


Three 'What if' Scenarios for Clondalkin's Growth

We know that growth will happen in Clondalkin. Three Scenarios, based on the themes identified from the issues you raised have been prepared as a tool for discussion and feedback on how to prioritise Clondalkin's growth.



Scenario 1: What if we grow Clondalkin with an emphasis on Local Vitality?

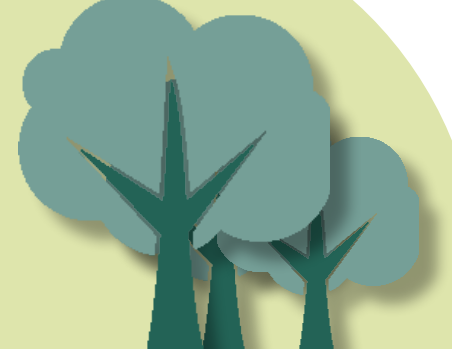


Clondalkin has two key sites with the potential for growth (Framework Sites) at Ninth Lock Road and Knockmeenagh / N7. These sites will accommodate most of the future growth in Clondalkin. This scenario emphasises the need to grow in a way that protects and adds to the existing vitality of the village centre. To enhance vibrancy, necessary social and community facilities will need to be considered.

Vibrancy is facilitated by strengthened connections between the growth areas and the village centre, and local business.

This scenario will require decisions to be made on how we use available space for active travel and vehicular movement.


Scenario 2: What if we grow Clondalkin with an emphasis on Healthy Environment?



Clondalkin has a number of existing areas of natural environmental amenity. This scenario emphasises the management of the environment in a way that protects the natural amenity and enhances biodiversity / ecology through connecting green spaces. This scenario also makes best use of the natural environment to combat climate change through enhanced greening and natural solutions to flooding and surface water management. By looking after and protecting Clondalkin's natural areas, opportunities will arise to support human health too.

This means that we may have to make choices where we prioritise the natural environment by creating and enhancing green corridors and linkages through urban areas and connecting these to the wider green network which includes the Grand Canal, Clondalkin Park, Corkagh Park and Knockmitten Park. This scenario will require decisions to be made on how we use available space for active travel and vehicular movement.

Scenario 3: What if we grow Clondalkin with an emphasis on Built Heritage?



Clondalkin not only contains an historic village core but it also has other important historic assets around the wider village area.

This scenario prioritises the value of the built heritage as a key part of Clondalkin's identity. It also recognises that there are historic buildings which can be used to act as gateways to the village centre.

This scenario means putting Clondalkin's heritage first in making decisions about future growth. Prioritising built heritage means that in some places we would need to compromise the amount of street space we have for different forms of transport in order to allow for a greater appreciation of heritage features. It also means greater emphasis on integrating any new development within the village, particularly how we connect streets and provide street frontage.

