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As my main point, I would request the addition of the wording already agreed by 40 Councillors put forward by Mgt to protect St Catherine's Park from a road going through it. This agreed protective statement is omitted from the new version of the LAP. In May 2017, with little time for rallying, we had over 1.5k people walk peacefully through this park to protect it from a road. The Kildare parkland is at present in poor condition. It is due to be dug up again for Irish Water to lay 3 additional pipelines, one for Intel and 2 pumping toward Blanchardstown facilities. We can take this upheaval as it is temporary. We will not take a road as it is NOT temporary. Any encroachment onto St. Catherine's Park will not be tolerated by Leixlip people, nor park users from far and wide. PLEASE include this protective wording in this LAP and in all present and future plans. Please also let other interested institutions know of this protective statement when they make proposals which include a road through our park. Any traffic solution should not be placed in a public regional park.

Please take a look at TII Enhancing Motorway Operation Services M50 Resilience between M50 N4 and their Scoping Studies & Potential New Link Routes; These have serious implications for St. Catherine's Park. This report specifically involves the Kildare parkland. Of 11 proposed routes, 4 go to Junction 5 of the N4. These go through St. Catherine's Park! The same park 40 Kildare County Councillors unamously voted to protect. This was agreed by Kildare County Council Management. You need to lodge an emphatic refusal to allow these considerations/proposals go ahead to a point where may become a reality. No burying heads in sand here. The need to speak up is great. Within the listing of the routes through the park, it is not always stated that these proposed routes would involve not only a huge expensive and expansive bridge over the river Liffey, but also an extremely high road over the existing (soon to be electrified) rail line, the Royal Canal and road. The inclines required on both sides of these two bridges into St. Catherine's parkland would be extremely invasive, an environmental disaster, a blight on the health of humans living in the area and using the park not to mention an eyesore. The creation of the dank underlying area is liable to attract bad behaviour such as dumping, drinking etc. The sheer intimidation to people passing beneath the enormous monstrosity of its underbelly would be too intimidating.

\*As a huge request, please, give reflective thought as you remember the recent event attached to this park and use your judgement wisely when dealing with St. Catherine's Park. This is a Regional park on the same level as St Stephen's Green and deserves the same protection. I think the Council should be making a huge effort with St Catherine's Park, develop it into a peaceful, comforting, contemplative place where we feel safe. Give us beauty, give us harmony, give us pretty flowering grasslands. A place to be proud of.

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This park is vital to Leixlip people for our mental health, to escape the urbanisation of our village into this large scale town, to give us fresh air away from town traffic, a place for individuals and for families. It is not much to ask. It is already there. It just needs your protection.

As recent events connected to our park brought a real sense of sadness within its gates, I think Kildare County Council's Management and Councillors should make a special effort with our park. Thank you.

We need a centre for Creativity/Art in Leixlip. A base for young and old to put on shows and even old-fashioned tea dances, a place to host events. A stage to display the talents of Leixlip.

\*New Housing in Leixlip is vital. I would ask that part of Collinstown be included in the residential development. It is an ideal area, it is near to existing employment ie; Intel, etc. There will be industries also on this land. It has access to the N4 without going through the town or clogging up existing roads. The old HP site will have high tech developments on it shortly. Collinstown is ideally situated on the side of Leixlip to house employees without effecting the already busy streets. It would also take some of the strain from other areas finding it hard to cope with the impending impact of large numbers of housing. KCC did already agree to a proposed development here in a previous LAP, so it was deemed acceptable and a viable proposition before and can be again.

I believe a tourist information centre in Leixlip town would be beneficial. It could incorporate a small museum commemorating our distinction as being the town where the first Guinness brewery opened. This is a huge draw for tourists to Leixlip which is very underutilised. The history of how Leixlip got its name 'Salmon Leap' and the inclusion of the Liffey ascent would be another addition for a museum. Information on Leixlip Castle and Sir Desmond Guinness' role in Leixlip and the formation of the Georgian Society would also be of interest.

The upper levels of some businesses on Main St are in a terrible state of disrepair. Footpaths need leveling on Main St. Empty commercial buildings should be kept in good condition and if not used after a certain time be CPO'd and reverted to residential.

To enhance our town, please place benches around the area, Also native trees suitable for towns on our Main St and side streets. Large pots containing these trees are ideal and can then be moved for road works/path repairs etc. Some businesses have done wonders to prettify the town. Also at least one drinking water fountain.

Do something with the old ESB shop. It is an eyesore when entering/exiting our town.

