

To whom it may concern, • In relation to the settlement context, there is evidence of one of the largest (and relatively unknown) concentrations of ecclesiastical settlements in Ireland in the village of Killeigh, An early Christian monastery existed here in the 9th century though was reputedly founded in the 6th century by St. Sincheal, the same century as Clonmacnoise, whose blessed well and associated “rag tree” is still visited today. All sites of the former monastic settlement, architectural fragments and other archaeological and historical points must be protected and marked to retain the heritage of this village for future generations. Please reference the following Geophys for areas which require protection: <https://www.offaly.ie/eng/Services/Heritage/Archaeology/Monastic-Sites/Killeigh-Paul-Gibson-Geophys-2005.pdf> • A further point on the settlement context, the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) should be reviewed and updated ahead of any future development of the village. Currently, the village legend lists “constrained land use”, however, local stream to the north & east of the village is not of satisfactory ecological health in winter months due to extreme pressure from flooding +rainfall. This is somewhat managed by local developer, which will not be scalable without OPW or council intervention. Coupled with the ongoing climate challenge, without the correct measures in play the village will be at severe future risk due to the topography and surrounding hills. Local areas such as Millbrook Grove have seen flooding in the previous years and the North + East side of the village requires a plan to alleviate the pressure on the stream before any future development plans can be safely considered. • SO8, SO9 +SO11. The bypass has been under discussion for 25 years now and needs to be prioritized to protect the children of Killeigh village. Illegal speeding in an unsustainable manner through the village makes it no longer feasible for children to avail of local resources and green space in a safe manner. Respite is short lived from presence of speed vans and speed signs, and speed limits needs to be reduced, again due to the topography of the land which leads vehicles to speed into the village in an uncontrollable manner. The main street is residential and therefore should be reduced to 30km/ph, while more traffic calming measures need to be explored. • S01 – Greatly appreciate this point, and that current legend zoning aligns to the Healthy Place Making and Infrastructure objectives, as all future developments need to be considered in connection with the way of village life, due to the limited facilities when compared with urban living. Maintenance is carried out by tidy towns committee and this is not scalable beyond 5% population growth. Thank you for reviewing these points and all of the work completed to date in this plan Brendan Lynam