Killeigh Village Plan

Settlement Description

Settlement Context: Killeigh is an attractive village situated at the crossroads of the N80 and local roads. It is strategically positioned approximately 8km from Tullamore and 26km from Portlaoise. The village is centred around a village green at the crossroads and has generally expanded in a linear fashion along the constituent roads. The village is affected by a flood zone which generally follows the watercourse running through the village. There are also a number of archaeological features in the village. Killeigh Village contains a number of key sites of



archaeological significance including the site of the Franciscan Friary, the site of the Augustinian Priory, the site of the Augustinian Nunnery and the Holy Wells.

Population Census 2016: 212 (+ 7.60 % since Census 2011)

Services and Facilities: GAA Grounds, National School, Roman Catholic Church, Church of Ireland Church, Shop, Pub, Hairdresser and Beauty Salon, Childcare Facilities, Car Sales. The Seven Blessed Wells of Killeigh walking route is located in the village. Killeigh is served by Bus Eireann's No. 73 bus route from Waterford to Longford via Athlone.

Waste Water Treatment: Killeigh Waste Water Treatment Plant

Water Supply: Killeigh / Cloneygowan Private Group Water Scheme

Broadband: High Speed Fibre Broadband

Appendix 2 of Volume 1 of the County Development Plan includes an Infrastructural Assessment Report which addresses infrastructure provision, deficiencies and investment proposals relating to the towns and villages.

Settlement Objectives

Housing and Sustainable Communities Objectives

- SO1 To ensure that future growth is balanced and sustainable and is appropriate to the scale, size and character of the existing village.
- SO2 There are two Opportunity Sites identified in the village which have the potential to consolidate the village core and provide for compact urban growth. Development proposals on these sites shall be in accordance with the requirements of Section 7.2.4 of Volume 1 of this County Development Plan.
- SO3 New development shall have regard to the existing character of the village and will be required to protect the setting of sites and features of archaeological significance.
- SO4 Constrained Land Use zoning shall be developed in accordance with Section 12.6, Objective LUZO-14 in Volume 1 of this County Development Plan.

Economic Development and Regeneration Objectives

- SO5 To maintain and expand the existing service provision in the village commensurate with population growth.
- SO6 To support the re-development of the Macra Hall as a community centre.

Healthy Place Making and Infrastructure Objectives

- SO7 To seek the upgrade, consolidation and expansion of the public lighting and footpath network in the village.
- SO8 To improve public amenities / recreational facilities in the village, including exploring the possibility of extending The Seven Blessed Wells of Killeigh walking route northwards along the river/stream.
- SO9 To protect the carrying capacity, efficiency and road safety of the N80 through Killeigh.
- SO10 To promote traffic calming measures and road safety in the village including investigating the feasibility of providing a pedestrian crossing at the school.
- SO11 To support the undergrounding of overhead cables in the village.
- SO12 To protect the Irish Water Eastern and Midlands Water Supply Project pipeline corridor from inappropriate development that would prejudice the delivery of the project.
- SO13 To investigate the feasibility of providing a bypass for Killeigh, taking into account environmental sensitivities as identified in the SEA Environmental Report and the policies and objectives of this County Development Plan relating to sustainable mobility. Any future proposals for roads corridors shall be consistent with the other provisions contained in this County Development Plan including Section 8.6.4 Corridor and Route Selection Process. To protect from development any reservation bands / corridors for this bypass so as to avoid compromising the construction of the road.

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