

## Shannon Harbour Village Plan

### Settlement Description

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**Settlement Context:** Shannon Harbour is located at the junction of the Grand Canal and the River Shannon in West Offaly. Environmental and flood designations apply to the village and restrict its development potential. Shannon Harbour is a node on the county's greenway network and tourism is an important contributor to the local economy.



**Population:** 52 (estimate)

**Services and Facilities:** 2 no. Pubs, Community Centre and Public Facilities, Bring Centre, Playground, Waterways Ireland, Bed & Breakfast. The village is served by the Local Link bus service.

**Waste Water Treatment:** Shannon Harbour Waste Water Treatment Plant

**Water Supply:** Moyclare Rural Water Supply Scheme

**Broadband:** State Intervention Area under the National Broadband Plan. 'Visit Offaly Free Wi-Fi' is available

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 require new development to have regard to the rural character and environmental sensitivity of the village and to avoid adverse impacts on the integrity of the Natura 2000 network.
- SO3 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

- SO4 To promote Shannon Harbour as a destination along the Grand Canal Greenway and to support tourism-related uses.
- SO5 The former Grand Canal Hotel is identified as an Opportunity Site in the village. This building occupies a prominent position in the village and is in an advanced state of dis-repair. The Council supports the sensitive restoration of this Protected Structure which would positively contribute to the overall aesthetics of the village and the Shannon Harbour tourism product. Development proposals on this site shall be in accordance with the requirements of Section 7.4.5 of Volume 1 of this County Development Plan.

**Healthy Place Making and Infrastructure Objectives**

- SO6 To support the delivery of the proposed greenway network through Shannon Harbour linking to Banagher.
- SO7 To protect the amenity value of the Grand Canal and to work with Waterways Ireland and private boat owners to improve the appearance of moored boats along the canal.

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