

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan

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Introduction

The Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017, sets the objective (SC09) “to prepare a number of schematic masterplans, Village Improvement Plans (VIPs), or Village Design Statements (VDS) for existing and long-established District Centres (Urban Villages) in conjunction with the relevant Area Committees in so far as priorities and resources permit...”

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government (DECLG) issued updated Guidelines for Planning Authorities in June 2013. The Guidelines state that the statutory Local Area Plans (LAP) are designed to provide more detailed planning policy under the Development Plan, where significant development and change is anticipated.

There are, however, many established areas of Dublin City, typically centred on urban villages, where a statutory LAP is not the most appropriate mechanism to improve and enhance them. In such circumstances, the DECLG guidance indicates that documents, such as Local Environment Improvement/ Village Improvement Plans, may be drawn up, provided they are consistent with the parameters laid down by statutory plans, such as the Development Plan.

Arising from the motion agreed at the South East Area Committee (SEAC) in November 2013 to pilot a study for public realm enhancement in Rathgar, a brief was proposed and agreed at the South East Area Committee in February 2014.



VIP Area

The Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) focuses on improvements to Rathgar Village Centre, that is, the area immediately surrounding the convergence of Terenure Road East, Rathgar Avenue, Rathgar Road, Highfield Road and Orwell Road.

During the course of our initial public consultations and during the submission period issues were raised in relation to traffic concerns and parks such as Orwell Park, Dartry Park and Palmerston Park which are outside the focus of the VIP area. However, all of the issues raised have been forwarded to the relevant departments.



Rathgar VIP Objectives

The broad objectives of the Rathgar VIP as set out in the February 2014 briefing document identified and proposed actions around:

- Enhancements to the public realm, including condition of footpaths, tree planting, removal of signage clutter, provision of cycle stands, quality street furniture, public lighting enhancements
- Good quality streetscapes with potential for shopfront or building enhancements
- Opportunities for new or improved pedestrian routes/cycle routes and for traffic calming measures
- Enhancements to parks, playgrounds and particular features of interest in the village that contribute to its identity
- Local Initiatives e.g. “I Love Rathgar”, shopfront competitions etc. which will promote and enhance local participation in village improvements
- Opportunities to co-ordinate with other agencies to improve local environment – e.g. National Transport Authority (NTA)



Budget and Timescale

There is an initial small budget available to the South East Area Office to deliver some of the agreed proposals identified in the VIP in 2014. The life of the VIP is for three years. Further funding will be sought in 2015 and 2016 along with any enhancements included in the works programmes of various Dublin City Council departments and certain items that might be funded locally via the residents or businesses groups.

VIP Process

The South East Area office undertook to oversee and evaluate the pilot VIP for Rathgar using the following methods:

- Undertake internal consultation within the City Council to identify current planned works by all Dublin City Council departments, to identify known constraints and costs.
- Design and deliver an engagement process that reaches a broad spectrum of interested parties using participatory techniques developed by Dublin City Council's former innovation hub, "The Studio". Engagement will be designed to reach (either in person or online) as representative a range of stakeholders as possible.
- Prepare a draft VIP based on matching the priorities of the community with those of the City Council and those actions and initiatives which can be delivered by the local community.
- Present the draft VIP to Area Councillors and community stakeholders for further feedback (4 week period).
- Following amendment of the draft VIP, based on feedback received, present the amended VIP to the South East Area Committee for approval.

Planning the Local Consultation

Initial meetings took place in March 2014 between the South East Area office and The Studio to formulate an approach to local consultation in relation to the Rathgar VIP. Survey forms and questionnaire were designed to best elicit positive responses to VIP objectives.

The following stages were identified in the community engagement process:

- On-street engagement over 2/3 days in Rathgar village
- Meetings with Rathgar Residents Association / Rathgar Businesses Association
- Set up dedicated web page on DCC for [Rathgar VIP](#)
- Contact local schools / churches / An Garda Síochána
- Hold public workshop in Rathgar to discuss issues raised during consultation and set priorities
- Period of further public consultation for four weeks to be held when draft VIP is prepared in Autumn 2014.



