

Rath Sráid Plan

Settlement Description

Settlement Context: Rath is located at a crossroads, linking two county roads (Birr-Kilcormac with Fivealley-Killyon). The settlement at Rath is very traditional in origin, given its location at a crossroads. The cemetery on the eastern approach to this Sráid and the commercial premises (grain store) located on the western approach, form a definitive boundary to this settlement.



Services and Facilities: Catholic Church, cemetery, national school, community hall including a pre-school, and local shop. A GAA pitch and associated facilities are situated 0.7km south of the crossroads.

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 and provision of public lighting and footpaths, with a priority for a footpath connection to the cemetery.
- GO2 Provide/enhance gateway features on the approaches to the Sráid.
- GO3 Where appropriate, consider creating front boundaries with soft landscaping/stone walls for car parking areas in front of the community hall, cemetery, GAA field and outside industrial use.
- GO4 Groundwater source protection zone must be protected.

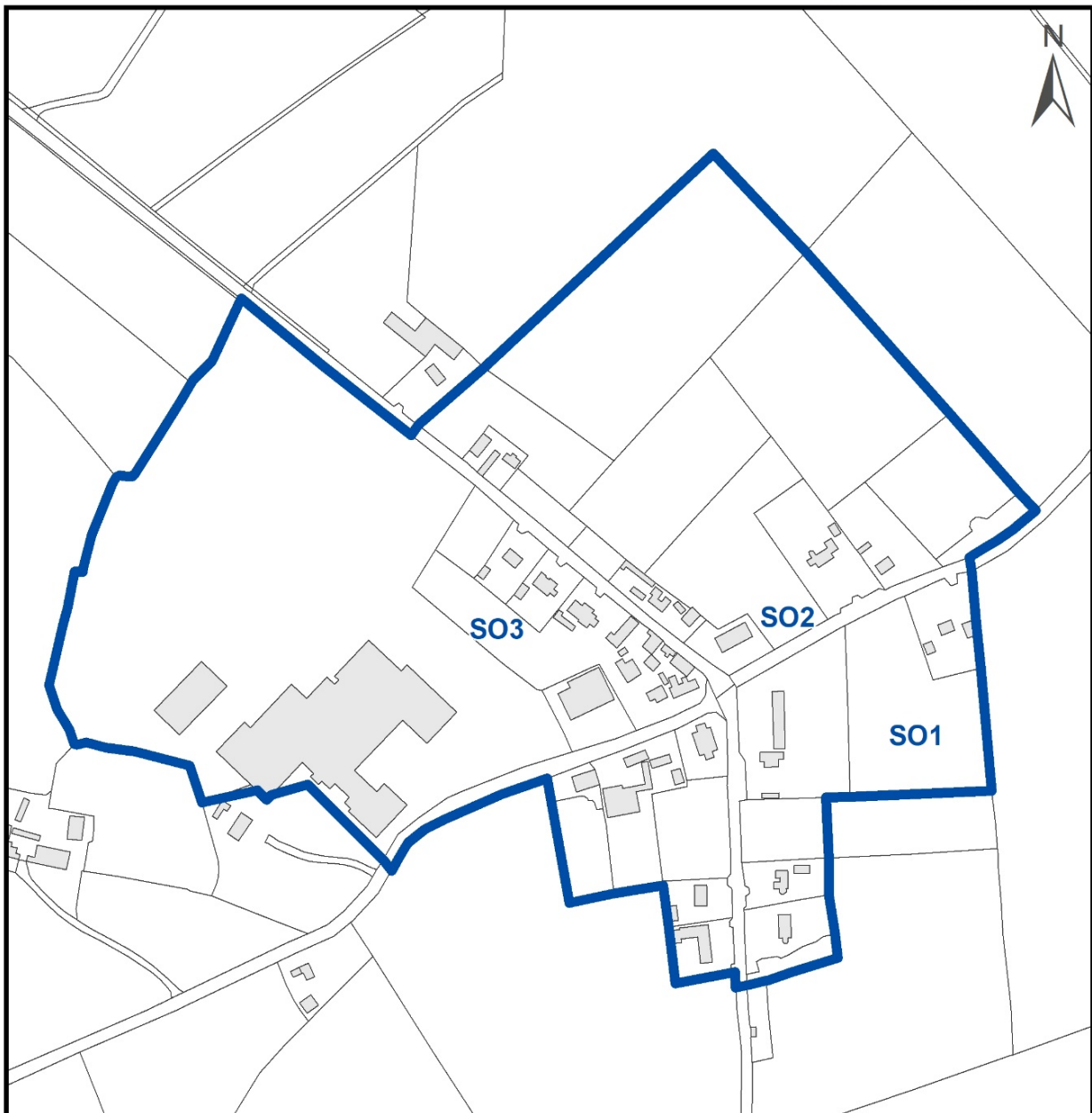
Development and Design

- GO5 In terms of design and materials being used along approach roads and within the Sráid core, continue to create consistency/continuity/simplicity in the development of footpaths, grass verges and boundary treatment (i.e. stone walls, hedgerows and types of landscaping/planting - native planting only).
- GO6 Any new development should be designed and located in a way that sympathetically reflects and respects the rural character of the area.
- GO7 Promotion of low-density linear or cluster style development within the Sráid boundary.

Specific Objectives (refer to map)

- SO1 Ensure that sufficient land is reserved to facilitate the expansion of the national school.
- SO2 Encourage the provision of an open space area adjacent to the community centre.
- SO3 Maintain landscaped buffer between houses and industrial use.

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 Development Boundary
SO Specific Objectives

