



Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029

Annual Monitoring Report 2023

Executive Non Technical Summary

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This *Annual Development Plan Monitoring Report* provides an overview of the planning and development trends that have occurred within the County during 2023. 2023 was the first year since the *Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029* was adopted.

Key development trends relating to completed and permitted housing/commercial development and the ongoing delivery of social and community infrastructure (e.g. childcare, healthcare and educational services) are detailed below:

Housing Completion 2023



2,720 New Dwellings Constructed in 2023



47% of New Dwellings in Existing Urban Areas



7% of New Dwellings are Single Houses



75% of New Dwellings are Scheme Houses



18% of New Dwellings are Apartments

Housing Granted in 2023



1,402 Dwellings Granted



80% of Granted Dwellings in Larger Towns



8% of Granted Dwellings are Single Rural Houses



41% of Granted Dwellings are Scheme Houses



51% of Granted Dwellings are Apartments

Commercial Building Stock 2023



7,168 Commercial Properties in Kildare 2023



14.4% Vacancy Rate in 2023 (0.9% in Business Parks)



47% Commercial Properties in Services Sector



24% Commercial Properties in Retail/Wholesale Sector



10% Commercial Properties in Health Sector

Granted Commercial Floorspace 2023



129,404 sqm
Granted
Commercial
Floorspace



23% of
Granted
Commercial
Floorspace in
Rural Areas



51,700 sqm
Warehousing
/ Logistics
Floorspace
Granted 2023



58,300 sqm
Industrial
Floorspace
Granted 2023



14,700 sqm
Hospitality
Floorspace
Granted 2023

Childcare



Total of 173 childcare facilities accommodating 8,424 children between Jan 2023 and Jan 2024.

3 additional childcare facilities registered in 2023.

Planning permission granted for 6 new facilities and expansions/alterations to 18 existing facilities in 2023.

Healthcare – General Practitioner



Total of 65 GP practices in the County.



4 additional GP practices permitted in 2023

Primary Schools



Total of 101 primary schools catering for 29,287 enrolled pupils for 2023-2024 academic year.

Estimated County Pupil-Teacher Ratio of 25:1 for 2022-2023 academic year.

13 major primary school projects and 24 additional accommodation projects ongoing as of April 2024.

Post-Primary Schools



Total of 29 post-primary schools catering for 21,880 enrolled pupils for 2023-2024 academic year.

8 major post-primary school projects and 11 additional accommodation projects ongoing as of April 2024.

The development patterns and trends in Kildare in 2023 are heavily focused on the continuing consolidation and growth of the larger settlements of the County, particularly the key, self-sustaining growth and self-sustaining towns. Proximity and accessibility to Dublin, the national road network and other transport connections continue to be key factors influencing growth patterns in Kildare.

The Report should be read in conjunction with the *Census 2022 Kildare Settlement Profile Report* prepared by the All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO) of Maynooth University, attached at Appendix A.