

Having reviewed the Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027, I find it a well-balanced document allowing for the expansion of future development within the county in key areas whilst balancing the need to protect important landmarks and preserve flood plains. As a resident of Killeigh, the plan being put forward for the village is commendable. The two potential opportunity sites for residential development in the centre of the village will provide for necessary population growth to sustain current services and facilities. The council's support of the re-development of the Macra Hall as a community centre and the extension of the walking route of the Seven Blessed Wells would be a welcome addition to the village. As highlighted in the draft village plan, Killeigh is affected by a flood zone and the addition of a constrain land use zone is reassuring to see in the village plan. It is critical that this constrained zone remain in the final village plan. The impact of climate change and increased volumes of rain that we have seen mean that residents of Millbrook Grove where I live become more at risk of flooding if any zoning changes happen in this area. I would strongly advocate that no zoning changes take place in this area for the foreseeable future as a large amount of flooding has taken place in the open space zoned land adjacent to Millbrook Grove over the past number of years.

