

Mountbolus Village Plan

Settlement Description

Settlement Context: Mountbolus is a small village located between Kilcormac and Tullamore, south of the N52, with views of the Slieve Bloom mountains southwards. It is approximately 15km from Tullamore and 8km from Kilcormac. The main street, L-2014, lies on a gradient falling from east to west. There is a village green in the centre of the village at the junction of the L-6026 and the L-2014. There are a number of vacant commercial buildings along the Main Street.



Population Census 2016: 129 (estimate)

Services and Facilities: Roman Catholic Church, Community Hall, GAA Grounds, National School, Bring Centre, Pub and Acquired Brain Injury Ireland. The village is served by the Local Link bus service.

Waste Water Treatment: Mountbolus Waste Water Treatment Plant

Water Supply: Mountbolus 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

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 require new development to take cognisance of and to reinforce the existing rural character of the village in terms of scale, layout, detailed design and landscaping.

Economic Development and Regeneration Objectives

- SO3 To encourage the further development of retail and commercial services in the village core. The redevelopment of existing vacant or derelict buildings for commercial or residential purposes will be particularly encouraged.
- SO4 To improve public amenities in the village. An area around the Community Centre is set aside as a public amenity area for the benefit of the local community.

Healthy Place Making and Infrastructure Objectives

- SO5 To support improvements to the public realm including landscaping and addressing the visual clutter along Main Street caused by power, lighting and hanging basket poles.
- SO6 To seek the upgrade, consolidation and expansion of the public lighting and footpath network in the village and the provision of cycle lanes where feasible.
- SO7 To protect groundwater resources within the Source Protection Zone.

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