

Submission to Dundalk & Environs Development Plan 2021 – 2027

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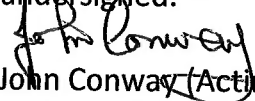
1. Form new coastal greenway embankment from 'A' to 'B' on attached map.
2. Provide new public carpark with pedestrian access at Blackrock Road to point 'B' on the coastal greenway adjacent to the Lord Limerick Embankment.
3. Heighten, Widen and Strengthen the Coastal Greenway Embankment from point 'B' through 'C' – 'D' – 'E' – 'F' – 'G' & 'H', with expertly selected/sited camouflaged bird-watching hides.
4. Enclose the military rifle range with a high earthen embankment with staggered overlap entrance (Calculate quantity of reusable soil/clay/rock required).
5. Provide new public car park with pedestrian access at Shore Road to point 'D' on the coastal greenway.
6. Create circa 40 acre reedbed for tertiary treatment of the Town sewage before final dispersal of tertiary treated effluent to Dundalk Bay; minimalised Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD).
7. Provide new public carpark with pedestrian access to the Navy Bank at Soldier's Point. (As per CRADBADA 'Park & View' Drawing).
8. Provide new public carpark with pedestrian access to the Navy Bank at Suil Na Mara, adjacent to the former Quay Celtic Soccer Pitch.
9. Provide new tidal flood risk mitigation infrastructure by way of the installation of a 4 metre Ordnance Datum Malin Headcrest level water retention utility at the western end of George's Quay (opposite the Spirit Store), with flap valve control system to retain water level of 13ft Ordnance Datum Poolbeg upstream and 22ft Ordnance Datum Poolbeg downstream, with pedestrian access across same to a coastal greenway on the northern embankment.
10. Strengthen, enhance and further landscape to the existing St. Helena mini-forest and protect with Tree Protection Order (TPO) designation to militate against this mini-forest suffering a similar fate to Clark's Forest.

11. Construct a coastal greenway embankment on the northern side of the Castletown River estuary, opposite the St. Helena mini-forest, from the northern end of the new pedestrian river crossing and connecting to the Táin Park greenway by passing under the northern arch of the Táin bridge at 2 metres headroom.
12. Floodlight the Táin Bridge on each side to complement the 2 metre headroom pedestrian and cycling greenway under both the northern and the southern sides of the Táin Bridge, the northern one to connect to the existing greenway along the edge of the former landfill site on the northern bank of the Castletown river.
13. Extend the existing St. Helena coastal greenway along the Fairgreen Road on the riverbed behind the Fairgreen river wall, to pass under the southern arch of the Newry Road Bridge, to link with the existing greenway from Maxwell's Row to the Great Northern Railway/Castletown River Bridge, and to pass through the southern archway of the Great Northern Railway (GNR) river bridge and continue past Woodview Crescent, Castleross, Saltown, Fatima and the recreational open space land between the Fatima housing estate and the Castletown River, to Toberona Bridge and the two M1 motorway bridges, this greenway feature to be duplicated on the northern bank of the Castletown River, passing through the northern arch of the Castletown River/Great Northern Railway river bridge.
14. Turn the 'fisherman's island' into an inaccessible island as a nature reserve.
15. Create 'Park & Share' public utility, with security cameras to minimise vandalism and theft, on the Castleblayney Road at the Lough Bog where up to 130 vehicles routinely park to share onward transport to Dublin during the working days of the week, in implementation of Government Climate Action Policy.
16. Designate Rockview Farm for 'Tourism, Leisure & Recreational' land use, with a strip of residential zoning along the Blackrock road edge of the land.
17. Designate Strandfield farm for 'Tourism, Leisure & Recreational' land use.
18. Amend the "Tourism & Leisure" land use matrix to include recreational and 'glamping' land use.
19. Redefine the Town Core as being bounded by the section of Great Northern Railway from Clarke Station to the Castletown River Railway Bridge, the section of the Castletown River from the Castletown Railway Bridge to Dundalk Harbour and via Bóthar Eiarród (The new roadway on the former Greenore Railway/Barrack Street Goods Yard spur), to take in the Harbour and the County Hall/Government Offices/Swimming Pool Complex and back to the Ardee Road section of

Clarke Railway Station, to include the removal of the Dublin Road Bridge and extending Bóthar Eiaránród to the Ardee Road section of Clark Railway Station.

20. Ascertain the peak surface drainage runoff of Balmer's Bog and design a drainage system to conduct this runoff to Dundalk Bay, probably via the Avenue Road/Long Avenue and The Green Avenue in augmentation of the capacity of the Rampart River and the Blackwater river.
21. Calculate the existing residential density of the above redefined Town Core and calculate the desirable residential density and produce a Local Area Plan (LAP) to secure the desirable residential density, in accordance with the policy guidelines which are clearly set out in the Departments' December 2018 guidelines on sustainable urban growth.
22. Designate the lands between St. Nicholas Avenue and the Castletown River for '*Waterfront, Town Centre Density, Carbon Neutral, Residential/Mixed Use*', to improve Dundalk Town Core's extremely low residential density, in compliance with the Department's December 2018 guidelines.
23. Prepare, in cooperation with relevant stakeholders, a Local Area Plan (LAP) for a regeneration and funding strategy for the Long Walk/Patrick St/Bridge St/Maxwell's Row/Linenhall Street area, complementing the existing Town Centre/Market Square/Clanbrassil Street/Church Street Regeneration Scheme.
24. Provide greenway from the Great Northern Railway bridge/Castletown riverside greenway via Ice House Hill park to Clarke railway station.
25. Provide full M1 Motorway access/egress interchange at the Armagh Road (R177).
26. Provide '*Park & Share*' utilities adjacent to Junction 17 at the Lough Bog section of the N53 Castleblayney Road, ditto at Junction 18 Ballymascanlon interchange and ditto at the Armagh Road interchange.
27. Designate the former Newry Road landfill site as playing pitches, running track and parkland, linked to the Táin Park/Riverside Greenway and prepare a Local Area Plan (LAP) for securing this objective.

