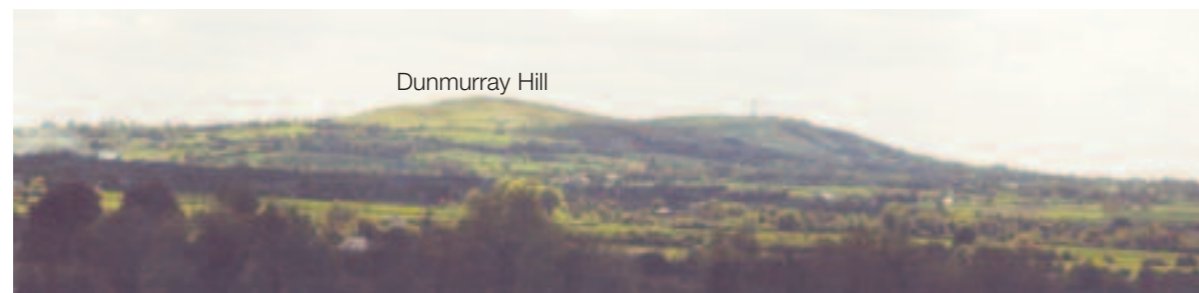


**15. Views to and from Dunmurray and Views of Central Kildare Plains and Boglands on the R401 and adjoining roads**

Location: Kilmoney South, Carrickanearla, Guidenstown, Dunmurray

The hilltops of Dunmurry and Red Hill define the skyline in this part of the County. Due to the generally flat nature of the surrounding landscape, Dunmurray Hill is visible over a wide area and long-distances. Extensive open views of the surrounding Kildare plains and boglands are available from the R401 regional road that runs between Dunmurry and Red Hill.



Dunmurray Hill

*Views to the Dunmurray Hill and adjacent lowland plains*



*Views to the Redhill and Dunmurray Hill from the R401*



**16. Views of the Chair of Kildare and Views of Central Kildare Plains and Boglands on the R415 and Adjoining Roads**

Location: Grange Common, Blakestown, Conlanstown, Canonstown, Carrickanearla

Open and long-distance vistas of the agricultural lands and boglands of the central Kildare plains are provided from the R415 regional road and adjacent local roads. As a result of the generally smooth terrain and low hedgerows and vegetation, extensive views over the plains can be obtained. The Wicklow Mountains can be discerned in the distance. Although scattered housing occurs throughout the countryside, the landscape character of the area remains unaffected and the scenic quality of the available vistas remains to be significant due to the available extensive open views to this area of the County.

