

# Minutes of Special Meeting of Kildare Newbridge Municipal District County Council Held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at The Curragh Racecourse, Kildare.

Members Present: Cllr. Suzanne Doyle (Cathaoirleach) Cllr. Anne Connolly, Cllr. Noel Connolly, Cllr. Kevin Duffy, Cllr. Noel Heavey, Cllr. Peggy

O' Dwyer, Cllr. Tracey O' Dwyer, Cllr. Chris Pender, Cllr. Robert Power,

Apologies/Absent: Cllr Fiona McLoughlin Healy,

Officials Present: Alan Dunney, Director of Services, Gabriel Conlon, Senior Executive Officer, Amy Granville, Senior Planner, Jane O'Reilly,

Senior Executive Planner, Mary McCarthy, Administrative Officer, Nollaig Curran, Executive Planner, David Jordan,

Executive Planner, Robert Brereton, Executive Planner, Hester Pieterse, Assistant Planner, Joanne Farrell, Staff Officer,

Carol Forde, Clerical Officer,

Cllr. Doyle (Cathaoirleach) welcomed the Members and Officials to the meeting and thanked everyone who had made submissions and was involved in the draft Plan. Cllr. Doyle spoke on the difficulties of creating an LAP given the national and regional planning requirements and the challenges involved in delivering the best opportunities for the citizens of Kildare. Cllr. Doyle advised that the Members were here to consider the Draft Kildare Town Local Area Plan 2023 - 2029 and Chief Executive's Report on Submissions and Observations, dated 12th June 2023 and proposed material alterations and the Chief Executive Report on motions received and proposed to take the report chapter by chapter and suggested that Members would advise of the item numbers that they wanted to discuss.

Mr. Conlon advised the Members of their obligations for the meeting as follows:

The pecuniary statement under Section 177 Local Government Act 2001 (As Amended) and

Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, that members where, at a meeting of a planning authority or of any committee of a planning authority, a resolution, motion, question or other matter is proposed or otherwise arises either pursuant to, or as regards the performance by the authority of a function under this Act or in relation to the acquisition or disposal by the authority of land under or for the



purposes of this Act or any other enactment, a member of the authority or committee present at the meeting shall, if he or she has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest in, or which is material to, the matter—

- (a) at the meeting, and before discussion or consideration of the matter commences, disclose the nature of his or her interest, and
- (b) withdraw from the meeting for so long as the matter is being discussed or considered,

and accordingly, he or she shall take no part in the discussion or consideration of the matter and shall refrain from voting in relation to it.

In accordance with Section 20(3)(r) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), the members are advised as follows.

When performing their functions under this subsection, the members of the planning authority shall be restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or of any Minister of the Government.

In addition, the Elected Members, acting in the interests of the common good and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, must, in accordance with the 'Code of Conduct for Councillors' (July 2019) prepared under the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended), carry out their duties in a transparent manner, must follow due process and must make their decisions based on relevant considerations.

Mr. Conlon advised the Meeting that Mr. Mark Stafford had resigned from Kildare County Council with immediate effect from the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 and wished him well with his new position. Mr. Conlon further advised that in advance of Mr. Stafford's resignation he had not requested in writing that his motions be taken up by a nominated Councillor and therefore while Mr. Stafford's motions appeared on the meetings report they would fall as Mr. Stafford was not in attendance to move his motions.

Cllr. Power sought to suspend standing orders and proposed to submit the 14 motions submitted by Mr. Stafford from the floor in his own name. Cllr. Doyle considered that the motions submitted by Mr. Stafford should be taken as they were valid motions and the timing of Mr. Stafford's resignation in advance of the LAP and before his nominated replacement could take up their position was unprecedented. Mr. Conlon noted the Member's willingness to include the motions but advised the Members that given the statutory process they were in and the unprecedented



nature of Cllr. Power's request that he wished to obtain further advice on the matter. The Members agreed to proceed with the rest of the meeting and Mr. Conlon would revert on the 14 motions during the course of the meeting.

Mr. Conlon advised that he would read out each item number in the chapter and at the end of each chapter, Members could raise the item number that they wished to discuss.

# **Chapter 1 Introduction and Context**

Mr. Conlon advised the meeting that there was one green item listed, item no. 1 in Chapter 1.

Item No.	Chief Executive's Proposed Material Alteration	Record
1	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 1 Introduction and Context, amend Section 1.2 to incorporate reference to Appendix D - Kildare Town Centre Land Use Survey and Vacancy Survey as follows:  A local area plan shall be consistent with the objectives of the county development plan, its core strategy, and any regional spatial and economic strategy that apply to the area of the plan. This Plan comprises a written statement and is accompanied by a suite of maps (Appendix A), an estimate of the land requirements for employment purposes	The Proposed Material Alteration was proposed by Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Power and agreed by the Members



(Appendix B), and a Statement of Character for the defined Architectural Conservation Area (Appendix C) and maps illustrating land uses and vacancy levels at both ground floor and first floor levels in Kildare Town Centre (Appendix D). The written statement shall take precedence over the maps should any discrepancy arise between them.

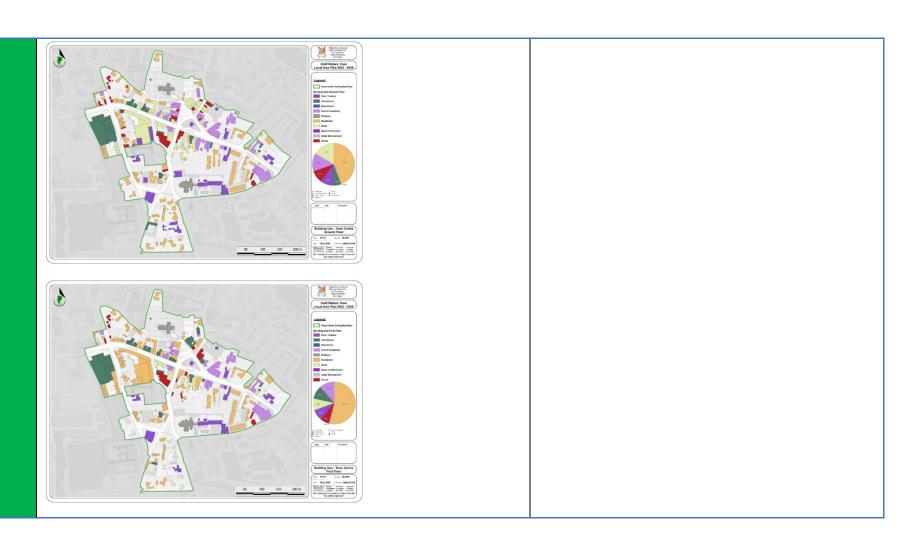
### **Proposed Material Alteration**

Incorporate the Kildare Town Centre land use survey and vacancy survey maps below as:

Appendix D - Kildare Town Centre Land Use Survey and Vacancy Survey.

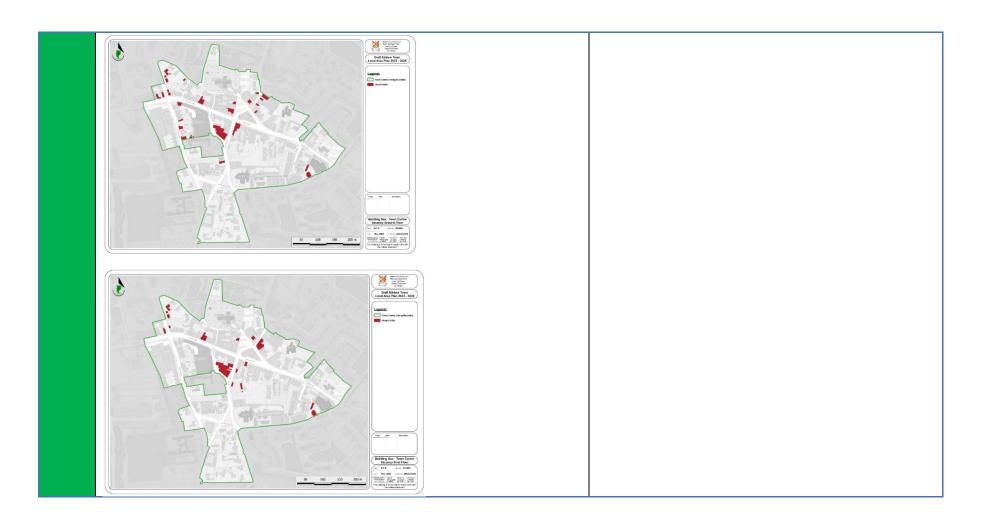
(Appendix D comprises of the 4 following maps)





Minutes of Special Meeting of Kildare Newbridge Municipal District to consider Chief Executive's Report on Submissions and Meetings Report on Motions on Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Kildare Town Local Area Plan 2023 – 2029







# **Chapter 2 Spatial Planning Context and Vision for Kildare Town**

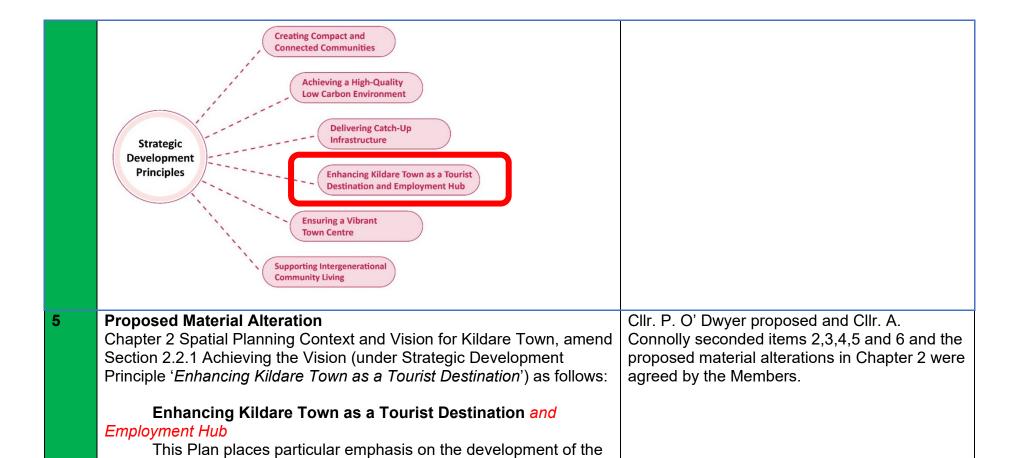
Mr. Conlon advised that there were five green items - 2,3,4,5 and 6 in Chapter 2.

Item No.	Chief Executive's Proposed Material Alteration	Record
2	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 2 Spatial Planning Context and Vision for Kildare Town, amend the third paragraph under Section 2.1.1. Integrating Climate Considerations into the Kildare Town Local Area Plan, as follows:	Cllr. P. O' Dwyer proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded items 2,3,4,5 and 6 and the proposed material alterations in Chapter 2 were agreed by the Members.
	The Climate Action Plan 2021-2023 (CAP 2023) is the first to be prepared under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 and sets out how Ireland can accelerate the actions that are required to respond to the climate crisis. The sectoral emissions ceilings (SECs) agreed in July 2022 put in place targets for each sector to achieve, as part of the CAP 2023 progress reports will be published each quarter. The six high impact sectors are powering renewable, building better, transforming how we travel, making family farms more sustainable, greening business and enterprise and changing our land use. which followed on from the 2021 Act sets a roadmap for sectoral actions for decarbonisation. These actions and policy frameworks set out how Ireland will achieve its international and European commitments relating to reductions in greenhouse gas	



	emissions. Every sector must adapt rapidly, and some sectors will be more impacted than others.	
3	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 2 Spatial Planning Context and Vision for Kildare Town, insert a translation of the Vision Statement as Gaeilge after the English version in Section 2.2, as follows:  Forbairt shóisialta, eacnamaíoch agus fhisiciúil Bhaile Chill Dara mar bhaile fáis féin-chothabhálach a chur chun cinn ar bhonn dlúth, tréscaoilteach agus leanúnach; tabhairt faoi easnaimh in infreastruchtúr sóisialta ionas go mbeadh pobail faoi bhláth; cinntiú go bhforbraítear i lár an bhaile ionad ionchuimsitheach, bríomhar, tarraingteach agus nasctha; leas a bhaint as láidreachtaí reatha na n-acmhainní eachaí, eaglasta agus miondíola sa bhaile; agus timpeallacht ard-chaighdeáin, ar bheagán carbóin, le rochtain do chách, a chruthú do chónaitheoirí agus cuairteoirí araon.	Cllr. P. O' Dwyer proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded items 2,3,4,5 and 6 and the proposed material alterations in Chapter 2 were agreed by the Members.
4	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 2 Spatial Planning Context and Vision for Kildare Town, update Figure 2-2 Strategic Principles to Achieve the Vision, as follows:	Cllr. P. O' Dwyer proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded items 2,3,4,5 and 6 and the proposed material alterations in Chapter 2 were agreed by the Members.





town as a key tourist destination within the county by capitalising

on its intrinsic built heritage and history. Tourism and the



expansion of the existing tourist offer is seen as a key element of the town's economic development strategy.

This Plan acknowledges the unique assets that Kildare Town and its surrounding hinterland have which distinguishes it as an international tourism destination, particularly in relation to its significant heritage and cultural features including the St Brigid's Cathedral, the Irish National Stud, Japanese Gardens, Curragh Racecourse. Furthermore, the Kildare Tourist Outlet Village attracts national and international customers throughout the year. The Plan therefore supports the development of new tourist offerings based around Kildare's historic, cultural, ecclesiastical, equine and retail assets. The town therefore has a clear opportunity to further capitalise on its role as a national tourism destination and as an attractive centre for business, whilst preserving and enhancing its unique historic identity, heritage and environment, in line with achieving National Strategic Outcome No. 5 (Strong Economy) and 7 (Enhanced Amenity and Heritage) of the NPF.

Additionally, the Plan supports Kildare Town becoming an employment hub though increasing local employment opportunities not just in the important tourism and hospitality sector but also in other key areas such as bloodstock, enterprise and manufacturing. The Economic Development Strategy set out in the Plan seeks for Kildare to successfully fulfil its role as a



'Self-Sustaining Growth Town' through a range of measures including the targeting of an increased jobs ratio for the town and providing an adequate quantum of appropriately located zoned employment lands. Such an approach is also in keeping with the principles of compact growth and the 10-minute settlement by providing greater opportunities for people to both live and work in Kildare Town in order to enhance peoples' quality of life and to contribute to low carbon development.

#### 6 Proposed Material Alteration

Chapter 2 Spatial Planning Context and Vision for Kildare Town, insert the following new text in Section 2.2.1 Achieving the Vision (under Strategic Development Principle 'Ensuring a Vibrant Town Centre' after the second last line of the first paragraph) as follows:

In keeping with Town Centre First approach, this Plan supports increased opportunities for town centre living including 'living above the shop' initiatives and through high-quality residential developments on brownfield and backland sites.

Cllr. P. O' Dwyer proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded items 2,3,4,5 and 6 and the proposed material alterations in Chapter 2 were agreed by the Members.



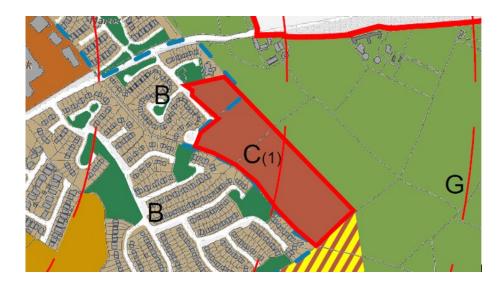
# **Chapter 3 Compliance with the Kildare County Core Strategy**

Mr. Conlon advised that there was one green listed item, 7 and one amber listed item, 8 in Chapter 3.

