	New office head quarters for Glasgiven Contracts Ltd	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	30/11/2015
GM5	P/2007/1252/F	Adjacent to No.23 Back Road, Mullartown, Annalong	Provision of additional Joinery Workshops/ Administrative Archive Storage on first floor mezzanine Covered Storage Area & Standalone Machinery Shed.	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	04/06/2013
GM6	P/2011/0385/O	Lands situated in T'd of Glasdrumman adjacent to surrounding & including a farmhouse @ 230 Glasdrumman Road Annalong Newry	Renewal of Previously Approved Outline Application P/2005/2523/O; to be read in conjunction with RM Approval P/2009/0670/RM described at that time of P/2005/2523/O as a SITE for HOTEL & SELF CATERING ACCOMODATION , comprising of a Tourism Development, on lands adjacent to , surrounding, and inclusive of an existing farmhouse known as 230, Glasdrumman Rd. (td. of Glasdrumman) Annalong	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	26/11/2014
GM7	P/2007/1288/F	275 Glasdrumman Road, Annalong, Newry	Erection of replacement dwelling (one-and-a-half storey) and relocation of entrance.	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	13/05/2013
GM8	P/2009/1259/F	St Mary's Primary School, Glasdrummon Road, Annalong	Proposed special needs adaptations - ramped access, new extension to accommodate new hygiene room and associated siteworks	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	11/11/2014
GM9	P/2009/0358/O	292 Glasdrumman Road Annalong	Site for housing development	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	14/09/2014
GM10	P/2007/0780/F	Opposite 307 Glasdrumman Road, Glasdrumman, Annalong	Erection of 5 detached dwellings	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	22/01/2014

6.10 Consultation Process

Stage	Consultation Method	Date	Venue	Attendance / Responses
Information gathering	Stakeholder Forum meeting	Wednesday 14 th March 2012	Cornmill Quay (7.30pm-10pm)	9
Information gathering Baseline findings	Questionnaires	March 2012		
	Presentation for Councillors	16 th March 2012	Newry & Mourne District Council	
	Questionnaires returned			2
Draft Village Renewal and Development Plan	Draft Plan presented to councillors	20 th April 2012	Newry & Mourne District Council	
Draft Village Plan and Action Plan	Draft Plan presented to Project Steering Group	Thursday 21 st June	Newry & Mourne District Council	

