Dundalk
Co. Louth

Town centre health check and urban design

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Introduction

SYNOPSIS

A presentation to outline the work of Queen’s University Belfast students carried out within Dundalk, Co. Louth. The project combines a Town Centre Health Check (TCHC) study along with Urban Design analysis and proposals.
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Study Context

AREA OVERVIEW

- Second largest town in Ireland
- Largest town in Louth, but smaller than Drogheda
- Urban morphology & edge of centre retail outlets
- Marshes, Long Walk shopping centre and now vacant Carroll’s Village Centre
Carroll's Village

VACANT RETAIL OUTLET

A vacant 2,984 SqM retail unit. Located within Carroll Village Shopping Centre, off the Long Walk and adjacent to the retail thoroughfares of Clanbrassil Street and Earl Street in the heart of Dundalk town.
Student Brief

CORE ELEMENTS

- Pilot project with MSc Urban Design module.
- Analysis | Strategies | Individual design proposals.
- TCHC for Dundalk town centre.
- Survey work.
- 2 day overnight trip.
Study Area

LOCATION & CONTEXT

Primarily shaped by agreed parameters provided by Louth County Council in order to assist with the TCHC. The study had particular focus on Dundalk town centre with additional site specific locations.
KEY SITES

ST. NICHOLAS

MARSHES

DEARYS
Matthew Harvey
MSc Urban Design
Cultures & climates differ all over the world, but people are the same. They'll gather in public if you give them a good place to do it

JAN GEHL - ARCHITECT
TCHC and Diagnosis

DUNDALK, CO. LOUTH

An overview of the results and key findings of the Town Centre Health Check (TCHC), followed by a town centre diagnosis.
CORE ELEMENTS OF TCHC
FOOTFALL

TOWN CENTRE HEALTH CHECK

DUNDEE, CO. LOUTH
LAND USE

TOWN CENTRE HEALTH CHECK

DUNDEALK, CO. LOUTH
PUBLIC REALM

TOWN CENTRE HEALTH CHECK

DUNDEALK, CO. LOUTH
HIGH QUALITY
DIAGNOSIS

DUNDALK TOWN CENTRE

Having concluded the Town Centre Health Check, we were in a position to diagnose issues within the town centre relevant to Urban Design parameters.
VACANCY

HIGH LEVELS WITHIN AREAS

- Clanbrassil Street
- Dearys
- Retail
- Out of centre outlets
Connectivity

MACRO AND MICRO

The ability to read a city or place is crucial in relation to its legibility and connectivity. Dundalk town centre suffers with issues of connectivity on both a Macro and Micro scale.
Public Realm

DISPARITY

Dundalk Town centre has firmly reshaped a successful and high quality public space in the form of Market Square, however this high standard of quality is polar opposite to many areas within the town core.
PUBLIC REALM

ST. NICHOLAS

CLANBRASSIL ST

BRIDGE STREET
MARY GILL
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Student Projects

Highlighting the projects of MSc Urban Design students

DUNDALK TOWN CENTRE
An Insight

PROBLEM SOLVING DESIGNS

Formulated from the results of the Town Centre Health Check and an Urban Analysis, MSc Urban Design students of Queen’s University Belfast have conceptualised ideas to tackle and mitigate contemporary issues impacting the Town.
VACANCY

RESILIENCE THROUGH TRADITION

DUNDAKL TOWN CENTRE
CONNECTIVITY

REESTABLISHING CONNECTIONS

DUNDALK TOWN CENTRE
PUBLIC REALM

CREATING PLACES FOR PEOPLE

DUNDALK TOWN CENTRE
Dundalk Co. Louth

A presentation over viewing the work carried out by MSc Urban Design students of Queen’s University Belfast.

THANK YOU

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