

Pollagh / Lemanaghan Village Plan

Settlement Description

Settlement Context:

Pollagh is a dispersed linear settlement located on the Grand Canal and north of the Lough Boora Discovery Park in a remote part of the county. It is 14km (via tow path) from Tullamore or 22km by road. Pollagh and Lemanaghan can be described as a bi-nodal settlement, as they function as one place.



Population Census 2016: 227 (- 9.6 % since Census 2011)

Services and Facilities: Community Shop, Men's Shed, Pub, National School, Roman Catholic Church, GAA Grounds, Community Centre (including Youth Space), Bring Centre. The village is served by the Local Link bus service.

Waste Water Treatment: Lemanaghan Waste Water Treatment Plant

Water Supply: Rahan-Agall/Hollimshill PWS

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 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

- SO3 To promote the expansion of the local service provision in the village, and to maintain and support existing local and community services including the Community Shop.
- SO4 To promote Pollagh-Lemanaghan as a destination on the Grand Canal Greenway and the proposed 'Shannon Monastic Greenway' and 'Lough Boora Parklands and Drinagh Wetlands' cycling routes contained in Figure 6.13 of Volume 1 of this County Development Plan and as a destination close to the Turraun Wetlands and to support uses, infrastructure and development that achieve this objective.

- SO5 To promote Pollagh-Lemanaghan as a canal-side village / stop-off destination for boats travelling on the Grand Canal and to support uses, infrastructure and development that achieve this objective, while having regard to Policies TRP-02 and TRP-18 under Chapter 6 'Tourism and Recreation'.
- SO6 To promote tourism initiatives in the village including the potential of the River Brosna and Grand Canal for watersports, while having regard to Policies TRP-02 and TRP-18 under Chapter 6 'Tourism and Recreation'.
- SO7 To improve the appearance of Plunkett Bridge.

Healthy Place Making and Infrastructure Objectives

- SO8 To improve pedestrian facilities in the village including pedestrian links between the Community Shop and Bridge.
- SO9 To investigate the feasibility of providing a footpath between Pollagh and Lemanaghan.
- SO10 To improve wayfinding in the village by providing road safety, directional and tourism signage.
- SO11 To enhance biodiversity in the village, including the promotion of pollinator projects and pollinator friendly planting schemes in the village.
- SO12 To improve public amenities in the village, such as a walkway along the River Brosna and the provision of an area of public open space in the village.

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