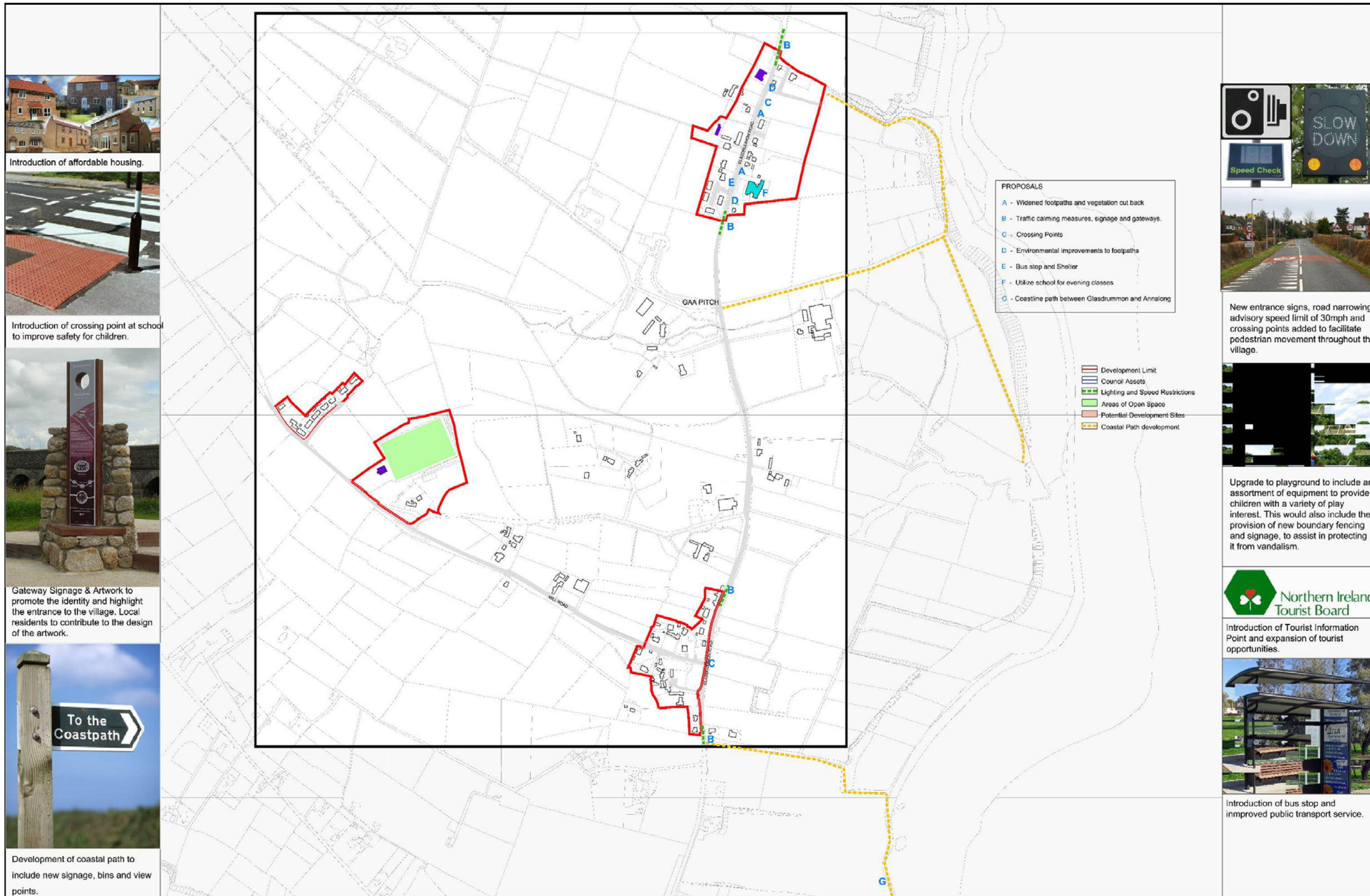
STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good lighting • Football Club – Youth Club/Bingo • Minibus – School run 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tight settlement limit • Footpaths in poor condition • No play area • Fencing needed for pitches • No bus shelter • Poor access to school • Speeding along road • Overgrown hedges restricting footpaths • No bins/furniture/signage
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for football club • Play area for school • Ball stop fence • Designated bus stop and shelter • Crossing point improved • Widening of footpaths/clear hedging back • Hotel (planning approved) needs funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted settlement limit • Speeding along road • Unemployment

6.11 Consultation Findings

6.11.1 Information Gathering Stage

The SWOT Analysis below is a summary of the information gained during the early information gathering stage. The strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats were identified during the initial consultation workshops and the initial questionnaire which was circulated throughout the community. The questionnaire addressed a range of factors, focusing on 3 general themes of Planning and Infrastructure, Essential Services and Economic and Community Development.

An introductory meeting was held on Tuesday 14th March with a range of stakeholders in order to gain an understanding of the main community issues.



Introduction of affordable housing.



Introduction of crossing point at school to improve safety for children.



Gateway Signage & Artwork to promote the identity and highlight the entrance to the village. Local residents to contribute to the design of the artwork.



Development of coastal path to include new signage, bins and view points.



New entrance signs, road narrowing, advisory speed limit of 30mph and crossing points added to facilitate pedestrian movement throughout the village.



Upgrade to playground to include an assortment of equipment to provide children with a variety of play interest. This would also include the provision of new boundary fencing and signage, to assist in protecting it from vandalism.



Introduction of Tourist Information Point and expansion of tourist opportunities.



Introduction of bus stop and improved public transport service.

