# Shinrone Village Plan

### **Settlement Description**

Settlement Context: Shinrone is located approximately 13km south of Birr at the junction between the R492 and R491. Shinrone is a linear village with a long vernacular main street, stretching along the R492. The village has a number of Protected Structures and archaeological features. The varied topography contributes to the character of the village. A tributary of the Little Brosna River runs through the western part of the village. There are a number of vacant buildings in the village, concentrated in the village core. The Council will



actively promote the re-use of these buildings in order to bring vitality to the village centre.

Population Census 2016: 645 (+ 1.7 % since Census 2011)

Services and Facilities: Roman Catholic Church, National School, Playround, GAA Grounds, Community Hall, Bring Centre, Church of Ireland Church, Methodist Church, Health Centre, Garda Station, Post Office, Nursing Home, Funeral Directors, 3 no. Pubs, Liffey Mills, Furniture Maker, Takeaway, Tyre Centre, Service Station, Gym, Crèche / Pre-School, Hair Salon. The village is served by the Local Link bus service.

Waste Water Treatment: Shinrone Waste Water Treatment Plant

Water Supply: Shinrone / Brosna Public Water Scheme

Broadband: High Speed Fibre Broadband / National Broadband Plan State Intervention Area

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 encourage the re-use of vacant buildings and the development of infill sites to create a compact, vibrant village.
- SO3 New development shall have regard to the existing character and topography of the village and will be required to protect the setting of archaeological features and Protected Structures.
- SO4 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**

- SO5 To maintain and expand the employment and service base in the village.
- SO6 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**

- SO7 To continue public realm improvements in the village core such as upkeep of open spaces, painting schemes, hard and soft landscaping and improvements to the road and footpath network.
- SO8 To upgrade road junctions in the village at the Roman Catholic Church and Spain's Pub.
- SO9 To investigate the feasibility of providing a pedestrian link from the village to Sharavogue Bog SAC and Cangort Bog NHA.
- SO10 To seek the improvement and incremental expansion of the public lighting and footpath network in the village.
- SO11 To protect groundwater resources within the Source Protection Zone.

