



To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Barrow Blueway @ Monasterevin committee, we would like to commend Kildare County Council on the development of the Monasterevin Town masterplan. Overall, we would agree with the vision and objectives being set out in the document.

The redevelopment of Canal Harbour as outlined in the masterplan is a key priority to build on the Barrow Blueway project and become a focal point for tourism and recreation in the Town. We would support further detailed design and coordination with the Barrow Blueway project, LEADER Economic Plan and MD office to develop this as a key deliverable in the next 12-18 months.

Finally, we would like to highlight the following opportunities that could be incorporated into the plan to enhance its objectives:

- Strengthening the links between Monasterevin and Ballykelly given the important tourism and social amenities in that area; including road upgrades, footpath access, public lighting and cycleway
- Consideration of improvements and addition of new recreational facilities for the youth of the Town
- Continuation of the cycleway off the Blueway into the Town that would connect our schools, town centre, residential area and other facilities through to Moore Abbey Woods linking these amenities by active travel.

Yours Faithfully,

Barrow Blueway @ Monasterevin Committee

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