Proposed Material Alteration Map 11.1 Land Use Zoning, amend zoning objective of land outlined in red below (approx. 4.53ha) from 'C: New Residential Phase 2' to 'C: New Residential'.  Cllr. Heavey proposed and Cllr. Duffy item number 7 and 8 and the Proposed Alteration was agreed by the Members of the Members of the proposed and Cllr. Duffy item number 7 and 8 and the Proposed Alteration was agreed by the Members of the M
And



Amend Map 11.1 Land Use Zoning to amend the zoning of the site outlined in red below (approx. 4.87ha) from 'C: New Residential' to 'C: New Residential Phase 2'.



And
Amend Table 3-7 Residential Development Capacity Audit as follows:



Site Ref	Location	Site Area (Ha.)	Site in Built- up area	Residential Yield	Net Density
N/ A	Infill Sites within CSO boundary	-	Yes	32 <sup>1</sup>	35-50
Т	Former Magee Barracks	11.35	Yes	375 <sup>2</sup>	39*
<del>C</del> (1)	Collaghkno ck	4.87	Partial ly within	<del>85</del>	<del>80-85</del> <sup>3</sup>
C (1)	West of Old Road	4.53	No	158***	35-50
C (2)	Greyabbey View	8.5	No	207	23*
B (1)	Walker's Gate	10.3	No	56	31*
C (3)	Oak Church	7.8	No	260	35*

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Allocation of 5% of the allocated units for Kildare Town for various sites within the Town Centre and Existing Residential / Infill lands land use zonings for potential yield from infill development.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The residential yield of 375 units relates to the permitted development under Phase 1 only. <sup>3</sup> Public Private Partnership to be subject of a Part 8 application.



	C Rathbride (4) Road	3.7 No	87	28**		
	Total Area	47.88 ha Total	1,102			
	1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0	46.18 Units	1175			
	* Permitted Develor* ** Application at a *** Average density	ppeal with An		la.		
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle	e				Record
8	Submission #98 Por That the net density lands identified in the as 'C(1) West of Oldesignated at 28 por Reason: The South are not delivering in typologies of housing result in a mono de which is not socially or desirable. Kildard currently experience	y matrix for his submission of Road' be er hectare.  In Green lands nixed and will emographic y sustainable et own is	Chief Executive The Sustain Developme which const Ministerial Construction (greatest efficient on 'greenfier achieved by residential contrarge of 35 hectare and (involving a types where	nable Resident Guidelines, iciency in lead 'land winder providing densities in 50 dwelling variety of	dential les (2009), on 28 state the and usage Il be net the general les per sities housing	Cllr. Doyle accepted the Chief Executive's Recommendation in this regard.



its designated growth and if a certain level of trading up options are not provided we risk losing established residents to other towns and villages and creating a polarised community.

encouraged generally.
Development at net densities less than 30 dwellings per hectare should be discouraged in the interests of land efficiency.

Objective HCO 2.1 of the Draft Plan requires a good mix of housing types and sizes is provided in all new residential areas. For clarity, the stated densities on site refs T, C(2), B(1), C(3) and C(4) reflect permitted developments. It is considered that setting the density on site C(1) specifically at 28 units per hectare would be overly prescriptive, would impinge on innovative design and layout options and would not facilitate an efficient use of land in a self-sustaining growth town.

Chief Executive's Recommendation
No change recommended.



# **Chapter 4** Consolidation of the Town Centre

Mr. Conlon advised the Meeting that there were 8 green listed items, 9,10,11,13,16,17,18 and 19, no red listed items and four amber listed items, 12,14,15 and 20. Items 12,14 and 15 submitted by Mr. Stafford would be dealt with later in the meeting.

Item No.	Chief Executive's Proposed Material Alteration	Record
9	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 4 Consolidation of the Town Centre, amend chapter title, as follows:	Cllr. Heavey proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded items 9,10,11,13,16,17,18,19 and 20 and these items were agreed by the Members.
	4. Consolidation <i>and Renewal</i> of the Town Centre	
10	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 4 Consolidation of the Town Centre, amend Section 4.1.2. Town Centre Land Use and Vacancy, as follows:  Many vacant units around Market Square have subsequently been occupied over recent years. A subsequent land use and vacancy survey is being carried out in the town centre in Q2 2023 indicated a vacancy rate of 9.54%. As per Chapter 14 of the County Development Plan 2023-2029, the target for town	Cllr. Heavey proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded items 9,10,11,13,16,17,18,19 and 20 and these items were agreed by the Members.
	centre retail vacancy under normal trading conditions is 5%.  Appendix D of this Plan contains maps illustrating land uses	



	and vacanc Kildare Tow	y levels at bot n Centre.		
11	Proposed Materia Chapter 4 Consolid amend objective T	dation of the T	own Centre, Town Centre Objectives, lows:	Cllr. Heavey proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded items 9,10,11,13,16,17,18,19 and 20 and these items were agreed by the Members.
	TCO 1.3	Protect the of the town (i) (ii)	vibrancy, ambience, quality and vitality centre by:  Promoting an appropriate mix of day and night-time uses.  Preventing an excessive concentration of less non desirable uses unless carefully managed through an appropriate sympathetic design approach including takeaways, off-licences, bookmakers, phone repair shops and vape shops (where planning permission is required).  Facilitating development that will attract and retain commercial and retail activities in the town centre. Encouraging the re-use of vacant units for alternative functions and uses such as live-work units,	



13 (See Item No. 14 also)	residential units, remote working hubs, enterprise incubation, tourist spin-off enterprises, tourist accommodation, niche retail including food or craft enterprises and cultural offerings such as theatre or museum.  Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 4 Consolidation of the Town Centre, include an additional objective after objective TCO 1.6, as follows:  TCO 1.7: To support the establishment of a multidisciplinary stakeholder team to develop a marketing and activation strategy for the town to re-establish the primacy of the town centre and to support the delivery of projects set out in the Kildare Town Renewal Masterplan.	Cllr. Heavey proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded items 9,10,11,13,16,17,18,19 and 20 and these items were agreed by the Members.
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Power (formerly Cllr. Stafford)	Record
16	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 4 Consolidation of the Town Centre, amend Section 4.3.3, as follows:  'The feasibility of providing a bike hire scheme (Objective MTO 1.7 refers) to connect the <i>Kildare Town</i> ∓rain Station, Market	Cllr. Heavey proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded items 9,10,11,13,16,17,18,19 and 20 and these items were agreed by the Members.



	Outlet Village and the Irish	nrk (when completed), Kildare Tourist National Stud and Japanese to other historic sites will also be oject.	
17 (see Item No.	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 4 Consolidation of the objective after TCO 2.4, as follow	Town Centre, include an additional s:	Cllr. Heavey proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded items 9,10,11,13,16,17,18,19 and 20 and these items were agreed by the Members.
18 also)	Centre (Mark the developn hospitality an extension to to normal pla	facilitate an extension to the Heritage set House) as appropriate, to facilitate ment of additional office, retail, ad performance space. Any future the Heritage Centre would be subject nning and design requirements.  Late this Alteration on foot of the 17	
Item No.	Motion Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
18	That an objective be included in the Kildare Town Local Area Plar to relocate or underground the	Chief Executive's Opinion Agreed. It is considered that the proposed new objective TCO 2.5 can refer to the ESB substation.	Cllr. Heavey proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded items 9,10,11,13,16,17,18,19 and 20 and these items were agreed by the Members.



ESB sub station currently housed		
in Market House.	Chief Executive's	
	Recommendation	
	Chapter 4 Consolidation of the	
	Town Centre, include an additional	
	objective after TCO 2.4, as follows:	
	TCO 2.5 Support and facilitate an	
	extension to the Heritage	
	Centre (Market House)	
	as appropriate, to	
	facilitate the	
	development of	
	additional office, retail,	
	hospitality and	
	performance space and	
	the relocation of the	
	existing ESB substation.	
	Any future extension to	
	the Heritage Centre	
	would be subject to	
	normal planning and	
	design requirements.	



Item No.	Chief Executive's Proposed Mat	Record	
19	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 4 Consolidation of the Tofollows:	Cllr. Heavey proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded items 9,10,11,13,16,17,18,19 and 20 and these items were agreed by the Members.	
	for Kildare Too the Town Ren shall incorpore including for p furniture which	ompletion of a public realm strategy wn, as part of the implementation of ewal Masterplan. Such a strategy ate a bespoke materials palette, avement, signage and street in will complement and enhance the uilt environment of Kildare Town.	
Item no.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
20	Masterplan In the interest of town consolidation, compact growth and primacy of town centre that the following locations be identified for a Masterplan that will have objectives to deliver maximum possible height having regard to heritage status of town and protected views. That an	Chief Executive's Opinion It should be noted that objective HCO 1.3 supports 'the appropriate redevelopment of brownfield and infill sites for a mix of uses including residential within the footprint of the existing built-up area.' This includes both of the aforementioned town centre sites.	Cllr. Doyle accepted the Chief Executive's Recommendation in this regard.



objective to outline the delivery potential of attractive commercially valuable right sizing opportunities be included in masterplan.

- Parcel of land abounded by Bang Up lane (Library)
   / Bride Street & Claregate street. \*
- Parcel of land currently occupied by Mahons Drinks Distribution at top of Academy Street.

\*Know we have included this in amendments but important to capture objectives for down sizers and generous start up homes to encourage vibrancy within town centre. The developments will need to be commercially valuable to justify necessary investment to achieve optimal outcomes on these sites, recognising costs associated.

Section 5.5.1 of the Draft Plan incorporates a Design Framework which seeks to address the currently underutilised sites and backlands between Claregate Street, Bride Street and Bangup Lane. This framework provides for a mix of uses, including residential units, that is in keeping with its A: Town Centre zoning objective. The Framework envisages a medium intensity redevelopment for the site that takes into consideration its sensitive location within Kildare Town Architectural Conservation Area (ACA).

With regard to the lands currently occupied by Mahon's Drinks Distribution, it is not considered that a specific masterplan is warranted as the site is neither vacant nor derelict. Furthermore, its town centre zoning indicates that the preferred planning outcome for any redevelopment of



URDF projects might also be considered.	the site during the life of the Plan would be for a design scheme that incorporates a mix of uses, including potentially a residential element. The rationale for this is to protect and enhance the commercial vitality and viability of the town centre, in keeping with objectives TCO 1.1 and EDO 3.3. It is also noted that the building occupying the site is listed on the National Inventory of Architectural	
	occupying the site is listed on the	
	Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	



# **Chapter 5 Economic Development**

Mr. Conlon advised the Meeting that there are fifteen green listed items, 21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,36,37 and 38, there are two red listed items, 35 and 40 and three amber listed items, 33,34 and 39 in Chapter 5.

Cllr. Doyle advised that she wanted to discuss items 22,30,35 and 37.

Cllr. N. Connolly advised that he wanted to discuss items 38 and 39.

Item No.	Chief Executive's Proposed Material Alteration	Record
21	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 5 Economic Development, Section 5.4 and insert additional bullet point (after point 6) within the Economic Development Strategy as follows:	On the proposal of Cllr. Duffy and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 21,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,36 were agreed by the Members.
	<ul> <li>Promoting and building on the St Brigid brand as a unique selling point for Kildare Town at international / national level.</li> </ul>	
22	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 5 Economic Development, insert additional text in the third paragraph of Section 5.5.1, as follows:	Cllr Doyle expressed concern about reference to a central courtyard being too prescriptive.
	A central landscaped courtyard can be incorporated either a ground floor or first floor level depending on the uses envisaged.  Any application for the lands which includes the old Chilling Factory site itself shall be accompanied by an Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment (AHIA).	Ms. O' Reilly noted that the Plan does not stipulate a central courtyard must be provided at this location. However, the sentence 'A central courtyard can be incorporated either at ground or first floor level depending on the uses envisaged' could be removed.



23	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 5 Economic Development, Section 5.5.4 National Equine Innovation Centre at the Irish National Stud insert additional text (red), as follows:  The Kildare 2025 and, in turn, the County Development Plan places particular emphasis on the equine sector as a key focus area for growth across the county. Kildare Town features strongly with regard County Kildare's reputation with the equine industry with both the Irish National Stud, the Racing Academy and Centre of Education (RACE), its proximity to the Curragh Racecourse and its	Cllr. Doyle accepted this amendment and the Members accepted the amended wording to the proposed material alteration.  On the proposal of Cllr. Duffy and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 21,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,36 were agreed by the Members.
	central location within the 'Thoroughbred County'. The National Equine Innovation Centre is a Research and Development Hub in the grounds of the Irish National Stud. The hub has been established by Kildare County Council's Local Enterprise Office to promote innovation in the equine sector, by supporting entrepreneurial businesses in the field and fast-tracking the commercialisation of equine research of national and international significance.	



24	EDO 1.3 Support to Innovation proposals the town dormant I and decal integrated services in development Locate Kildare 20	nent, amend Objective EDO1.3 under the tives, as follows:  ne expansion of the National Equine a Centre as industry needs arise and for future hubs and co-working spaces in centre, particularly where they reuse uildings/sites to stimulate urban renewal bonisation, and where possible with other key community facilities / n order to share resources. Future ent of Hubs shall be in accordance with ons Assessment Model as detailed in the 25 Economic Strategy and consultation ildare Local Enterprise Office shall be	On the proposal of Cllr. Duffy and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 21,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,36 were agreed by the Members.
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
25	That the Council include an objective in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan to provide for business incubation, enterprisor innovation hub.		On the proposal of Cllr. Duffy and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 21,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,36 were agreed by the Members.