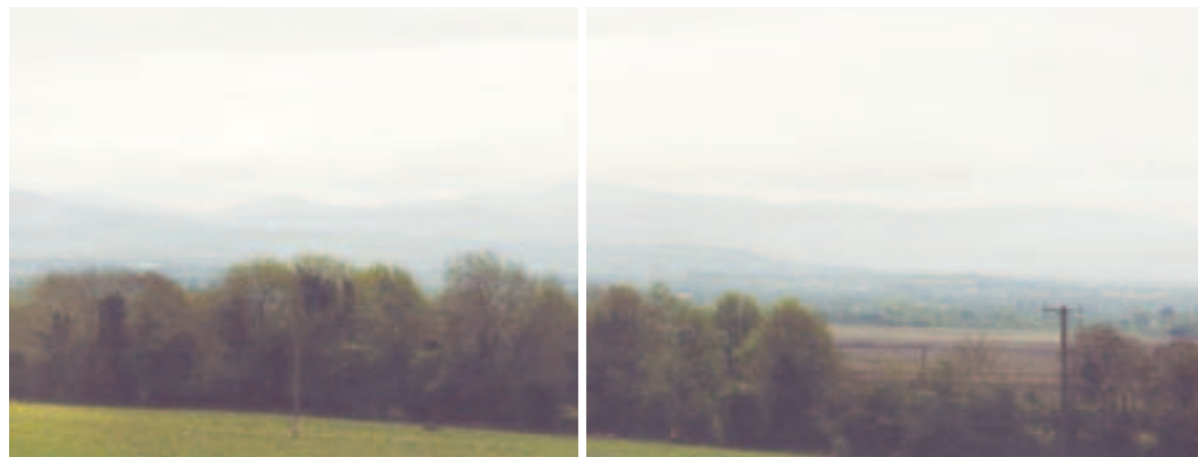


*Views to Kildare plains and boglands*

**17. Views of the Kildare Plains and Boglands from the Hill of Allen**

Location: Dunbyrne, Barnacarrow, Baronstown West

Open and long-distance vistas of the lowland areas, both agricultural lands and boglands, are available from the roads - particularly the eastern local roads - around the Hill of Allen. The elevated nature of the road allows extensive views over the plains. Wicklow Mountains can also be discerned in the distance. Although scattered housing occurs throughout the countryside, the scenic quality of the available vistas remains to be significant.



*Views of Kildare plains and boglands from local roads east of Hill of Allen*



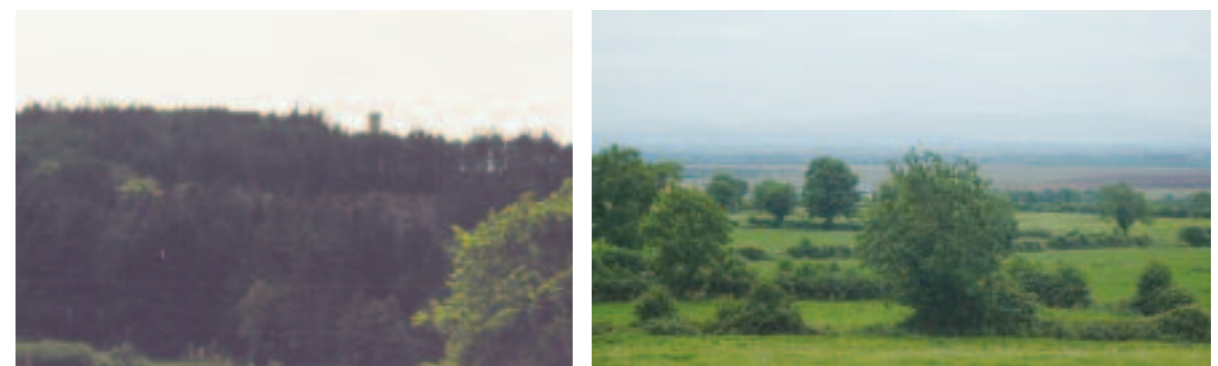
**18. Views from the South/South-East Side of the Hill of Allen on the Milltown/Allen Road; R415 from Baronstown to Allen Cross Road**

Location: Barnacarrow

Extensive open views of the lowlands are available from the local roads that run on the south/south-eastern slopes of Allen Hill. The elevated nature of the road allows extensive views over the agricultural plains. The generally low-lying hedgerows (intertwined with mature trees) provided for long-distance visibility. Although scattered housing occurs throughout the countryside, these are partially screened by existing vegetation and the scenic quality of the vistas along these roads remains unaffected.



