

# Kildare Town Local Area Plan 2019-2025

Pre-draft Public Consultation Issues Paper



## Pre-draft Public Consultation Evening

Take the opportunity to meet the Planning Team preparing the Kildare Town Local Area Plan 2019-2025

**Date:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Time:** 3pm – 7.30pm

**Location:** Áras Bhríde, Parish Centre, Kildare Town

**Closing Date for Submissions:**  
5pm Monday  
17<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Have your  
say!**



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# Kildare Local Area Plan 2019-2025

Kildare County Council is commencing the preparation of a Local Area Plan (LAP) for Kildare town. The purpose of this LAP is to set out a land use strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the town for the period of the plan from 2019-2025. The Plan will incorporate a framework for guiding the future development of transportation, housing, retail, heritage, employment, social and community facilities in Kildare town.

Presently we are at the 'pre-draft' stage, which is followed by the preparation and publication of a Draft LAP. At both stages the planning authority undertakes public consultation exercises and invites your comments. If you are interested in the development of Kildare town and wish to contribute to the shaping of its future, please make a written submission to the Planning Authority before 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

## Get Involved!

Local input is considered vital to the entire LAP process and the County Council values what you have to say. It is intended that this Issues Paper will initiate interest and debate resulting in positive and helpful feedback. Submissions are not limited to the issues raised in this paper so please feel free to raise any other issue or area of interest which you consider relevant. As a first step, Kildare County Council is inviting interested parties or individuals including but not restricted to residents, business owners, retailers, community, children or groups representing children and sports groups to identify 'bigger picture' issues that need to be addressed in the LAP on how Kildare town should develop into the future.

### **There are two key components to this pre-draft consultation process:**

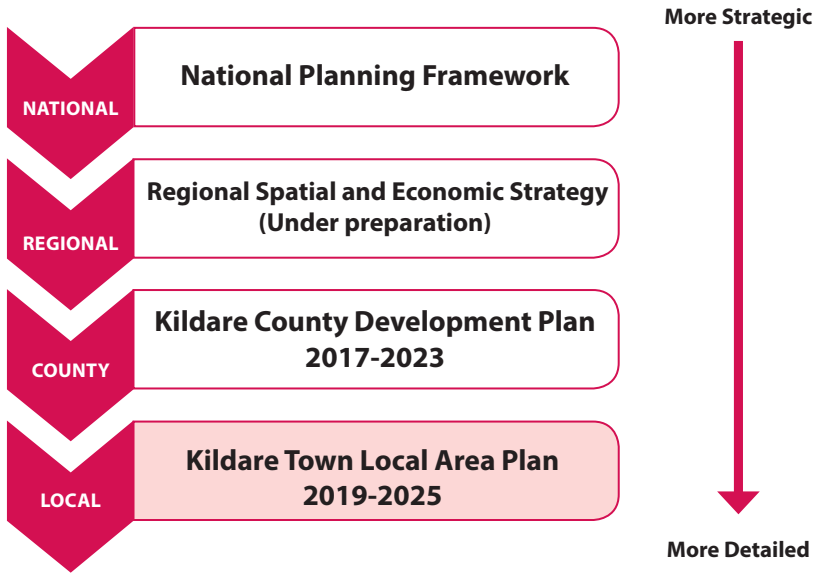
- An invitation to individuals, stakeholders and interest groups to make submissions; and
- A drop-in pre-draft consultation evening



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# Strategic Planning Context

The Kildare Town Local Area Plan will sit in a hierarchy of plans and takes its guidance from those above.



## Have your say on the Local Area Plan!

Kildare County Council invites you to get involved and to help shape the Draft Kildare Town LAP 2019-2025. This consultation provides the opportunity for you to submit comments and suggestions on the issues raised in this pre-draft consultation paper and any other themes you consider relevant to the preparation of the Local Area Plan. The Council will review and consider all of the pre-draft submissions received prior to the commencement of the preparation of the Draft Kildare Town LAP 2019-2025. Please get involved in the review of the Plan as this is your opportunity to have your say in the future development of Kildare town.



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# What is the Strategy for the future development of Kildare Town?

