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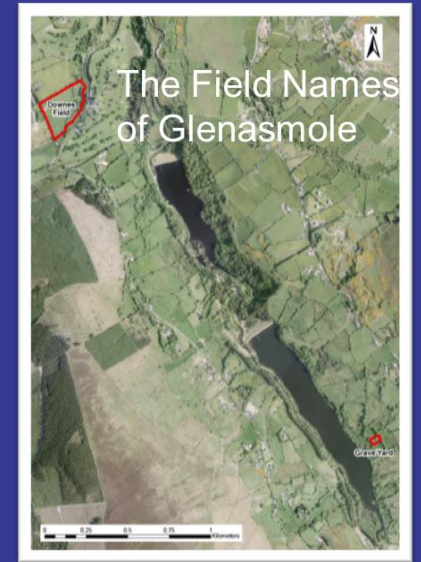
South Dublin
County Council

Heritage Plan Review

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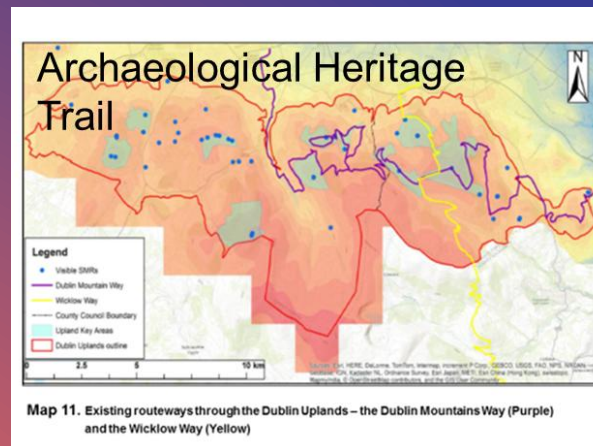
‘Heritage’ includes : natural, built, archaeological, and cultural elements

our landscapes, rivers and lakes
our countryside, habitats, species
our archaeological sites,
our buildings,
our history,
our folklore,
our language, and
our customs.



It is what makes our places special.

Heritage gives a place its identity, its character, and its distinctiveness.



Heritage Plan

Heritage Plan context

- It sets out a framework for the protection, conservation, promotion and management of the County's heritage for the period of the Plan.
- It reflects the importance of ongoing collaboration between Local Authority, government agencies, communities, heritage organisations, and individuals in caring and planning for our shared heritage.
- The Heritage Plan is set within the context of the Council's Corporate Plan and the objectives of the County Development Plan 2022-2028.
- It is guided by the objectives of the 2022 national Heritage Plan, 'Heritage 2030', which sets out actions under three key themes of 'Communities, Leadership, and Partnership'.
- It is guided by the Heritage Council's Strategic Plan 2023-2028 - "Our Place in Time".

Work to date

- Heritage consultants were appointed to assist with the initial pre-draft preparation consultation process.
- Internal consultation workshop held with staff focus group.
- External public consultation workshops held with key stakeholders.
- On-line pre-draft Public Consultation submission process hosted.
- Review of submissions were completed and key issues arising highlighted.
- Drafting of text commenced for the draft Heritage Plan for second public consultation phase



- **SECTION 1 – setting the context**
- highlight the expanding concept of heritage in South Dublin County with its many new cultural communities
- increased pressure on natural and built heritage resources arising from much needed development in the County
- additional pressures from climate change
- highlighting changes in national legislation, policies, obligations etc. since the first County Heritage Plan e.g. National Heritage Plan ‘Heritage 2030’, and Heritage Council Strategic Plan



Working Format

- **SECTION 2 – policy context**

- it sits within the Council's framework of plans e.g. County Development Plan, Corporate Plan, Tourism Strategy, Culture and Creativity Strategy, Library Development Plan, County Biodiversity Plan, Climate Action Plan etc.
- it sits within national objectives e.g. Heritage Ireland 2030, Heritage Council Strategic Plan, National Planning Framework etc.
- it sits within international objectives e.g. UN Sustainability Development Goals, Conventions for the protection of archaeology, architecture, biodiversity, cultural heritage etc.



Working Format

- **SECTION 3 - Selection of previous Plan's achievements**
- **Highlights from the implementation of the existing County Heritage Plan that have expanded our knowledge of South Dublin County's rich heritage**

Hell Fire Club Excavations



Sheep Farming in the Dublin Mountains



Threading the Tower Re-imagining the Clondalkin Round Tower



Stair agus Oidhreacht History & Heritage August - October 2022

Supported by South Dublin County Heritage Plan

Connecting with Nature

A Biodiversity Action Plan for South Dublin County
2020 - 2025

Working Format

- **SECTION 4 - South Dublin County's Key Heritage Values**
- **Pride in our Place** (Leadership)
 - Understanding and protecting our heritage resource
 - Identifying and finding the local stories that tell the County's story
 - Leadership in managing heritage governance, data, and resources
- **Partnership**
 - Working together with groups, organisations, state bodies etc. to achieve joint heritage objectives
 - Supporting community engagement and access to heritage
 - Building resilience and adapting to change, including climate change and biodiversity loss
- **Communicate and celebrate** (Communities)
 - Avail of every opportunity to tell the rich and dynamic story of South Dublin County and its people, from past, to present, to future

Current status

- Drafting of text continues Q1
- Design layout of document to follow Q1
- Public consultation on draft Heritage Plan Q2 (April)
- Finalise and present to Council Q2/Q3

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