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Fingal County Council



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Fingal Heritage Plan
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Introduction

Our heritage is part and parcel of all our lives. Look outside and you'll see a landscape shaped by nature and people over millenia. Our heritage is part of what makes each town, village and townland in Fingal unique and different. Whether you're from Blanchardstown or Balbriggan, Swords or Santry, Porterstown or Portmarnock the story of the place you were born in or live in now is important to you and your local community. It's part of who you are. Our heritage helps us to tell the story of our place by providing clues in the landscape to life today and to ways of life long since gone. Whether it's the local river, beach or estuary, canal or hilltop, the local historic bridge or cemetery, a ring barrow or tower house, a townland or field name, local wildlife or the coastline – all these aspects of our heritage help us to better understand our own place, how it has changed over time and how we find it today. In the midst of change our heritage gives us all a sense of place and identity. It gives us a sense of community and it enriches our lives.

Heritage is also important in other ways too. It's important to our economy because it underpins the tourist industry. In annual surveys tourists repeatedly state that heritage is one of the key attractions for them in choosing to visit Ireland. Our heritage also makes Fingal a good place to live and to work in. Our natural and cultural heritage helps to attract inward investment and to hold on to the high-value industries, entrepreneurs and workers needed to underpin the economy.

Because our natural and cultural heritage is important we need to know as much as we can about its diverse elements so that we can care for and manage it to the best of our ability. We also need to make informed decisions about our heritage

as the county develops in the future. Heritage Plans are aimed at ensuring that we can achieve these aims by setting out common objectives and by working together to implement actions to achieve our objectives.

In 2005 Fingal County Council adopted the county's first heritage plan. This Plan set out 73 actions to be undertaken over a five year period. These actions were aimed at raising awareness in relation to Fingal's heritage, providing better information about our heritage and providing for better management of our heritage. Since 2005 nearly three-quarters of the actions in the Heritage Plan have been completed or are ongoing. Under the Awareness and Education theme a number of well received publications have been produced including *Discovering Historic Fingal: A Guide to the Study of Monuments, Historic Buildings and Landscapes* and *Axes, Warriors & Windmills: Recent Archaeological Discoveries in North Fingal*. In addition several seminars have taken place and we have supported Heritage Week activities throughout the period. Under the Information theme a wide range of survey work has been completed including surveys of historic bridges, vernacular farm buildings and industrial heritage (see www.fingalcoco.ie), and a number of ecological surveys have been undertaken which underpin the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan (see www.fingalbiodiversity.ie) and the Green Infrastructure elements of the Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017. Under the theme of Managing our Local Heritage key achievements include the publication of the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan and the extensive work undertaken through the Field Monuments Advisor Scheme which has added greatly to our knowledge and understanding of Fingal's archaeological heritage.

The formulation of the second Heritage Plan for Fingal presents an opportunity to build on the achievements of the 2005-2010 plan and to renew our efforts to protect, manage, and promote Fingal's heritage. Work on the second County Heritage Plan began in 2010. The Fingal Heritage Forum met on 5 occasions during 2011 to work on the formulation of a Draft Heritage Plan. The Forum is a

non-statutory advisory group established by the Council to provide advice on the preparation and implementation of the County Heritage Plan. A public consultation process was also held in March and April 2011 which included a call for submissions from the public together with four public meetings which took place in Swords, Blanchardstown, Balbriggan and Malahide. A number of key challenges emerged from the Heritage Forum meetings and the public consultation process. These included a recognition that we will need to work together with fewer resources to achieve our aims given the economic challenges the country now faces. In practical terms this means that the new Plan should have fewer objectives which are more strategic and focussed. The Plan needs to enable the whole community to take part in the work of caring for and managing our local heritage. It needs to facilitate State agencies and others to work together to achieve results and it needs to enable and support communities to become involved in their local heritage. The Plan must also be aware of the interests of landowners with heritage sites on their land, such as farmers, and frame its objectives in the context of balancing the interests of all parties and stakeholders within our local communities. One of the clearest messages from the consultation process is the need to continue to communicate the diversity and variety of Fingal's heritage and its value to the whole community. The Plan also needs to contribute to Fingal's economy by supporting the tourism and recreation sectors which are underpinned by our natural and cultural heritage. Government policy indicates tourism as a sector that can contribute positively to growth. The development of heritage and culture related niche tourism products and the development of outdoor recreation and event tourism have been identified by Government as areas which can contribute to economic recovery.