#### Chief Executive's Opinion

## Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 5 Economic Development, amend Objective EDO1.3 under the Economic Development Objectives, as follows:

**EDO 1.3** Support the expansion of the National Equine Innovation Centre as industry needs arise and proposals for future hubs, incubation units and coworking spaces in the town centre, particularly where they reuse dormant buildings/sites to stimulate urban renewal and decarbonisation, and where possible integrated with other key community facilities / services in order to share resources. Future development of Hubs shall be in accordance with the **Locations Assessment** 



			Model as detailed in the Kildare 2025 Economic Strategy and consultation with the Kildare Local Enterprise Office shall be carried out.	
26	Proposed Materi			On the proposal of Cllr. Duffy and seconded by
	•	mic Developme	ent, amend Objective EDO 1.5 as	Cllr. Pender the items at
	follows:			21,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,36 were agreed by the Members.
	EDO 1.5			agreed by the Members.



		and National Road Guidelines (or any subsequent Guidelines) and also be subject to a Traffic and Transport Assessment to ensure there are no negative impact on the local and national road network.	
	EDO 1.6	Facilitate the development of Industry and Warehousing on the lands south of the motorway at Grey Abbey Road for manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, logistics and other uses associated with the transport industry. Any development proposal shall have regard to the Spatial Planning and National Road Guidelines (or any subsequent Guidelines) and also be subject to a Traffic and Transport Assessment to ensure there are no negative impact on the local and national road network. subject to the protection of the carrying capacity of the national road network and a Traffic and Transport Assessment.	
27	Proposed Materia		On the proposal of Cllr. Duffy and seconded by
	Chapter 5 Econom follows:	ic Development, amend Objective EDO 1.10 as	Cllr. Pender the items at 21,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,36 were
	TOHOWS.		agreed by the Members.
	EDO 1.10	Support the examination of the feasibility of	
		Cherryville Junction and Kildare Town to become a	



		transport hub and distribution centre, by maximising its strategic location at the intersection of key national road and rail networks, in collaboration with key relevant stakeholders such as Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Irish Rail and the National Transport Authority and subject to ensuring the protection of the carrying capacity of the national road network and the associated junctions and local transport networks.	
28	Proposed Mater Chapter 5 Tourism EDO 2.2	Facilitate the provision of standardised bespoke bilingual (Irish and English) signage and interpretation for tourism facilities and tourist attractions throughout the town, ensuring signage is located to facilitate cross-sector promotion between tourist sites.	On the proposal of Cllr. Duffy and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 21,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,36 were agreed by the Members.
29 (See Item No.	Objective as follo	mic Development, insert an additional Tourism ws:	It was agreed to take items 29 and 30 together. Cllr. Doyle agreed to the wording under item 30 with the additional wording of "supported by the Local Enterprise Office".
30 also)	EDO 2.7	Facilitate the provision of a range of additional tourist accommodation types throughout Kildare Town to	



	facilitate the expansion of the tourism product, taking cognisance of the primacy of the Core Retail Area.  Note: It is now proposed to update this Alteration on foot of the Motion received under Item No. 30		The amended wording was seconded by Cllr. Duffy and agreed by the Members.
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
30 (See Item No. 29 also)	To include a statement under tourism that strongly supports the provision of hotel/ bed night space within town. That the concentration of this space should be within the town core. Reason: To protect primacy of town.  Comment: While I think the delivery of bed night space is essential to achieving tourism objective for town, am concerned that if hyper bed delivery happens in close proximity to KROV it will exacerbate the challenges of protecting town primacy. In	Chief Executive's Opinion Section 5.6. of the Draft Plan states that the 'provision of additional accommodation capacity within Kildare Town has the potential to boost economic growth by enabling a larger number of visitors to stay and spend, moving away from Kildare being a day trip destination and increasing footfall across the town for longer periods'. In this regard the Draft Plan references the zoning matrix, which provides for hotel accommodation across a range of land use zonings to increase the number of bed nights. Therefore, it is considered that there is sufficient narrative in the Draft Plan that	It was agreed to take items 29 and 30 together. Cllr. Doyle agreed to the wording under item 30 with the additional wording of "supported by the Local Enterprise Office".  The amended wording was seconded by Cllr. Duffy and agreed by the Members.



principle support development of Modus Link site but can we include something in plan that will require any prospective developers of site to address sequential development of town, and protecting and enhancing primacy of town centre. My concern is that this site could seek large garden centre (really a big shop masquerading as a garden centre) and other similar type activities with convenience parking proximity to motorway and ultimately the town axis will have shifted entirely to edge of current town

supports the provision of tourist accommodation.

However, to protect the primacy of the town centre, it is considered that the proposed Objective EDO 2.7 should be revised to reference the town centre rather than Kildare Town.

# Chief Executive's Opinion Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 5 Economic Development, insert an additional Tourism Objective as follows:

**EDO 2.7** 

Facilitate the provision of a range of additional tourist accommodation types in Kildare Town Centre, and support the implementation of a Pilot Project, led by local businesses through a cooperative of landowners, to reactivate vacant properties in the town



		centre for the use of over-night tourist accommodation throughout Kildare Town to facilitate the expansion of the tourism product, taking cognisance of the primacy of the Core Retail Area.	
31	Proposed Material Alterations Chapter 5 Economic Development, Retailing Objectives insert additional text under Objective EDO 3.3, as follows:  EDO 3.3 Support and facilitate the development of retail, retail services, independent retailers and niche retailing in the town centre area, through the development of infill sites and the redevelopment/renewal of under-utilised sites and buildings, at an appropriate scale, with universal		On the proposal of Cllr. Duffy and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 21,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,36 were agreed by the Members.
32	access and a Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 5, Economic Developme insert new Objective EDO 3.7, we numbering of other objectives:	ent, amend objective EDO 3.6 and	On the proposal of Cllr. Duffy and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 21,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,36 were agreed by the Members.



	Protect and support the continued operation Ensure the development of the Kildare Tourist Outlet Village is carried out in accordance with the definition of outlet centres as detailed in the Retail Planning Guidelines (2012) (or any subsequent guidelines). to ensure that the products sold are not in competition with those on sale typically in town centre locations.		
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
33	That any further expansion of Kildare Tourist Outlet Village be prevented until an agreed pedestrian/ active travel link be made with the town centre.	Chief Executive's Opinion The link from the Town Centre to the KTOV is detailed under PERM 28 (Table 7.1, refers) of the Draft Plan and is supported under Objective MTO 1.1. It is also an identified project within the Town Renewal Masterplan, as reflected in Section 4.3.2 of the Draft Plan, with a delivery schedule in the medium term. Whilst the parent permission for KTOV makes provision for the link within the landholding of the KTOV, the full extent of the link affects third party landowners also.	Cllr. N. Connolly accepted the Chief Executive's Recommendation in this regard and the Members agreed.



		Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
34	To prohibit the development of box retail within out-of-town centre parking (i.e. Costa coffees in parking lots). Reason: To protect the primacy of town centre	Chief Executive's Opinion It is an objective of the CDP under RE O59 to only consider standalone coffee kiosks in limited circumstances. However, in the context of Kildare Town it is considered appropriate to restrict such development (in addition to other hot foods for consumption off the premises) in order to protect the primacy of the town centre.  Chief Executive's Recommendation Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 5: Economic Development, insert additional Retailing Objective as follows:  EDO 3.8 To restrict the development of standalone coffee / fast food kiosks having	Cllr. Doyle accepted the Chief Executive's Recommendation in this regard and the Members agreed.



Item	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly	regard to impacts on the amenity and character of the area, traffic, clustering of similar uses and impact on the primacy of the town centre.	Record
No. 35	That the Council include an objective in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan to encourage an eco-village development on the outskirts of the town, with a possible tourism element.	Chief Executive's Opinion Kildare Town is a Self-Sustaining Growth Town within the overall settlement hierarchy of County Kildare, located on the second tier of the hierarchy. The development of an eco-village on the town's outskirts (it is noted the Motion does not specify a location) would not facilitate consolidation of the existing urban form and low-density development on the periphery of a settlement and is not considered appropriate having regard to the national and regional policy context.	Cllr. N. Connolly considered that a specific objective was required for Kildare Town with regard to the development of an eco-village.  Cllr. Doyle supported the motion.  Ms. O' Reilly advised that an eco-village in a rural location would be more appropriately addressed through the County Development Plan process.  Cllr. Duffy supported the motion within the Local Area Plan boundary.  Cllr. Heavey suggested instead using the term eco-tourism project.



		In terms of tourism, the Tourism Development Spatial Strategy supports the enhancement of the existing tourist offer in a sustainable manner in appropriate locations.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	Ms. O' Reilly suggested that an objective supporting eco-tourism could be brought forward in Chapter 5 as follows: 'To support and promote eco-tourism facilities to foster greater appreciation for the natural environment of Kildare Town'.  Cllr. N. Connolly was in agreement and the Members agreed to include an objective for eco-tourism.
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
36	That the Council include an objective in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan in support of the circular economy and community wealth building.	Chief Executive's Opinion Section 4.17 of the CDP refers to the Green / Circular Economy and Bio- economy which includes a number of policies and objectives in support of same across the county of Kildare. As per Section 1.2. of the Draft Plan policies and objectives that are already addressed within the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 are not replicated in the Draft Plan, as this is the higher-level planning policy document.	On the proposal of Cllr. Duffy and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 21,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,36 were agreed by the Members.



		Chief Executive's Recommendation	
		No change recommended.	
Item No.	Motion Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
38 (See Item No. 37 also)	That the Kildare Town Local Area Plan sets the objective to provide a publicly accessible toilet in the town centre.	Chief Executive's Opinion In relation toilets, Kildare County Council previously provided public conveniences in the towns of Kildare, Newbridge, Naas and Athy. In 2015 concerns were raised by the Elected Members regarding the cost of providing the service compared to the use of the facilities and income derived from each unit. In 2017 the contract with the service provider was terminated, with the agreement of Elected Members, 12 months in advance of its expiry date. It is considered reasonable that provision be made for public toilets, should the need arise.  Chief Executive's Recommendation Chapter 5, Economic Development, amend Objective EDO 2.1 as follows:	The motion was proposed by Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Doyle and agreed by the Members.



		EDO 2.1	Encourage the development of new or the upgrading / extension of tourism activities/facilities including supporting infrastructure (such as cycle/bus/car parking and public toilets), in particular those related to religious tourism, equine tourism, retail tourism, food tourism and military tourism within Kildare Town, that respect, respond and enhance their physical location, environmental quality and community setting.	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly			Record
39	That the Council designate public spaces to allow beekeepers to install hives under licence to encourage bees in urban areas.	While the quantity of Open Spa Greenbelt	cutive's Opinion Draft Plan includes a large f land zoned for Agriculture, ice and Amenity and which could facilitate inter ovision of space for bees in	Cllr. N. Connolly proposed to designate areas within public spaces for beehives to promote bee activity.  Cllr. Pender seconded the motion.



		urban areas, this matter is considered more appropriately addressed through the Local Biodiversity Action Plan.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	Ms. O' Reilly advised Members that under item 113 of the Meeting Report it was proposed to amend the Biodiversity Action Plan Objective (NHO 2.4) to include a Tree Planting Programme and that this could be amended further to include reference to a 'Local Beehive Initiative'.  Cllr. N. Connolly and the Members agreed to
			amending objective NHO 2.4 as proposed.
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
40	That the Council include an objective in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan to encourage the use of carbon absorbing paints and other low carbon building material.	Chief Executive's Opinion It is outside the remit of a land use plan to include objectives dealing with specific issues that are governed by other legislative codes.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	Cllr. N. Connolly accepted the Chief Executive's recommendation in this regard.



## **Chapter 6 Homes and Communities**

Mr. Conlon advised the meeting that there were eighteen green listed items, 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,62,63, three red listed items, 64,65, 66 and five amber listed items.53,56,57,59,60.

Cllr. N. Connolly sought to discuss items number 53,54,57,58,60 and 62. Cllr Doyle sought to discuss 66 and 57.

Item No.	Chief Executive's	Proposed Material Alteration	Record
41	Chapter 6 Homes and Communities, amend the first sentence of Section 6.4.2 as follows:		On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63 were agreed by the Members
	2022 there a years or olde	on of Ireland is ageing. According to Census 2016 are more than 637,000 776,315 people aged 65 er in the country, an increase of more than 19% the last five six years, and now representing 13.4% e population.	
42	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 6 Homes and Communities, amend Objective HCO 2.5 as follows:		On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63 were agreed by the Members
	HCO 2.5	Support the provision of specific purpose-built housing for older people to facilitate 'downsizing	



	right sizing' and assisted living accommodation, particularly on the Former Magee Barracks site.	
43	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 6 Homes and Communities, amend the second paragraph of Section 6.5.1.6 as follows:	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63 were agreed by the Members.
	The location of future community services should be provided relative to the location of target user groups and their level of accessibility insofar as practical. Based on benchmarks used in Northern Ireland (Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Strategic Framework for Community Centre Provision, 2016) there is no requirement for additional facilities in the town as the existing number will exceed the benchmark of 0.30 per 1,000 people in 2029 at 0.55 per 1,000 (based on existing facilities excluding the Garda Station. The Plan ensures that lands are appropriately zoned and located for community purposes throughout the plan area to support the provision of	
	social and community services as the need and funding opportunities arise.	
44 (See	Proposed Material Alteration	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at
Item No.	Chapter 6 Homes and Communities, amend Objective HCO 3.1 as follows:	41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63 were agreed by the Members.
45 also)	HCO 3.1 Support and facilitate new facilities and improvements / expansion of existing educational,	



	opportunities	I level and further educational which may arise, early learning, healthcare facilities, at appropriate ildare Town.	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
45 (See Item No. 44 also)	That the Council include an objective in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan to encourage the establishment of a third level institution in the town, which could be a satellite campus of Maynooth University or SETU, or a stand-alone institution to increase places in much needed medical and veterinary disciplines.	Chief Executive's Opinion The Draft Plan under Objective HCO 3.1 (as amended in Item No. 44 above) explicitly states that is it an objective of the Council to support and facilitate third level and further educational opportunities which may arise at appropriate locations in Kildare Town.  Furthermore, it is a Policy of the CDP under SC P12 to continue to work with the Department of Education and other education authorities to promote and support the provision of primary, post- primary, and further education facilities in the County to reflect the	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63 were agreed by the Members.



		diverse educational needs of communities.	
		Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	
46	Proposed Material Alterations		On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded
(see	Chapter 6 Homes and Communiti	es, include a new	by Cllr. Pender the items at
Item	objective as follows:		41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63
No.			were agreed by the Members.
47	HCO 4.10 Support and a	facilitate the provision of a skatepark	
also)	at an appropriate location within Kildare Town.		
Item	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
No.			
47	That the Council include an	Chief Executive's Opinion	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded
	That the Council include an objective in the Kildare Town	Chief Executive's Opinion The Chief Executive's report of the	by Cllr. Pender the items at
47 (See Item			by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63
47 (See Item No.	objective in the Kildare Town	The Chief Executive's report of the	by Cllr. Pender the items at
47 (See Item No. 46	objective in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan to provide for a	The Chief Executive's report of the 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 proposed a new objective to provide a skate park in	by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63
47 (See Item No.	objective in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan to provide for a	The Chief Executive's report of the 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 proposed a new	by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63
47 (See Item No. 46	objective in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan to provide for a	The Chief Executive's report of the 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 proposed a new objective to provide a skate park in the town (Objective HCO 4.10	by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63



		No change recommended.	
48	Proposed Material Alterations		On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded
(See	Chapter 6 Homes and Communitie	es, include a new objective as	by Cllr. Pender the items at
Item	follows:		41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63
No.			were agreed by the Members.
49		munity-managed gardens/allotments	
also)		e locations in Kildare Town.	
Item	Motion: Clir. Noel Connolly		Record
No.			
49	That the Kildare Town Local	Chief Executive's Opinion	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded
49 (See	Area Plan sets the objective that	The Chief Executive's report of the	by Cllr. Pender the items at
49 (See Item	Area Plan sets the objective that allotments and community	The Chief Executive's report of the 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 proposed a new	by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63
49 (See Item No.	Area Plan sets the objective that allotments and community gardens be made available to	The Chief Executive's report of the	by Cllr. Pender the items at
49 (See Item No. 48	Area Plan sets the objective that allotments and community gardens be made available to residents that don't have	The Chief Executive's report of the 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 proposed a new	by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63
49 (See Item No.	Area Plan sets the objective that allotments and community gardens be made available to	The Chief Executive's report of the 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 proposed a new objective to promote community-	by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63
49 (See Item No. 48	Area Plan sets the objective that allotments and community gardens be made available to residents that don't have	The Chief Executive's report of the 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 proposed a new objective to promote communitymanaged garden/allotments at	by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63



		No change recommended.	
50	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 6 Homes and Communities, include new objective as follows:  HCO 4.12 Support and facilitate the development of a multipurpose community centre on the Dunmurray Road opposite St. Conleth's Graveyard.		On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63 were agreed by the Members.
51	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 6 Homes and Communities, include new objective as follows:  HCO 4.13 Support the provision of community meeting rooms at appropriate locations throughout Kildare Town.		On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63 were agreed by the Members.
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
52 (See Items No. 50 and	That the Council include an objective in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan to provide a community hub and meeting room community centre.	Chief Executive's Opinion The CE report dated the 12 <sup>th</sup> June2023 included a new objective to support the provision of community meeting spaces at appropriate locations Proposed Objective HCO 4.13, refers).	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63 were agreed by the Members.



