

## Kinnitty Village Plan

### Settlement Description

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**Settlement Context:** Kinnitty is an attractive village located at the foothills of the Slieve Bloom Mountains, at the confluence of the R421, R440 and three local roads. It is approximately 25km from Tullamore and 13km from Birr. The village is located in an Area of High Amenity and is characterised by a vernacular core, centred around the village green with more recent ribbon development along the constituent roads. Kinnitty is strategically positioned to act as a tourism hub for exploring the Slieve Bloom Mountains.



**Population Census 2016:** 381 (+ 6.10 % since Census 2011)

**Services and Facilities:** National School, Health Centre, Community Centre, Bring Centre, Playground, Garda Station, Roman Catholic Church, Church of Ireland Church, Drapery, 2 no. Pubs, 2 no. Shops, Post Office, Guesthouse and Glamping and 2 no. Bed & Breakfasts. The GAA grounds are located outside the settlement with a footpath linking to the village. The village is served by the Local Link bus service.

**Waste Water Treatment:** Kinnitty Waste Water Treatment Plant

**Water Supply:** Kinnitty Public 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

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#### 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 To encourage the re-use of vacant dwellings and commercial premises and the development of infill sites to create a compact, vibrant village.

#### Economic Development and Regeneration Objectives

- SO3 To support developments that will establish Kinnitty as a cycling and outdoor recreation hub for the Slieve Bloom Mountains and as a destination on the proposed 'Lough Boora Parklands and Drinagh Wetlands' cycling route contained in Figure 6.13 of Volume 1 of this County Development Plan.
- SO4 To grow a visitor economy in the village by encouraging tourism-related uses, activities and amenities that will contribute to the Slieve Bloom Mountains tourism product.

SO5 To encourage the further development of retail and commercial services in the village core. The redevelopment of existing unused or derelict structures for commercial or residential purposes will be particularly encouraged.

**Healthy Place Making and Infrastructure Objectives**

SO6 To continue to improve walking and cycling linkages to the Slieve Bloom Mountain Bike Trail and Mountain Walks.

SO7 To create a sense of arrival at key approaches and arrival points in the village through improvements to the public realm.

SO8 New development will be required to protect the setting of archaeological features, Protected Structures and the Slieve Bloom Mountains.

SO9 To protect the carrying capacity, efficiency, road safety and amenity of the R421 and R440 (Restricted Regional Routes) through Kinnitty.

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