

Having read Draft 2 of the Offaly County Development Plan, we have the following observations to note in relation to the Killeigh Village Plan. We are very supportive of aspects of this plan, and we hope these considerations will form the 2021-2027 development plan without alteration. Firstly, we are happy to see that the plan acknowledges that Killeigh is an area affected by flood. Living in the Millbrook area of Killeigh, we have seen first-hand flooding in the fields surrounding our house, so it is reassuring to see an acknowledgement of this in the plan. It is vital, in order to protect current properties, that sufficient space is left to absorb the excess water here over the winter, and indeed, sometimes the summer months. The inclusion of a constrained land use zoning in the plan is very much appreciated in this regard. We are also very happy to see Killeigh classified as a rural area as part of the core strategy. The village and surrounds enjoy a richly rural and agricultural setting and we would not like to see this end with large scale developments. Reducing unnecessary residential zoning will help to minimise sprawl. In this regard we are pleased to see the proposed plan has allowed for the zoning of open space, appropriate to the rural nature of this village.

