

Clonvaraghan and Drumaroad Village Renewal and Development Plan

Addendum and Updated Action Plan: November 2017

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1. Introduction

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

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1. Community Facilities									
1.1	New Children's play area	Community Association NMDDC	H	S/M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify site for playground Develop costed plans for play area Incorporate safety and traffic calming in plans Secure funding Obtain planning permission Install play area Put in place arrangements for monitoring of play area by residents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New play area has not yet been provided, no site has been identified. This project will remain a high priority within the plan. Initial establishment of site necessary. The community feel that there is currently demand for a play park. 	H	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with NMDDC to highlight the need and demand for a new play facility Identify potential site Consider the potential of the community progressing plans for the play park independently with the support of appropriate funding Drumaroad Play Park identified in NMDDC Play Strategy for year IV upgrade. However due to low level of demand assessed via household spread, it is suggested that NMDDC undertake a household survey to confirm demand for the site.
1.2	Communication and Community Involvement	Community Association CDRCN	H	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use survey mailing list and local press to keep people up to date with events and activities and services available to them and consider setting up a Community Association Facebook page. Invite local people to become more involved in Community Association projects and activities and increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some progress has been noted however this action remains ongoing. Membership could still be improved. This will remain high priority within the plan. DCCA have set up a successful inter village Facebook forum used to promote events and activities 	H	S/M	Continue to issue invitations to the wider community to increase membership to community association. Continue efforts to promote village activities and events. Explore options to promote and increase interaction and new members into the DCCA.

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					membership of the Association. In the first instance, this should include all those who expressed an interest through the survey.	Attendance at DCCA AGM has been poor in recent years, highlighting an opportunity to increase promotion and attractiveness.			
1.3	Community Facility / Youth Club	Community Association NMDDC CDRCN	H/M	M	Investigate availability of identified potential site for a community facility. Take forward community facility proposal and include youth club.	Use of Oasis Centre for events. Action achieved no formal youth club	H	M	Continue to engage with community in relation to the setup of a youth club.
1.4	Summer scheme	Youth Club, CDRCN, Relevant Parties	M	M	Organise summer scheme with support from CDRCN and Community Active Coaches and input from villagers.	The scheme is ongoing annually and is very successful.	N/A	N/A	No further actions required
1.5	Youth project within Drumaroad	Community Association	M	M	Explore potential for a youth project.	Event scheduled for summer 2017 (Animation Media)	M	M	No further action required
1.6	Christmas tree	Community Association	M	M	Identify best location for Christmas tree and secure funding for this.	No space yet identified for Christmas tree Cost of insurance has also been identified as barrier.	L	M	Continue to seek a solution for the provision of a community Christmas tree

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1.7	Explore potential for community green space within Drumaroad.	Community Association, NMDDC CDRCN	H	S/M	A project to enhance the designated public / community space provision within the village to create an improved sense of ownership and community pride.		H	S/M	Identify site for community green space. Develop landscaping options Secure funding. Obtain planning permission Put in place arrangements for management of green space.
1.8	Introduction of a Mother-Toddler group within Drumaroad	Community Association CDRCN	H	S	An opportunity to explore the potential for a designated mother-toddler group within the village to support both early years development and social cohesion within the community.		H	S	Explore potential location for mother-toddler group, including NIHE land as an option. Explore feasibility of mobile style units.
2	Environmental Improvements								
2.1	Welcoming signs	Inter-Agency Group Community Association TNI	M	S/M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify best locations for welcome signs, planting scheme and secure funding for these. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage provided in Clonvaraghan. No planting yet due to land ownership issues. 	H	S	Continue to engage with landowners or explore areas of public land where improvements can be implemented. Explore 'Live Here- Lover Here' funding
2.2	Planting Scheme, Footpath Extension Bus Shelter within Clonvaraghan	Inter-Agency Group, Community Association, TNI, Translink NMDDC	M	S/M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take forward extension of footpath. Begin discussions with Translink in relation to a bus shelter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No progress due to land ownership issues. Furthermore, site for bus shelter not yet identified. 	H	S	Encourage TNI to undertake a feasibility of the footpath extension to include Continue consultation and engagement with private land owners and establish a suitable site.
3	Leisure and Recreation								
3.1	Mournes Walking Routes	Community Association	M	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify with Mourne Heritage Trust and Rights of Way Officer how best to promote information locally about walking routes in the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No progress as yet, to remain as low priority action. 	L	M/L	Continue to engage with NMDDC and Mourne Heritage Trust

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3.2	Youth activities	Community Association	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify activities for children and young people taking place in the wider area and share this information with local residents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No progress as of yet. Remain in plan as high priority. 	H	S/M	Continue to explore opportunities for youth activities
3.3	Creation of "Community Project Committee" to help the delivery of village regeneration initiatives	Community Association, CDRCN, NMDDC	H	M	A project to explore the creation of a dedicated community committee to assist in the project management and delivery of necessary regeneration initiatives for both Drumaroad and Clonvaraghan.		H	S	Engage with key stakeholders and wider community as to potential of project. Promote project throughout village to assess and gauge support for scheme.
4	Infrastructure and Services								
4.2	Improve road safety and transport services	Community Association, DfI, Inter-Agency Group, PSNI	H/M	S/M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review road safety issues Monitor changes to traffic levels and other issues affecting road safety Explore potential to obtain a permanent speed indicator sign Incorporate road safety message into proposed welcome sign Seek funding to pilot a Community Speed Watch Campaign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport NI carried out a survey of the area, although levels deemed not high enough. The result of which has led to no change in circumstances as the bus route does not enter the village. Successful installation of speed ramps at Slievehanny Park. 	H	S-L	Continue to monitor the safety of roads around the village – engage with Transport NI again if needed.
4.2	Improvement and relocation of bus shelter	Community Association, TNI, Translink	H	S					
Stakeholders and Potential Funders									

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	ACNI Arts Council of Northern Ireland BPT Buildings Preservation Trust CA Community Association DAERA Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs DFC Department for Communities DFI Department for Infrastructure RDP Rural Development Programme HRN Heritage Trust Network HLF Heritage Lottery Fund HSCNI Health and Social Care Northern Ireland NIEA Northern Ireland Environment Agency NIHE Northern Ireland Housing Executive NMDDC Newry, Mourne and Down District Council RCN – Rural Community Network				ORNI Outdoor Recreation NI RA - Rivers Agency PLO - Private land owner Priv - Private Sector PS - Private sector PSNI Police Service Northern Ireland PTA Parent Teachers Association TNI – Transport NI SNI Sport Northern Ireland SEELB South Eastern Education and Library Board SEHSCT South East Health and Social Care Trust TL – Translink TNI Tourism Northern Ireland UAHS Ulster Architectural Heritage Society UHF – Ulster Historical Foundation				