*Views to the lowlands agricultural plains from south of Allen Hill*



*South side of Allen Hill*

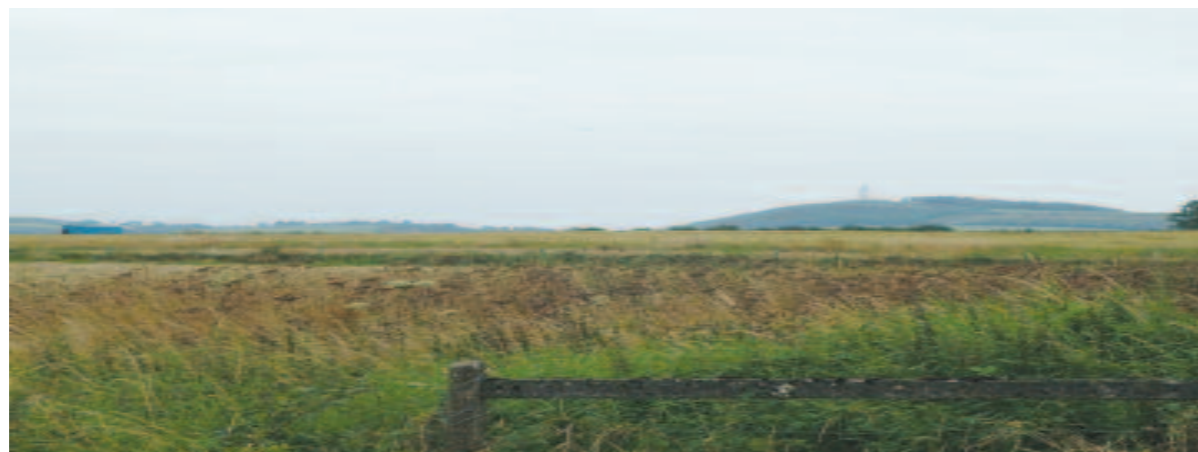
**19. Views of the Canal, River Slate and surrounding countryside from R414 at Rathangan**

Location: Bonaghmore, Kilmoney North, Mullantine, Mount Prospect, Newtown

The R414 Regional Road provides scenic views onto the Grand Canal, the River Slate and the surrounding countryside south of Rathangan village. The scenic and amenity value of both the water corridors and the landscape character of the surrounding countryside (which includes long distance vistas onto the Red Hill) are of significance.



*Views to the Grand Canal and the surrounding countryside at Rathangan*



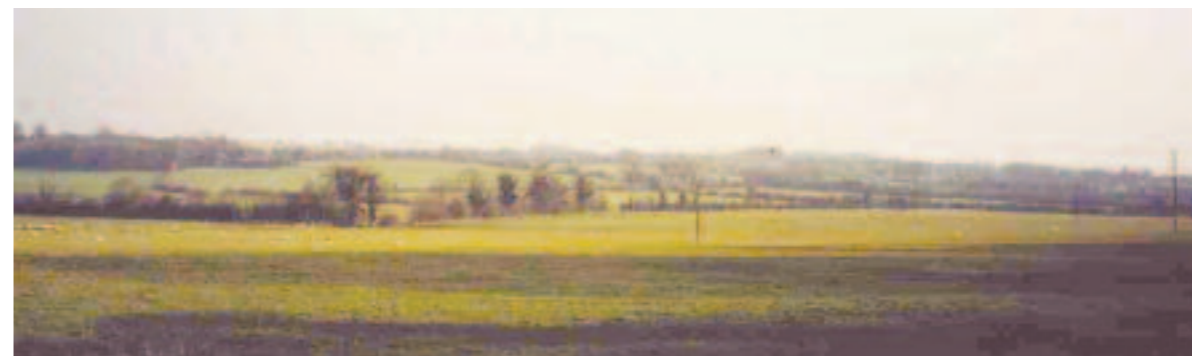
**20. Views of Plains of Kildare and West Central Boglands. Views to and from Newtown Hills (including county roads 5027, 1007)**

Location: Newtown, Grange, Kilbridge, Ovidstown, Killickaneeny, Nicholastown.

The county roads that divert from the N4 towards Newtown (i.e. L5027, L1007) run west of and through Newton Hills and thus provide scenic viewpoints to the surrounding hill slopes and lowland areas respectively. As the roads run along the ridgelines or hilltops, extensive views of the surrounding lowland rural lands are available at points where the occurring hedgerows are interrupted, and relatively large patches of deciduous woodlands can be seen. Small farms and deciduous trees along the low well-trimmed hedges occur along these scenic roads.



