

Barnmeen & Drumgath

Village Renewal and Development Plan (September 2012)

Addendum and Updated Action Plan: January 2018

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1. Introduction

The Village Renewal and Development Plan (Village Plan) was produced for Barnmeen and Drumgath 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. Barnmeen and Drumgath- Review of 2012 Action Plan

		2012 Action Plan					2017 Update			
	Action substantially complete									
	Ongoing									
	Major constraint to implementation									
	New Project									
Regeneration Initiative		Key Stakeholders	Priority	Time frame	Potential Funders	Actions	Progress @ Jan 2017	Priority H, M, L	Time frame	Actions
1. Community Facilities										
1.1	Extension to community centre	BCG	H	S/M	RDP	Commission design work on extension to existing centre. Carry out economic appraisal on costs against community benefit of extension.	No progress to date. Kitchen extension is a priority. Need to develop business case and secure planning permission.	H	S	Develop business case, detailed design and costings. Secure planning permission and funding.
1.2	New Bus Shelter	TL, BCG	H/M	S/M	TL	Consult with Translink on potential for new bus shelter	Complete.	N/A	N/A	N/A
1.3	Fold elderly housing opportunity	BCG, Priv	M	M	NIHE, Priv	Consult with landowner. Hold discussions with Housing associations to ascertain any identified need for elderly housing in the area.	Ongoing – current housing is not at capacity. A lot of new housing developed in recent years and the potential for further housing will put pressure on local services and facilities (e.g. Community Centre)	M	M	Continue to monitor the housing increase and the potential of a fold housing being introduced.
1.4	Community centre car park opportunity site	BCG, Priv	H	S/M	RDP	Hold discussions with landowner on possibility of acquiring land. Hold discussions with NMDDC as site is within a Local Landscape Policy Area.	Community centre still in need of extension. Land ownership was noted as an issue to the delivery of development on this site.	H	M	Continue to engage with landowner.

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1.5	Traffic calming street lighting outside St Patrick's Primary School/ community centre	BCG, StP, TNI	H	S	TNI	Consult with Transport NI on health and safety concerns and potential for traffic Calming measures to be put in place.	TNI have been consulted. Discussion around using community centre car park. Lighting has been implemented. Lighting to be extended to play park. The main issue is speeding traffic rather than congestion. Narrow roads were also noted.	M	M	Continue to lobby for traffic calming at key areas of the village.
2. Environmental Improvements										
2.1	Conservation works to old Drumgath Cemetery	BCG, NIEA	M	S/M	NIEA, Lot, RDP	Hold discussions with Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Built Heritage on opportunities to carry out conservation works to the Graveyard.	No progress to date.	M	S-M	Continue discussions and engagement with NIEA Built Heritage (DAERA).
3. Tourism, Leisure and recreation										
3.1	New 3G pitch	BGAA, BCG	H/M	S/M	SNI, RDP	Barnmeen Gaelic club to source funding for new facility. Community benefit from the project would allow access to Rural Development funding.	Ongoing.	H	S-M	Provide support and training to community for fundraising and accessing grant funding.
4. Infrastructure and Services										
4.1	Recycling facility – potentially at BGAA ground.	BGAA, NMDDC, CA, DFI	M	S-M	NMDD, Priv,	Engage with local community and landowners to identify potential sites for the recycling facility				
4.2	Develop and implement car	StP, NMDDC, TNI	H	S-M	TNI	Work with the school to identify suitable solution to alleviating congestion at the primary school e.g. off road car parking.				