Consultation

On-street engagement: On-street conversations took place over three days in May 2014 in Rathgar Village, on the morning of Thursday 15th May, afternoon of Friday 16th May, and morning of Saturday 17th May 2014. 152 people were canvassed, 65 males and 87 females covering a range of ages from late teens to pensioners. The three questions posed and the answers obtained in order of popularity were as follows:

1. *What do you like most about Rathgar Village?*

- Shops, good mix, convenient
- Village atmosphere/feel/ambience, quiet, small/compact
- Cafés, restaurants, eating out
- Church, setting
- Pubs, bars
- Close to town
- Public Transport
- Architecture, buildings, look, aesthetics
- Amenities
- Trees
- Clean, tidy

2. *What more could be done to make the village centre more attractive?*

- More parking, stop and shop parking, free parking for local shopping, relax restrictions at certain times.
- Traffic calming, traffic enforcement.
- Pedestrian crossing, safety barriers.
- Vacant units put to use.
- Standardise shop fronts, old village feel, Victorian, vintage.
- Shop/business owners to clean outside premises, hanging baskets, presentation.
- Outdoor seating.

- More bins, DCC bins to be cleaned more regularly.
- Playground, kid friendly useable space.
- Resurface paths.
- Litter awareness, enforcement, cleaning.
- Dog litter – enforcement.
- Better variety of shops, supermarkets.
- Illegal parking, enforcement, bollards, road markings – Orwell Road.
- Resurface roads.
- Cycle lane, better cycling conditions.
- Post office, post box.

3. *What is the one thing you would do to improve the look and feel of Rathgar Village?*

- Flowers, colour, greenery, trees, landscaping
- Pedestrian crossing
- Traffic flow, calming, junction layout
- More parking, special rates for stop and shop during off peak times
- Public seating
- Better presentation of shop fronts, flowers, cleaning, bins left outside
- Cycle lanes, better cycling conditions, road markings
- Dublin bike scheme
- Cleaner streets, litter enforcement/awareness
- Pedestrian light sequence – crossing time too short, waiting too long
- Kids playground
- Pop up shops, vacant units
- More green areas, useable open space
- Cultural aspect, art/culture centre, Notting Hill type festival
- More cafés with outside seating
- Improve paths
- Standardise shop fronts
- Needs a focal point, village centre





Meetings with Rathgar Residents Association: To augment the on-street consultations, discussions were held with representatives from Rathgar Residents Association in late May 2014. The following were the key issues identified:

- Pedestrian crossing at Bijou/ 108.
- Signage/Street Furniture should be of a uniform standard. Remove clutter (signs etc.). Traffic bollards on Orwell Road are of three different types.
- Village design should be sympathetic to Victorian/Edwardian heritage. Plan should refer to historical architecture. Iconic feature needed to create village identity. An example of the lamp stand at Bleeding Horse pub was given.
- Traffic – Cyclists and pedestrians at the mercy of drivers. DOE guidelines on suburban traffic prioritise users in this order: Pedestrians, cyclists, public transport, cars. Be serious about stopping car use.
- Roads and foot paths, all are in some state of deterioration. Entire village should be resurfaced. Orwell Road in particular has a subsidence issue.
- VIP focuses on village centre, reference should be made to wider environs in final report, eg. local parks – Dodder Linear Park, Palmerston Park etc.
- Disabled parking. There is one disabled parking space on Highfield Road outside church. This should be moved nearer to shops.
- No real time notice at bus stops in village.
- Shop fronts should be of a uniform standard and should have a vintage look. In the future there should be conditions attached to any new planning applications.
- Vacant units should be put to use.
- Few parking spaces available. Redevelopment of Supervalu will result in less underground parking. Hertzog Park car park should be signposted better. Parking in bus lane on Saturdays is helpful, can this be extended to off peak periods?
- There is a need for a public/civic space.