51 also)		Furthermore, a new objective is also proposed in support of a multipurpose community centre on the Dunmurray Road (Proposed Objective HCO 4.12, refers).  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
53	That the Council include an objective in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan to provide for a swimming pool in the town.	Chief Executive's Opinion Table 11-6 of the Draft Plan indicates that Sports buildings (which includes swimming pools) are 'Permitted in Principle' and 'Open to Consideration' across a range of land use zonings, including Open Space and Community & Education.  The County Development Plan under Objective SC O28 supports the provision of <i>inter alia</i> swimming pools in appropriate locations and	Cllr. N. Connolly proposed and Cllr. Doyle seconded the motion.  Cllr. N. Connolly disagreed with the Chief Executive's report and considered that the Local Authority should pursue the objective of a swimming pool for the town.  Ms. Granville reminded Members that the Local Area Plan was not a delivery programme but advised that objective HCO 4.4 which is considered under Items No. 62 and 63 of the Meeting Report could be amended to include swimming pool as follows:



		to encourage flexibility in the design of sports facilities in order to accommodate a range of sporting activities. As per Section 1.2, the Draft Plan does not replicate policies and objectives that are already addressed within the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 as this is the higher-level planning policy document.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	'Facilitate sports and community groups in the acquisition and/or use of lands for sports and recreation purposes and support the delivery of multi-sports facilities (including play facilities and swimming pool) on appropriately zoned land within the plan area.'  The Members were in agreement with this amendment.
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
54	That the Council include an objective in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan to provide for pocket parks in housing estates and other areas outside the Town Centre.	Chief Executive's Opinion The Draft Plan under Objective HCO 4.7 states that is it an objective of the Council to improve existing open space areas in housing developments that have been taken in charge by Kildare County Council and to provide additional play facilities where	Cllr. N. Connolly proposed and Cllr. Doyle seconded the motion. Cllr. N. Connolly set out the successful example of a pocket park in St. Anne's Park in Drumcondra and considered that an objective should be included for the provision of pocket_parks in Kildare Town.  Cllr Doyle cautioned being specific to only estates taken in charge as opportunities to get pocket parks



		feasible and appropriate. The Draft Plan has also zoned a considerable quantity of land as Open Space and Amenity to provide for parks and playing fields across the plan area.  Furthermore, under a planning application for new residential development, open space provision is required at a rate of 15% under the Development Management Standards in the CDP.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	could be lost. Cllr. Doyle considered the LRD process as an example.  Ms. O'Reilly considered that the suggested amendment to objective HCO 4.7 to include 'outdoor seating' could be expanded to include 'pocket parks and outdoor seating'.  Cllr. Connolly agreed with the addition as set out by Ms. O' Reilly and the amendment was agreed by the Members.
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
55	That all new housing developments in Kildare Town include safe areas for children to play, a natural play facility and	Chief Executive's Opinion It is an objective of the CDP to require the provision of good quality, well located and functional open space in new residential	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63 were agreed by the Members.



outdoor seating areas for the purpose of communal gathering.	developments, including landscaping with native species and scale appropriate natural play areas to cater for all age groups (Objective LR O82, refers). Furthermore Section 15.6.5 of the CDP require that all play areas shall be natural play spaces with landscaping and natural features e.g. logs, mounding, boulders, and sensory planting, equipment with no moving parts.	
	The Kildare Draft Plan under Objective HCO 4.7 supports the development of additional play facilities within the existing open spaces of housing estates. It is considered that outdoor seating should also be referenced in this objective within the existing open spaces of housing estates.  Chief Executive's Recommendation Proposed Material Alteration	





affordable housing in accordance with the Council's Housing Strategy, Housing Need Demand Assessment and Government policy.

The Former Magee Barracks site has been identified as a location for housing for older people including age-friendly housing and the potential for social housing. Furthermore, Group/Special Needs Housing is 'Permitted in Principle' and 'Open to Consideration' across a range of land uses (Table 11-6, refers).

Section 6.4.2 'Positive Ageing' in the Draft Plan outlines the importance of lifetime adaptable and age friendly homes. Age Friendly is universal; it is beneficial to everyone; young or old. Furthermore, in the provision of housing, it is a requirement of the Council that a minimum of 20%



Item	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly	universally designed units in all residential schemes. This is supported by Objective HCO 2.1 and Objective HCO 2.5.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	Record
No. 57	That the Kildare Town Local Area Plan sets the objective that all new primary schools include lands for the delivery of co- located childcare facilities.	Chief Executive's Opinion It is an objective of the CDP to support the provision of childcare facilities within or co-located with community buildings, such as community centres and schools (Objective SC O80, refers). As per Section 1.2. the Draft Plan policies and objectives that are already addressed within the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 are not replicated in the Draft Plan, as this is the higher-level planning policy document.	Cllr. N. Connolly proposed and Cllr. Doyle seconded the motion.  Cllr. N. Connolly considered that co-locating childcare facilities with primary schools was a logical approach.  Cllr. Doyle considered that a statement was needed in the Local Area Plan to reinforce County Development plan objectives.  Ms. O' Reilly considered that objective HCO 3.1 could be expanded to include the following: ' and encourage the co-location of childcare with educational uses'.



		Furthermore, the Former Magee Barracks site has been earmarked as a key area for co-locating education facilities, childcare and elderly housing, with right size housing and a community facility (see Section 11.1 of the Draft Plan). Furthermore, crèches/playschools are 'Permitted in Principle' and 'Open for Consideration' across a range of land use zoning objectives (Table 11-6, refers).  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	The Members were in agreement to the amendment.
Item	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly	3	Record
No.	Motion. On. Noci Connony		Necord
58	That the Kildare Town Local	Chief Executive's Opinion	Cllr. N. Connolly proposed and Cllr. Doyle seconded
	Area Plan sets the objective that	Section 6.4.2 'Positive Ageing' of	the motion.
	Kildare Town strive towards	the Draft Plan outlines the	
	becoming an age friendly town.	importance of lifetime adaptable	Cllr. N. Connolly considered that the Council needed
		and age friendly homes and	to make provision for the future.
		facilities. Age Friendly is universal;	
		it is beneficial to everyone; young	



or old. Furthermore, in the provision of housing, it is a requirement of the Council that a minimum of 20% universally designed units are provided in all residential schemes. Housing for older people is supported by Objective HCO 2.1, Objective HCO 2.5 and Objective HCO 3.3 of the Draft Plan.

Furthermore, it is an objective of the CDP to support the implementation of the Kildare Age Friendly County Strategy 2019-2021 (and any subsequent strategy), promoting the delivery of Lifetime Homes and to support the provision of housing that is adaptable for an ageing population.

Chief Executive's
Recommendation
No change recommended.

Ms. O' Reilly advised Members of Section 6.4.2 in the Draft Plan already referred specifically to 'Positive Ageing'.

Cllr. Connolly highlighted that positive aging wasn't just about housing.

Ms. Granville committed to discussing the issue with the Public Realm team.

The Members accepted the Chief Executive's recommendation.



Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
Item No.	That the Council include an objective in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan to encourage a development of housing for older people similar to McAuley Place in Naas, within the town environs (possibly on the Carmelite Lands).  Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly	Chief Executive's Opinion The CDP recognises that McAuley Place has become a national exemplar model of housing for older people and will support further opportunities across Kildare to expand this supported housing market and model. In this regard the Former Magee Barracks site has been earmarked for additional housing and community infrastructure facilities. The community uses envisaged include housing for older people (see Objective HCO 2.5 and Section 11.1 of the Draft Plan).  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	Cllr. N Connolly accepted the Chief Executive's Recommendation in this regard.  Record
60	That the Council include an objective in the Kildare Town	Chief Executive's Opinion	Cllr. N. Connolly proposed and Cllr. Duffy seconded the motion.



	Local Area Plan to provide a	It is an objective of the Draft Plan	Cllr. N. Connolly discussed the need for a
	permanent home for St Brigid's	(HCO 4.4, refers) to facilitate	permanent home for St. Brigid's Boxing Club that
	Boxing Club.	sports and community groups in	could also assist with acquiring capital funding.
	· ·	the acquisition and/or use of lands	
		for sports and recreation purposes.	Cllr. Duffy agreed with the sentiment but considered
		This would facilitate any potential	that the Members needed a broader objective and
		relocation of the boxing club, over	that the club needed to be co-located with other
		the plan period.	uses.
		and plan portion.	
		Chief Executive's	Cllr. N. Connolly saw the merit in a broader objective
		Recommendation	but did not share the Members concerns with being
		No change recommended.	specific to St. Brigid's Boxing Club.
		The shange recommended.	opeoint to our bright of box ing crash
			Cllr. Doyle agreed that St. Brigid's needed a
			permanent home but considered it should also be
			with complimentary clubs.
			The samp more and a same of
			Ms. Granville suggested that the member could
			make a minor amendment to objective HCO 4.4 to
			include specific reference to 'Facilitate sports clubs
			and community groups'.
			The Members agreed to the amendment.
Item	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly	,	Record
No.	,		



61	That the Council include an objective in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan to encourage the provision of all-weather sports pitches.	Chief Executive's Opinion Objective HCO 4.1 supports an allweather Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) located at the Former Magee Barracks, whilst the provision of pitches would be supported by Objective HCO 4.3 and HCO 4.4.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63 were agreed by the Members.
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
62	That the Council supports the delivery of a municipal multi sports campus, and that should its provision be dependent on housing development on private land, that it be conditional on the sports campus being fully delivered first, before housing development takes place.	Chief Executive's Opinion Playing fields and community/recreational /sports buildings are 'Permitted in Principle' and 'Open to Consideration' across a number of land use zonings, in particular F: Open Space and Amenity. Furthermore, it should be noted under Item No. X (143) of this report that a Proposed Material Alteration refers to the zoning of	Cllr. N. Connolly proposed and Cllr. Doyle seconded the motion.  Cllr. N. Connolly expressed concern that the Council were relying on a developer-led approach to the delivery of a sports campus and considered the importance of conditioning the delivery in advance of the delivery of housing.  Cllr. Doyle queried if a timeframe or sequencing could be included.



land (approx. 13 ha) from 'I:
Agriculture' and 'SR: Strategic
Reserve' to 'F: Open Space' in the
South Green area which will be
considered for such a land use. In
this regard, it is considered
reasonable to amend Objective
HCO 4.4 to refer specifically to
multi-use sports facilities.

Chief Executive's
Recommendation
Amend Objective HCO 4.4

**HCO 4.4** 

Facilitate sports and community groups in the acquisition and/or use of lands for sports and recreation purposes and support the delivery of multi-use sports facilities (including play facilities) on appropriately zoned

Ms. Granville advised caution as such an objective may be onerous.

Ms. O' Reilly advised Members that item 143 of the Meeting Report identified a site for a sports campus in the Southgreen area and a site-specific objective F(1) for the delivery of a community sports campus.

Cllr. Doyle considered that social infrastructure was needed in order to enhance communities and should be delivered in tandem with new housing.

On foot of discussions and issues raised by the members Ms. Granville suggested that if the members were to proceed with this, an amendment to the site-specific objective F(1) recommended under Items No. 143 – 146 of the Meeting Report could include the following:

'Phasing details whereby the site is developed sequentially from the south in tandem with new housing.'

The Members agreed the further amendment.



		land within the plan area.	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
63	That the Kildare Town Local Area Plan identifies a location for an additional playground to serve the outer estates north of the town, possibly in conjunction with a multi sports campus.	Chief Executive's Opinion Objective HCO 4.6 supports the development of additional playgrounds within housing developments. Furthermore, playgrounds would be 'Permitted in Principle' in areas zoned A: Town Centre, B: Existing Residential, C: New Residential, E: Community and Education, F: Open Space and Amenity and also T: Mixed Used. It is however considered appropriate to include reference to a play facility in objective HCO 4.4  Chief Executive's Recommendation Amend Objective HCO 4.4  HCO 4.4 Facilitate sports and community groups in the acquisition and/or	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,54,55,58,61,63 were agreed by the Members.



		use of lands for sports and recreation purposes and support the delivery of multi-sports facilities (including play facilities) on appropriately zoned land within the plan area.	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
64	That the Council acquires by CPO or other means, a sizeable site within the town area that is currently zoned as residential but that the owner has failed to develop within the past 10 years, with a view to providing social and affordable housing.	Chief Executive's Opinion The Council will pursue active land management through the application of the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT), which will tax vacant land zoned for residential or mixed-use purposes to encourage the timely activation of serviced lands. The OPR in their submission recognises that there is the potential of Kildare Town exceeding its core strategy housing target over the life of the Development Plan due to historical	Cllr. N. Connolly accepted the Chief Executive's Recommendation and the Members agreed.



		legacy zonings and extant permissions for residential	
		development.  The acquisition of land, including by CPO, is a process that is beyond the remit of this land use plan. It is noteworthy that the Council is progressing a PPP Housing Scheme at Collaghknock	
		Glebe which has potential to deliver in excess of 80 units.	
		Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
65	That in conjunction with Members and within 3 months of plan being adopted a Place naming recommendation policy be delivered for Kildare town.	Chief Executive's Opinion Specific policy provisions relating to the naming of new developments within the county is dealt with in Chapter 15 of the	Cllr. Doyle accepted the Chief Executive's Recommendation and the Members agreed.
	This will include a list of suggested and appropriate names agreed by members that	Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029. The CDP acknowledges that placenames	



	future developments may	are an important part of our	
	consult when considering place	cultural heritage and placemaking	
	naming. The list will not be	and actively seeks to ensure that	
	obligatory but in the case when	our rich heritage is protected and	
	inappropriate place naming is	enhanced through the naming of	
	submitted, it will be consulted to	new residential developments	
	identify a more appropriate	(Section 15.4.15, refers). All	
	name.	applications for residential	
		development shall provide details	
	Reason: To enhance the sense	as to the proposed naming of the	
	of Place for community to have	estates, inter alia, that they reflect	
	regard to Equine, Ecclesiastical	local heritage. The Draft Plan does	
	& Military heritage of town and to	not replicate policies and	
	ensure ease of navigation and	objectives that are already	
	reduce duplication and confusion	addressed within the Kildare	
	through overuse of historic land	County Development Plan 2023-	
	names.	2029 as this is the higher-level	
		planning policy document.	
		Chief Executive's	
		Recommendation	
24		No change recommended.	_
Item	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
No.			
66	To include policy and objectives	Chief Executive's Opinion	Cllr. Doyle proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded
	for delivery of serviced sites		the motion.



within town, having regard to good design, appropriate plot ratio. This policy should outline the need for outline planning permission as stage one of development. The outline planning will give detail design outlines to ensure that finished development will have a consistent aesthetic to a high standard, if possible, the use of RIAI should be required to submit a detailed design guiding brief for development as outline stage. This brief should include design of common areas. boundary treatments, plot ratios and specific requirements on roof, fenestration, all external finishes for buildings on site. The design guide should not be uniform but aim to achieve appearance of consistent complimentary builds that are appropriate to landscape.

The National Planning Framework under NPO 18b refers to a programme to provide serviced sites for 'new homes in small towns and villages'. Kildare Town has been designated as a Self-Sustaining Growth Town which is the second tier of towns within the County Settlement Hierarchy. Therefore, the designation of 'serviced-sites' would not be appropriate given the status of the town and would represent inappropriate use of the land within a settlement at this level within the settlement hierarchy.

Chief Executive's
Recommendation
No change recommended.

Cllr. Doyle considered the need to develop 'tradingup' opportunities and noted the need for a mix of all house types including self-builds.

Ms. O' Reilly advised that the term 'serviced sites' would not be appropriate for a self-sustaining growth town such as Kildare but there could be merit in a 'self-build' option and having regard to the intent of the motion suggested a new objective as follows:

HCO 2.6 to "Support the provision of appropriately designed residential 'self-build' houses on the sites zoned as New Residential\* (C\*) at a low residential density. A detailed design framework for each site will be required to set out overall layout, siting, access, landscaping, boundary treatments and connection to public services."