Government policy also underlines the need for all public bodies to work together across administrative and organisational boundaries to deliver services to communities. The Draft Fingal Heritage Plan presents an integrated approach to heritage services and heritage management for Fingal. The Heritage Plan

provides a firm basis for the delivery of heritage services in Fingal and fully supports interagency working in this regard.

Fingal County Council Heritage Services

Fingal County Council provides a wide range of heritage services on an ongoing basis as set out here.

Biodiversity Officer

The main role of the Biodiversity Officer is in formulating and implementing the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan. Fingal is the first county in the state to have a mapped biodiversity plan, which includes 100 actions that will create an Ecological Network for the County. This involves developing corridors for wildlife to move around safely, such as hedgerows and rivers. Some of the most important projects for the Network will revolve around key nature conservation sites in Fingal such as the Rogerstown Estuary, Howth Head, and the “Green Z”, namely the Tolka Valley, Royal Canal and the Liffey Valley. The concept of an Ecological Network ties into the concept of Green Infrastructure in the Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017.

The focus to date has been on carrying out surveys to get baseline data through identifying and mapping of the most important sites together with plant and animal species. A GIS database has also been created using the data collected. Once survey work has been completed, there will be a greater focus on improving sites, for example, removing invasive species like sea buckthorn from Rush beach or cherry laurel from the Council’s woodlands, and working on river restoration in the Tolka Valley.

Community involvement in the Ecological Network is very important and will be encouraged, through projects like the 220 acre Turvey nature reserve next to the Rogerstown Estuary, which involved local communities in tree planting. Providing allotments is another way of involving local communities. Another aim is to

develop demonstration projects to show good practice in farming and restoration work.

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Community Network Unit

The Community Network Unit is part of the Community, Recreation and Sports Department within the Community Office, in the Community, Culture and Sports Division of the Council. The aim of this division is to 'strengthen communities across Fingal and to ensure that people have a sense of place and voice within their community'. The purpose of community networks is to increase community participation in local democracy by having effective thematic networks that Fingal County Council and other statutory agencies can consult with in their policy and decision making processes in a structured and efficient manner. The Unit has worked closely with the Heritage Officer in recent years to support and develop the Fingal Heritage Network. The Fingal Heritage Network provides a mechanism for heritage groups in the county to share information, develop common approaches and positions, and to have a more coherent and effective voice to engage with public policy makers.

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Conservation Office

The Conservation Office is based in the Architects Department. The Conservation Office advises Council staff and the general public on the architectural heritage of the County, including Protected Structures, Architectural Conservation Areas

(ACAs) and Fingal's surviving historic and vernacular buildings. The Conservation Officer inputs into the planning process on a regular basis where it impacts on the built heritage, ranging from commenting on planning files, infrastructure projects and enforcement cases to producing policies for the County Development Plan. The Conservation Officer also administers and assesses grant schemes, when funds are available, for repairs to the historic fabric of Protected Structures. The production of Statements of Characters for ACAs along with Conservation Plans for Council owned heritage properties are overseen by the Conservation Officer. A major review of the Record of Protected Structures will also be undertaken by the Conservation Officer in the near future.

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Fingal County Archives Service

Fingal County Archives Service is located in Clonmel House, Forster Way, Swords and is open to the public daily. The Archives include the original records of Fingal and Dublin County Councils, and their predecessors, such as the County Dublin Grand Jury, and the Boards of Guardians. The Archives also acquire, list, preserve, and publicise private collections which are related to the Fingal area, such as the Hely Hutchinson papers. Since the Archive moved to Swords a lot of effort has been put into raising public awareness of its location and work, through information brochures and leaflets, exhibitions, publications, articles in historical journals, and by hosting evening lectures and talks.

