

Clareen Sráid Plan

Settlement Description

Settlement Context: Clareen is a rural settlement situated in the western foothills of the Slieve Bloom Mountains on the R421 road, located approximately 20km from Tullamore and 6kms from Kinnitty. The Sráid boundary includes the historically significant St. Kieran (Seir Kieran) monastic site.

Services and Facilities: Catholic Church, graveyard, national school, parish hall, GAA grounds.

Waste Water Treatment: Individual effluent treatment systems.

Water Supply: Private Group Water Scheme.

Broadband: High speed broadband is available.



Settlement Objectives

General Objectives

Infrastructure and Public Realm

- GO1 Improvement of the existing road network, public lighting and footpaths.
- GO2 Extend footpath and public lighting from the Sráid crossroads to the Seir Kieran Monastery entrance and also connecting the existing footpath network to the cemetery to the north.
- GO3 Enhance gateway features and traffic calming measures on the approaches to the Sráid.
- GO4 Carry out public realm enhancement works at the GAA grounds and Church car park.
- GO5 Support the erection of a wall plaque or similar commendation in honour of local cyclist JJ Kinahan.
- GO6 Encourage the development of pollinator friendly zones within the Sráid.

Development and Design

- GO7 Promotion of low-density linear or cluster style development within the Sráid boundary.
- GO8 Any new development should be designed and located in a way that sympathetically reflects and respects the rural character of the area.

Specific Objectives (refer to map)

- SO1 These lands should be developed for low density linear or clustered style development. Any cluster proposal must make provision for a publically accessible linear park and pedestrian walkway along the existing stream.
- SO2 Consult with the Office of Public Works to investigate the potential for tourism opportunities at the Seir Kieran Monastery site, together with improved public access to the monastic site, including pedestrian connections from the Sráid.
- SO3 Any further development of these lands should be required to include a comprehensive landscaping strategy to improve the visual amenity of the area.
- SO4 Encourage and support the refurbishment of the Parish Hall.

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