Meetings with Rathgar Businesses Association: Meetings were held with representatives from Rathgar Businesses Association in late May 2014. The following were the key issues identified:

- Create iconic village identity. Look of village needs to be improved. Remove clutter and vacant poles etc. Lighting poles should be in a Victorian style. Bleeding Horse pub given as an example.
- Standardisation of shop fronts. Future planning guidelines should include reference to heritage, and include conditions regarding look of shop front.
- All business should have flower displays.
- No public space apart from occasional use of church grounds. Hertzog Park is a redundant, not well known space. Open up another entrance to the park leading through laneway onto Terenure Road East. The artificial bowling green is on land owned by DCC and leased to the Tennis and Bowling Club and is only used during the winter months. It would be an ideal place to hold village markets and other events during the summer months.
- Parking is main issue in the village. No parking space immediately obvious. Hertzog Park car park is not well signposted, and parking should be free for one hour for shopping
- Introduce free parking at set times ala Dun Laoghaire pier to promote business. Bus lane currently operates morning and evening hours, could this be changed to morning only?
- Traffic lights at Dodder crossing were changed several years ago and now cause a backlog of cars.
- Pedestrian safety barriers in village centre.
- Gullies on Orwell Road and laneway from Terenure Road East to Hertzog Park need to be cleaned regularly.
- Street sweeping van needs to be reintroduced. Chewing gum to be removed.
- Deliveries to Supervalu at 9pm in 40 Foot lorries causing disturbances for restaurants. Are there restrictions and can restrictions be enforced?



Public Workshop

Following the various consultations the outcomes were analysed and the prominent issues were identified and grouped thematically under the following headings:

- **Theme 1 – Moving Through the Village**
- **Theme 2 – The Image of the Village**
- **Theme 3 – Animating the Village**

A public workshop was held in Rathgar Tennis and Bowling Club on 26th June 2014. The purpose of the workshop was to agree priorities for key goals to be achieved under the VIP in the short, medium and long term. The workshop was attended by Local Area Councillors, representatives from Rathgar Residents Association, Rathgar Businesses Association, Christ Church Rathgar and other interested parties. The workshop was facilitated by Mary Mooney of The Studio along with staff from the South East Area office.

Based on the outcomes of this meeting, and taking into account all issues raised during the consultation phase, a draft report of key objectives and actions was compiled. This report was a wish list of sorts and was subject to feasibility testing with works departments in terms of finance, technical requirements and local works programmes.

Submission Period

The draft Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) outlining proposed improvements was developed and circulated to councillors and stakeholders and published on the Dublin City Council website in October 2014. A four week period of public consultation commenced on 14th October 2014 and ended on 11th November 2014. This period was subsequently extended to Tuesday 18th November 2014 to accommodate public demand for more time to make submissions.

Seven submissions were received during the consultation period and they can be summarised as follows:

- Douglas Carson, Architect – proposed that only award winning architects design new works, whether they be lighting, street furniture, landscaping, shop fronts or new buildings. Felt that the external / internal stakeholder designation was confusing. Objected to the installation of planters on the island outside Christ Church.
- Michael Clarke – more off street parking in the area. Consider underground car parks in the village. Concerned for pedestrian safety, requests consideration of pedestrian underpasses between Christ Church and Supervalu and between Bijou, Comans and the top of Orwell Road. The footpath on Rathgar Road between the shops opposite the Three Patrons Church and the Garda Station on Rathmines needs urgent work. Real time notices at bus stops.
- Elaine Nerney – there should be some speed bumps in the route through the car park from Orwell Road to Terenure Road East. Yellow boxes, the full width of the road, to be put in place at the Orwell Road entrance and Terenure Road East exits to the car park. Replace damaged trees in Herzog Park Car Park.
- Paddy Marron, Rathgar Residents Association – wider issues outside of the VIP Area should be included in the plan, Traffic flows, cycling facilities, maintenance of green spaces / parks.
- Lucinda Creighton TD – supportive of draft plan, highlighting pedestrian crossing, relaxation of parking fees at Herzog Park car park, extension of Dublin Bike scheme to Rathgar, high quality shop fronts, colouring of village, improvements to village cleanliness, creation of Community Development Forum and Rathgar Cultural Festival, creation of Rathgar website.
- Mairéad Forsythe, Dublin Cycling Campaign - agrees with the broad thrust of the plan to improve the public realm in Rathgar Village especially “Opportunities for new or improved pedestrian routes/cycle routes and for traffic calming measures”. Recommends 30kph zone in village, provision of cycle parking in the village. Has reservations about the feasibility of a roundabout at Highfield Road / Christ Church junction. Opposes allowing parking in bus lane on Rathgar Road after 10am all day. Not in favour of increased provision of car parking spaces as this encourages car use.
- Dr. Mike McKillen, Dublin Cycling Campaign - agrees with the broad thrust of the plan to improve the public realm in Rathgar Village especially “Opportunities for new or improved pedestrian routes/cycle routes and for traffic calming measures”. Recommends 30kph zone in village, provision of cycle parking in the village. Has reservations about the feasibility of a roundabout at Highfield Road / Christ Church junction. Opposes allowing parking in bus lane on Rathgar Road after 10am all day. Not in favour of increased provision of car parking spaces as this encourages car use.