*Views of Kildare Plains and Boglands from Newton Hills*



**21. Views to and from Corballis Hills; county roads from Carrigeen to Sherrifhill cross road**

Location: Corballis, Tankardstown, Ballynacarrick Upper/ Lower, Sherrifhill, Alymerstown

Local roads throughout and in the vicinity of Corballis Hills provide scenic vistas of the adjacent hilltops and surrounding undulating lowlands. The generally smooth terrain is interrupted by low and well-trimmed hedgerows intertwined with some mature trees and vegetation, which add complexity to the vistas. Although these partially screen vistas along the designated routes, open and long-distance views are available for long sections along the scenic roads. Large concentrations of scattered housing occur along the local roads, affecting the quality of the vistas (see photo below).



*Views to and from Corballis Hill*



*Views to and from Corballis Hill to surrounding lowlands - Note the effect of one-off housing*



**22. Views to the North-West of the open countryside; from Kilteel Village to Rathmore Village**

Location: Furryhill, Kilteel Lower, Rathmore East

Open and extensive views of the surrounding lowlands are available to the west, whilst views onto the hilltops are provided to the east. The undulating nature of the lowlands in this part of the County and the existing hedgerows with mature trees add complexity to the vistas, as well as partially screening views along the roads. Although scattered housing is located in the area, the landscape character remains unaffected and, similarly, the views along the road onto the lowlands maintain their scenic value. Although the hilltops to the west limit the extent of the vistas, these remain highly scenic.



*Views from the local roads around Kilteel to both the lowlands (west) and the hilltops (east)*



*Views to the lowlands (below) from the local road immediately east of Kilteel and Rathmore*



**23. Views East at Brewel; L413 from Kingland Castle Ruins to Ballintaggart**

Location: Brewel East, Ballintaggart



*Views to Brewel Hill, west from the L413*

Extensive open views of Brewel Hill to the west and the Wicklow Mountains to the east are available from the L413 road. The generally flat topography of the area rises at Brewel Hill, which represents a focal landscape feature. The agricultural lands are bordered by generally low and well-trimmed hedgerows intertwined with some mature trees. The Wicklow Mountains to the east define the skyline and thus, extent of visibility.



**24. Views across the Barrow valley; L397 from Pinhill cross roads to Burton Cross Road**

Location: Burton Big, Ballinadrum, Glassely



*Views across the lowland plains (and the Barrow Valley in the distance) from the L397*



Extensive open views of the lowlands are available from the L 397 local road that runs almost parallel to the N78. The elevated nature of the road and the generally low-lying hedgerows (intertwined with mature trees) allow long-distance views over the agricultural plains and the Barrow Valley. Although scattered housing occurs throughout the countryside (see photos above) the scenic quality of the available vistas along this road remains unaffected.

**25. Views to the North-West of Kildare Plains; N78 South of Moortown House to Tippeen Lower**  
 Location: Moortown, Thomastown, Ballyshannon, Tippeen Lower



*Long distance and extensive views from the N78 south of Moortown*

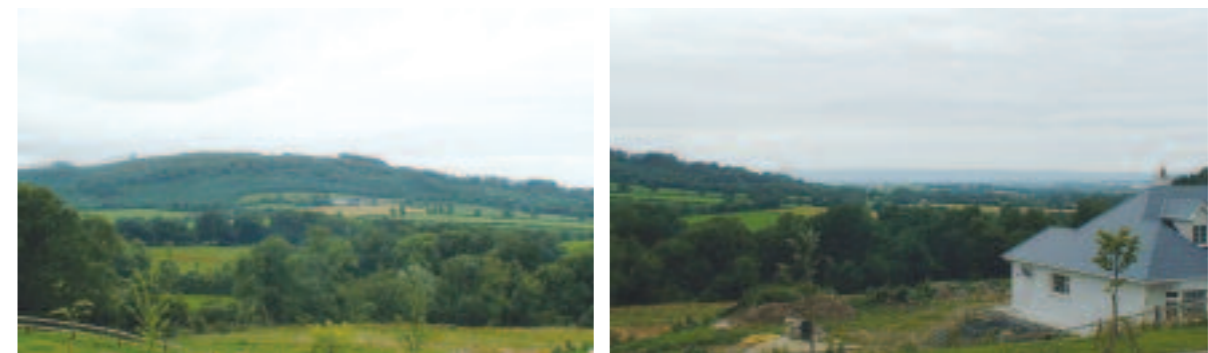


Extensive and long-distance views of the Kildare plains are available from the N78 national road south of Kilcullen. The apparent elevated nature of the road, which runs through the plains, and the generally low-lying hedgerows provide for long-distance views over the agricultural plains.

