

**Expression of Interest for Inclusion in the
Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018**

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Please complete this Expression of Interest form
and return it to your
Local Authority designated contact.

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Town/Village covered:

Balrothery

Please indicate which category of funding is being applied for:

Category 1

Towns/Villages with
Population of 5,000
or less

Category 2

Towns/Villages with
Population of
5,001-10,000

Amount of Funding Requested:

€100,000

Applicant Group:

Balrothery Community Association

Applicant Contact Name:

Kevin Tolan – Chairperson & Warren Power - Secretary

Applicant Contact Address:

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1. **Has funding for this project ever been sought from other sources?**
(If "YES" yes please specify from what source and if funding was provided)

Yes No

2. **Who are the specific project stakeholders/community partners in this project?**
(Chamber of Commerce, Community group, etc.).

Balrothery Community Association,
Balrothery Tidy Village,
Local Businesses – The Balrothery Inn, Andrews SPAR.
Balrothery National School – Scoil Oileabhaír Naofa.

3. **Synopsis of Project:**

Project Title:- Enhancement of the Public areas surrounding Fair Green & Commercial Island.

This project involves basically bringing the public realm areas in the centre of Balrothery more user friendly for pedestrians and to make it easier and safer to walk around the central areas of Balrothery Village. The specific plan is enclosed on Drawing No. D-02 and it is a combination of a number of different areas each improved and redesigned in its own aspects but with also correlation and linkages that when all completed will transform and revitalise the village centre for pedestrians. We feel this project is in keeping with the overall ethos of the Town & Villlage Scheme for the following reasons.

- 1) It will rejuvenate the Village Centre making Balrothery a more attractive place to live and work and will increase its tourism potential.
- 2) This project is very much a continuation to where the 2016 Renewal Scheme projects finished. THE Stone walls, planters and signs are now completed at the entrances and we now wish to move within the Village Centre to continue with the enhancement and renewal of the public realm of Balrothery
- 3) Local businesses have confirmed that the projects completed with the 2016 funding from T&V have had a very positive impact on business and furtherore they have reviewed the plans for the 2018 T&V scheme and are confident that if successful, local businesses will benefit.
- 4) The owners of vacant sites on zoned land within the commercial island have also been consulted and have viewed the plans to enhance the Village centre. They have also confirmed that they are considering developing the vacant sites are very encouraged to see that the surrounding public areas will also be re-developed to complement and serve any future development within the commercial island, be that residential use or commercial use.
- 5) There is a very close partnership between the Community Association and Fingal county Council which was borne out of the successful 2016 renewal scheme and further strengthened by the on-going meetings and collaboration that is taking place to deliver the 2017 Town & Village project.

- 6) The design of the regeneration of the public areas has been carried out in line with a number of recommendations made in the document entitled – Design Manual for urban roads and Streets (DMURS) published by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.
- 7) This project also displays the following criteria which are considered ‘high priority’
 - a) Enhancement of Heritage and /or other community assets. Balrothery Heritage centre is accessed via fair green and currently has no available parking spaces and no continuous path from the village. This project will enhance the Heritage area by making access easier and also by introducing a new footpath and parking spaces along the existing mucky strip that exists where the fair green meets the roadway. There are also times when cars will drive onto the green and leave tyre marks behind especially in winter months.
 - b) Town Safety and accessibility enhancements.- There is no pedestrian crossing point within the village at the moment and an ever-increasing number of people go to and from the shops on a daily basis and have to J-walk or run to cross the roads. This is particularly difficult for wheelchair users. This project will provide 5 crossing points 4 onto the commercial island and 1 onto fair green /Heritage centre.
- 8) This project also displays the following criteria which are considered ‘low priority’
 - a) Enhancement of streetscape and town environment
 - b) Car-parking improvements.

The principals behind these projects were also highlighted by the Community when asked what they felt needs the most attention and what problems people were experiencing when living in Balrothery. The design proposal was put together following this survey and is an example of a public-led design process. These projects have also been discussed with the Operations Department of Fingal County Council whom agree that they are worthwhile and important projects and have endeavoured to assist in their delivery over the next 12 months.

