

Strong interest in Roscrea Masterplan with well attended first public consultation session

The public consultations that are taking place throughout the month of March for the Roscrea Masterplan kicked off earlier this month with the circulation of surveys for businesses and community members. The surveys allow individuals, groups, businesses etc to have their say on the future of Roscrea following a funding allocation last year to prepare a new Town Centre First Plan for Roscrea. The plan is being prepared by the Roscrea Town Team and Tipperary County Council with the support of O' Mahony Pike Architects.

As well as the surveys that are online and can be completed up until the 22nd of March, there are in-person and online consultations taking place to provide all members of the public the opportunity to have an input. The first of these took place in the Black Mills on Saturday the 11th of March and was well attended by people from Roscrea.

The sessions were organised by the Town Team and facilitated by Liam Mannix from KPMG. Welcoming everyone to the workshop, Brian King, Town Champion for Roscrea commented that it was “ heartening to see the high attendance at the workshop which shows the commitment the public have in directing the future of Roscrea”.

He added that “We believe that the Town Centre First Masterplan can map out future development making the town centre a more attractive place to live, work, socialise and run a business by identifying projects and objectives for the short, medium and long term that are driven by the Town Team”.

Áine Mc Carthy, Town Regeneration Officer, Tipperary County Council with responsibility for facilitating the delivery of the project with the Town Team and the consultants commented that “The public consultations taking place are a key part of the process in preparing the plan as they allow members of the public to be part of it” and she added that “We are undertaking focus groups with primary and secondary school students in Roscrea to involve children and young people in the decision making process. We also have Age Friendly Roscrea, retailers, Tidy Towns, sports clubs, CAP, PPN and more as part of the Town Team, therefore we are trying to reach as wide and varied an audience as possible for the Town Centre First Plan”.

Last Saturday Councillors from the Thurles Municipal District were invited to attend a workshop in The Black Mills on the Roscrea Masterplan in advance of the public workshop and they also contributed to the process. Cllr Shane Lee, Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Noel Coonan and Cllr Peggy Ryan attended and there will be more opportunities for the District Councillors to contribute to the plan as it is developed.

Ms Mc Carthy reminded everyone that the public consultations continue this week with an online workshop will taking place on the 14th of March on Zoom at 7.30pm with the link to Zoom as follows for this;

<https://kpmgireland.zoom.us/j/88476466119?pwd=cUZHS HBRL21wcHZ BMkY2U2QwRkNBUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 7646 6119 Passcode: 022050

There will be a second public workshop on the 15th of March from 7pm to 8.30p.m in the Black Mills for members of the public to attend.

The surveys are available on line along with more information on the Town Team and the Town Centre First Plan and members of the public are invited to visit www.tipperarycoco.ie/roscreatowncentrefirstplan to find out more.

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