Fingal County Council has launched the public consultation on an Urban Framework Plan designed to revitalise and rejuvenate Rush Main Street.

Compiled by the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure team, in consultation with the Town Centre Health Check Committee, the Draft Urban Framework Plan supports the preservation of Rush's distinct character, retention of its market gardening tradition, the protection and enhancement of amenities and promotion of the town as a local tourist destination.

The Draft Urban Framework Plan outlines a range of actions which will leverage Rush's unique historic and geographic characteristics. These actions range from community based projects, to the creation of new civic spaces and the development of opportunity sites along the Main Street.

Over the past four centuries, Rush has grown in a linear manner, focused on its long Main Street, with maritime and horticultural traditions. It more recent times, the maritime and horticultural industries have been superseded by Rush's developing role as a commuter town. This Draft Urban Framework Plan promotes the development of
Rush in a self-sufficient manner providing a full range of services to meet both local needs and those of the surrounding rural areas.

Fingal County Council has launched the next stage of public consultation on the Draft Urban Framework Plan. The Council is seeking the views of members of the public and community groups in Rush by 1st May 2018 in order to ensure the plan is reflective of the wishes of the broader community.

Rush Community Council Chair Fintan Price welcomed the publication of the draft plan, stating ‘Rush Community Council has long advocated the need for a framework for the town centre. Today’s publication is the result of a lot of hard work carried out by the Town Centre Health Check Committee with Fingal County Council and we look forward to continue working with Fingal for the realisation of the actions outlined. We request everyone in Rush make their views known and contribute to the next stage of the consultation process, by making a submission on the draft plan.’

Due to be presented to the Elected Members later this year, the Urban Framework Plan is advisory in nature with a long term vision for the future, which allows sufficient flexibility to manage changing circumstances of society, economy, environment and culture, as required. It offers a vision for the area, within the structure of the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023.

Speaking to mark the launch of the public consultation on the Draft Urban Framework Plan, Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure, Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly, urged interested groups and individuals to have their say: ‘The Draft Rush Urban Framework Plan is a proactive policy document intended to manage and influence change in Rush and act as a starting point for future funding streams and works within the town. This UFP therefore offers an important opportunity to develop a vision and planning framework to facilitate the revitalisation and expansion of Rush as the commercial, retail, employment and services centre serving the expanding community. This public consultation on the Draft Plan is a key opportunity for everyone to ensure that their views are considered. We actively encourage all interested parties to participate in the process.’

To facilitate public participation, Fingal will be hosting a ‘drop-in’ public information session on the Draft Plan on Thursday 19th April 2018 at Rush Community Centre between 4pm and 8pm.

The Draft Rush Urban Framework Plan, including SEA Statement and Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment can be viewed from Tuesday 3rd April 2018 to Tuesday 1st May 2018 (inclusive of both dates) at the following locations during this period:
• Fingal County Council Offices, County Hall, Main Street, Swords and Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown
• Rush Library, Chapel Green, Rush (during opening hours)
• Rush Community Centre, Upper Main Street, Rush (during opening hours)
• Website: https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse

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