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6.12 Initiatives

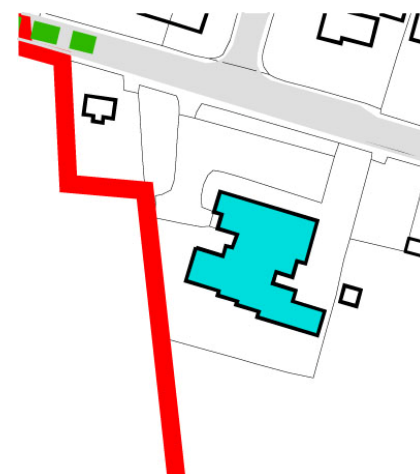
6.12.1 Coastal Path and new access points



A proposal to gain access to the beach and new coastal path via laneways which are currently in private ownership. This is important in that it links the village with a proposal to provide a new walking route along the coast which would link all the settlements together. The DSD document the South East Coast Masterplan also includes a new coastal path as a recommendation.



6.12.2 Increase community usage of school facilities



As there is currently no community centre, there may be the potential to use the local primary school for community meetings and activities in the evening. This proposal would help to create a sense of community in Glasdrumman and Mullartown through the use of an existing building.

6.13

ACTION PLAN - Annalong						
Initiative	RS, RDP	Priority	Time scale	Potential Funding Opportunities	Actions	Indicative Costs
Purchase of property for Tourist information centre/ Community hub facility	RS	H/M	S/M	RDP, Lot	Commission economic appraisal	Purchase £60,000 Refurb £75,000- 150,000
Traffic calming measures, signage and gateways		H/M	S/M	RS, RDP	Review of feasibility of traffic calming measures. Consultation with RS, road improvement works. Feasibility study, design work, statutory approvals, installation of gateway signage and artwork.	£90,000-£150,000
Refurbishment of Safe Play Area	ACDA/ ARG, NMDC	M	M	RDP	Design work on play area proposal	£60,000
Environmental improvements to the coastal path: Provision of Footpath, bins, seating planting	ACDA/ ARG, NMDC NITB	H	S/M	RDP, NITB	Undertake consultation with statutory agencies. Undertake design work to lodge planning application where required.	£25,000- £75,000
Refurbishment of Cornmill	ACDA/ ARG, NMDC, NITB	H	S	RDP, NITB	Further work on Cornmill restoration. Funding sourced	£300,000
Promotion of Heritage exhibition	ACDA/ ARG, NITB	H/M	S/M	NITB, NMDC	Consultation with NMDC and NITB on how heritage exhibition can be promoted more effectively.	£2000- £5000
Tourist parking, Shore Road	ACDA/ ARG, Priv, RS	M	M	NITB, RS	Begin discussions with landowner on potential to acquire land.	£50,000 - £100,000
Square Environmental Improvements	ACDA/ ARG, NITB, NMDC	H	S	RDP, NITB	Continuation of work done to date in the Square. Source further funding.	£15,000 - £30,000
Boxing Club	Boxing club	M	?	SNI		£100,000- £150,000
Anchor at end of Glasdrumond Road	ACDA, ARG	M/L	S/M	NMDC	Agree re citing of anchor as part of a larger environmental Improvement project.	£500
Environmental Improvements, Main Street/ Square – cable undergrounding/ resurfacing and granite planters	ACDA/ ARG, BT, NMDC	H	S/M	RDP, NITB, NMDC, Lot	Undertake further design work to update previous drawings. Resubmit to Planning Service for approval in order to access future funding. Consult with relevant statutory agencies.	£450,000 - £600,000
Shop front/ façade improvements, Main Street	ACDA/ ARG, NIEA, NMDC	H	S/M	RDP, Lot, NIEA	Consult with NIEA on design requirements with Area of Townscape Character and agree approach. Prepare designs in order to access future funding.	£100,000- £150,000
Granite replacement bridge at Cornmill Floodlit MUGA	ACDA/ ARG, NMDC	H/M	M	NMDC, RDP	Prepare Bridge design. Undertake consultation with Planning Service prior to submitting Planning Application.	£100,000 - £150,000
	ACDA/ ARG, NMDC	H/M	S/M	NMDC, RDP	Consult with NMDC as landowner. Undertake consultation with Planning Service prior to submitting Planning Application	£60,000 - £100,000
Dev Site, Main Street	Priv	M	M/L	Priv	Site currently being marketed for sale. Development dependant on market conditions.	N/A
Maintenance & upkeep of the harbour – dredging/ upkeep of harbour gate	NMDC	H/M	S	NMDC	Consult with NMDC on a management plan for the harbour	£2500 - £5000 per annum