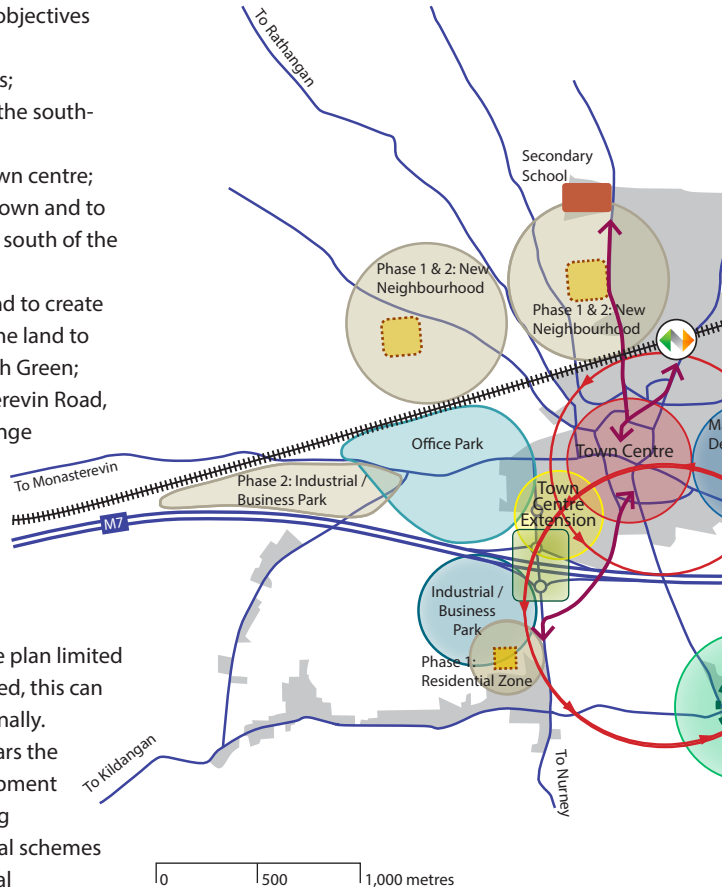
The current Kildare Town LAP 2012-2018 contained a development strategy (see map) for the plan period and beyond. The strategy focuses on a number of strategic development objectives including;

- Regeneration of Magee Barracks;
- Town centre expansion area to the south-west of the town centre;
- Enhancement of the historic town centre;
- Improving linkages within the town and to the national tourism hub to the south of the M7;
- Phased zoning of residential land to create new neighbourhoods such as the land to north of the railway line in South Green;
- Employment zones off Monasterevin Road, to the south of the M7 interchange and off Melitta Road;
- Creation of a new Gateway entrance at the interchange located to the southwest of the town centre.

In the years since the adoption of the plan limited realisation of the strategy has occurred, this can be attributed to the slowdown nationally. However, over the last number of years the town has seen some notable development interest with the granting of planning permission for a number of residential schemes throughout the town and commercial development such as Phase II of the Kildare Tourist Outlet Village.

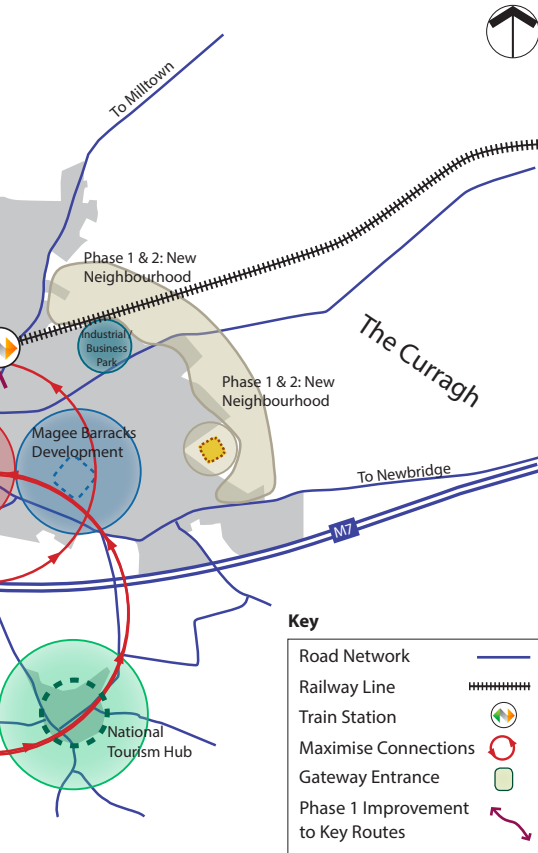
**Is this the appropriate strategy for the town?  
If not what should the strategy be?**

## LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT (15-20 YEARS)



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## DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (YEARS)



Kildare town is designated as a secondary economic growth centre within the Economic Development Hierarchy of the Kildare County Development Plan 2017–2023. It plays an important supporting and complementary role in developing economic growth with the primary economic growth towns (Naas, Maynooth and Leixlip) and large hinterland areas.