**26. Views to and from Hughestown Hill (L8052)**  
 Location: Hughestown, Carrigeen Hill, Ballynacarrick Lower, Davidstown



*Views onto the lowlands from the western slopes of Hughestown Hill*



*Views to Corballis and surrounding environs from Hughestown Hill*

Long distance views of the lowlands are available from the L8052 local road that runs on the western slopes of Hughestown Hill. Although the elevated nature of the road provides for long-distance visibility over the agricultural plains, views are limited due to the generally mature hedgerows along the road, which screen potentially scenic vistas.

Local roads provide scenic views onto Hughestown Hill, which - together with Corballis Hill - defined the skyline and presents a local landscape focal point. Although scattered housing is located throughout the countryside (see photo above) the vistas available along hedgerow openings on this road remain highly scenic.

27. Views to the south of the open countryside; from L138 Kilmeague cross road to Coolaght  
 Location: Kilmeague, Coolaght



Views from the L138 road near Kilmeague



Extensive views of the open countryside are available from the L138 road. Agricultural fields with low and well-maintained hedgerows intertwined with deciduous mature trees, provide for vistas to the environs of Kilmeague when looking to the south-east. The River Liffey is also discernible in the distance. Although scattered dwellings and farm buildings are located in the area, vistas along this section of the road remain unaffected.

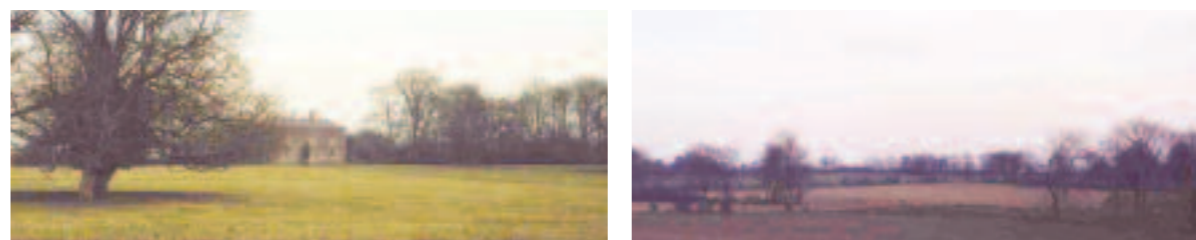
28. Views from the county roads (L5017 & L26) of Carbury Castle and Hill: Teelough road junction with the R402 and upland area at Mylerstown  
 Location: Calfstown, Mylerstown, Knockcor, Carbury, Coolcor.



Views of Carbury Castle (Fortified House) from the R402



Views of Carbury Castle (Fortified House) from the L5017



Views from local roads around Carbury

Extensive views of the surrounding rural landscape are available along the R402 regional road from Kilshanchoe to Carbury. Scenic vistas can be obtained, particularly when approaching Carbury: the Ardkill bog and wildlife reserve dominated by birch trees, frame the Carbury Hill and Castle (Fortified House) views. The landscape can be described as historic and presents a high scenic amenity value.

The local roads L5017 and L26 provide important viewpoints towards Carbury Fortified House on Carbury Hill. A number of local roads that set off from Carbury town are perceived as having scenic value as a number of extensive views - partially screened by deciduous trees and hedgerows - and historic landscape views were encountered during the site visit (see photos above). Furthermore, the local road from Carbury to Broadford is designated as a tourist route and also provides high quality vistas to the surrounding environs.