Youth drop in centre- gym, pool room	ACDA/ ARG, NMDC	H/ M	M	NMDC, RDP	Assess potential sites/ existing buildings. Achieve any necessary planning consent and undertake economic appraisal.	£300,000 - £500,000
Sheltered seating at the harbour	ACDA/ ARG, NMDC	M	M	NMDC	Research potential designs in keeping with conservation area status of the harbour. Consult with NIEA	£30,000 - £40,000
Tree planting along kilkeel road	ACDA/ ARG, NMDC	M/L	M/L	WT	Consult with Woodland Trust re funding opportunities and Roads Service on feasibility of project.	£30,000 - £40,000

ACTION PLAN - Ballymartin						
Initiative	RS, RDP	Priority	Timescale	Potential Funding Opportunities	Actions	Indicative Costs
Tourist Information point	RS	M/L	M/L	NITB, RDP	Assess viability and need for facility with NITB	£5000 - £10,000
Traffic calming measures, signage and gateways		H	S/M	RS, RDP	Review of feasibility of traffic calming measures. Consultation with RS, road improvement works. Feasibility study, design work, statutory approvals, installation of gateway signage and artwork.	£65,000 - £80,000
Safe Play Area	BCG, NMDC	H/ M	M/L	RDP, NMDC, Lot	Undertake site selection and costing exercise	£100,000
Environmental Improvements to the Coastal Path: Provision of parking (including disabled) Footpath Planting	BCG, NMDC, NITB	H/ M	M	RDP, NMDC, Lot	Procure design work and consult with statutory agencies	£20,000 - £80,000
Potential development of a park in new development	BCG, Priv	M	M/L	Priv	Consult with developer prior to submission of planning application. Discuss community need with planning service.	£100,000
Potential community centre	BCG, NMDC	H/ M	M/L	RDP, Lot	Assessment of need, future management and viability within the community. Site/ building identification	£200,000 - £400,000
New footpath	RS BCG	H	S/M	RS	Consult with RS on need for new footpath due to Health and safety concerns	£20,000 - £35,000
Improvements to sewage system	NIW, BCG	H	S/M	NIW	Consult with NI Water on the issues which need to be addressed	N/A

ACTION PLAN - Longstone						
Initiative	RS, RDP	Priority	Timescale	Potential Funding Opportunities	Actions	Indicative Costs
Tourism – Long Stone	RS	M	M	NITB, RDP	Investigate opportunities for promoting tourism with NITB and NMDC	£1000- £2000
Traffic calming measures, signage and gateways		H	S/M	RS, RDP	Review of feasibility of traffic calming measures. Consultation with RS, road improvement works. Feasibility study, design work, statutory approvals, installation of gateway signage and artwork.	£45,000 - £60,000
Improved street lighting	LCG, RS	H	S/M	RS	Consult with Roads Service on the issues which need to be addressed	£50,000 - £75,000
Environmental improvements to footpaths	LCG, NMDC, RS	M	M	RS RDP	Procure design work and consult with statutory agencies	£40,000 - £60,000
Improvements to public transport	Trans, LCG	H/M	M	Trans	Consult with Translink on required improvements	N/A
Utilise school for evening classes	LCG, SELB	H/M	S/M	RDP	Consult with school and Education Board on using school facilities for community use.	N/A
Additional pitch/ play areas	LGAA	M	M	Lot, RDP	Responsibility of Longstone GAA to source funding for new pitch	£70,000 - £150,000

ACTION PLAN – Glasdrumman / Mullartown						
Initiative	RS, RDP	Priority	Timescale	Potential Funding Opportunities	Actions	Indicative Costs
Widened footpaths and vegetation cut back	RS	H	S/M	RS	Undertake consultation with Roads Service regarding health and safety concerns	£20,000 - £40,000
Traffic calming measures, signage and gateways		H	S/M	RS, RDP	Review of feasibility of traffic calming measures. Consultation with RS, road improvement works. Feasibility study, design work, statutory approvals, installation of gateway signage and artwork.	£30,000 - £40,000
Crossing points	RS, GMCA	H	S/M	RS	Undertake consultation with Roads Service	£2000
Environmental Improvements to footpaths	RS, GMCA,	M/H	M	RS RDP	Procure design work, consult with statutory agencies	£20,000 - £40,000
Bus stop and shelter	Tran, GMCA	M	M	Trans	Consultation with Translink on need to upgrade bus stop	£5000 -£10,000
Utilise school for evening classes	SELB, GMCA	H/M	S/M	RDP	Consult with school and Education Board on using school facilities for community use.	N/A
Coastline path between Glasdrumman and Annalong	Priv, GMCA	H/M	M	Lot, RDP, RS	Undertake land ownership exercise and feasibility of potential path routes and costs.	£150,000 - £300,000

