

Jerrettspass and Lurganare

Village Renewal and Development Plan

Addendum and Updated Action Plan: December 2017

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1. Introduction

The Village Renewal and Development Plan (Village Plan) was produced for Jerrettspass and Lurganare 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 in 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. Jerrettspass- 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 @ Nov 2017	Priority H, M, L	Time frame	Actions
1. Community Facilities										
1.1	Outdoor Gym	NMDDC, JCA, SNI, NC, NIEA, IWAI NPCJDC	M	M	NMDDC, RDP, SNI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design works Statutory approvals Installation of gym equipment in vicinity of Canal. 	Outdoor Gym equipment installation along the tow path - No progress to date	L	S	See 2012 actions.
1.2	Extension to Village Hall to cater for other uses E.g. franchise shop.	JCA, Priv	M	L	NMDDC, RDP, Priv	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility study Design work Statutory approvals Construction 	Little progress against action however remains a very high priority for the village.	H	S	See 2012 actions.
1.3	Provision of Public Toilets adjacent to the Canal in Jerrettspass.	NPCJDC	M	S	RDP, NMDDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility study Design work Statutory approvals Construction 	Little progress against action however remains a high priority to improve the towpath facility.	H	S	See 2012 actions.
1.4	Development of Searce Orange Hall into cultural resource centre.	OH, NMDDC, PCSP	M	S	HLF, NMDDC, RDP, PIV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the feasibility including development and operational costs. Develop business plan. Obtain planning consent Explore funding options Carry out capital works. 				
2. Environmental Improvements										
2.1	Gateway Signage & Artwork	JCA, NMDDC, Priv, PS, RS, DFC, AC	M	S	NMDDC, RDP, AC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility study Design work Statutory approvals Installation of gateway signage and artwork. 	This is ongoing. To be developed in line with Council policy on signage.	M	S	See 2012 actions.

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2.2	Introduction of Planting Boxes with floral displays	NMDDC, JCA, Priv, TNI	M	S	NMDDC, Lot, RDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation Management and Maintenance. 	Ongoing on district wide level. Could be maintained through voluntary input in the community	M	S	Develop partnership approach to maintenance and management with local input.	
2.3	Pathway under railway bridge.	Community, TNI, NMDDC	M	M	TNI	Engage with community and key stakeholder regarding the feasibility and design of the scheme. Seek statutory approvals and secure funding.					
3. Infrastructure and Services											
3.1	Traffic Management Strategy with traffic calming measures.	TNI, NMDDC, JCA	H	S	TNI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of feasibility of traffic calming measures. Consultation with TNI Road improvement works Translink have advised that at present there are no plans to change bus stops in the near future. They will work with the community if changes are needed to fit into the proposed schemes. 	No progress to date. Traffic calming measures required as a major priority. Two new housing developments in progress in the village that will increase road traffic and cause safety concerns.	H	M	Lobby TNI to implement traffic calming measures.	
3.2	Improvements to pedestrian access routes and pavements.	NMDDC, TNI, JCA	H	S	NMDDC, RDP, TNI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of feasibility of pedestrian crossing point. Consultation with TNI, road improvement works. Design and installation of new footpath surfacing. 	A new footpath has been built in front of the church hall. Need for further footpaths throughout the village.	M	M	Identify locations where footpaths are missing within the village. Consult with TNI.	

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3.3	Parking Strategy with extra provision of car parking spaces as appropriate.	TNI, NMDDC, JCA, PS, Priv	H	M	NMDDC, RDP, TNI, Priv	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of a parking strategy. Consultation with TNI Road improvement works. Provision of car parking if deemed appropriate and achievable. 	Not actioned - No additional car parking	H	M	See 2012 actions.	
3.4	Refurbishment of windows in Presbyterian Church	FDJPC	H	S	HLF, Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore costs and funding options. 					
4. Leisure, Tourism and recreation											
4.1	Strategy for the Canal to promote its use and tourism potential.	JCA, NMDDC, DFC, NC, NITB, NIEA, DFI, SNI, PS, NPCJDC, IWAI	M	M/L	NMDDC, Lot, RDP, DfC, Tourism NI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage Consultant to prepare a Tourism and Recreation Strategy for the Canal. NIEA have advised that they would be pleased to discuss further any projects to promote the use of the canal. IWAI have spent over 2,000 man hours on voluntary work on the canal in the last 12 months alone. They have advised that they would be prepared to offer similar voluntary labour to be used in lieu of match funding as part of a grant application. 	Ongoing. Portadown Lough Gates need repaired.	M	M	See 2012 actions.	
4.2	Development of facilities at the Gaelic Club	GFC, NMDDC, SNI	M	M	RDP, Sport NI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Glenn John Martins GFC to provide improved and enhanced facilities for users and wider area. 					

4. Lurganare - Review of 2012 Action Plan

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1. Environmental Improvements										
1.1	Gateway Signage & Artwork	WBCA, NMDDC, Priv, PS, TNI, DFC, AC	M	S	NMDDC, RDP, AC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility study Design work Statutory approvals Installation of gateway signage and artwork. 	Project complete	n/a	n/a	No further Action required
1.2	Introduction of Planting Beds adjacent to grass area.	NMDDC, WBCA, Priv, TNI	M	S	NMDDC, Lot, RDP	Installation Management and Maintenance.	Project complete	n/a	n/a	No further Action required
1.3	Lighting Provision along proposed footpath extension.	DRD, WBCA, NMDDC, TNI	H	S	NMDDC, TNI	Design and installation of new street lighting	<p>Project Ongoing</p> <p>Continue to engage with key stakeholder and statutory bodies regarding the feasibility and delivery of the project.</p> <p>Remains a high priority for the village.</p>	H	S	See 2012 actions.
1.4	Refurbished Street Furniture.	WBCA, NMDDC	H	S	RDP, NMDDC	Undertake refurbishment works.	<p>Project ongoing.</p> <p>Continue to liaise with statutory bodies regarding the feasibility of this project.</p> <p>Project to remain a high priority in plan</p>	H	S	Continue to engage with TNI and NMDDC.
2. Infrastructure and services										
2.1	Extension of Footpath along Ballymoyer Road to join	NMDDC, TNI, WBCA	H	S	TNI	Design and installation of new footpath surfacing	<p>Project Ongoing.</p> <p>Project to remain a high priority in plan.</p>	H	S	Continue to engage with TNI and NMDDC.

