

Altnamackin & Cortamlet

Village Renewal and Development Plan

Addendum and Updated Action Plan: January 2018

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1. Introduction

The Village Plan for Altnamackin and Cortamlet was initially produced in 2012. This has now been reviewed and updated by the community in conjunction with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. The review has taken the form of an addendum to the Village Plan and should be read in conjunction with it. The addendum includes an updated Action Plan (see Section 2), which identifies which projects and initiatives have been implemented since the original plan was published and highlights projects which could be focused on over the next phase of implementation.

Ove Arup and Partners (Arup) was appointed as the consultancy team to facilitate the review and update of the Action Plan. This update has been facilitated by a stakeholder workshop. The outcome of this is an updated Action Plan which includes a range of projects and initiatives that we believe will have a real impact on the area.

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The Rural Development Programme uses the LEADER approach which adopts a community led model to assist rural communities to improve the quality of life and economic prosperity in their local area, through the allocation of funds based on local need. Village Renewal and Development is an important element of the Rural Development Programme.

The Village Plan is a working document that requires the support of the community, and in many cases the community working in partnership with other agencies and statutory bodies.

It is important to note that some projects and initiatives set out within the action plan may be subject to future feasibility studies and analysis, detailed design, landowner agreements, statutory approvals and available funding.

2. Implementation

This plan is designed to improve the social and economic fabric of the area.

The Updated Action Plan provides an indication of the key tasks which need to be undertaken to progress specific projects. This often includes detailed scheme design, preparation of the business case and funding application, and in some cases further feasibility and analysis. The source of funding will often dictate the order in which tasks need to be undertaken, for example the Rural Development Programme expects all statutory consents to be place before the funding application is submitted. There are potential sources of funding available for the projects and initiatives set out within this Village Renewal Plan. It is important to note that reference to potential funding is for guidance only. Other funding opportunities may become available during the lifetime of this plan, and all projects will be subject to appropriate eligibility checks, application and assessment procedures as set by each funding body.

The Updated Action Plan also provides an indication of the priority level of each project based on discussions with key stakeholders during plan preparation. Alongside this, a lead delivery agent and key stakeholders have also been noted. There may also be other interested groups who should be engaged during project implementation or those whose agreement must be sought, such as a private landowners or statutory bodies. It is also important to recognise that priorities may change as funding opportunities become available.

It should be noted that the progressing of a 'Village Plan' under the Rural Development Programme does not mean that the settlement or area, to which the 'Village Plan' applies, is designated as a village in the settlement hierarchy as identified in the current development plans that apply to the district (i.e. the Banbridge/Newry and Mourne Area Plan 2015, and the Ards and Down Area Plan 2015) or the Council's new Local Development Plan for the District, which is currently under preparation.



3. Altnamackin and Cortamlet- Review of 2012 Action Plan Implementation

		2012 Action Plan					2018 Update				
		Action substantially complete									
		Ongoing									
		Major constraint to implementation									
New Project											
Regeneration Initiative		Key Stakeholders	Priority	Time frame	Potential Funders	Actions	Progress @ January 2018	Priority H, M, L	Time frame	Actions	
1. Community and Youth Facilities											
1.1	Expansion of Tullyvallen Rangers Football Club facilities.	ACC, , Priv, SNI, NMDDC	H	S	SNI, Lottery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility study, design work Renew / submit statutory approvals Construction. 	Expansion works to the facility has been completed.	H	S	Further improvement works required would include car parking and exterior works.	
1.2	Improvements to the seating area and path adjacent to the existing Playground at Altnamackin. Upgrading of safety surfacing in play area.	NMMDC, ACC, DCAL,	M	S	NMDDC, Lot, RDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility study Design work Statutory approvals Construction. 	Improvements works were completed in 2012 via RDP funding.	L	L	Monitor area and progress further improvement works as required.	
1.3	Expansion of Play Facility to provide for toddler Children	NMDDC, RDP	H	S	NMDDC, Lot, RDP	Install additional items of Play within existing Play park to cater for the younger / toddler children					
2. Environmental Improvements											
2.1	Gateway Signage and Artwork	ACC, NMMDC, Priv, TNI, DCAL, AC	M	S	NMMDC, RDP, AC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility study Design work Statutory approvals Installation of gateway signage and artwork. 	No Progress	M	S	Initiative to remain in Plan and 2012 actions still relevant	
2.2	Introduction of Planter Boxes with floral displays.	NMMDC, ACC, Priv, TNI	M	S	NMDDC, Lot, RDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation Management Maintenance 	No Progress	M	S	Initiative to remain in Plan and 2012 actions still relevant	

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3. Infrastructure and Services										
3.1	Provision of Street Lighting.	DfI, ACC, NMMDC, TNI	M	M	NMMDC, TNI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Installation of new street lighting. 	No Progress	M	S	Initiative to remain in Plan and 2012 actions still relevant
3.2	Provision of floodlighting to the pitch at the rear of Cortamlet Primary School.	SELB, SNI	L	L	SELB, SNI, Priv	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility study Design work Statutory approvals Construction. 	No Progress	M	S	Initiative to remain in Plan and 2012 actions still relevant
3.3	Traffic Management Strategy with traffic calming measures e.g. speed limits and signage.	TNI, NMMDC, ACC	H	S	TNI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of feasibility of traffic calming measures Consultation with TNI Road improvement works. 	No Progress	H	S	Initiative to remain in Plan and 2012 actions still relevant. Focus of traffic calming measure should be at the Primary School
3.4	Resurfacing of Blaney Road and Fane Valley Park.	TNI, NMMDC	M	S	TNI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation with TNI Road improvement works. TNI have initially advised that the works would have to compete for inclusion on RS resurfacing programme for the annual limited funds available for this type of work. 	No Progress	M	S	Initiative to remain in Plan and 2012 actions still relevant
3.5	New Car Park servicing Cortamlet Primary School	Education Authority, NMDDC	H	S	DfE	Provision of car parking for staff and parents of Cortamlet Primary School				