Priority: H = High
M = Medium
L = Low

Timeframe: S = Short (1-3yrs)
M = Medium (3-7 years)
L = Long (7-15years)

Delivery Agents, Funders and Stakeholders:

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|------|---|-------|---------------------------------------|
| AC | Arts Council | NITB | Northern Ireland Tourist Board |
| MNDC | Newry & Mourne District Council | Priv | Private Sector |
| DCAL | Department for Culture, Arts and Leisure | PS | Planning Service |
| Lot | Lottery Funding | PSNI | Police Service of Northern Ireland |
| RS | Roads Service | SHSCT | Southern Health and Social Care Trust |
| RDP | Rural Development Programme | SELB | Southern Education and Library Board |
| NIEA | Northern Ireland Environment Agency | SNI | Sport Northern Ireland |
| NIHE | Northern Ireland Housing Executive | DOE | Department of Environment |
| DRD | Department for Regional Development – Street Lighting | ACDA | Association |
| LCG | Longstone Community Group? | BCG | Ballymartin Community Group |
| GMCG | Glasdrumman/ Mullartown Community Group | ARG | Annalong Regeneration Group |
| Tran | Translink | LGAA | Longstone Gaelic Club |
| NIW | Northern Ireland Water | BT | British Telecom |
| WT | Woodland Trust | | |

* Projects which have been identified by the community as a High Priority are outlined in more detail in the Initiatives section of this report

6.14 Implementation strategy

The Annalong Regeneration Group, a committee of the Annalong Community Development Association has the potential to develop into the implementation body to take forward the Village Plan. It is recommended that this group with representatives from the other villages within the cluster should be responsible for taking the Village plan forward.

There are however a number of projects which are specific to each villages which do not necessitate a joined up approach between the villages. Where a project is taken forward which benefits the whole cluster, provides improved links between them or impacts on another, a joined up approach will be necessary and therefore a structure should be put in place to facilitate this. In order to do this there is further work to be done in increasing community capacity to ensure groups are fully representative of the communities.

6.15 Conclusion

The Annalong cluster benefits from its high quality scenic location along the South East Coast. Annalong in particular with its views of the sea, the Cornmill and historic Harbour has significant potential to attract tourists. A number of the projects identified within Annalong are aimed proving amenities for tourists and improving the village's assets as well as improving facilities for the community.

It is important that the villages make the most of their assets and seek funding for new facilities in order to provide for their communities as well as attracting visitors. By increasing amenities within each settlement an improved sense of community pride will develop which will manifest itself in the improved appearance of each village and increased investment within it.

7 Newry Villages Community Questionnaire

ANNALONG / BALLYMARTIN

Settlement: **Annalong / Ballymartin**

Northern Ireland rural development programme 2007 -2013

Introduction

The Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme (NIRDP) 2007-2013 was launched to build capacity within local communities and provide support for community economic development in the most disadvantaged rural areas. The NIRDP is part financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and is managed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. A core principal of the approach to broader rural development in Northern Ireland has been and continues to be that the communities which most closely experience problems should be involved in the design and delivery of projects and programmes to tackle such problems and, thus, improve their quality of life.

The NIRDP contains a number of measures under each axis. These measures are specific areas where support is to be targeted. Each measure was selected from a menu of options provided by the European Union in order to target the aspects of rural life that are most important to Northern Ireland. Measure 3.5 targets Village Renewal and Development with the aim of “creating long term visions for villages and surrounding areas and to support initiatives promoting cross-community development”.

The objective is enable and encourage residents of villages and surrounding areas to create a vision and an integrated action plan to ensure the full potential of their area is achieved and also to support integrated village initiatives.