Cllr. Duffy seconded the option of self-builds and considered the option as an innovative idea.

Cllr. Heavey supported the option but queried the need for further investigation to ensure access to services.



Ms. Granville advised that the objective would require applicants to address connection to services as part of the required design framework. Ms. Granville advised that this self-build objective would be placed on public display with the other material alterations and submissions received would have to be considered in this regard.
The Members agreed to the proposed material alteration as outlined.



## **Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation**

Mr. Conlon advised that there were eighteen green items,67,68,69,70,74,77,78,79,80,81,82,86,87,88,89,90,91, 99, ten red listed items, 71,72,76,94,95,96,97,98,102,103 and nine amber listed items 73,75, 83, 84,85,92,93,100,101 in Chapter 7.

Cllr. N. Connolly sought to discuss items 73,94,96.

Cllr. Duffy sought to discuss items 71,75,93.

Cllr. Doyle sought to discuss items 91,94,95,96,97,98,103,83,85,93 and 101.

Item No.	Chief Executive's Proposed Material Alteration	Record
67	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation, amend Section 7.2 Kildare Town Transport Strategy, paragraph two, to make reference to the Road Traffic Act 1994.  The progression of the measures in the future will be subject to a separate statutory procedure either by Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, or as a Part 8 process in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (or any subsequent Planning Act) which includes for detailed design and appraisal, consultation with the relevant statutory stakeholders and public consultation.	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 67,68,69,70,74,77,78,79,80,81,82,86,87,88,89,90, 91, 99 were agreed by the Members.
68	Proposed Material Alteration	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 67,68,69,70,74,77,78,79,80,81,82,86,87,88,89,90,



	Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation, Section 7.3 Active Travel - Walking and Cycling, amend the fourth sentence to provide up to date information as follows:  In relation to cycling, there is are no very limited cycle infrastructure paths in the town such as the recently constructed link road between Southgreen Road and the Dunmurray Road. In many instances, with cyclists using footpaths instead in some instances.	91, 99 were agreed by the Members.
69	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation, insert additional text and associated footnote, at the end of 7.1.2. Achieving a Modal Shift, as follows:	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 67,68,69,70,74,77,78,79,80,81,82,86,87,88,89,90, 91, 99 were agreed by the Members.
	The measures proposed in this Plan (as detailed in the following Sections) in respect of improving infrastructure for active travel and public transport will endeavour to move towards achieving the targets set out in the County Plan to reduce car journey and increase trips by walking, cycling, bus and train. It is considered that a 10% reduction in private motor vehicle use for work trips and a 5% reduction in private motor vehicle use for education trips by Census 2036 <sup>4</sup> , would be challenging modal shift targets for Kildare Town. If these modal	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> If the strategy is implemented as planned, most measures will be in place by Census 2036.



	•	hen car dependency for work trips I education trips car dependency of trips at 49.4%.	
70	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation, insert additional text (after Table 7-1) under Section 7.3.1. Walking to provide further information, as follows:  The above referenced permeability measures will bring a 42.5% increase in the number of homes within the 1km catchment of the primary schools. However, there will only be a minor increase (2%) in the 1km catchment of the post-primary school. However, there will be a substantial reduction of over 100m in school trips distances for 1,469 buildings, which represents a reduction in walking distance for 46% of buildings within Kildare Town for post-primary schools. The measures will bring a 20.2% increase (237) in the number of residential addresses within 1km of the train station and 14.9% (227) increase in the number of homes within 500m of a bus stop.		On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 67,68,69,70,74,77,78,79,80,81,82,86,87,88,89,90, 91, 99 were agreed by the Members.
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Duffy		Record
71 (See all	That the Council remove the following permeability measures	Chief Executive's Opinion The permeability strategy of the Draft Plan which was informed by	Cllr. Duffy proposed and Cllr. Doyle seconded the motion.



## Items 71-76)

from the LAP Table 7.1; PERM 7, 8, 9, 23, 24, 39 and 40.

Rationale: In terms of improved active travel and 20 min community; I don't believe that these permeability links shorten the distance between the residential area and key destination points. This links only appear to be connecting residential estates together which I believe will have unintended negative consequences.

the Kildare Town Transport Strategy seeks to create convenient, efficient routes to key destinations such as the train stations, bus stops, schools, in order to reduce walking trip distances to give non-motorised modes a competitive advantage over private cars. This is particularly important given the Climate Action Plan 2023 (CAP 23) targets for carbon emission reductions in the transport sector (50% reduction by 2030). The permeability links form an overall network within the town which will make it easier to move from private car to sustainable modes of transport. While at first glance they may appear to be 'connecting estates' they actually form a larger network of links to reduce walking distances to key attractors, thereby it is important to keep in mind the 'bigger picture' rather than looking at a measure in isolation.

Cllr. Duffy advised that he was a supporter in principle of permeability however considered some permeability in the plan did not shorten the distance but could lead to unintended negative consequences for residents. Cllr. Duffy sought to remove 7, 8, 9, 23, 24, 39 and could concede on measure no. 40.

Ms. O' Reilly advised the meeting of the importance of permeability links in making it possible and feasible for people to walk or cycle short journeys to school or work as an important climate action measure. Ms. O'Reilly also reminded the Members of the Planning Regulator's reference to Section 10(2)(n) of the Planning and Development Act which is to promote sustainable settlement and transportation strategies including the promotion of measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in development plans.

Mr. Dunney spoke to the National Climate Action Plan and reiterated the importance of permeability in reducing car journeys and encouraging other modes of transport.



As part of the analysis the reduction in distance to key destinations was also assessed from every building in Kildare Town, which showed a significant reduction in trip distance to key destinations, with many trips reducing by over 100 metres (Table 11.3 included for reference). Reducing trip distances to key destinations is an important factor to increase the popularity and convenience of walking.

Table 11.3 Reduction in Distance

Bus Stops	Train Station	Primary Schools	Communit Schools
395	903	1,490	169
990	786	591	1,003
265	285	162	314
24	203	265	152
1,493	1,009	681	1,541
	395 990 265 24	Stops         Station           395         903           990         786           265         285           24         203	Stops         Station         Schools           395         903         1,490           990         786         591           265         285         162           24         203         265

Cllr. Doyle considered that the Transport Strategy needed to be revisited with consideration being given to one-way systems within same.

Ms. Granville advised Members of the statutory timelines to publish the Proposed Material Alterations and advised that there was not sufficient time to redevelop a Transport Strategy.

Mr. Dunney advised that it was better to try use what was good in the permeability measures than to remove them all from the Plan.

Cllr. Doyle suggested that the Members would, in committee, go through each of the measures when the meeting adjourned.

The Members agreed to move on to Chapter 8 and revert to Chapter 7 once the Members had discussed all the permeability measures.

See page 78 for consideration of remaining items in Chapter 7.



Included in the Kildare Town
Transport Strategy are high-level
assessments to identify the
permeability measures, it is
important of note that these would
not be sufficient for the purpose of
progressing an individual project.
The progression of these
measures in the future will be
subject to a separate statutory
procedure which will include
detailed design and appraisal.

## PERM 7

The delivery of PERM 7 holds the benefit of reducing the walking trip distances to the railway station, and also to schools, bus stops and the town centre. It forms part of a network that will funnel people form the northern estates towards the town. Considering the Climate Action Plan 2023 targets it is not considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan.



#### PERM 8

The delivery of PERM 8 holds the benefit of reducing the walking trip distances to the railway station, town centre and the proposed greenway. Considering the Climate Action Plan 2023 targets it is not considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan.

#### PERM 9

The delivery of PERM 9 holds the benefit of reducing the walking trip distances to the railway station, schools, bus stops, the town centre and the proposed greenway. Considering the Climate Action Plan 2023 targets it is not considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan.

# **PERM 23 and 24**

The delivery of PERM 23 and 24 holds the benefit of reducing the walking trip distances to the schools, bus stops, town centre,



primary care centre, supermarket, and the proposed Cherry Avenue Park. Considering the Climate Action Plan 2023 targets it is not considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan.

#### **PERM 39**

The delivery of PERM 39 holds the benefit of reducing the walking distance from Loughlion Green (approximately 75 houses) and other houses along Monasterevin road to the lands zoned for Q: Enterprise and Employment (north of Monasterevin road) and the Kildare Tourist Outlet Village (KTOV). Considering the Climate Action Plan 2023 targets it is not considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan.

# **PERM 40**

Permeability Measure 40 is in line with objective (TM O82) of the Kildare County Development Plan



2023-2029 to examine the feasibility of delivering an overpass of the M7 from the Cherry Avenue Park to the Irish National Stud and therefore it is not considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan. Furthermore, this measure is not proximate to any existing residential areas within the town but residential areas to the north, east and west of the Cherry Avenue Park will benefit from this link towards the National Stud and south of the motorway. Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.

The Members agreed to move on to Chapter 8 and revert to Chapter 7 once the Members had discussed all the permeability measures as a group.

# **Chapter 8 Built Heritage**



Mr. Conlon advised the meeting that there were six green listed items, 104,105,106,107,108 and 109. There were no red listed items and no amber listed items.

Item No.	Chief Executive's Proposed Material Alteration	
104	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 8 Built Heritage, amend chapter title to, Built Heritage and Archaeology and all consequential amendments throughout the Draft Plan, including titles of Map 8.1 and Map 8.2 as follows:  8. Built Heritage and Archaeology Built Heritage and Archaeology	On the proposal of Cllr. Duffy and seconded by Cllr. N. Connolly the items at 104,105,106,107,108 and 109 were agreed by the Members.
105	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 8 Built Heritage, amend the second sentence of Section 8.5., as follows:  Archaeological heritage consists of such material remains (whether in the form of sites and monuments or artefacts in the sense of moveable objects) and environmental evidence—and are located to the south of the motorway within the Plan boundary.	On the proposal of Cllr. Duffy and seconded by Cllr. N. Connolly the items at 104,105,106,107,108 and 109 were agreed by the Members.
106	Proposed Material Alteration	On the proposal of Cllr. Duffy and seconded by Cllr. N. Connolly the items at



	Chapter 8 Built Heritage, Section 8.5.2. Zone of Archaeological Potential, amend the citations of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, as follows:  Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.	104,105,106,107,108 and 109 were agreed by the Members.
107	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 8 Built Heritage, Section 8.2. insert new objective after BHO 1.4:  Support the sensitive incorporation of public amenity and open spaces around monuments, in a manner compatible with the protection and proper management and conservation of the monument, subject to an appropriate management and conservation plan to be prepared by the relevant landowner or stakeholder.  Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 8 Built Heritage, Section 8.2. insert new objective after BHO 1.4:  To support the delivery of a walking trail along the Town Walls within the surfiless of St. Brigis's Cotto deal in an appropriate management with its proposed that is	On the proposal of Cllr. Duffy and seconded by Cllr. N. Connolly the items at 104,105,106,107,108 and 109 were agreed by the Members.
	curtilage of St. Brigid's Cathedral in an appropriate manner that is sympathetic to the historical context of the site.	
108	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 8 Built Heritage, amend Objective BHO 4.2 of the Archaeological Heritage Objectives as follows:	On the proposal of Cllr. Duffy and seconded by Cllr. N. Connolly the items at

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	BHO 4.2	Prioritise the protection/preservation in situ (or upon agreement preservation by record) of items of archaeological interest as listed in Table 8-5 and shown on Map 8.1 and Map 8.2 Built Heritage and Archaeology from inappropriate development that would adversely affect and/or detract from the interpretation and setting of these sites.	104,105,106,107,108 and 109 were agreed by the Members.
109	Proposed Materia Chapter 8 Built H	al Alteration eritage, include a new Objective as follows:	On the proposal of Cllr. Duffy and seconded by Cllr. N. Connolly the items at 104,105,106,107,108 and 109 were agreed
	ВНО 4.6	To support the repair and conservation of the Kildare Town Walls within the curtilage of St Brigid's Cathedral.	by the Members.



# **Chapter 9 Natural Heritage and Green Infrastructure**

Mr. Conlon advised the Meeting that there were three green listed items 110, 111 and 112 in Chapter 9. There were no red listed items and there was one amber listed items number 113.

Item No.	Chief Executive's	Proposed Material Alteration	Record		
110	objective after NHC	I Heritage and Green Infrastructure, insert a new	On the proposal of Cllr. T. O' Dwyer and seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly, the items at 110,111 and 112 agreed by the Members.		
	Rescue Cer	tre on appropriately zoned land.			
111	Proposed Materia		On the proposal of Cllr. T. O' Dwyer and		
(See Item No.	Chapter 9 Natural I follows:	Heritage and Green Infrastructure, amend NHO 4.2 as	seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly, the items at 110,111 and 112 agreed by the Members.		
112 also)	NHO 4.2	Require all new residential developments (of 10 units or more) and commercial developments (on sites 0.5ha or larger) to include <i>mixed native</i> treeplanting proposals, <i>to include Oak</i> , in the range of 1-5% site coverage, depending on the nature of the			



	proposed spaces.		
	Motion: Cllr. Power (former	y Cllr. Stafford)	Record
112 (See Item No. 111 also)	To amend NHO 4.2 by the replacement of the additional words in red "to include Oak" with "to include specimen Oak" so as to provide a unique and interesting focal point but consistent across developments.	Chief Executive's Opinion Accepted.  Chief Executive's Recommendation Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 9 Natural Heritage and Green Infrastructure, amend NHO 4.2 as follows:  NHO 4.2 Require all new residential developments (of 10 units or more) and commercial developments (on sites 0.5ha or larger) to include mixed native tree-planting proposals, to include specimen Oak, in the range of 1-5% site coverage, depending on the nature of the proposed use and function of associated open spaces.	On the proposal of Cllr. T. O' Dwyer and seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly, the items at 110, 111 and 112 agreed by the Members.



	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
113	That the LAP includes an objective that within 6 months of adopting plan, that Parks section commission or deliver a plan that will identify appropriate strategic locations within the LAP boundary for the planting of significant well matured trees to create	Chief Executive's Opinion The Parks Section has indicated that it is not feasible to deliver such a plan within 6 months from the adoption of the plan, due to current and planned work commitments, and logistical issues such as co-operation of residents. There are practical issues regarding planting of mature trees in terms of establishment and cost, which all must be considered,	Cllr. Doyle proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded the motion.  Cllr. Doyle accepted the Chief Executive's Response in this regard but requested that the word 'Community' be removed from the 'Community Tree Planting Programme' so as not to limit the parameters of the programme.
	place making within the town.  The plan will also address issue of succession for existing mature trees that may be at risk or require removal through unavoidable circumstance (essential roads/ Dev objectives). The plan will also consider appropriate locations of the development of an arboretum or avenue	in addition to other issues.  Great emphasis has been put on improving tree coverage in Kildare Town in Section 9.9 of the Draft Plan, with the inclusion of The Curragh Buffer Zone and objectives NHO 4.1, NHO 4.2, NHO 4.3, NHO 4.4, NHO 4.5 and NHO 4.7 which require developments to ensure net gains for biodiversity as a priority with particular emphasis on tree planting.  Objective BI O4 pf the CDP promotes increased participation in biodiversity	Ms O'Reilly agreed to the amendment.  The Members agreed.



of significant trees on in strategic locations that in time will become a very attractive destination Sli. This plan will be implemented through the conditioning on all development to contribute to expediting the objectives whether within the vicinity of development or contribution to achieving it elsewhere within the town. Contributions will be proportionate to the scale and commercial value of development proposed.

