

To whom it may concern I wish to make the following submission in regard to the Draft LAP for Leixlip.

- 1) The policy is to provide a minimum 3315 new housing units in Leixlip. This is being achieved by increasing housing unit densities at Key Development Areas and inserting new Key Development Areas into the Plan without any documented acceptable reasoning or demand to justify these decisions.
- 2) The actual delivery of the target may extend beyond the life of the plan up to 2029 therefore setting out up to ten years construction traffic and work in our town.
- 3) We should not be rezoning land that won't be developed within the lifecycle of this LAP.
- 4) The LAP fails to provide a Master Plan as directed by ministerial order.
- 5) Key Development Areas that were removed from the last Local Area Plan by unanimously backed Material Alterations have been included again without any reasoned argument to support same.
- 6) Previous objective removed from Plan - '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.' In a complete "U" turn the LAP is now in fact proposing a road into the park to facilitate a major housing development at Black Avenue. This change is despite 1021 submissions in 2017 regarding protection of St Catherine's Park from road development. To totally ignore the people is dictatorial and undemocratic.
- 7) The Draft LAP makes no specific provision for
 - A swimming pool site.
 - A civil building with theatre or performance space.
 - Homes for the elderly/retired – 25% of Leixlip population 55+
 - Affordable homes.
 - Social housing.
 - A Sensory Garden.
 - Charging points for electric vehicles.
 - Adequate parking in the village, train stations or the proposed new Confey development.
 - Maintaining existing estates, green areas or new developments.
 - Improving and maintaining the existing water, waste & power supply infrastructure which is aging and faulty.

We have witnessed the power cuts, water leaks and ongoing stench in the

middle of our town from the existing systems.

The Primary Care Centre - location in Collinstown is not suitable to stakeholders – young, old and infirm and without transport. A location central to the town and on a public transport route is critical

In addition, nothing included to deal with work that volunteers, residents associations, tidy towns and individuals are doing with little or no support from KCC.

8. The National Planning Framework states that development will be achieved through infill and Brownfield development rather than an over-reliance on greenfield, edge of town development. The LAP as proposed does the opposite. We have a large Brownfield option at the HP site that should be used to resolve the current and future housing requirements of the town. This site already also has access to the motorway system.

9. The failure to deal with existing problems within the town and provide the required infrastructure upgrades in advance of any new development shows total lack of appreciation of the current problems the town faces and disregard for the people of Leixlip and for the problems that will be visited on any new residents moving into the new developments.

10. The plan does not adequately factor in the major expansion of Intel's impact on our existing transport infrastructure.

11. Any plan for Leixlip cannot be considered in isolation as the town forms part of the greater north Kildare area that includes the sister towns of Celbridge and Maynooth. The combined development proposed for the towns is absolutely without justification.

Current Residential Homes		Planned Increase
Leixlip	5219	8534 (+3315) + 38%
Celbridge	6544	9794 (+3250)
Maynooth	4674	8216 (+3542)
Total	16,437	26,554 (+10,107) 39%

Current Population		Forecasted Population
Leixlip	15,504	19,794 (+ 4290) + 27%
Celbridge	20,228	22,801
Maynooth	14,585	18,996
Total	50,317	61,591 + 11,272 or 22%

Currently using Bus/Rail		Projected to use Bus/Rail
Leixlip	1489	2321 (+ 55%)
Celbridge	1457	2071 (+ 42%)
Maynooth	1291	1676 (+ 30%)
Total	4237	6068 (+1831) +43%

Projected increase in Commuters using Road network (not Buses) for work		
	Currently using Roads	Projected to use Roads
Leixlip	4790	7776 (+ 62%)