How is the Programme administered at a local level?

The Southern Organisation for Action in Rural areas (SOAR) is the Joint Committee and Local Action Group for the Craigavon, Armagh and Newry & Mourne Council areas. They are responsible for the administration of the NIRDP within the rural areas of Craigavon, Armagh and Newry. SOAR local action group is comprised of local Councillors and Social Partner Representatives. Craigavon Borough Council acts as the Lead Council with responsibility for all financial and administrative matters.

Renewal and Development Plans for NMDC Villages

Newry and Mourne District Council have secured funding under Measure 3.5 for the preparation of Integrated Village Plans for 13 pre-selected villages and clusters across the Newry and Mourne District Council Area.

URS were employed by Newry and Mourne District Council to facilitate the development of these plans. The plans will be prepared between February and June 2012, with potentially a second stage which will involve selected projects being taken forward to the stage of submitting an outline planning application, making a submission for funding or being ready to feed into an economic appraisal.

Questionnaire

This questionnaire will help us establish the key strengths and weaknesses of your settlement. Please take a few minutes to fill it in as best you can and please give us as much information as possible.

Many thanks!

1.	What is your interest?	Business 1	Community Group 10	Individual 12
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Section 1 – Planning and Infrastructure

2. Please indicate which of the following issues are of concern or interest to your group:

ISSUE	Major Concern	Some Concern	No Concern
Traffic congestion/ Speeding through traffic	12	2	1
Parking availability	6	5	3
Pedestrian accessibility	8	4	2
Vehicular accessibility	5	3	3
Accessibility for disabled persons	7	6	1
Availability of housing for local people	5	5	3
Impact of new housing on your village	9	3	3
Quality of existing road network in the village	9	3	2
Sewage and Mains Water supply	11	2	2

If you indicated that you have concerns about any of the above issues please expand on your answers below or on a separate sheet:

- Speeding along Main Road
- Water supply is by small local treatment works – reduced pressure and limited capacity
- New housing does not reflect any particular design –disrupting skyline
- Traffic fast through Ballymartin
- Sewage cannot cope with housing in Ballymartin
- Planning dept considering 20 apartments and 5 houses – widespread opposition
- Vacant shop is an eyesore in Ballymartin
- Affordable housing needed
- Local housing for local people
- Roads heavily congested when chapel in use
- Lack of parking

3. Are there any development opportunity sites (ie. sites or buildings which are derelict, or underused/vacant land, or something that may be described as an 'eyesore') within the village that you are aware of? If yes, where and what would you like to see developed?

- Vacant premises in the core of the village.
- Shop in Ballymartin was demolished and never rebuilt
- Derelict fish factory renovation
- Land at rear of Shore road prime open space opportunity

Section 2 – Essential Services (Please expand on answers if possible)

4. Please indicate which of the following issues are of concern or interest to your group:

ISSUE	Major Concern	Some Concern	No Concern
Provision and access to local healthcare facilities	9	3	3
Provision and access to educational facilities	8	4	3
Quality of public open space	8	5	2
Availability of play areas for children	10	3	2
Public transport service in the area	2	8	4
Provision of public leisure facilities	10	2	3
Quality and provision of retailing/local shops	13	1	1

5. What services are you aware of and are you happy in general with the range of services currently provided?

- Hospital facilities not accessible by public transport
- Elderly care is good
- Access to health care facilities
- Access to educational facilities
- Widespread concern of loss of open space
- Great surgery (Old Forge)
- Good local primary schools and access to local high schools
- Ballymartin – No shop, play area. Post office, community hall
- Threat of closure of residential home
- Respite care services
- No GP out of hour services

6. What other facilities or services do you feel should be provided for the village?

- Limited grocery/general shopping in the village
- No banking/financial services available
- Better access to chemist in Ballymartin needed
- Drop in centre would be good
- No access to beach in Ballymartin
- Tourist Information Centre
- Community centre would open opportunities for elderly and pre-school groups
- Safe Play Area

Section 3 – Economic and Community Development – (Please expand on answers if possible)

7. Are there any attractions which you feel could be developed for tourists or for use by local people?

- Cornmill is due for major refurbishment
- Industrial Heritage Exhibition could be possible tourist attraction.
- Public access routes have been neglected and in some cases been subject to fly tipping.
- Walkways – Beach walk could be developed