Reason To improve carbon footprint. To improve community amenity and town aesthetic. To acknowledge heritage of towns association with trees and particularly the Oak tree.

conservation and the continued preparation of Local Biodiversity Action Plan for settlements in County Kildare. This community led action plan is considered an appropriate forum for such a study and targeted action for tree planting and other biodiversity measures at appropriate locations throughout the town. In this regard, it is considered appropriate to amend objective NHO 2.4 to have specific regard to an additional tree planting programme through the Local Biodiversity Action Plan process.

<u>Chief Executive's Recommendation</u> Amend Objective NHO 2.4 as follows:

**NHO 2.4** 

Support the preparation of a Biodiversity Action Plan for Kildare Town including the development of a Community Biodiversity Toolkit and a Community Tree Planting Programme, in line with all national

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	policy documents that relate to biodiversity.	
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# **Chapter 10** Infrastructure and Environmental Services

Mr. Conlon advised that there were three green listed items, 114,115,116 in Chapter 10. There were no red listed items and no amber listed items.

Item No.	Chief Executive's	s Proposed Material Alteration	Record
114	•	al Alterations ructure and Environment, insert new Objective IO 1.3 2 Water Supply and Wastewater as follows:  Consult with Uisce Éireann prior to the implementation of any significant Public Realm Works or Transportation Measures contained in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan 2023-2029 to avoid and/or mitigate impacts on existing or planned water	On the proposal of Cllr. A. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender, the items at 114,115 and 116 were agreed by the Members.
115	Proposed Materia	and wastewater infrastructure.  al Alteration	On the proposal of Cllr. A. Connolly and
		ructure and Environment, insert new objective under gy Supply and Communications as follows:	seconded by Cllr. Pender, the items at 114,115 and 116 were agreed by the Members.
	IO 4.6	Consult with the Electricity Supply Board prior to any significant Public Realm Works to ensure opportunities to provide ducting/underground	

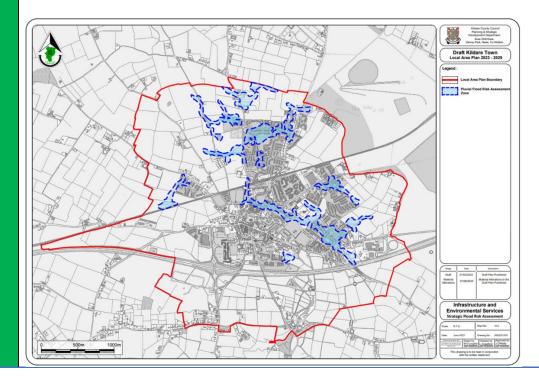
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cabling in the most economically efficient way and limit disruption to local services.

# 116 Proposed Material Alteration

Replace Map 10.2 with the following map based on recent pluvial flood modelling as recommended in the Surface Water Study.



On the proposal of Cllr. A. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender, the items at 114,115 and 116 were agreed by the Members.



Mr. Conlon suggested dealing with Cllr. Stafford's earlier motion at this stage of the meeting.

Mr. Conlon advised the Members that following due consideration of the unprecedented resignation of Cllr. Stafford before a nominated replacement was agreed at the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District Meeting and given that Cllr. Stafford had submitted motions within the time limit for motions and given the Members positive disposition to allowing Cllr. Power put forward the motions in his name, Mr. Conlon advised that two-thirds of the Members in attendance would have to be in agreement to the suspension of the standing orders. Cllr. Power proposed suspending the standing orders so he could propose the fourteen motions and it was unanimously agreed by all Members in attendance. Cllr. Power proposed items no. 12,14,15,37,72,91,92,112,119,114,150,153,155 and 163. Cllr. Doyle seconded the motion.

The members agreed to reverting to Chapter 7 before proceeding with Cllr. Power's (formerly Cllr. Stafford's) 14 motions.



# **Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation**

Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Duffy		Record
	That the Council remove the following permeability measures from the LAP Table 7.1; PERM 7, 8, 9, 23, 24, 39 and 40.  Rationale: In terms of improved active travel and 20 min community; I don't believe that these permeability links shorten the distance between the residential area and key destination points. This links only appear to be connecting residential estates together which I believe will have unintended negative consequences.	Chief Executive's Opinion The permeability strategy of the Draft Plan which was informed by the Kildare Town Transport Strategy seeks to create convenient, efficient routes to key destinations such as the train stations, bus stops, schools, in order to reduce walking trip distances to give non-motorised modes a competitive advantage over private cars. This is particularly important given the Climate Action Plan 2023 (CAP 23) targets for carbon emission reductions in the transport sector (50% reduction by 2030). The permeability links form an overall network within the town which will make it easier to move from	Item 71 to item 76 were discussed together.  Cllr. Doyle advised the meeting that following discussions and agreement with the Members,  Cllr. Doyle proposed and Cllr. Duffy seconded and the Members agreed that the following permeability measures would be deleted from table 7.1:  Perm 7, 8, 9, 23, 24, 25, 34,35, 39 and 41.  Cllr. Doyle proposed and Cllr. Duffy seconded and the Members agreed that the following cycling measures would be amended in table 7.2:  Cycle 17 – Extend to Newtown  Cycle 19 – Extend to Newtown
		private car to sustainable modes of transport. While at first glance they	Cycle 21 – Junction improvements required.



may appear to be 'connecting estates' they actually form a larger network of links to reduce walking distances to key attractors, thereby it is important to keep in mind the 'bigger picture' rather than looking at a measure in isolation.

As part of the analysis the reduction in distance to key destinations was also assessed from every building in Kildare Town, which showed a significant reduction in trip distance to key destinations, with many trips reducing by over 100 metres (Table 11.3 included for reference). Reducing trip distances to key destinations is an important factor to increase the popularity and convenience of walking.

Cllr. Duffy proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded and the Members agreed that the following cycling measures would be deleted from table 7.2:

Cycle 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 46 and 58.

Cllr. Duffy proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded and the Members agreed that a new road measure south of Cunnaberry Hill and parallel to the motorway be included that could include pedestrian / cyclist link from Tully Road-Hospital Street.



	Table 11.3 Reduction in Distance to Key Destinations							
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Less Than 100m 39	5 90	03 1,490	169	588	613	29	þ	
100m-500m 99	0 78	86 591	1,003	218	2,102	73	3	
500m-1km 26	5 28	85 162	314	192	219	53	3	
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network that will funnel people



form the northern estates towards the town. Considering the Climate Action Plan 2023 targets it is not considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan.

### PERM 8

The delivery of PERM 8 holds the benefit of reducing the walking trip distances to the railway station, town centre and the proposed greenway. Considering the Climate Action Plan 2023 targets it is not considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan.

# PERM 9

The delivery of PERM 9 holds the benefit of reducing the walking trip distances to the railway station, schools, bus stops, the town centre and the proposed greenway. Considering the Climate Action Plan 2023 targets it is not considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan.



#### **PERM 23 and 24**

The delivery of PERM 23 and 24 holds the benefit of reducing the walking trip distances to the schools, bus stops, town centre, primary care centre, supermarket, and the proposed Cherry Avenue Park. Considering the Climate Action Plan 2023 targets it is not considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan.

#### **PERM 39**

The delivery of PERM 39 holds the benefit of reducing the walking distance from Loughlion Green (approximately 75 houses) and other houses along Monasterevin road to the lands zoned for Q: Enterprise and Employment (north of Monasterevin road) and the Kildare Tourist Outlet Village (KTOV). Considering the Climate Action Plan 2023 targets it is not



considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan.

### **PERM 40**

Permeability Measure 40 is in line with objective (TM O82) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 to examine the feasibility of delivering an overpass of the M7 from the Cherry Avenue Park to the Irish National Stud and therefore it is not considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan. Furthermore, this measure is not proximate to any existing residential areas within the town but residential areas to the north, east and west of the Cherry Avenue Park will benefit from this link towards the National Stud and south of the motorway.

Chief Executive's
Recommendation
No change recommended.



Item No.	Motion Cllr. Power (formerly Cll	r. Stafford)	Record
72 (See all Items 71-76)	That the Permeability measures identified as PERM 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 13 be deleted pending the adoption of Guidelines for Permeability Connectivity in County Kildare.	Chief Executive's Opinion The Guidelines for Permeability Connections in County Kildare will be aimed at setting out the benefits of permeability measures, the process of progressing permeability measures, and setting out design considerations and requirements. Permeability measures are largely identified through strategic documents such as the Kildare Town Transport Strategy which presents the results of a network analyst GIS assessment which shows the spatial expansion in walking catchments as a result of the implementation of permeability measures and the reduction in distance to key destinations such as the train station and the Kildare Town Community School.	Items No. 71 to 76 inclusive were discussed together.  Please see record and agreement made under Item 71 above.



While the Kildare Town Transport Strategy includes some high-level assessments to identify permeability measures, these would not be sufficient for the purpose of progressing an individual project. The progression of these measures in future will be subject to a separate statutory procedure which will include detailed design and appraisal, consultation with the relevant statutory stakeholders.

The permeability strategy of the Kildare Town Transport Strategy seeks to create convenient, efficient routes to key trip attractors and to reduce walking trip distances to give non-motorised modes a competitive advantage over private cars. This is particularly important given the Climate Action Plan 2023 (CAP 23) targets for carbon emission reductions in the transport sector



(50% reduction by 2030). These permeability links will make it easier to move from private car to sustainable modes of transport.

# PERM 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 13

The boundary walls between various estates north of the railway line was identified as barriers affecting permeability to the railway station and the Kildare Town Community School. PERM 2, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 13 are included in the Draft Plan to address these barriers. It is evident that each of the measures north of the railway station are part of a larger network and removing one would remove the benefits of these links. Therefore, the bigger picture needs to be kept in mind.

The reduction in distance to key destinations such as the train station and community school was assessed from every building in



Kildare town as shown in the Table below. It can be observed that a large proportion of buildings in Kildare Town will experience a significant reduction in trip distance, with many trips reducing by over 100 metres.

Scale of Impact	Train Station	Commu nity Schools
Less than 100m	903	169
100m- 500m	786	1,003
500m- 1km	285	314
1000m+	203	152
No change	1,009	1,541

## PERM 2

The delivery of PERM 2 holds the benefit of reducing the walking trip distances for approximately 20



houses in Rathbride Abbey to the railway station, schools and the town centre. Considering the Climate Action Plan 2023 targets it is not considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan.

#### PERM 4

The delivery of PERM 4 holds the benefit of reducing the walking trip distances to the railway station, schools, bus stops and the town centre. Considering the Climate Action Plan 2023 targets it is not considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan.

# PERM 7

The delivery of PERM 7 holds the benefit of reducing the walking trip distances to the railway station, schools, bus stops and the town centre. Considering the Climate Action Plan 2023 targets it is not



considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan.

### PERM 8

The delivery of PERM 8 holds the benefit of reducing the walking trip distances to the railway station, town centre and the proposed greenway. Considering the Climate Action Plan 2023 targets it is not considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan.

#### PERM 9

The delivery of PERM 9 holds the benefit of reducing the walking trip distances to the railway station, schools, bus stops, the town centre and the proposed greenway. Considering the Climate Action Plan 2023 targets it is not considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan.

### **PERM 13**



Item	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly	The delivery of PERM 13 holds the benefit of reducing the walking trip distances to the railway station, the town centre and the proposed greenway. Considering the Climate Action Plan 2023 targets it is not considered appropriate to remove this measure from the Draft Plan.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	Record
No.	Motion. Cir. Noer Connony		Record
73 (See all Items 71-76)	That the Council recognises the significant local opposition to permeability measures relating to Curragh Finn and North Glebe estates, and endeavours to consider the proportionality of	Chief Executive's Opinion While the Kildare Town Transport Strategy includes some high-level assessments to identify permeability measures which have been included in the Draft Plan,	Items No. 71 to 76 inclusive were discussed together. Please see record and agreement made under Item 71 above.



74 (See all Items 71-76)				Items No. 71 to 76 inclusive were discussed together. Please see record and agreement made under Item 71 above.		
		Ref. No.	Measure	Delivery Timefram		
		PERM 43	Create a new pedestrian / cyclist link along the Grey Abbey Road connecting from the R415.	Medium- term		
	Map 7.1 Permeability Measures					



	43	37	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Duffy		Record
75 (See all Items 71-76)	That the Council include a new permeability measure at Rowanville to connect the residential areas to the East into Cherry Avenue estate – currently no safe connection across R445. Refer to Map 1 below.	Chief Executive's Opinion A number of crossing facilities have been proposed within Kildare Town as part of the Kildare Town Transport Strategy. Item 9 proposes a crossing point to Cherry Avenue Park at Rowanville (Section 11.3.4, Table 11.6 of the KTTS refers).	Items No. 71 to 76 inclusive were discussed together. Please see record and agreement made under Item 71 above.



Item	Proposed new permeability measure at Rowanville to connect the residential areas to the East into Cherry Avenue estate – currently no safe connection across R445.  Motion: Clir. Doyle and Clir. Ann	measures such as the crossing facilities throughout the town, as identified in the Kildare Town Transport Strategy, in tandem with a review of footpaths on approach roads and greater signal priority for active travel. These measures are an operational matter for the area engineer of the Kildare / Newbridge Municipal District.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	Record
No.	•		
76	Table 7-1 & 7-2 Permeability	Chief Executive's Opinion	Items No. 71 to 76 inclusive were discussed
(See	measures	The permeability and cycling	together. Please see record and agreement
all	Remove all specific route	measures contained in the Draft	made under Item 71 above.
Items	identifications identified in tables	Plan originated from the Kildare	
71-76)	above within draft LAP pgs 81-	Town Transport Strategy which is	
	83 & 84 <b>-</b> 87.	one of the supporting documents	



Reason: In the absence of quidelines for delivery, which is set out as an objective of CDP, it is premature to include. In principle support permeability but needs to be considered on a case-by-case basis and ideally be designed in at planning stage. With particular reference to PERM objectives identified for North of railway line between, Dunmurray Rd & Rathbride, the proposed routes if implemented would present an undue cumulative burden on certain housing estates within that quadrant. In recent years and in the face of considerable opposition, a link rd between Dunmurray rd and Rathbride rd was provided which required serious political capital and courage. The delivery of this link road has effectively created less than a 10 min walk time to

that provides the evidence-based approach to the preparation of the Draft Plan. The RSES in respect of local transport plans states that 'the policies, objectives and measures which emerge from the LTPs shall be incorporated into the relevant statutory land use plans pertaining to each settlement'.

The measures included in the Draft Plan are a high-level assessment and place sustainable transport considerations to the forefront of land use planning decisions. Individual projects will be subjected to a more detailed appraisal in order to progress further and ensure that they are the most suitable option at the particular location. Only through detailed assessment at ground level can an informed decision be made on whether the measure is viable or not.



railway station to all residents in this area, the cost of parking and lack of supply of parking make it fairly unlikely for any rail user living in this quadrant to be driving to train station. With regard to cycle lanes, the implementation of a one-way vehicular system going out by Dunmurray rd and returning through Rathbride rd, will afford road widths for cycle lane, create an incentive to go by foot to avoid longer car journey and remove the necessity of traffic signals on both bridges.

It is important to note that the Office of the Planning Regulator in their submission made only one Observation on the Draft Plan, in respect of Sustainable Transport Measures. They were concerned that two land parcels within the overall plan area, were not served by permeability or cycling measures. In order to address the OPR's concern it is recommended to include an additional permeability measure under Table 7.1.

