

Walsh Island Village Plan

Settlement Description

Settlement Context: Walsh Island is a small settlement located approximately 20km east of Tullamore and 12km north of Portarlinton. The settlement is served by local roads and is approximately 1km west of the R400. The village has a dispersed linear form which should be consolidated in future growth.

Population Census 2016: 443 (- 3.3% since Census 2011)

Services and Facilities: National School, GAA Grounds, Roman Catholic Church, Graveyard, Bring Centre, Pub. The village is served by the Local Link bus service.



Waste Water Treatment: Walsh Island Waste Water Treatment Plant

Water Supply: Walsh Island 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 encourage the development of infill sites and re-use of vacant buildings to create a compact, vibrant village.

Economic Development and Regeneration Objectives

- SO3 To seek the expansion of the retail core in the village by encouraging the development of small-scale retail / commercial services in the village centre.
- SO4 To promote Walsh Island as a destination on the proposed 'Landscapes of Power' cycling route contained in Figure 6.13 of Volume 1 of this County Development Plan and to encourage uses and development that achieve this objective.

Healthy Place Making and Infrastructure Objectives

- SO5 To improve social infrastructure and public amenities in the village and support the provision of a community hub and village green amenity area.
- SO6 To enhance the public realm to define the village core and create a sense of place.
- SO7 To seek the improvement, consolidation and expansion of the footpath and public lighting network in the village.
- SO8 To protect groundwater resources within the Source Protection Zone.

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