8. Are there any features or assets within your village which you feel should be actively conserved?

- Old Kippering Store / Smokery could offer interpretative commercial outlet.
- Coastal path could be extended
- Ballymartin blacksmiths forge
- Maqualias well
- St Patrick Foot
- Ballymartin Church ruins
- St Josephs Chapel

9. Are there good small business opportunities?

- At present limited but with support development could occur.
- Small business park with rental units could be beneficial

10. Are there sufficient facilities available to local community groups and are they well used?

- 3 Church Halls and one community hall
- No cross community use at present.
- No cross community facilities

11. Are there regular or well known community events or festivals? If not, what would you like to see?

- Harbour Hooley- insurance difficulties
- Pony Driving Event
- No venue in Ballymartin to hold events
- Farmers Market would be well received
- Granite festival
- Fish festival
- Used to be but now only village Christmas tree

There is a clear vision for the village centre		2	13
Street furniture is well maintained		9	5
Pavements are uncluttered and in good repair		5	10
There is value for money in local shops		2	10
There is a good choice and range in shopping		1	12
There are suitable traffic calming measures	1	3	12
The police are involved in initiatives to cut crime	1	5	7
There are distinct and well used car parks	1	3	9
Building fronts and facades are well looked after	3	4	8
The village has a vibrant atmosphere	3	2	10
There is sufficient street lighting	6	5	4
The village is safe to walk around at all times	3	7	2

If you wish to expand on your answers to any of these statements please do so below or on a separate sheet:

- Storm gate in harbour needs repaired.
- ACDA has limited support
- Main arterial road does not encourage traffic beyond Newcastle/Warrenpoint
- Ballymartin needs a village hall.
- Post Office and Petrol Station missed in Ballymartin
- Lack of educational facilities
- Nothing in village to attract tourists

Section 4 - General

Please tick the following statements to indicate your opinion:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Strongly Disagree
The village is a generally attractive environment	5	5	5
The village centre has good places to eat and drink		4	12
The village is easy to find	7	5	3
Directions to public facilities are clearly signed		2	13
The village has an identifiable centre		4	11
The approach to the village is attractive and welcoming	1	6	8
The streets are kept clean of litter	1	7	6
Graffiti and vandalism in the village are a problem	2	3	10

8 Newry Villages Community Questionnaire

Longstone, Glasdrumman / Mullartown

Settlement: Glasdrumman / Mullartown

Northern Ireland rural development programme 2007 -2013

Introduction

The Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme (NIRDP) 2007-2013 was launched to build capacity within local communities and provide support for community economic development in the most disadvantaged rural areas. The NIRDP is part financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and is managed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. A core principal of the approach to broader rural development in Northern Ireland has been and continues to be that the communities which most closely experience problems should be involved in the design and delivery of projects and programmes to tackle such problems and, thus, improve their quality of life.

The NIRDP contains a number of measures under each axis. These measures are specific areas where support is to be targeted. Each measure was selected from a menu of options provided by the European Union in order to target the aspects of rural life that are most important to Northern Ireland. Measure 3.5 targets Village Renewal and Development with the aim of “creating long term visions for villages and surrounding areas and to support initiatives promoting cross-community development”.

The objective is enable and encourage residents of villages and surrounding areas to create a vision and an integrated action plan to ensure the full potential of their area is achieved and also to support integrated village initiatives.

How is the Programme administered at a local level?

The Southern Organisation for Action in Rural areas (SOAR) is the Joint Committee and Local Action Group for the Craigavon, Armagh and Newry & Mourne Council areas. They are responsible for the administration of the NIRDP within the rural areas of Craigavon, Armagh and Newry. SOAR local action group is comprised of local Councillors and Social Partner Representatives. Craigavon Borough Council acts as the Lead Council with responsibility for all financial and administrative matters.

Renewal and Development Plans for NMDC Villages

Newry and Mourne District Council have secured funding under Measure 3.5 for the preparation of Integrated Village Plans for 13 pre-selected villages and clusters across the Newry and Mourne District Council Area.