29. Views of Countryside and East Kildare Uplands from Bishopshill Commons

Location: Carrigeen, Barrettstown



*Views from Bishopshill Commons - Note the long-distance extensive views and the Wicklow Mountains to the back*



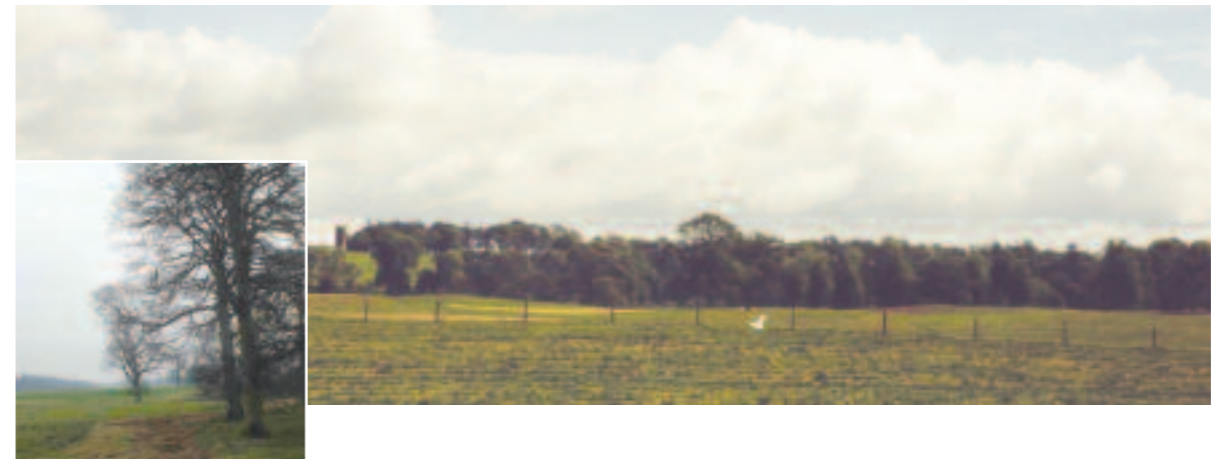
Extensive open views of the countryside and the Wicklow Mountains to the east are available from the local road that runs through Bishopshill Commons. The generally flat topography of the area undulates and rises towards the Wicklow Mountains, which define the skyline to the east of the County boundary. The generally low and well-trimmed hedgerows of the agricultural lands provide for long-distance visibility.

30. Within Carton Demesne Walls: Views to and from Carton House, the Lake and Woodland Areas

Location: Carton



*Views to Carton Demesne from site boundary*



Views to the Carton House and Demesne are not available from the R148 Leixlip to Maynooth Regional Road (classified as part of the North Kildare Tourist Route) nor from any other local roads due to the height of the stonewall boundary. The existing lake and deciduous woodlands within the estate and the open landscape character of the environs contained within the Demesne can be described as having high landscape and scenic amenity value (see photos above). Due to the hilltop location of Carton House, views to the surrounding open countryside are available.



31. **Views within Castletown - Donaghcumper rural area; Views to the south and north from Castletown House, including axial view to Obelisk**  
 Location: Castletown, Barrogstown, Barnhall, Rinawade, Crodaun



*Views north and south of Castletown House (above)*



Views within Castletown Demesne have a high scenic value as a result of the landscape quality of the demesne lands (see photos above). The open green areas and existing mature vegetation add to the visual amenity value. Views onto the River Liffey are also available.

32. **Views of the River Liffey from the Main Avenue of Castletown House**  
 Location: Castletown



Views towards the River Liffey are available from the main road within Castletown Demesne. Although the river corridor itself is not visible due to the mature vegetation growing along its banks, the quality of the vistas is of significance.

**33. Views to and from the Ridgeline on the East Kildare Uplands and Views of the Central Plains**

Location: Cromwellstownhill, Cupidstown Hill, Rathbane, Punchestown, Caureen, Hempstown Common, Pipershall, Crosscoolharbour



*Views from eastern Kildare Uplands*



*View to east Kildare Uplands*

Long-distance vistas of the central plains (i.e. lowlands agricultural and urban areas) are available from all the hilltops on the eastern boundary of County Kildare. Due to the open and extensive nature of the available views, these can be described as scenic. However, many views have been affected by development (see photos above).