The Archive is currently involved in a number of digitizing projects involving the records of Dublin County Council and those of Fingal, both to preserve them for

future generations, and to increase access to items such as drawings, maps and photographs. However access to original items, properly preserved will continue, as despite the constantly improving quality of digital versions of documents, nothing compares to physical interaction with the real thing. Indeed, this aspect will probably become more rather than less attractive, as people become more and more surrounded with virtual reality.

In essence the aim of the Archive is to strike the delicate balance between making sure archival collections are stored and cared for, given conservation treatment if necessary, and preserved for future use, while facilitating as much as possible their availability for research by the general public.

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Fingal County Libraries Local Studies Section

The Fingal County Libraries Local Studies Section is located in Clonmel House, Forster Way, Swords, Co. Dublin and is open to the public on a daily basis. When Fingal County Council was established in 1994, the Fingal Libraries Department set up a dedicated Local Studies section to acquire, preserve and make accessible to the public all the resources necessary to facilitate the study of the rich historical heritage of the new County. The resources have developed into the Fingal Local Studies Collection, an impressive collection that includes: books, directories, maps, journals, estate papers, newspapers, photographs, postcards, church records, state papers and a wide range of ephemeral material.

Since the Local Studies and Archives Service was relocated to Clonmel House, Forster Way in Swords, the promotion of the service within the community is an important concern. This is achieved in a number of ways which include: investment in various local history publications, the initiation of a Fingal Oral

History Collection, exhibitions and talks, liaising with local history societies and the launch in 2010 of our local history journal *Fingal Studies*. The journal will be published annually and will provide a forum for the vast knowledge and ability of all the local history enthusiasts who will contribute to the journal over the coming years. Through these initiatives and their commitment to future investment in the service, Fingal County Libraries continues to actively promote and celebrate the rich and varied heritage of Fingal.

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Heritage Officer

The Heritage Officer is based in the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Department and works across the Council providing advice and guidance on heritage matters. One of the main functions of the Heritage Officer is to lead the formulation and implementation of the County Heritage Plan. This involves working with colleagues across the Council and working with the Fingal Heritage Forum to formulate and implement the Plan. It also involves co-ordinating and managing the delivery of heritage plan actions on an ongoing basis. The Heritage Officer also inputs to the planning process on a regular basis. This includes providing inputs for the Fingal Development Plan and local area plans and making observations on planning applications. The Heritage Officer is involved in implementing the Green Infrastructure objectives in the Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017 and played a leading role in the development of the Green Infrastructure approach in the Plan. The Heritage Officer also works with the Community Network Unit to support the Fingal Heritage Network and co-ordinates the Council's input to National Heritage Week each year.

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Parks and Heritage Properties Division

The Parks and Heritage Properties Division manages eleven Heritage properties, including designed landscapes, covering an area in excess of 400 hectares. These include historic buildings open to the public on a daily basis such as Malahide and Ardgillan Castles, Newbridge House, and Skerries Mills. Other historic buildings such as Swords and Bremore Castles and Shackleton's Mills are being restored. Important heritage gardens and plant collections such as the Talbot Botanic Gardens in Malahide Demesne and the National Collection of Shrubby Potentillas in Ardgillan Demesne are also maintained by the Division.

The Division's main areas of responsibility with regard to the Heritage Properties are to conserve, manage and ensure their long term viability, develop their business and economic potential, and manage and promote programmes of events in these properties. The Parks and Heritage Properties Division also plays a leading role in the planning, design, development and management of Green Infrastructure in Fingal. Other responsibilities of the Division include devising and implementing the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan and a Tree Strategy for Fingal, and developing and managing public allotments in the County.

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Themes and Actions

Theme 1: Communicating our heritage to a wide audience

The need for better communication about our heritage is one of the clearest outcomes of the Heritage plan process. Good communication is needed to build public support for the care of our heritage. Getting the message out to a wider audience is also crucial.