The contents of the submissions received have been noted and where appropriate forwarded to the relevant works department for feasibility assessment. New items raised have been incorporated into the Action Plan in Appendix 1 subject to assessment regarding feasibility. The finalised Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) is submitted to the January 2015 South East Area Committee for adoption.

Feasibility / Costings

Where necessary further meetings were held with departments regarding the feasibility of delivering certain actions within the three year timeframe. Further discussions will need to take place over the coming weeks and months to establish the feasibility of certain goals. Following these discussions some items raised may be removed or amended to reflect realistic prospects of delivering the actions. Costing of short term actions is underway and further information will be brought to the South East Area Committee in early 2015 as it becomes available.

Implementation

The implementation of the listed actions will be based on budgets and outcomes of assessment and the priority given by relevant departments in their annual works programmes.

Some actions will be earmarked as immediate (I) to be implemented in 2014. Other actions are ongoing (O) and still others will be indicated as goals to be achieved in the short, medium and long term over the three year life of the plan.

Implementation Key

O = Ongoing

I = Immediate (2014)

S = Short term (2015)

M = Medium Term (2016)

L = Long Term (2017)

Appendix 1: Rathgar VIP Action Plan

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) – Key Objectives and Actions

Theme 1 – Moving through the Village				
Objective	S/M/L	Action	Lead Dept	Partner
Develop a more pedestrian/cycle-friendly Village	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the feasibility of creating a pedestrian crossing between Bijou and the 108 pub 	Traffic	Planning Dept
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider creating an underground pedestrian walkway between Bijou and 108 pub and across Orwell Road from pharmacy 	Traffic	
	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstate footpaths at Rathgar Road south end 	Roads Maint	
	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review all footpaths in village area and repair / resurface where necessary 	Roads Maint	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out a trip hazard audit of paths in village 	Roads Maint	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the need for a pedestrian crossing at Wesley Road / Rathgar Road 	Traffic	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review safety of narrow footpaths at junction of Rathgar Avenue (pedestrian barriers?) 	Traffic	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review pedestrian light sequences – shorter waiting times and extended green man crossing times at village centre 	Traffic	
	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review traffic lane widths to provide for cycle lanes and make safer for pedestrians 	Traffic	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review pedestrian safety at Harrison Row / Rathgar Avenue 	Traffic	
	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess possible roll out of Dublin Bike Scheme to Rathgar 	Dublin Bikes	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the provision of cycle parking in the village 	Traffic / Public Realm	
	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess suitability of village as 30kph zone 	Traffic	
Review vehicle transport in the village	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the potential use of CCTV to monitor illegal right turns from Terenure Road East onto Orwell Road 	Traffic	
	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-evaluate traffic light sequences in village (esp. at 	Traffic	