4. If seeking funding of between €100,000 and €200,000, please detail the particular economic case for this level of funding.

N/A

However although not within the funding bracket it should still be stated that this project will allow local residents to walk to the village centre and not worry about getting across the road safely and it will also allow visitors to Balrothery to park their cars in designated public car-parking places and to walk around and explore and hopefully stay for a while and support the local economy.

There is a large number of tourists passing through Balrothery on a daily basis but especially at weekends as Balrothery is on the main route to nearby Ardgillan Park from the M1. At the moment there is only private car-parking spaces available and this project will include the introduction of 37no public car-parking spaces. As well as 5 speedramps which double up as pedestrian crossing points be that , zebra crossings or fully signalled lights. There is also 2no. loading bays for local businesses which will be welcomed by all but especially by the commercial vehicle drivers supplying the local businesses.

5. What is the objective of the proposed project and how will the intended outcomes be measured? (Please identify any metrics or benchmarks that will be applied).

Objective 1:- Improve town Safety and Accessibility

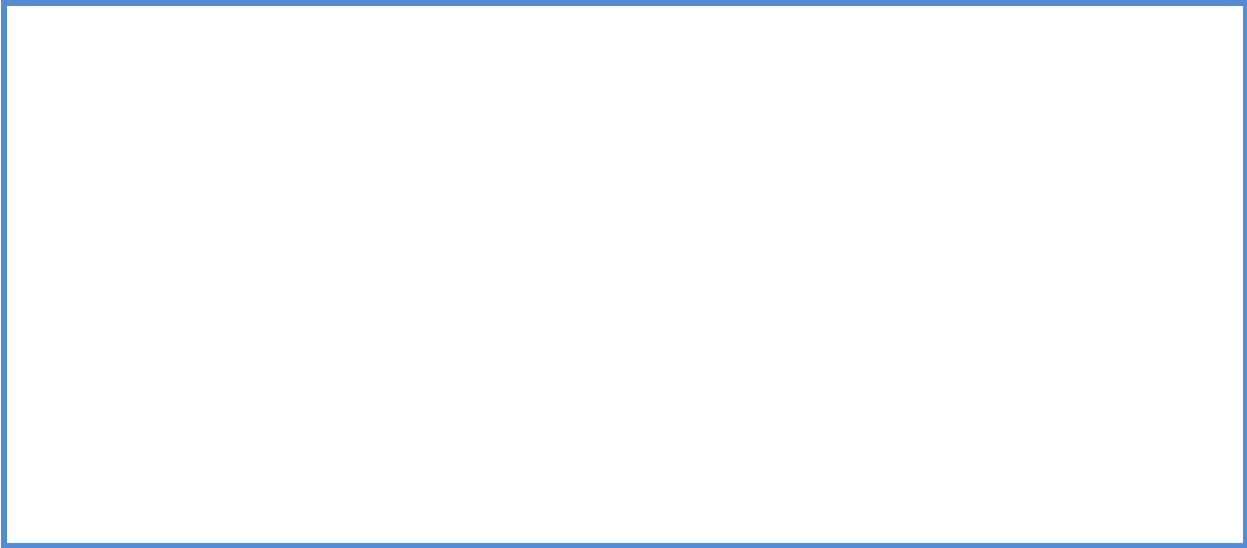
Objective 2:- Increase Economic benefit to the area

Objective 3:- Enhancement of streetscape (continuity from previously funded projects)

Outcomes / benchmarks :-

The desired outcome of this project would be to improve day-to-day accessibility for pedestrians in Balrothery and to set a good lasting impression on anybody who enters Balrothery and make them feel like they should stop and look around. It will complement renewal works already completed i.e traditional stone walls which effectively portray Heritage and History.

Another successful outcome would be a safer village with people able to cross from surrounding residential areas to the commercial island. (no pedestrian crossing in Balrothery at present)



DECLARATION

I hereby confirm that I have read and understand this document. I request that consideration be given in support of the project as outlined above.

Signature 

Position Chairperson - Balrothery Community Association

Date 8th June 2018