Actions

1. Ensure the Heritage Plan, and any information generated through its implementation, is accessible to all and widely available
2. Develop Fingal's Heritage Website as a one-stop-shop for information and communication for heritage matters
3. Use a range of media, events and key messages to raise awareness about the value of our heritage
4. Use new technologies to bring heritage to a broad audience (e.g. social media, smart phone applications or apps)
5. Include a communications element as an integral part of all Heritage Plan projects
6. Improve signage and develop smart signage and information resources for publically accessible heritage sites throughout the county, and key locations such as Dublin Airport and other entry points to Fingal
7. Make information available on the implementation of the heritage plan on Fingal's Heritage website
8. (a) Build a database of digital images by scanning existing collections in partnership with local communities and by commissioning photographic surveys, and (b) develop a free on-line image bank of Fingal's heritage

Theme 2: Caring for our Heritage

Caring for our heritage is at the heart of what the heritage plan sets out to achieve. Learning more about our heritage by commissioning research which adds to our knowledge is important as is providing training opportunities for those interested in managing their local heritage. We must also strive to manage our heritage using the best practice methods available.

A. Adding to our knowledge and facilitating training

Actions

9. Continue to undertake research to fill knowledge gaps including but not limited to the following: the Council's heritage properties, maritime heritage (including boats), science heritage, arts heritage, sports heritage, 20th century heritage, farming, food and horticultural heritage. Ensure that appropriate digital data standards are met by all research projects and that the information provided by such research is integrated into the Council's GIS system
10. Use opportunities, such as the preparation of Local Area Plans (LAPs), to fill knowledge gaps
11. Support the collection of community histories from the people of Fingal
12. Provide training in heritage management and traditional skills by supporting skills workshops and other events and by providing training opportunities

B. Managing our heritage

Actions

13. Work to improve the public realm in historic towns and villages by developing policy and guidance and/or through the development of public realm plans, village design statements, and/or by supporting best practice management initiatives
14. Develop masterplans for key Natura 2000 sites in the county in consultation with stakeholders including the National Parks and Wildlife service of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
15. Support the implementation of the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan, especially the key demonstration projects detailed in the Biodiversity Action Plan
16. (a) Assess the condition of protected structures and archaeological sites and monuments owned and/or managed by the Council, (b) develop conservation plans and associated management plans and works programmes for historic properties owned and managed by the Council, and (c) undertake research on the Council's historic properties to inform their care, conservation, management and promotion
17. Support the care of important heritage sites and collections in Fingal through the provision of advice and guidance to owners and/or managers
18. (a) Ensure that the requirements of relevant national and EU legislation are met by the Council in undertaking its functions, and (b) raise awareness in relation to the requirements of relevant national and EU legislation through Fingal's Heritage website and by holding regular information events including seminars and workshops
19. Develop Council policy and guidelines in relation to heritage as the need arises
20. Develop a Council-wide annual operational plan and capital programme for heritage in order to implement heritage plan actions and to reflect the total expenditure by Fingal County Council on heritage

Theme 3: Increasing the level of community activity for heritage

Heritage groups and organisations, dedicated individuals and local communities play a key role in caring for and raising awareness of our heritage and in adding to our knowledge of our heritage. Their work must be supported and we must meet the challenge of engaging more people across the county in this work. Heritage events will play a key role in attracting more people to explore their heritage.