Views to the upland areas are also of scenic value as ridgelines define the skyline as well as present conspicuous landscape features and focal points. Despite the fact that industrial and infrastructure developments have affected some of the available vistas, it is recommended the continuous designation and inclusion of these areas in the Development Plan is recommended.

**34. Views towards Lyons Hill, Liffey Valley, Clonaghilis and Oughterard; R403 from Barberstown Cross Roads to Saint Patrick's Hill**

Location: Barberstown Lower, Ardrass Upper, Castledillon Lower, Friarstown



*Views of the Kildare central plains - Note that development affects the quality of the views*

Extensive vistas of the undulating lowlands are provided from the R403. Views to the east include the river valley - the River Liffey corridor being screened by vegetation growing along its shores - and the hilltops around Oughterard, Lyons Hill, Clonaghilis and the lower elevation St Patrick's Hill, where the designated section of the road ends. The Wicklow Mountains in the next county, define the skyline and the extent of the views. Although some scattered housing is located and powerlines are visible, the extensive vistas and the landscape characteristics of the area provide scenic amenity when looking from the road, and therefore the vistas remain significant.

35. **Views of Dún Áillinne from the N78 - Moortowncastle to Knockbouce**  
 Location: Moortowncastle, Moortown, Old Kilcullen, Glebe North, Knockaulin, Knockbouce



*Views towards east Kildare Hills from the R403 Regional Road*



*St. Patricks Hill*

Open vistas of Dún Áillinne are available from the N78 national road. Although the undulating landform of the area determines the extent of visibility to the surrounding environs, extensive vistas to the undulating lowlands can be obtained along the N78.

Scenic views are also available to the east, which include the undulating lowlands, St Patrick's Hill and the Wicklow Mountains in the far distance.

36. **Views of the Gibbet Rath and the Curragh from the N7 at St. Legers Bottoms**  
 Location: St. Legers Bottoms



*Views to the undulating lowlands from the N78*

The elevated nature of the N7 national road when crossing through the Curragh allows extensive views of the Gibbet Rath, the racecourse lands and its environs. The generally smooth terrain and the lack of vegetation allow for long-distance visibility of the area.

## 37. Views to Pollardstown Fen



*Views of the Curragh along the N7*



The local road south of Pollardstown Fen provides extensive and open views to a unique bog formation landscape. The elevated nature of this road allows scenic vistas that include views to the Hill of Allen of which the rising slopes and hilltop are conspicuous in the otherwise flat terrain of this part of the County.

## 38. Allenswood to Lullymore Local Road



*Views to Pollardstown Fen from the southern local road*

Extensive bogland and pastureland views are available along this local road (see photo above). Although large areas along the road look onto cutaway bogland, intact bogland views can also be obtained. Therefore, the visual amenity value of the vistas obtained along this local road relies on the variety of bogland landscapes that can be viewed.

39. Lullymore to Rathangan Local Road



Extensive open views of boglands - both intact and cutaway - along the local road around Lullymore



Drained bog (above) and Cutaway Bog (below)



Open views onto agricultural lands near Lullymore

Extensive views of the intact bog at Lullymore can be obtained from this local road to the west. Agricultural lands and the ridgelines of Redhill, Bolton Hill and Allen Hill defining the skyline, define the landscape to the east. The quality of the available open and long-distance views is perceived as significant.

40. Ballynafagh Lake



Long-distance and open views of Redhill and nearby hilltops along the local road to Rathangan



Redhill

Extensive and long-distance views of the Ballynafagh lake environs and lowland agricultural lands can be obtained to the west. Although conifer plantations in the area limit the extent of visibility, the elevated nature of the local road along this section allows long-distance views of the Kildare uplands to the east.

Scattered housing is located throughout the area, however, the extensive open nature of the available views which include the lake feature, can be described as significant.