

**Adopted Amendment to the
Blarney Electoral Area
Local Area Plan**

***Amendment 1:
'Opportunity for New Railway Station and Park and Ride
Facility at Dunkettle'***

**Adopted by the members of Cork County Council at their meeting
on 27th November 2006**

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Amendment 1: 'Opportunity for New Railway Station and Park and Ride Facility at Dunkettle'

The land the subject of the adopted amendment comprises 2.54 hectares and is located north-east of the Dunkettle Interchange. The site comprises two parcels one of which is used as a store for disused road waste material, the other which forms part of the Cork-Cobh railway line. The parcel used to store road waste material is currently zoned open space in the Blarney Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2005 and is within the development boundary of Little Island. The other parcel lies just outside the development boundary of Little Island and is currently part of the Metropolitan Cork Green Belt identified in the 2003 County Development Plan as A1 where land uses are reserved primarily for agriculture.

The Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP) highlighted the need to improve public transport services and to implement park and ride schemes at various locations on the periphery of the city. CASP identified a Park and Ride requirement for the Dunkettle area to provide for commuters on the N8 and N25 approaches to the City and also stated that an additional station may be required to cater for Park and Ride demand at a suitable location close to Dunkettle. General provision has already been made for this in the Blarney Electoral Area Local Area Plan where objective TR1-1 states that it is an objective to provide a new railway station at Dunkettle including the provision of a park and ride facility and this amendment is to make that commitment site specific.

The adopted amendment to the Little Island zoning map of the Blarney Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2005 provides for the development of the site for a New Railway Station and Park and Ride Facility and amends the development boundary of Little Island to include the entire site required for the railway station and park and ride facility.

The adopted amendment is in 2 main parts;

- *The addition of new text including the addition of a new utility zoning objective U-06 to the Little Island section of the Blarney Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2005*
- *The rezoning of this site on the 'Zoning Map' for the settlement of Little Island as a utility site.*

This document can also be read in conjunction with the Complementary Variation (Variation 5) to the 2003 County Development Plan and the Environmental Statement prepared in relation to the proposed amendment.

1.1 ADOPTED CHANGES TO SECTION 8 OF THE BLARNEY ELECTORAL AREA LOCAL AREA PLAN 2005

1.1.1. It was agreed to add the following new paragraphs to Section 8:3, Little Island, in the Blarney Electoral Area Local Area Plan.

3.3.3 Opportunity for New Railway Station and Park and Ride facility at Dunkettle

The Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP) identified a Park and Ride requirement for the Dunkettle area to provide for commuters on the N8 and N25 approaches to the City and stated that an additional station may be required to cater for Park and Ride demand at a suitable location close to Dunkettle.

3.3.4 Specific zoning objective U-06 is to facilitate such a use of the site.

1.1.2. 1.1.3 It was agreed to add the following new objective to Section 8:3, Little Island, in the Local Area Plan.

Objective No.	<u>Amendment to Blarney Electoral Area Local Area Plan – Public Utility Site to Facilitate Park and Ride Facility at Dunkettle</u>	Approx Area (Ha)
U-06	<i>It is an objective of this plan to reserve this site for a New Railway Station and Park and Ride Facility subject to consultation with the Health and Safety Authority.</i>	2.54

**1.2 ADOPTED CHANGES TO THE BLARNEY ELECTORAL AREA LOCAL AREA PLAN
LITTLE ISLAND ZONING MAP'**

It was agreed to zone the following site, part of which was previously identified as established open space within the Zoning Map for Little Island and part of which previously formed part of the Metropolitan Green Belt (A1), as public utility on the Zoning Map for Little Island;

It was also agreed to remove the green belt designation from the portion which was in the green belt and to incorporate that portion within the development boundary for Little Island and amend the Zoning Map accordingly.

