

Dear Sir/Madam, Offaly Tidy Villages Group is pleased to note that the Offaly County Development Plan includes the following provisions in respect of Mucklagh Village: • SO2 - to foster the creation of a more consolidated and coherent settlement to reinforce a sense of place; • SO7 - to enhance the public realm, to define the village core and to create a sense of place; • SO8 - to improve public amenities / recreational facilities in the village; • SO9 - to seek the upgrade and incremental expansion of the public lighting and footpath network in the village; • SO10 - to investigate the feasibility of providing a cycle lane and public lighting linking Mucklagh to Charleville Road in Tullamore; and • SO11 - to promote traffic calming measures and road safety in the village. The Tidy Villages Group has been working with the Council for a number of years to seek the completion of some of the above items. In particular, the dangerous Brocca Road junction needs to be widened and provision of a footpath and lighting to the GAA pitch, but also a footpath and lighting to the new soccer pitch site at the Birr end of the bypass. There will be a new estate at the Beechmount side of the village in early 2021, which will mean additional footfall to the shop. There can also be an issue with vehicles speeding through the village. So the upgrading of the pedestrian crossings and traffic-calming measures will be important. Finally, we would like to see some work done to enhance the Charleville Turrets heritage site. There has been little, in terms of public development, in Mucklagh village over the past number of years. Much of the village development has been fund-raised and developed by local residents and volunteers. We look forward to seeing some of the above plans implemented under the next phase of the County Development Plan. We will also be making a submission under the Town and Village Renewal Plan. Yours sincerely, Mucklagh Tidy Villages Group.