A. Supporting local communities to care for heritage

Actions

21. Support Fingal Heritage Forum and Fingal Heritage Network in performing their functions
22. Develop local awards for achievement in heritage projects, and to recognise the contribution of groups and individuals to heritage awareness and management in Fingal
23. Support local Tidy Towns groups in their approach to the natural and built heritage
24. Support local communities in undertaking local cleanup initiatives along the coast and along rivers
25. Support local communities to audit and evaluate their local heritage and to publish the results of this work (e.g. local heritage guides, local heritage maps)
26. Establish a Volunteer Programme in association with the Fingal Volunteer Centre to enable volunteering in the Council's Parks and Heritage Properties
27. Explore, develop and pilot a heritage and integration initiative with youth groups

28. Develop strong links between Fingal County Council's Parks and Heritage Properties and local communities, including local schools
29. Establish effective mechanisms such as the Area Liaison Committees to enable local communities to engage with the Council in relation to local heritage matters

B. Establishing a vibrant family-friendly heritage events programme

Actions

30. Develop and roll out an annual Fingal County Council Heritage Events programme
31. Encourage and support local communities to showcase their local heritage during National Heritage Week and at other events and festivals
32. Co-ordinate and focus Fingal County Council's Heritage Week events to focus on a key element of our heritage each year
33. Commemorate landmark historic events including the Easter Rising 1916 and World War I

Theme 4: Supporting the local economy

Our heritage plays a key role in making Fingal an attractive place to live in, to invest in and to visit. Ensuring that heritage and development work together to deliver a high-quality of life for all is a key challenge addressed in a comprehensive way in the Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017 and, in particular, in the green infrastructure approach which forms a major and novel element of the Plan. Heritage also underpins the tourism industry and is an important element in outdoor recreational activity. Supporting tourism and recreation is an important aim of the Plan.

Actions

A. Integrating care for our heritage with economic development

34. Work to ensure that the care, conservation and enjoyment of heritage is integrated into planning processes and significant infrastructure provision projects
35. Support the achievement of the Fingal Development Plan's heritage objectives
36. Support the development and implementation of the green infrastructure strategy and the achievement of green infrastructure objectives in the Fingal Development Plan

B. Supporting recreation and tourism

37. Prioritise the development of a network of walking and cycling routes to enhance access to the County's heritage as set out in the Fingal Development Plan
38. Develop a Fingal Heritage brand to promote Fingal's rich heritage
39. Develop a marketing strategy for Fingal County Council's heritage properties
40. Develop information and educational resources, including signage, for the Council's heritage properties to raise awareness about their rich and diverse heritage
41. Support local communities to develop local heritage trails
42. Develop a project to record and care for historic graveyards in partnership with local communities and use new technology to create an online resource for information on historic graveyards
43. Utilise the opportunities which the Council's Parks and Heritage Properties provide to promote Fingal's heritage

Implementation

Planning for Implementation

The Heritage Plan sets out a series of 43 actions to be implemented in the period 2011-2017. If this is to happen it will need an input in terms of implementation from a wide range of organisations and groups in Fingal. While the County Council is a key partner and will in many cases act as co-ordinator for projects, all of the actions cannot be implemented without practical support from others.

Each year the Council will consult with the Heritage Forum in the identification of actions for implementation. An implementation plan will then be drawn up which will seek to maximise co-operation and co-ordination of effort in the delivery of actions. Each action will be costed and a timeframe set for its completion. Each year the implementation plan will be published on Fingal County Council's website.

Finance

A budget of **€750,000** is estimated for the delivery of the actions over the lifetime of the Plan, excluding staff costs. This requires an average annual budget of **€150,000** over the period 2011-2017. It is likely that annual budgets will initially be less than this amount, but with successful implementation of yearly work programmes, it is hoped to increase the annual budget to the levels required to deliver the Plan in full.

Fingal County Council is committed, in partnership with others, to the delivery of the actions in the Heritage Plan over the period 2011-2017. In addition to financial support, Fingal County Council will also continue to support the delivery of the actions in the Plan through the work of its Heritage team.

The Heritage Council has agreed, in principle, to consider the Plan as a 5-year strategic funding application. The Heritage Council will consider funding actions in the Plan which are compatible with its objectives, consistent with normal funding criteria.

Monitoring and Evaluation

This Heritage Plan sets out a series of actions to be implemented in the period 2011-2017. The annual implementation plans will detail the projects agreed to by the partners for each year. Progress will be evaluated annually by the Forum. A report will be prepared by the Heritage Officer and submitted to the Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) of Fingal County Council on an annual basis.