	S	Orwell Road right turn at peak times)	<i>Traffic</i>	
	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess one way route along lane way from Herzog Park to Terenure Road East with a view to reversing 	<i>Traffic</i>	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Traffic Management in and around Rathgar Village. 	<i>Roads Maint</i>	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair roads around the village area 	<i>Roads Maint</i>	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider using textured / coloured road and footpath surfaces to delineate the village core 	<i>Traffic</i>	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the feasibility of a roundabout at Highfield Road / Christ Church 	<i>Traffic</i>	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess feasibility of speed bumps on route through Herzog Car Park from Orwell Road to Terenure Road East. 	<i>Traffic</i>	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess feasibility of yellow boxes at Entrance to Herzog Park at Orwell Road and at exit at Terenure Road East. 	<i>Traffic</i>	
Review Parking arrangements in the village	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise the Parking arrangements at Herzog Park car park – free parking on Saturdays / free one hour parking mid-week to aid local business 	<i>Traffic</i>	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow parking on bus lane on Rathgar Road after 10am all day 	<i>Traffic</i>	
	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure parking compliance in village 	<i>Traffic Enforcement</i>	
	M/L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redefine boundary of Herzog Park / improve car park surface / clearer delineation of parking spaces with a view to increasing number of parking spaces and revenues from same 	<i>Traffic</i>	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitigate against illegal parking in loading bay outside Supervalu 	<i>Traffic Enforcement</i>	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider moving disability parking bay from outside Christ Church on Highfield Road to outside Bank on Terenure Road East. 	<i>Traffic</i>	

	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess feasibility of creating more parking bays in the village Assess use of bollards / road markings to counter illegal parking – esp. Orwell Road Comans to consider one hour free parking Consider replacing damaged trees in Herzog Park car park Consider the possibility of creating underground car park for village. 	Traffic	
	S		Traffic	
	S		Businesses	
	S		Roads Maint	Parks
	S		Traffic	
Improvements to public transport in the village	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby Dublin Bus to provide a Real Time Information panel at Bus Stops (including stop no. 1166 at Rathgar Avenue and Winton Avenue/Wesley Road) Lobby NTA to extend proposed rapid bus route through Rathgar to airport. 	Dublin Bus	SE Area Office
	S		NTA	Traffic

Theme 2 – The Image of the Village				
Objective	S/M/L	Action	Lead Dept	Partner
Colouring the Village	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage businesses to erect hanging baskets / floral displays 	Businesses	Public Domain
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide training / support to business owners for maintaining hanging baskets 	Public Domain	Businesses
	I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider installation of planter at island at Christ Church 	Parks	Businesses
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider using flower pots instead of bollards (esp. Orwell Road) 	Traffic	Street furniture
Enhancement of the public realm	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider installing iconic piece of street furniture in village centre – (lamp standard like the one at Bleeding Horse?) 	Planning	Street Furniture
	I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out an audit of existing street furniture in the village 	SE Area Office	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lamp standards in the village to be replaced with more traditional style – (local sponsorship?) 	Public Lighting	Businesses
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider installation of “Welcome to Rathgar” signs 	Planning	Street Furniture
	I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider installation of village notice board with current information 	Planning	Businesses
	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All new signage in the village to be uniform and appropriate 	Planning	Businesses

	M O S I S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider installation of public seating Enforce planning laws regarding illegal signage. Consider installing appropriate art work on traffic light boxes in the village Work with Businesses to provide Christmas Lighting in Village Consider using only award winning architects to design new works, whether they be lighting, street furniture, landscaping, shop fronts or new buildings. 	<i>Street Furniture Planning</i> <i>SEA Office</i> <i>SEA Office</i> <i>SEA Office / Planning</i>	<i>Businesses</i> <i>Businesses/ Residents</i> <i>Businesses</i> <i>Businesses / Residents</i>
Keeping the village clean	S I O S S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the general cleanliness of the village – street sweeping, gum removal / graffiti removal etc Provide extra bin in the village centre Ensure regular litter bin emptying service Provide dog litter bins and enforce laws re dog litter Assess the possibility that recycling centre at Herzog Park opening hours be extended to Saturday mornings 	<i>Waste Mgt</i> <i>Waste Mgt</i> <i>Waste Mgt</i> <i>Waste Mgt</i>	<i>Businesses</i> <i>Businesses</i>
Improve local business presentation standards	O M S S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage good shopfront design and maintenance Consider organising local shopfront competition Promote a shared responsibility for presentation of public footpaths and Spaces Lobby An Post to move postbox on Highfield Road to village centre 	<i>Planning</i> <i>SEA / Planning</i> <i>Businesses</i> <i>An Post</i>	<i>Businesses</i> <i>Community</i> <i>SEA</i>

