

To whom it concerns, We would like to make the following observations regarding the Killeigh Village Plan as outlined within the second draft of the Offaly County Development Plan: - We moved into the village of Killeigh in 2018 predominantly due to its rural classification. We are satisfied that the Core Strategy identifies Killeigh as a "Rural" village and it is appropriate strategic development that open countryside would be protected and that over-spill development is avoided. The core strategy statement in support of sustainable development of the open countryside is very much in keeping with the status of the area and is welcomed by us. We believe that the current level of limited but adequate amenities in the village is appropriate and we are delighted to be patrons of the Killeigh Community Centre development programme. - The current draft of the plan makes reference to the flood zone that affects Killeigh. There are various local witness accounts of recent and more prolonged flooding episodes, particularly in the Millbrook area, some of which have been observed by us. Given the overwhelming scientific evidence that now exists in support of global warming, it is most reassuring that the current plan demonstrates an awareness of this. We hope that the council will be most stringent in protecting the village and surrounds from this increased risk of flooding and that any future developments would not further endanger the area. - The 2014-2020 plan highlights various areas of archaeological significance in the Killeigh area. The draft plan does not include such details in relation to Killeigh village. We would welcome the addition of a more detailed account of these historically significant areas to ensure that they remain protected and preserved into the future. - An aspect of growing concern for us is the current level of traffic in the village, particularly in the areas surrounding the school and Millbrook. Any increased residential development would have to take into the account the safety and wellbeing of both school pupils and staff and village residents. Yours sincerely, Gearóid McHugh & Nicola Corbet