APPENDIX A

PROCESS OF FORMULATING THE PLAN

June 2010 – January 2011	Relevant organisations were contacted and asked to nominate (or re-nominate) members to serve on the new Heritage Forum which will exist during the life of the new Heritage Plan.
March-April 2011	Public consultation process initiated with a call for ideas and suggestions from the public through local press, and public meetings held in Swords, Malahide, Blanchardstown and Balbriggan.
	The following were also informed of the consultation process and invited to make responses: Elected members of Fingal County Council, Balbriggan Town Council and Fingal TDs; Government Departments & State Agencies, Local Agencies, Local Heritage Groups & Organisations, Community and Voluntary Groups & Organisations, Representative Bodies, NGOs
March – October 2011	Heritage Forum met five times to consider the public submissions and to provide inputs to the Draft Heritage Plan
September - October 2011	Presentation on Heritage Plan made to Planning SPC of Fingal County Council in September 2011 and Draft Plan brought to October 2011 meeting of the SPC
November 2011	Draft Heritage Plan presented to Fingal County Council for agreement
	(Further steps to be added here covering public consultation on Draft Heritage Plan and final steps leading to adoption by Fingal County Council)

APPENDIX B

HERITAGE FORUM MEMBERSHIP

Sector	Organisation	Member*
Local Authority - Elected Member	Councillor	Cllr. Peter Coyle
	Councillor	Cllr. May McKeon
	Councillor	Cllr Cian O'Callaghan**
	Councillor	Cllr. Kieran Dennison
	Councillor	Cllr. David O'Connor
	Balbriggan Town Councillor	Cllr. Peadar O'Kelly
Local Authority - Official	FCC Biodiversity Officer	Hans Visser
	FCC Parks and Heritage Properties Division	Kevin Halpenny
	FCC Conservation Officer	Helena Bergin
	FCC Senior Architect	Fionnuala May
	FCC Heritage Officer	Gerry Clabby
	FCC Community Officer	Eugene Moore
	FCC Arts Officer	Rory O'Byrne
	FCC Archivist	Colm McQuinn
	FCC Local Studies Librarian	Jacinta Judge
	FCC Water Services Dept.	Cormac McConville
	FCC Operations Dept.	Garry O'Brien
	FCC Inspectorate Division	Mairead Phelan
State Agencies	DAHG (NMS)	Tom Condit
	DAHG (NPWS)	Maurice Eakin
	DAHG (Architectural Heritage)	Frank Donnelly
	GSI	Dr Sarah Gatley
	Heritage Council	Professor Gabriel Cooney
	IFI	Brian Beckett
Business	Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce	Seán Crosson
	D15 Chamber	Andrew Kavanagh

Sector	Organisation	Member*
Local Development	Fingal Tourism	Elaine O'Sullivan
	Seamus Ennis Centre	Caroline O'Rourke
Farming Sector	IFA	Padraig McMahon
Local heritage and community groups	Fingal Heritage Network***	Mary Eustace, Bernadette Marks
NGOs	An Taisce - Fingal Branch	Richard Williams
Professions	IAI	Matthew Seaver
	RIAI	Jim O'Connor

Abbreviations:

FCC:	Fingal County Council
FDB:	Fingal Development Board
DAHG:	Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
NMS:	National Monuments Service
NPWS:	National Parks and Wildlife Service
GSI:	Geological Survey of Ireland
RIAI:	Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland
IAI:	Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland
IFI:	Inland Fisheries Ireland
IFA:	Irish Farmers' Association

*Individuals listed are those involved in formulating the Plan. As with all such groups the individuals representing each organisation(s) on the Forum will change from time to time.

