Ballyboy Sráid Plan

Settlement Description

Settlement Context: Ballyboy is located in the foothills of the Slieve Bloom Mountains on the Silver River, 2km east of Kilcormac. 'Dan and Mollys' licensed premises, with its thatched roof, acts as the focal point of this settlement. A 12th century motte is situated within Ballyboy and this moat contains the remains of a 19th century limekiln built into its side. The stonewalls are particularly prominent throughout the Sráid and contribute greatly to the attractiveness of the settlement.

Services and Facilities: Licenced premises, national school, former community hall, bring centre, church ruins and graveyard, river side picnic area.



Waste Water Treatment: Individual effluent treatment systems.

Water Supply: Private Group Water Scheme.

Broadband: High speed broadband is available.

Settlement Objectives

General Objectives

Infrastructure and Public Realm

- GO1 Improvement of the existing road network and provision of public lighting and footpaths.
- GO2 Provide/enhance gateway features on the approaches to the Sráid.
- GO3 Provide a pedestrian crossing and improve car parking for the National School.
- GO4 Provide appropriate new infrastructure and upgrades of existing infrastructure to meet the needs of the Offaly Way walking route and Offaly Cycling Destination Network, including an 'Emerging Stop-Off Place' identified for Ballyboy.

Development and Design

- GO5 The conservation and integration into new development of existing stonewalls, trees and native hedgerows.
- GO6 Ballyboy can accommodate low density, sensitively designed housing on individual sites. Each proposed development should include a design statement demonstrating that the design and materials will contribute to and enhance the Sráid.

Specific Objectives (refer to map)

- SO1 Facilitate and encourage the redevelopment and reuse of the former community hall.
- SO2 Ensure that sufficient land is reserved to facilitate the future expansion of the national school, if required.
- SO3 Ensure that access to the Silver River and Offaly Way is maintained and improved where necessary, including the provision of a footpath and lighting connecting the Sráid core to the river side amenity / picnic area adjacent to the bridge.