Creating Compact and Connected Communities and Achieving a High-Quality Low Carbon Environment are two of the Strategic Development Principles, which act as guiding principles underpinning the objectives in the Draft Plan in order to achieve the overall Vision for Kildare Town. The removal of the all the permeability and cycling measures



would be detrimental to the overall Vision of the Draft Plan. The removal of the measures would also be contrary to national, regional and local policy in terms of providing an environment that encourages active travel and reduces car-dependency in accordance with the National Strategic Outcomes relating to sustainable mobility and the transition to a low carbon and climate resilient society.

The removal of all the measures detailed in Table 7.1 and Table 7.2 of the Draft Plan would make it difficult for Kildare Town to apply for funding streams for active travel measures in the absence of a plan-led approach. This could negatively impact Kildare Town, resulting in the town trailing behind its counterparts within the Settlement Hierarchy. Furthermore, PERM 28 under



Table 7.1 relates to the provision of a link from the KTOV to the town centre and the deletion of the measure would make it more difficult to pursue funding in respect of this link in the absence of a statutory plan led approach.

It is also important to note the forthcoming Permeability Guidelines will not replace the identification of cycling and permeability measures through a Transport Strategy or Area-Based Transport Assessment. The **Guidelines for Permeability** Connections will provide a procedural approach outlining the benefits of permeability measures including case studies, and also a Technical Guidance setting out project types, design consideration and specifications. These Guidelines will inform the measures contained in Table 7.1 and Table 7.2 as they progress



through the stages of the overall process. The identification and subsequent insertion into a statutory local area plan are the initial stages in this process.

Furthermore, the consideration of measures on a case-by-case basis is not an appropriate mechanism as measures form an overall network within a town. The application of a piecemeal ad-hoc approach would not benefit Kildare Town.

With regards the link between Dunmurray Road and Rathbride Road this route only benefits those north of the road, which is minimal compared to the number of houses to south of the link road, it has made no impact on walk time to the railway station for many residents.

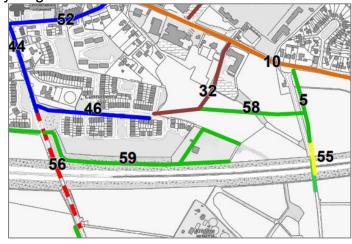


	Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.  Note: There will be substantial and significant consequential amendments to the Draft Plan should Table 7-1 and 7-2 be removed.	
77	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation, amend Table 7-2 in respect of Cycle 4 and Cycle 9 as follows:  Table 7-2 Cycling Measures  Cycle 4 Tully Road (middle section) Cycle 9 R413 Melitta Road (middle section)	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 67,68,69,70,74,77,78,79,80,81,82,86,87,88,89, 90, 91, 99 were agreed by the Members.
78	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation, insert new cycling measure in Table 7-2 and on Map 7.2 as follows: Table 7-2 Cycling Measures	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 67,68,69,70,74,77,78,79,80,81,82,86,87,88,89, 90, 91, 99 were agreed by the Members.



Ref.	Description	Proposed	Proposed
No.		Link Type	Timeframe
Cycle 59	Link between Tully Road and Cherry Avenue Park, south of Cunnaberry Hill and parallel to the motorway.	Greenway	Long-term

Map 7.2 Cycling Measures





## 79 Proposed Material Alterations

Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation, amend Objective MTO 1.1 as follows:

MTO 1.1

Support and promote the use of sustainable active transport modes in Kildare Town and seek to implement a connected network of walking and cycling infrastructure in the town as detailed in Table 7-1 and 7-2 and illustrated on Map 7.1 and 7.2. in conjunction with the National Transport Authority, *Transport Infrastructure Ireland*, other statutory agencies, and relevant stakeholders (where applicable). The indicative measures will form the basis for individual projects, when the detailed design will be configured, and each project will be subjected to rigorous analysis, including environmental / ecological assessment, where applicable, to ensure that they are the most suitable option at the particular location. All measures will be designed in accordance with a public realm palette devised for the town by the Council's Strategic Projects and Public Realm team and shall incorporate naturebased surface water management as a solution for surface water management.

On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 67,68,69,70,74,77,78,79,80,81,82,86,87,88,89, 90, 91, 99 were agreed by the Members.



80	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation, Walking and Cycling Objectives, amend Objective MTO 1.7, as follows:  MTO 1.7 Investigate the feasibility of the provision of a bike hire scheme to connect Kildare Town Train Station - Market Square - Cherry Avenue Park (when completed) - Kildare Tourist Outlet Village - Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens. and Connections to other historic sites will also be examined as part of the project.	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 67,68,69,70,74,77,78,79,80,81,82,86,87,88,89, 90, 91, 99 were agreed by the Members.
81	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation, amend paragraph two of Section 7.4 as follows:  The train station that serves Kildare Town is located on the main southern rail line which connects Dublin with the regional cities of Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford. All inbound services that stop at Kildare terminate at Heuston Station and do not use the Phoenix Park Tunnel. Potential changes to the train infrastructure that were highlighted across the survey analysis were improved facilities at the train station and an extension of the 'short hop' rail fare zone.  In January 2023 the National Transport Authority (NTA) published its National Fares Strategy for commuter and inter-	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 67,68,69,70,74,77,78,79,80,81,82,86,87,88,89, 90, 91, 99 were agreed by the Members.



urban journeys on Public Service Obligation (PSO) bus and rail services. In Dublin a City Zone will be introduced and a new Outer Dublin Commuter Zone will be introduced which will include Kildare Town. Under the new strategy lower fares will be made available for passengers travelling from the Outer Dublin Commuter Zone into the Dublin City Zone (or viceversa).

## 82 Proposed Material Alteration

Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation, insert additional point on Map 7.3 in relation to Table 7-3 Public Transport Measures, PT 3 to improve quality and coverage of bus stops.

On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 67,68,69,70,74,77,78,79,80,81,82,86,87,88,89, 90, 91, 99 were agreed by the Members.





Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
83	That map reference 7.3 Public Transport Measure, include a location for tourism bus set down within close proximity to Cathedral and Town Sq and that this be augmented by identified location for tourism coach parking.  Reason: To support the development of town as a tourism destination centre.	Chief Executive's Opinion Objective MTO 4.7 of the Draft Plan is to investigate the provision of a designated area for coach parking in tandem with the feasibility study for the creation of a new or upgraded town centre off- street car-park (PK 3, refers). The identification of a bus set down area is considered premature pending the feasibility study referred to in MTO 4.7 and the preparation of a Part 8 for Market Square as provided for in Objective TCO 2.1 of the Draft Plan. The existing bus stop on the Dublin Road will be retained and accommodated in the new design for Market Square in this regard.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	Cllr. Doyle proposed the motion and Cllr. N. Connolly seconded the Motion.  Cllr. Doyle observed that Kildare Town needed a set down area for tourism/heritage coaches to park and considered that the area across the road from the CYMS hall could be utilised for coach parking.  Ms. O' Reilly considered that Map 7.4 could be updated to include a potential coach parking location on Bride Street.  The Members agreed to designate coach parking on Bride Street and to update Map 7.4 accordingly.



Item	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
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84	That map reference 7.3 Public Transport Measure, include potential locations for a bus terminus within town, having regard to both commuting needs with convenience to park and ride and tourism objectives of town.  Reason: To support modal shift and reaching ambitious targets for public transport.	Chief Executive's Opinion Objective MTO 2.2 of the Draft Plan 'supports and facilitates the implementation of an extension of route 126 to the R415 to create a bus transfer point in the short term and in the longer term establish a transfer point within Kildare Tourist Outlet Village after the connectivity route between Kildare Tourist Outlet Village with Academy Street and the Cleamore Road area has been secured.' Furthermore, Objective MTO 2.3 of the Draft Plan proposes to 'work with the owners of Kildare Tourist Outlet Village to expedite the delivery of the permeability link to Cleamore Road prior to the development of the bus transfer point within the Outlet Village and to ensure their complimentary shuttle bus service	Cllr. Doyle accepted the Chief Executive's Recommendation in this regard and the Members agreed.



Ite	m	Motion: Cllr. Doyle	of Kildare Tourist Outlet Village.' It is considered that these objectives adequately address the motion.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	Record
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85		To include specific standards for bus stop design, that will include solar powered compact bins, well designed bus shelters, appropriate to heritage tourism town, that have practical regard to Irish weather and seek to present them in an unobtrusive aesthetic.  Reason: To support modal shift and create convenience for tourism.	Chief Executive's Opinion Objective MTO 2.4 of the Draft Plan is to work with the NTA to pursue the delivery of improvements to the quality and coverage of the bus stops in Kildare Town. However, the inclusion of specific standards for bus stops are not within the remit of a land use plan.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	Cllr. Doyle proposed the motion and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded the motion.  Cllr. Doyle requested that reference to artistically commissioned bus stops be included in the plan.  Cllr. A. Connolly agreed given that Kildare Town is a heritage tourism town.  Ms. O'Reilly proposed that Objective MTO 2.4 of the Draft Plan could be updated as follows:'Improvements to the quality and coverage of the bus stops (including artistically commissioned bus stops) and achieve more frequent bus services in Kildare Town.



		Cllr. Doyle accepted the suggested amendment and the Members agreed.
86	Proposed Material Alteration	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and
	Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation, Section 7.4 amend the	seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at
	paragraph immediately below Table 7-3 Public Transport Measure	•
	as follows:	90, 91, 99 were agreed by the Members.
	A number of ancillary measures are also proposed to ensure the effective operation of public transport within Kildare Town However, many of these are outside the remit of a local are plan but are important at a county strategic level which will turn favourably impact Kildare Town. For example, working the NTA to achieve Leap Card Integration at Kildare Train Station will involve extending the 'short hop zone' to Kildare Town. Thereby, allowing local residents to avail of lower rain fares which would increase the appeal of the train for command non-work trips to Dublin City. Currently the 'short hop zone's tops at the Sallins and Naas station. The other measures to would benefit Kildare Town are an extension to pursue the delivery of extending the rail services to Kildare Town using Phoenix Park Tunnel to further increase the appeal of rail trains for residents.	vn. ea in with
87	Proposed Material Alteration	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and
	Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation, insert new objective MT	
	2.2 (re-number subsequent objectives), as follows:	67,68,69,70,74,77,78,79,80,81,82,86,87,88,89,
		90, 91, 99 were agreed by the Members.



	MTO 2.2	Liaise with the National Transport Authority (NTA), the owners of Kildare Tourist Outlet Village and bus operators to support and facilitate the improvement of bus services provision including the upgrading of existing infrastructure and the provision of the necessary supporting bus infrastructure (bus stops, lay over, turning areas) within the Kildare Tourist Outlet Village.	
88		al Alteration ent and Transportation, amend Objective MTO 2.2 numbered should the proceeding PMA be adopted),	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 67,68,69,70,74,77,78,79,80,81,82,86,87,88,89, 90, 91, 99 were agreed by the Members.
	MTO 2.2	Support and facilitate the implementation of an extension of route 126 to the R415 to create a bus transfer point in the short term and in the longer term establish a transfer point within Kildare Tourist Outlet Village (subject to consultation / engagement with landowners and bus operators) after the connectivity route between Kildare Tourist Outlet Village with Academy Street and the Cleamore Road area has been secured.	



89	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation, amend Objective MTO 2.4, (and subsequent re-numbering) as follows:  MTO 2.4 Work with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to support and pursue the delivery of the following a) Improvements to the quality and coverage of the bus stops and achieve more frequent bus services in Kildare Town. b) Rural Transport Services and associated bus stops within the town. c) Achieve Leap Card integration at Kildare Train Station. d) c) Extension of the Phoenix Park tunnels rail services to Kildare Town.	
90	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation, Table 7-4 and from Map 7.4, remove PA 3 (Hospital Street to Tully Road link), insert a new road measure to Table 7-4 and Map 7.4 and amend RD 4 (one-way system on Meadow Road) in Table 7.4 as follows:     Ref. Short Description Delivery Timescale	Cllr. Doyle considered that RD6 should have a timeline and suggested it should be in tandem with the delivery of Cherry Avenue Park.  The revised wording was proposed by Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. Pender and agreed by the Members.



RD 4	One-way system on Meadow Road running east to west (to be delivered after the development of the Hospital Street –Tully Road link road to ensure an alternative route is available).	Short-term	Ms. Granville noted that this would appear in Table 7.4 as follows: 'In tandem with the delivery of Cherry Avenue Park'.
RD 6	Potential future link from Hospital Street to Tully Road south of Cunnaberry Hill and parallel to the motorway (to support the implementation of a one-way system on Meadow Road, if required)	To be determined	
Previo	usly Approved Measures		
PA-3	Hospital Street to Tully Road link	<del>Developer</del> <del>led</del>	



Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Power (formerly Cl	lr. Stafford)	Record
91	That the delivery of objective RD 4 be linked to the delivery of RD 6.	Chief Executive's Opinion Road measure RD 4 (which is subject to a proposed material alteration, above) refers to the one-way system on Meadow Road. The proposed RD 6 refers to a potential future link from Hospital Street to Tully Road, south of Cunnaberry Hill, which, if	On the proposal of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 67,68,69,70,74,77,78,79,80,81,82,86,87,88,89, 90, 91, 99 were agreed by the Members.



required, would support the implementation of the one-way system on Meadow Road. It is not considered necessary to require RD 4 to be linked to the delivery of RD 6 until such time as closure of Meadow Road is tested then it is unknown whether RD6 is required.

Chief Executive's
Recommendation
Chapter 7 Movement and
Transportation, Table 7-4 amend
RD 4 (one-way system on Meadow
Road) as follows:

One-way system on
Meadow Road running east
to west (to be delivered after
the development of the
Hospital Street –Tully Road
link road to ensure an
alternative route is available
). (which may require the



		delivery of RD 6, subject to the results of one-way trials).	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Power (formerly Cllr. Stafford)		Record
92	That roads objective RD 1 be deleted in circumstances where no justification or rationale for its inclusion is set out in the plan.	Chief Executive's Opinion The Kildare Town Transport Strategy is a supporting document to the Draft Plan. As stated under Section 7.5 of the Draft Plan 'the identified road/street measures are based on the evidence-based transport modelling assessment as part of the Transport Strategy'. The road measure RD1 was subject to a multi-criteria analysis where the measure was determined to have a positive impact on transportation in the town and recommended for inclusion in the final strategy.  The assessment determined that the closure of Old Road Bridge to vehicular traffic would improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists,	Cllr. Power accepted the Chief Executive's Recommendation in this regard and the Members agreed.

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boosting physical activity along this route. By closing the road, local emissions and noise will reduce, while the improvement in conditions for active modes will be integrated with the permeability and cycling strategies. The closure of Old Road Bridge will slightly inconvenience drivers, which will negatively affect economy along with the cost of replacing Southgreen bridge to facilitate twoway traffic. However, accessibility will improve slightly with the introduction of two-way traffic on Southgreen bridge. As a result of this analysis the road measures has been included.

Chief Executive's
Recommendation
Include following text in Section
7.5

The identified road/street measures are based on the



		evidence-based transport modelling assessment as part of the Transport Strategy. The closure of Old Road Bridge to vehicular traffic (RD1) will allow for improved pedestrian and cyclist safety, boosting active travel along this route, and reducing emissions and noise. Vehicular accessibility will improve with the introduction of two-way traffic on Southgreen bridge (RD1).	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Duffy		Record



to the new Magee Barrack's road measure connecting the northern part of the Town. Refer to **Map 1** below.



south of Cunnaberry Hill and parallel to the motorway.

It is considered that the new road measure could also examine the feasibility of including an active travel link in tandem with the proposed road measure.