** Until October 2011.

***Groups involved: Balbriggan & District Historical Society, Cloghran Historical Society, Donabate Historical Society, Fingal Genealogy, Fingal South West Heritage Society, Howth Peninsula Heritage Society, Liffey Valley Park Alliance, Loughshinny & Rush Historical Society, Lusk Heritage Group, Malahide Historical Society, Rolestown/Oldtown Historical Society, Skerries Historical Society, Swords Historical Society

APPENDIX C

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

March-April 2011

SUBMISSIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING:

Individuals

Bairbre & Philip Curtis
Kevin Rickard
Brian Turvey
Margie McLoone
Joe Corr
Brendan Grimes
Mark Cox
Karen Cronin
Philo Mullaney

State Agencies

Dept of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (Jimmy Deenihan, T.D. Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht)
Dept. of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources (Carmel Conaty)
National Roads Authority (Tara Spain)
Dublin Regional Authority (Patricia Potter)

Community Groups and Organisations

Feltrim Hill Residents Association (Eamon Madden)
Liffey Valley Park Alliance (Attracta Uí Bhroin)

NGOs

Keep Ireland Open (Roger Garland)
Science Heritage Ireland (Mick Kelly)

CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT HERITAGE PLAN

[LIST OF THOSE MAKING SUBMISSIONS TO BE ADDED]

APPENDIX D

HERITAGE LEGISLATION

National and EU Legislation

The following is a list of important national and EU legislation for the protection, conservation and enhancement of our heritage. The full text of the Irish legislation is available at <http://irishstatutebook.ie> EU legislation is available at http://europa.eu/documentation/legislation/index_en.htm

Archaeological Heritage

National Monuments Acts 1930-2004
National Cultural Institutions Act 1997

Architectural Heritage

Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2011
Architectural Heritage (National Inventory) and Historic Monuments (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1999

Heritage and Planning

Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2011
Heritage Act 1995
Heritage Fund Act 2001
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive (Council Directive 85/337/EEC) 1985
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (Council Directive 2001/42/EC)

Landscapes

Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2010

Museums and Archives

National Cultural Institutions Act 1997
Local Government Act 2001

Natural Heritage

Wildlife Acts 1976 - 2011
Fisheries (Consolidation) Act 1959
Fisheries (Amendment) Acts 1999 - 2003
Inland Fisheries Act 2010
Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006
Birds Directive (Council Directive 2009/147/EC) 2009
Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC) 1992

Water Framework Directive (Council Directive 2000/60/EC) 2000
Freshwater Fish Directive (Council Directive 78/659/EC) 1978
Groundwater Directive (Council Directive 2006/118/EC) 2006
Environmental Liability Directive (Council Directive 2004/35/EC) 2004

International Conventions and Agreements

Ireland has signed and ratified many International Conventions and Agreements in relation to heritage protection including the following which are of particular importance. Further information in relation to these can be found in the sources listed in Appendix 5.

Archaeology

European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Valletta Convention) 1992.

Architecture

European Convention on the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (Granada Convention) 1985

Cultural and Natural Heritage

European Cultural Convention (Paris Convention) 1954
Council of Europe Framework Convention on the value of Cultural Heritage for Society (Faro Convention) 2005
UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage 1972

Natural Heritage

UN Convention on Biological Diversity (Nairobi Convention) 1992
European Landscape Convention 2000
European Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Berne Convention) 1979
UN Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention) 1979
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention) 1971
UN Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) 1974

APPENDIX E

Sources of Useful Information

General

An Taisce, The National Trust for Ireland, Tailors' Hall, Back Lane, Dublin 8.

Tel: 01 4541786 **Email:** publicaffairs@antaisce.org **Website:** www.antaisce.org

Ask About Ireland and the Cultural Heritage Project, **Email:**

akelly@librarycouncil.ie. **Website:** www.askaboutireland.ie

Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, 23 Kildare Street, Dublin 2 **Tel:** 01 6313800 **Website:** www.pobail.ie

Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, Custom House, Dublin 1. **Tel:** 01 8882000 **Email:** press-office@environ.ie **Website:** www.environ.ie

ENFO- Environmental Information Service

Website: <http://www.askaboutireland.ie/reading-room/environment-geography/environmental-information/>

Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin **Tel:** 01 8905000.

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National Museum of Ireland, Kildare St., Dublin 2. **Tel:** 01 6777444.

