

Imagining Maynooth: Shaping Our Town's Future Together

Welcome to Imagining Maynooth. This initiative of Maynooth Community Council is a response to the invitation from Kildare County Council for the people of Maynooth to actively engage in the preparation of the Local Area Plan 2025-2031. It is an exciting opportunity for our community to have direct input on the future development of Maynooth.



Our goal is to collaborate with residents, businesses, community groups and other stakeholders to create a shared vision for Maynooth that reflects our aspirations and values. By participating in this process, we can ensure that the Local Area Plan (LAP) reflects the needs and priorities of our community.

Needs and Priorities of the Community

Maynooth, along with Swords and Bray, has been designated a **Key Town** to support the population growth of the greater Dublin Metropolitan Area. The town's population will grow to 30,000 by 2035. MCC supports this development, but is adamant that a number of key infrastructural deficits must first be addressed:



The **Maynooth Outer Orbital Route (MOOR)** must be advanced by speedy completion of the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road (MERR) from the Blacklion (Dublin Road) to Lidl and by ringfencing funds for the development of the other sections of the MOOR.

Infrastructure must be provided to cater for the primary healthcare needs of town of 30,000.

The **DART+ West** project must be completed.

The acute shortage of **civic, sporting, recreation, leisure, cultural and arts amenities** must be addressed.

On February 2nd, in advance of the publication of the draft LAP, Maynooth Community Council made a presentation to Kildare County Council highlighting the chronic shortage of Social, Civic, Sporting and Health infrastructure in the town. The first draft of the LAP was published on June 18th and MCC acknowledges the commitments in this draft to addressing these shortfalls.

MCC welcomes the commitment to protect and provide for passive amenity use on lands on both sides of Carton Avenue / the Lime Walk. These lands shall be maintained to ensure the character and setting of this historic walkway are protected and improved. MCC calls on KCC to publish the masterplan for the Carton lands.



MCC supports the proposal for four new parks in the town, as well as new playgrounds, play areas, and smaller pocket parks.

MCC welcomes the designation of lands in Crewhill opposite Maynooth Education Campus for a Municipal Sports Centre and will work with KCC and other interested bodies to develop this amenity.



An exciting opportunity is opening up in the Harbour / Leinster Street area with the relocation of the fire station and council yard. The LAP proposes a new library, civic and arts space along with an outdoor civic space. This will require significant input from the community and commitment from KCC to ensure that the new facilities are on a par with those of the other key towns of Swords and Bray, and include a Community Centre and a Theatre.

MCC supports the retention and upgrading of the current Health Centre in the Harbour in advance of the provision of the proposed Primary Care Centre in Moygaddy and/ or Maynooth West.

What happens now and what can you do?

The above-mentioned infrastructure projects, while needed, are still aspirational. Local input and ongoing pressure will be needed to ensure that what is realised meets the needs of our town.

Look at plan in the local library or via the QR Code (right).

Attend the information session and engage with the planners from KCC in the **TSI building on the North Campus of Maynooth University W23X04D on Wednesday 10th July from 15.00 to 19.00.**



Support the work of Maynooth Community Council to ensure that these vital infrastructural projects are delivered to the highest standards, in the short and medium term. Email us at maynoothcommunityexec@gmail.com to indicate your interest in becoming involved in helping to move one or more of these projects forward.

Be part of the transformation! Join us in Imagining Maynooth and shaping the future of our town. Together, we can ensure that Maynooth is the best place to grow up, live, learn, work, play and grow old.

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