Theme3 – Animating the Village				
<i>Objective</i>	<i>S/M/L</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Lead Dept</i>	<i>Partner</i>
Creation of a village market	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the feasibility of using Herzog Park with an entrance from Orwell Park car park as a site for a weekly village market 	<i>Parks/Events</i>	<i>Businesses</i>
	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institute a Christmas Village Market with lighting etc in village centre 	<i>Parks/Community</i>	<i>Businesses</i>

	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider organising a street festival / other public events in the village 	<i>Business/Residents</i>	<i>Community</i>
Work towards strengthening village identity	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up a Rathgar Community Development Forum 	<i>Business/Residents</i>	<i>Community</i>
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up a Tidy Towns Committee 	<i>Business/Residents</i>	<i>Community Business/Residents</i>
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft a Rathgar Village guide with related Heritage / Cultural trails 	<i>Community</i>	<i>Residents</i>
	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC to promote / advertise local events 	<i>Events</i>	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider implementing a “Bloom Fringe” festival 	<i>Business/Residents</i>	<i>Community</i>
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider enhancing St. Patrick’s Day events 	<i>Business/Residents</i>	<i>Community</i>
	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a Rathgar Cultural Festival / events - use cultural icons to promote the village/events (James Joyce / George Russell etc) 	<i>Business/Residents</i>	<i>Community</i>
	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote literary heritage – build on existing Bloomsday events (links to Dublin’s UNESCO City of Literature designation, One City One Book, The Dublin Writers Festival etc.) 	<i>Business/Residents</i>	<i>Community</i>
	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote historical significance of Rathgar village 	<i>Business/Residents</i>	<i>Community</i>
	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider organising Art Exhibition 	<i>Business/Residents</i>	<i>Community</i>
	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider organising an Arts and Music Festival 	<i>Business/Residents</i>	<i>Community</i>
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify public space as village meeting place / event location / civic space for the village 	<i>Business/Residents</i>	<i>Community /Planning</i>
Promote Local Business	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlight range of goods and services available locally 	<i>Businesses</i>	
	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider commissioning a promotional video on contemporary Rathgar to include information on rich cultural and built heritage. 	<i>Business/Residents</i>	
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw up a register of local vacant shop units and match them to local artists / entrepreneurs / community groups with a view to temporary retail / exhibition / community room use. 	<i>Business/Residents</i>	<i>SEA Office</i>

	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with St. Luke's Hospital / local churches / schools etc., in village events / festivals 	<i>Business/Residents</i>	<i>Community</i>
	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider providing a website for Rathgar to act as an information portal for all events / issues of interest be they business, community or cultural in Rathgar. 	<i>Business/Residents</i>	<i>SEA Office</i>
Promote safety and play in the village	S M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider setting up a neighbourhood watch group Assess the possibility of providing a play area for young children near the village centre e.g. Herzog Park / Fairfield Park 	<i>Business/Residents</i> <i>Parks</i>	

Appendix 2: List of external stakeholders

Rathgar Businesses Association

Rathgar Residents Association

Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar

Terenure Garda Station

Christ Church Rathgar

Rathgar Tennis and Bowling Club

Rathgar National School

Zion Parish School, Rathgar

The High School, Rathgar

Stratford College, Rathgar

Appendix 3: List of internal stakeholders

South East Area Councillors

South East Area Office

The Studio

Parks Services

Roads and Streets

Drainage Division

Waste Management Services

Community Section

Planning Department

Public Lighting