Kildare town has seen a steady increase in population over the last number of census periods. In 2006 there was a population of 7,538 persons. This increased to 8,142 persons in 2011 which represented an increase of 604 persons (+8%). In 2016, the population was 8,634 an increase of 492 persons (+6%) on the 2011 population. The county Core Strategy has allocated 4.7% of the total county housing growth to Kildare town in the period up to 2023.

**Where do you think  
new residential areas  
should be located?**

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# Key Issues and Questions

## Overall Vision

- What do you think should be the strategic vision for Kildare town and how could the LAP achieve this vision?
- How can the LAP facilitate new development in a way that enhances and reinforces the urban structure of Kildare to make it a more self-sustaining town?
- How can the character of Kildare town be enhanced and developed to ensure a real sense of place?
- What are the main features of Kildare town that contribute towards its character and make it an attractive place to live, work and visit?



## Economic Development and Tourism

- What are the economic strengths and competitive advantages of Kildare town?
- What type of industry/employment opportunities should be encouraged in Kildare town and where should they be located?
- How can the Local Area Plan support and facilitate new business and employment?
- Are there specific areas of tourism that should be targeted e.g. heritage, leisure, retail tourism, and how can the Local Area Plan facilitate these?

## Town Centre and Public Realm

- How can the plan help to revitalise and regenerate the town centre?
- How can the plan reduce vacancy rates and retain and attract new uses within the town centre?
- What type of retail facilities are needed to meet the demand of existing and future residents?
- Are there particular areas of the town centre that should be identified for regeneration?
- How can we improve the public realm in areas around St. Brigid's Cathedral and Market Square?

## Infrastructure

- What infrastructure/services need to be improved and prioritised, such as broadband, water and wastewater?

## Movement and Transport

- What transport objectives should be included in the Plan and which should take priority?
- What improvements could be made to public transport links?
- How can we make the town centre a safer place for pedestrians and cyclists?
- How can cycle and pedestrian movement be encouraged and maximised throughout the town?
- Where should new or improved footpaths, cycleways and roadways, links and connections be located?

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## Housing and Community

- Where should new housing be developed in Kildare town?
- What is the best way to accommodate the future housing needs of Kildare town, to ensure that the needs of different groups of people i.e. elderly, mobility impaired, first time buyers, families and single people can be adequately catered for?
- How should we seek to integrate the surrounding established residential areas with the new development areas being created?
- Are there adequate health and childcare facilities in the Kildare town area that are easily accessible to all?
- Can you identify possible locations for new community facilities?
- Are there sufficient facilities for younger and older residents of the town?

## Heritage

- How can landscape, natural and built heritage, green infrastructure and local biodiversity areas be suitably protected while accommodating the development needs of the town?
- How can the LAP protect the archaeological, natural and architectural heritage of the town and its environs?
- How can the LAP encourage the reuse and regeneration of protected structures and older vacant structures located in the town centre area?
- The remains of the town walls are part of Kildare town's heritage, how can they be promoted?

## Open Space and Amenities

- Is there an adequate quantity and quality of play, open space and recreational facilities in the Kildare town area?
- Where could new parks/open spaces and recreational areas be located?
- How can the LAP utilise and enhance existing amenity areas such as the Curragh Plains?
- How best can we integrate a Green Infrastructure approach incorporating assets such as open space, biodiversity, landscape, water and archaeology into the LAP?



## Key Development / Regeneration Areas

- Where in Kildare town should additional population and economic growth be focused?
- Where are the key development areas for development/regeneration for both commercial and residential development?

# How to make your submission

Pre-draft submissions on the Kildare Town LAP can be submitted online or sent in by post during the consultation period.

Written submissions can also be made at the consultation evening at Áras Bhríde, Parish Centre, Kildare Town on **4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 3pm – 7.30pm.**

Note: There will be a further opportunity to make submissions on the Draft LAP and any subsequent material alterations to the Draft LAP as the plan making process progresses. Public Notices will be published as these consultation stages arise.

Online:

[www.kildare.ie/countycouncil/Planning/DevelopmentPlans/LocalAreaPlans/kildarelap2019-2025](http://www.kildare.ie/countycouncil/Planning/DevelopmentPlans/LocalAreaPlans/kildarelap2019-2025)

or

Postal Address:

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Closing Date for Submissions:

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Email or faxed submissions will not be accepted

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