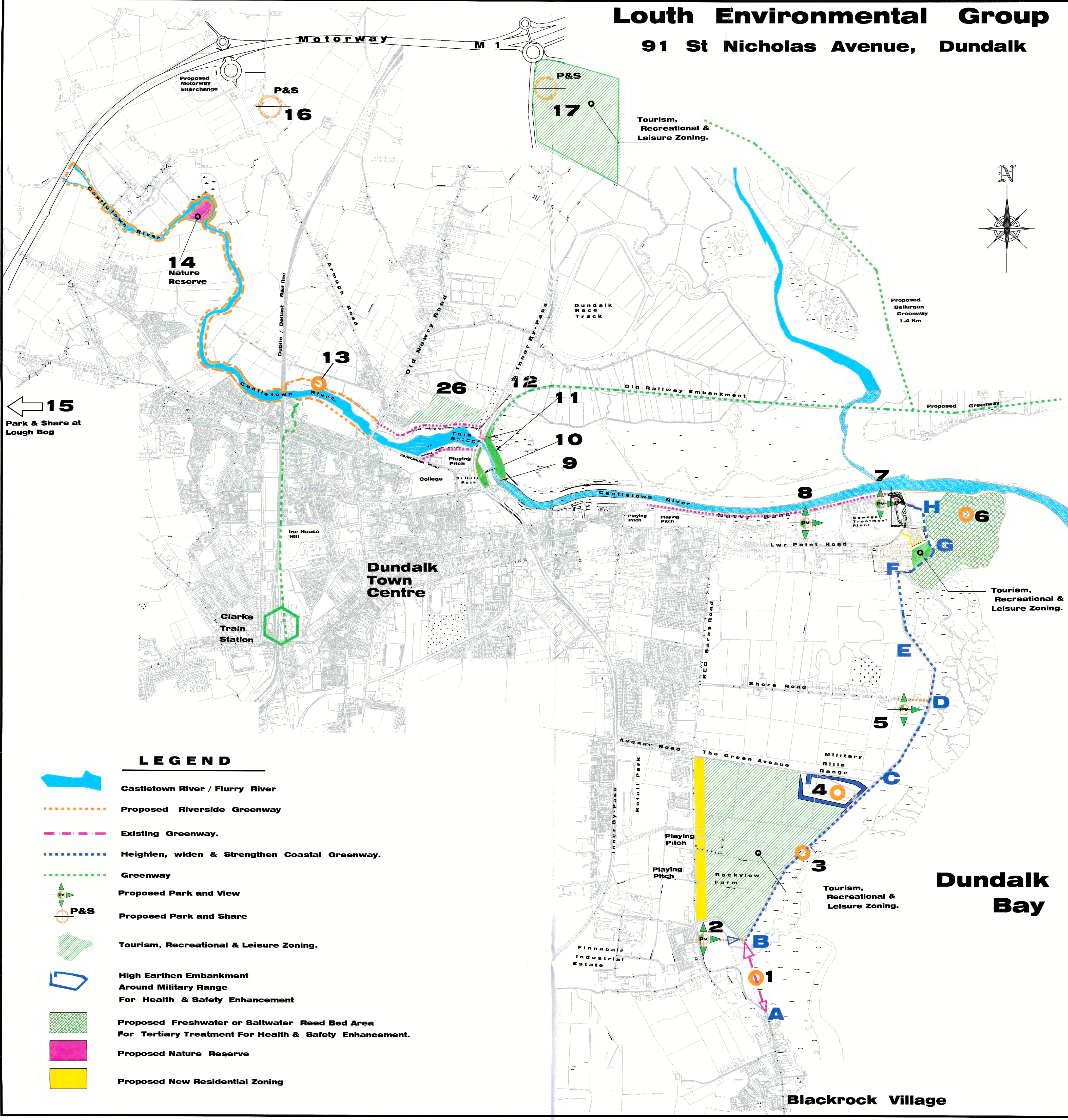
If clarification is required on any of the above submissions please contact the undersigned.


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Attachment

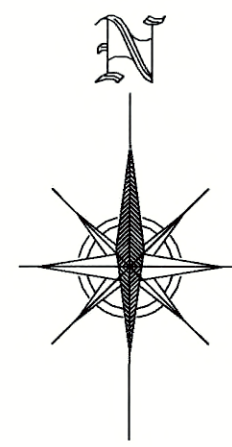
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LEGEND

-  Castletown River / Flurry River
-  Proposed Riverside Greenway
-  Existing Greenway.
-  Heighten, widen & Strengthen Coastal Greenway.
-  Greenway
-  Proposed Park and View
-  Proposed Park and Share
-  Tourism, Recreational & Leisure Zoning.
-  High Earthen Embankment Around Military Range For Health & Safety Enhancement
-  Proposed Freshwater or Saltwater Reed Bed Area For Tertiary Treatment For Health & Safety Enhancement.
-  Proposed Nature Reserve
-  Proposed New Residential Zoning



Dundalk Bay

Blackrock Village