Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027 Sráid Plans

Blueball Sráid Plan

Settlement Description

Settlement Context: Blueball is a rural settlement located approximately 10km south west of Tullamore. The settlement has evolved around the junction of the N52 national secondary road with the R357 regional road and the L-01012 local road.

Services and Facilities: Health Centre, Public House, Service Station with convenience shop, off-licence and café with seating area.

Waste Water Treatment: Individual effluent treatment systems.

Water Supply: Public mains.

Broadband: To be delivered under the State Intervention of the National Broadband Plan.

Settlement Objectives

General Objectives

Infrastructure and Public Realm

- GO1 Continue to maintain the existing network of stonewalls within the settlement boundary.
- GO2 Further improvement of the existing road network. Upgrade and extend provision of footpaths and lighting, where feasible, within the Sráid.
- GO3 Review speed limits within the Sráid.

Development and Design

- GO4 Continue to create consistency/continuity/simplicity in the development of footpaths, grass verges and boundary treatment (i.e. stone walls, hedgerows and types of landscaping/planting native planting only).
- GO5 Promotion of very low-density linear and cluster type development within the development boundary.
- GO6 Any new development should be designed and located in a way that sympathetically reflects and respects the rural character of the area.

Specific Objectives (refer to map)

- SO1 Any development taking place on lands that have views towards Pallas Lough and/or Pallas Castle should respect and reflect this unique landscape.
- SO2 Subject to appropriate servicing, this area could potentially be developed in a comprehensive manner. Access onto the N52 should be kept to a minimum.
- SO3 Any residential development in this area should include a tree planting scheme to provide a suitable buffer to the existing commercial uses which front the N52 to the west.
- SO4 Examine the feasibility of upgrading this road to function as a shared surface for cars and pedestrians.



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