Email: marketing@museum.ie **Website:** www.museum.ie

Ordnance Survey of Ireland, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8. **Tel:** 1890 674627

Email: custserv@osi.ie **Website:** www.osi.ie

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The Discovery Programme **Tel:** 01 - 6393039 **Email:** info@discoveryprogramme.ie.
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National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH), Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Custom House, Dublin 1.

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The Irish Architectural Archive, 45 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. **Tel:** 01 6633040.
Email: info@iarc.ie **Website:** <http://www.iarc.ie>

The Irish Georgian Society, 74 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. **Tel:** 01 6767053.
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Irish Museums Association, 3rd Floor, St. Stephen's Green House, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2. **Tel:** 087 2790518 **Email:** office@irishmuseums.org
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Island Ireland directory of Irish art, culture and environment

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Local History at NUI Maynooth. Department of Modern History, Room 53B, Rhetoric House, NUI, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. **Tel:** 01-7083729 **Email:** history.department@nuim.ie **Website:** www.history.nuim.ie

The National Archives, Bishop Street, Dublin 8. **Tel:** 1890 252424.

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The National Library of Ireland, Genealogical Office, 2 Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

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Bat Conservation Ireland, Ulex House, Drumheel, Lisduff, Virginia, Co. Cavan

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Forest Service, Johnstown Castle Estate, Wexford. **Tel:** 1890 200509.
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Geological Survey of Ireland, Beggars Bush, Haddington Road, Dublin 4.
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Inland Fisheries Ireland, Swords Business Campus, Swords, Co. Dublin.
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Eastern River Basin District (ERBD), 15a Main Street, Blackrock, Co. Dublin,
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Irish Peatland Conservation Council, Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore,
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National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), 7 Ely Place, Dublin 2. **Tel:** 01 8882000.
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Glossary

Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) are designated, under Section 81 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to preserve the character of a place, area, group of structures or townscape that is either of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest or value, or contributes to the appreciation of protected structures.

Biodiversity or 'Biological Diversity' is the variety of life: the different plants, animals and micro-organisms, their genes and the ecosystems of which they are a part.

GIS or Geographic Information System is a digital system designed to manage and present all types of geographical referenced data, using cartography, statistical analysis and database technology. It generally takes the form of digital maps which allow a variety of environmental, planning and landscape information to be viewed in a holistic format.

Green Infrastructure can be defined as an interconnected network of green space that conserves natural ecosystem values and functions and provides associated benefits to human populations. It includes nature conservation areas, parks, open space, rivers, floodplains, woodlands, wetlands, farmland, and coastal areas that surround and are threaded through our villages, towns and cities.

Local Area Plans are prepared for areas that are likely to be subject to large scale development within the lifetime of the County Development Plan and/or areas that require economic, physical and social renewal. Local Area Plans must be consistent with the objectives set out in the Development Plan, and are prepared in accordance with the Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2011.

Natura 2000 Sites are protected habitats for flora and fauna of European importance. They comprise *Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)* and *Special Protection Areas (SPAs)*. SACs are prime wildlife conservation areas that are considered to be important on a European as well as Irish level. SACs are designated under the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), transposed into Irish law in the European Union (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1997, and all SACs are also proposed Natural Heritage Areas. SPAs are designated by the EU Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) to protect wild birds and their habitats for particularly vulnerable species and to ensure the implementation of special habitat conservation measures. The National Parks and Wildlife Service is responsible for designating Special Protection Areas in Ireland.

Record of Protected Structures (RPSs) is a list of all the architectural structures worthy of protection. A protected structure is a structure or part of a structure deemed of special architectural, artistic, historical, archaeological, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest. Each Planning Authority has a statutory responsibility, under Section 51 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to include a RPS in its Development Plan.

Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) is a statutory committee of a County or City Council that considers matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy which relate to the functions of the local authority and to advise the authority on those matters.

The Heritage Council was established as a statutory body under the Heritage Act 1995. Its role is to propose policies and priorities for the identification, protection, preservation and enhancement of the national heritage.