URS were employed by Newry and Mourne District Council to facilitate the development of these plans. The plans will be prepared between February and June 2012, with potentially a second stage which will involve selected projects being taken forward to the stage of submitting an outline planning application, making a submission for funding or being ready to feed into an economic appraisal.

Questionnaire

This questionnaire will help us establish the key strengths and weaknesses of your settlement. Please take a few minutes to fill it in as best you can and please give us as much information as possible.

Many thanks!

3.	What is your interest?	Business 1	Community Group 1	Individual 3
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Section 1 – Planning and Infrastructure

4. Please indicate which of the following issues are of concern or interest to your group:

ISSUE	Major Concern	Some Concern	No Concern
Traffic congestion/ Speeding through traffic	5		
Parking availability	4		
Pedestrian accessibility	4		
Vehicular accessibility	2	1	
Accessibility for disabled persons	3	1	
Availability of housing for local people	2		1
Impact of new housing on your village	2		
Quality of existing road network in the village	3	1	
Sewage and Mains Water supply	1	2	1

If you indicated that you have concerns about any of the above issues please expand on your answers below or on a separate sheet:

- Needs safer wider road and wider footpaths on either side
- A proper access road to Shelby Beach with car park
- Coastline pathway from Glasdrumman to Annalong
- Speeding along main road an issue especially outside primary school
- No bus shelter along Road

3. Are there any development opportunity sites (ie. sites or buildings which are derelict, or underused/vacant land, or something that may be described as an 'eyesore') within the village that you are aware of? If yes, where and what would you like to see developed?

- Local site has been passed for a Hotel and Chalets – perhaps a portion of site could be used to develop Community Centre.

Section 2 – Essential Services (Please expand on answers if possible)

4. Please indicate which of the following issues are of concern or interest to your group:

ISSUE	Major Concern	Some Concern	No Concern
Provision and access to local healthcare facilities		1	2
Provision and access to educational facilities		3	1
Quality of public open space	2	1	
Availability of play areas for children	3		
Public transport service in the area	1	1	1
Provision of public leisure facilities	3		1
Quality and provision of retailing/local shops	1	2	

5. What services are you aware of and are you happy in general with the range of services currently provided?

- Playground within local Primary School
- Bus shelters required on Glasdrumman Road.

6. What other facilities or services do you feel should be provided for the village?

- Lack of public open space
- Lack of car parking

- Footpath extremely narrow in places – danger to pedestrians

Section 3 – Economic and Community Development – (Please expand on answers if possible)

7. Are there any attractions which you feel could be developed for tourists or for use by local people?

- There should be traditional signs in Mourne granite at each end of Glasdrummond.
- Access to and from the shore at Shelby Rd could be greatly improved.

8. Are there any features or assets within your village which you feel should be actively conserved?

- The beach of Shelby should be developed to provide a safer, more expansive facility with extra car parking.

9. Are there good small business opportunities?

- Proper car parking for visitors and greater access to the mountains.
- Shore would greatly improve business opportunities and focal point for area.

10. Are there sufficient facilities available to local community groups and are they well used?

- There could be a land mark community tourist related building.

11. Are there regular or well known community events or festivals? If not, what would you like to see?

Section 4 - General

Please tick the following statements to indicate your opinion:

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Strongly Disagree
The village is a generally attractive environment		2	3
The village centre has good places to eat and drink		2	3
The village is easy to find		2	2
Directions to public facilities are clearly signed			5
The village has an identifiable centre		1	4
The approach to the village is attractive and welcoming		1	3
The streets are kept clean of litter		2	2
Graffiti and vandalism in the village are a problem	2	1	2
There is a clear vision for the village centre		1	3
Street furniture is well maintained		1	2
Pavements are uncluttered and in good repair		1	3
There is value for money in local shops		2	1
There is a good choice and range in shopping		1	3
There are suitable traffic calming measures		1	3
The police are involved in initiatives to cut crime		2	2
There are distinct and well used car parks		1	3
Building fronts and facades are well looked after		3	1
The village has a vibrant atmosphere			4
There is sufficient streetlighting		2	2
The village is safe to walk around at all times		3	

If you wish to expand on your answers to any of these statements please do so below or on a separate sheet:

- Speeding along through Hamlet a problem.