



Preamble

DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

Kildare County Development Plan 2005-2011, Volume 1

Part II Chapter I of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2004 requires a planning authority to prepare a Development plan for its functional area every six years. In accordance with this obligation the review of the County Development Plan 1999 commenced in May 2003.

In making the Development Plan the Planning Authority shall:

1. Have regard to Development Plans of adjoining planning authorities,
2. Take into account any significant likely effects the implementation of the plan may have on the area of any adjoining planning authority,
3. Have regard to national plans, policies or strategies.

The purpose of a development plan is to set out the overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and shall consist of a written statement and plans indicating the development objectives for the County.

There are 13 mandatory objectives set out under Section 10 (2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2004. These include:

- Zoning of land uses,
- Provision or facilitation of the provision of infrastructure, including transport, energy, communication facilities, water supplies, waste recovery, disposal facilities, waste water services, ancillary facilities,
- Conservation and protection of the environment,
- The integration of the planning and sustainable development of the area with the social community and cultural requirements of the area and its population,
- The preservation of the character of the landscape, of views and prospects and the amenities of places of beauty or interest,
- Protection of structures which are of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest,
- Preservation of the character of architectural conservation areas,
- Renewal and development of areas in need of regeneration,
- Provision of traveller accommodation,
- Preservation, improvement and extension of amenities and recreational amenities,
- Incorporation of the requirements of the Major Accidents Directive,
- Provision of community services including schools, crèches, childcare facilities and other educational facilities,
- Protection of linguistic and cultural heritage facilities of the Gaeltacht areas.

The Development Plan shall also contain an environmental appraisal on the likely effects on the environment of implementing the Plan.¹

Plan Composition:

The County Development Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of section 10 (2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2004 and is presented in two volumes. Each chapter within the written statement provides a background to the topic and identifies a goal, objectives and specific policies in relation to this subject. Details of what these include are identified as follows:

¹For full details please refer to Part II, Chapter I, Section 10 (2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2004.

Background

A statement setting out the context for Kildare in relation to the specific topic.

Goal

An overall general aim encompassing the policies and objectives.

Objectives

Detailed objectives providing a framework for specific programmes/policies. It provides the background and reasoning to the policies included in the Plan.

Policy

The policies set out the aims of the Council for the proper planning and sustainable development of the County.

Volume 1:

The first volume comprises the written statement setting out the overall strategy of the County Development Plan. It contains the main policy material under a range of headings together with the planning principles that underpin them. It sets out the Rural Housing Policy and the theme boundaries for 37 rural settlements, categorised under the headings of consolidation, strengthening and revitalisation. It must be emphasised that this land is not zoned land under section 10 (2)(A) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000-2004. It also includes an environmental assessment of the Plan. This volume is supplemented by the Housing Strategy, appendices and a glossary.

Layout of Volume 1:

1. Strategic Context & Vision for Kildare
2. Economic Strategy
3. Physical Infrastructure Strategy
4. Social Strategy
5. Housing
6. Rural Housing Strategy & Rural Settlement Maps
7. Retail
8. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
9. Telecommunications Strategy
10. Agriculture & The Bloodstock / Equine Industry
11. Forestry & Boglands
12. Prevention of Major Accidents
13. Tourism & Recreation
14. Extractive Industries
15. Development Control Standards
16. Evaluation of Environmental Impact



Volume 2:

This volume sets out in detail a range of specific policies in relation to the built and natural heritage. It provides an assessment of the different landscape character areas of Kildare and identifies protected scenic routes and views. The Record of Protected Structures (correct at date of publication) and the areas designated for Architectural Conservation are contained in volume 2. A design guideline for development in rural areas accompanies this volume.

The specific zoning objectives for the environs areas of Naas, Kilcock, Punchestown, Blessington, Celbridge, Kilcullen, Kill, Athy and miscellaneous (Caragh), are also contained in this volume.

The Development Boundary 2005 for Ballymore Eustace is contained in this volume as it is the policy of the Council to prepare a local area plan to define the future development of the village. All other Local Area Plans will be reviewed during the lifetime of this plan, additional plans will also be made where deemed necessary.

Layout of volume 2:

17. Heritage
18. Landscape Character Areas
19. Protected Views & Scenic Routes
20. Architectural Heritage
21. Architectural Conservation Areas
22. Kildare Rural Design & Development Guidelines
23. Environs Plans
24. Aerodromes
25. Towns & Villages

Implementation:

This County Development Plan is a six year plan which sets out Kildare County Council's planning policies and overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the county for that period. The Development Plan is the main instrument for the regulation and control of development. The Council is required to assess development proposals in accordance with the policies and objectives set out in this plan. It outlines criteria and standards to guide development, the details of which shall be subject to further analysis in the development control process.