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Dear/sir Madam

I wish to make the following submission with regard to the draft Leixlip Local Area Plan 2020-2026 .I wish to point out that i am not against housing a But we need the infrastructure in place before you can continue with the building. We have 3 young kids who all go to the local schools which are almost full to capacity . I also work local and have see a large increase car traffic with out any new infrastructure been built .Other Community, Sports and Recreational Facilities

There is no mention of a swimming pool on the Draft Leixlip LAP 2020-2026. There has been years of an ongoing campaign to have a swimming pool in Leixlip. Included on all the previous LAP including 2002 is an objective to "Promote the development of a swimming pool to serve the people of Leixlip". It is unacceptable to omit this all important community facility from the current proposed LAP. Leixlip also has one of the largest multi-national corporates which from a financial perspective would greatly assist in the running costs due to the high demand by the employees. A swimming pool needs to be updated onto the Draft Leixlip LAP 2020-2026 considering the National Planning Framework (N P F) deems the position of Leixlip within the Dublin Metropolitan Area. A swimming pool is a necessary requirement in supporting future residential growth and it is not acceptable to exclude the provision of a swimming pool in Leixlip from the Draft Leixlip LAP 2020 – 2026.

Roads

Policy MT3 with regard to Roads needs to include an additional objective with regard to the protection of St Catherine's Park as follows:

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'To protect the amenity of St. Catherine's Park. No road proposal shall be considered by this Council through the park within the Council's ownership or jurisdiction.'

Built Heritage

The parklands of the Wonderful Barn needs to be enhanced to a high quality amenity area and green space for both biodiversity and recreational use. As part of promoting The Wonderful Barn as an integrated tourism attraction we need to include a large playground on the scale of St Catherine's park with an adjacent Skateboard park and the provision of a picnic area . The Draft Leixlip LAP 2020-2026 section EDT3.10 refer to a detailed conservation and management plan. It would be very beneficial if this could include a layer of public consultation to address any community conservation concerns and to capture any other great ideas

The Wonderful Barn KDA

The previous Draft Leixlip LAP 2017-2023 under Built Form included medium to low density residential development in the order of 30 units per hectare. This has now been increased to 35 units per hectare in the Draft Leixlip LAP 2020-2026 along with giving an option to increase the density even higher where it is determined it does not impact the Wonderful Barn. This is unacceptable as building layout must have regard to the need to protect any views within the site namely from Castletown House which is of historical significance along with ensuring to protect the built heritage of such an asset such as The Wonderful Barn. In order to minimise the visual impact of any new residential development, the proposed development needs to be sensitive to the cultural heritage of the surrounding areas. Hence this area needs to be a low density development restricting all buildings to 2 storey in height.

Kind Regards Damian Scott