This proposal in conjunction with the Grey Abbey Road link and the existing measures PERM 37 and PERM 34 would create the link as illustrated in the motion located near the motorway. There are other projects in the town which would have a greater return in terms of providing connectivity to a greater population, than along the R415 which is currently served by a footpath and therefore it is considered that this portion of the link is not warranted

Chief Executive's Recommendation

Ms. O'Reilly agreed to expand the RD6 road measure to include reference to 'an active travel measure'.

The Members agreed to the suggested amendment.



Chapter 7 Movement and Transportation, insert new measure under Table 7-1 and on the corresponding Map 7.1, as follows:

Table 7-1 Permeability Measures

Ref. No.	Measure	Delivery Timefra me
PERM	Create a	Long-
44	new	term
	pedestrian /	
	cyclist link	
	as part of	
	the road	
	measure	
	south of	
	Cunnaberry	
	Hill and	
	parallel to	
	the	
	motorway.	

Map 7.1 Permeability Measures Include new PERM 44 as follows:



Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
94 (See Item No. 95 also)	That an outer relief road be included in the LAP to link the R445 Monasterevin Road with the R401, R415 and R413 to allow east bound traffic to avoid the town by skirting the north of the town.	Chief Executive's Opinion The road measures identified in the Draft LAP are based on evidence-based transport modelling assessment that was carried out to inform the Transport Strategy. A detailed route selection process was completed for the Northern Link Street project in 2019 which considered nine potentially feasible orbital route options. These options were brought through a Stage 1	Items No. 94 and 95 were considered together.  Cllr. N. Connolly proposed and Cllr. Doyle seconded the motion.  Cllr. N Connolly did not accept the Chief Executive's recommendation and requested that an Outer Relief Road be included in the plan.  Cllr. Doyle who seconded this motion agreed that an Outer Relief Road should be included.



Preliminary Options Assessment process and a Stage 2 Route Options Appraisal (including traffic modelling assessment).

An option was identified as the Emerging Preferred Route (EPR) which was the subject of a non-statutory public consultation in June 2019 and included a presentation to local elected representatives. Following feedback from residents and Elected Members, three alternative modifications of the EPR were identified and assessed using a refined traffic model which identified the Northern Link Street scheme, which is included in the Draft Plan as Road Measure RD 2.

It is therefore not considered appropriate to include a road measure for an orbital route as the Northern Link Street is already Ms. O'Reilly advised the Members that all the required roads measures included in the Draft Plan have come from the Transport Strategy. The Strategy did not recommend a need for an Outer Relief Road and started that future road linkages can be considered on lands designated as strategic reserve in the next plan period.

Ms. Granville advised that the Planning Regulator may have concerns regarding an outer relief road that is not evidence based and that could give rise to more car based traffic, and on that basis advised that the Chief Executive's Recommendation stands.

Cllr. N Connolly did not accept the Chief Executive's recommendation and proposed that this Motion be put to a vote, which was seconded by Cllr. Doyle.

The Members resolved to include an objective for an Outer Relief Road in line with Cllr. N Connolly's motion.



		included in the Draft Plan as an alternative north south route.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	Ms. O' Reilly advised this would be included on Map 7.4 and a new objective included in Chapter 7.
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
95 (See Item no. 94 also)	That map reference 7.4, Movement & Transportation Road Measures, include the following;  - Link road from Dublin Rd to Melitta Rd through Ruanbeg.  - Outer orbital route for town from Monasterevin rd (linking with Modus Link Rd) to Dublin rd (at outer boundary of town possibly within lands currently under consideration for LRD). This may incorporate route 5 identified in map 7.1	Chief Executive's Opinion Link Road from Dublin Road to Melitta Road The previously approved developer led road measures PA 1 (Phase 1 of the Former Magee Barracks) and PA 4 (Phase 2 of the Former Magee Barracks Road) of Table7-4 and Map 7.4 of the Draft Plan provides for a link between Dublin Road and Melitta Road. It is therefore not considered appropriate to include a second link road.  Outer Orbital Route	Item No. 94 and item no. 95 were considered together.  Please see record for item no. 94.

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(permeability measures) That the map encompass
KTCS post primary school
and indicate means of
incorporating road running
adjacent to school to
create linkages to South
Green developments to
the West and to further
extend link road between
Dunmurray rd & Rathbride
rd to deliver linkages to
East of town, linking in
with Magee Barracks and
Ruanbeg.

Reason: To protect routes for future delivery if required and acknowledge growing needs of town

The road measures identified in the Draft LAP are based on evidence-based transport modelling assessment that was carried out to inform the Transport Strategy. A detailed route selection process was completed for the Northern Link Street project in 2019 which considered nine potentially feasible orbital route options. These options were brought through a Stage 1 Preliminary Options Assessment process and a Stage 2 Route Options Appraisal (including traffic modelling assessment). An option was identified as the Emerging Preferred Route (EPR) which was the subject of a non-statutory public consultation in June 2019 and included a presentation to local elected representatives. Following feedback from residents and Elected Members, three alternative modifications of the EPR were identified and assessed



		using a refined traffic model which identified the Northern Link Street scheme, which is included in the Draft Plan as Road Measure RD 2. It is therefore not considered appropriate to include a road measure for an orbital route as the Northern Link Street is already included in the Draft Plan as an alternative north-south route.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
96	That the Kildare Town Local Area Plan includes an objective to allow proper turning lanes at the 3 approaches of the junction of the R445 and the R415 near Tesco.	Chief Executive's Opinion The provision of turning lanes are an operational matter for the area engineer of the Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District. Therefore, objectives relating to same are outside the remit of a land use plan.	The motion was proposed by Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Doyle.  Cllr. Connolly did not accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in this regard and requested that an objective be included in the plan to facilitate turning lanes. Cllr. Doyle considered it was important to create efficiency for motorists.



		Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	Ms. Granville accepted that an objective could be included to provide improved turning lanes as per the Motion and that the Chief Executive would consider submissions received during the public consultation in this regard.  The Members agreed.
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
97	To include an objective within the plan that supports the implementation of a network of oneway systems throughout the town to include, a oneway system between Dunmurray Rd & Rathbride Rd and an inner relief road oneway system using Meadow Rd & Academy St to South of town and similar running from Melitta Rd to Pigeon Lane or other to North of town. Reason:	Chief Executive's Opinion The road measures contained in the Draft Plan are supported by an evidence-based approach through the Kildare Town Transport Strategy. The Strategy examined various one-way systems throughout the town, however the data revealed that they were not a viable solution as they often resulted in longer trip distances and delay from rerouting of traffic and lower vehicle speeds. Therefore, they did not form part of the Transport Strategy.	Cllr. Doyle proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded the motion.  Cllr. Doyle did not accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in this regard and requested that an objective for additional one-way systems be included in the plan.  Ms. Granville noted that the Transport Strategy did not recommend additional one-way systems as proposed in the motion, and therefore these measures are not evidence based.  Cllr. Doyle indicated that there should be scope for the Members to bring through additional measures in the Plan.



	<ul> <li>To address growing congestion and road capacity.</li> <li>In a competitive capital environment for roads initiatives this is as a cost effective means of delivering road improvements.</li> <li>To support modal shift to bicycle use as it will enable DMURS within a heritage town of narrow roads.</li> <li>To incentivise modal shift to active travel in so far as it will make the journey on foot far shorter than journey by car.</li> </ul>	Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	Ms. Granville suggested that Objective MTO 3.6 could be amended to include reference to the one-way systems referred to the motion, however advised again that there was no evidence basis for same.  The Members agreed to amend objective MTO 3.6 to include 'a one-way system between Dunmurray Road and Rathbride Road, an Inner Relief Road one-way system using Meadow Road and Academy Street, from Melitta Road to Pigeon Lane or to the north of the town.
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
98	To support the implementation of roundabouts within Kildare town as the means of managing traffic	Chief Executive's Opinion The Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) refers to roundabouts as generally	Cllr. Doyle accepted the Chief Executive's Recommendation in this regard and the Members agreed.



	flow and minimise the use of traffic signals where possible. Reason: This is a cost effective means of managing traffic, is low carbon (none use of traffic lights), low maintenance and reduces clutter on street and is observed to be in effective use in many other Counties and indeed Internationally.	not appropriate in urban areas as they require a greater land take and are difficult for pedestrians and cyclists to navigate. DMURS also recommend that as part of any upgrade works to replace them with signalised junctions. Furthermore, traffic controls are not within the remit of a local area plan but rather a function of the Roads and Transportation Department and/or of the Municipal District.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly	,	Record
99	That the Council include an objective in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan to encourage the provision of a proliferation of fast electrical vehicle (150kw+) charging points, ideally assisted	Chief Executive's Opinion It is an objective of the CDP under TM O117 to support the Government's targets for electric vehicles on roads by prioritising parking for Electric Vehicles (EVs)	On the proposed of Cllr. N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Pender the items at 67,68,69,70,74,77,78,79,80,81,82,86,87,88,89, 90, 91, 99 were agreed by the Members.



	by solar or renewable technology.	in central locations, by supporting the provision of charging facilities on public and private land. It is considered reasonable to include an objective in this regard.  Chief Executive's Recommendation Include new Objective MTO 4.8  MTO 4.8  Support the provision of charging facilities for Electric Vehicles (EVs) on public and private land in accordance with County Development Plan standards.	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
100	That the Council specify a minimum car parking space size for future developments, using Lidl Kildare Town as a guideline (rectangular spaces provide for outline of reasonable sized car,	Chief Executive's Opinion Section 15.7.8 Car Parking of the CDP sets out the minimum size for a car parking spaces including disability /accessible spaces, loading bays and circulation aisles.	Cllr. N. Connolly accepted the Chief Executive's Recommendation in this regard and the Members agreed.



	with oblong shapes on both sides to allow space for doors to open.)	Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
101	To preserve lands close to Kildare town train station for an extension to car park or additional space to augment car park. Reason: This was included in previous plans, recognising that as town grows the current supply is insufficient.	Chief Executive's Opinion The Parking Strategy contained in the Draft Plan includes the upgrading of the Kildare Town Train Station Car Park (PK4) which will allow for a slightly higher parking capacity which would help to encourage more people to travel by sustainable modes. The Draft Plan has included the lands identified B* located immediately north of the railway station, as 'Open to Consideration' in the Land Use Zoning Matrix (Table 11-6, refers) for a carpark, as well as to provide significant pedestrian and cycling infrastructure (Table 11-4, refers). The extent of land zoned 'U: Utilities' at the Train	Cllr. Doyle proposed and Cllr. Duffy seconded the motion.  Cllr. Doyle did not accept the Chief Executive's Recommendation in this regard and requested that more parking should be facilitated at the train station.  Ms. O'Reilly advised that the existing car park at the train station had capacity for approx. 650 car spaces and that the Plan seeks to promote walking and cycling to the train station rather than additional car-based journeys.  Cllr. Doyle indicated that not all people using the train station lived within walking or cycling distance.



		Station in the Draft Plan is the same as that zoned 'J: Transport & Utilities' in the 2012 LAP.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	Cllr. Duffy suggested a mixed-use zoning in order that a multi storey car park could be considered.  Ms. O'Reilly suggested that Objective MTO 2.5 which refers to rail improvements could be expanded to include 'providing sufficient carparking having regard to the efficient use of land'.  Cllr. Doyle accepted this amendment and the
			Members were in agreement.
Item	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
No.			
102	Map ref 7.5	Chief Executive's Opinion	Cllr. Doyle proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly
	<ul> <li>Identify Primary school site beside credit union De</li> </ul>	The Kildare Town Transport	seconded the motion.
	La Salle School as a	Strategy identified three sites which could be suitable for the	Cllr. Doyle did not accept the Chief Executive's
	potential car parking site.	provision of additional off-street	Recommendation in relation to the use of the De
	Reason: We are exploring possibility of using this	parking. The preferred site/sites will be identified by a Kildare	La Salle school as a potential car parking site.
	seasonally in conjunction with	County Council feasibility study at	Ms. Granville suggested that a new objective
	school and it would be helpful to	a later date, which will amongst	could be included to promote the use of the De
	have it aligned for such use from	other aspects also consider the	La Salle school site as a public carpark to
	a planning perspective.	financial viability of developing	provide additional capacity within Kildare Town,



Remove site identified as 2, Water Tower.

Reason: The cost of making this site work are prohibitive if even possible.

Include current
 playground site and Brigid
 park as a potential site to
 deliver extension to Top
 Nolans car park and
 clearly subject to re
 locating playground
 (potentially on Water
 tower site or other).

Reason: Ideal location and subject to re locating playground to equivalent or better site, has the potential to deliver significant parking.

 Include location of Dreas
 Filing station as potential
 site. This site has potential
 in time to deliver both a potential sites for new off street car parking.

It is not considered appropriate to relocate existing social infrastructure for the extension of Top Nolan's car park. Regarding the justification that the relocation of the playground and extension of the parking has the potential to deliver significant parking, it should be noted that the Movement and Transport chapter of the Draft Plan is underpinned by policy at a national, and regional level including, but not limited to, the **Greater Dublin Area Transport** Strategy 2022-2042. Measure TM14 of this Strategy relates to destination parking standards and states that the NTA, in cooperation with the local authorities, will ensure that the quantum of parking provided at destinations (nonresidential commercial developments) will be significantly

outside the operating hours of the school particularly during school holidays.

The Members agreed with the suggested new objective.



	more compact service station and parking. Reason: In ideal location proximate to Sq.	reduced at all locations in the GDA. Considering the above it is not considered appropriate to increase the quantum of parking provision in Kildare Town Centre.  In respect of the Drea's Filling Station it is not considered appropriate to identify an existing business site as a potential site for the provision of additional parking.	
		Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
103	That a new map within transport section of plan be included. This map should deal specifically with core town centre and give detailed objectives of footpath improvements, with an associated text that details specific requirements for surface	Chief Executive's Opinion It is an objective (RET O7) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (CDP) to improve the universal accessibility of town centres. It is also an objective (TM O3) of the CDP to ensure the application of universal design	Cllr. Doyle proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded the motion.  Cllr. Doyle did not accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in this regard and noted concerns regarding differing levels in pathways and the public realm particularly for vulnerable



treatment having regard to accessibility issues, pavement levels (how do we deal with issues of road, pavement & shop front alignment, see from Cunninghams to Bank of Ireland).

Reason: To enhance core town centre in support of primacy of town centre principles.

principles in all new transport infrastructure and to strive to adapt existing infrastructure to become more accessible. Furthermore, the Draft Plan includes an objective (TCO 2.1) to support and facilitate the implementation of Cycle and Pedestrian Network Enhancements Projects as per the Kildare Town Renewal Masterplan.

The level of detail required in this Motion is not considered appropriate for the Local Area Plan, however, would be more appropriately addressed as an operational matter for the Municipal District Office.

Chief Executive's
Recommendation
No change recommended.

road users. Market Square in the town centre was mentioned as an example.

Ms O'Reilly suggested that Objective MTO 1.3 could be expanded as follows: 'Ensure all footpaths in Kildare Town are accessible to all members of the community, including people with disabilities, older persons and people with young children, having regard to the challenges posed by differing road levels in the historic town centre.'

Cllr Doyle accepted the amended recommendation and the Members agreed.



At this stage of the meeting, Mr. Conlon reminded Members that Cllr. Power's earlier motions (formerly Cllr. Stafford's Motions) should be addressed before proceeding on to Chapter 11.

Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Power (formerly Cllr. Stafford)		Record
12	To amend objective TCO 1.6 by inserting the words (if appointed) after the words Town Regeneration Officer.	Chief Executive's Opinion The role of the Town Regeneration Officer is set out in the Government's 'Town Centre First – A Policy Approach for Irish Towns' and TRO's will be appointed across all Local Authorities to support the establishment and ongoing work of Town Teams. KCC have initiated the process of recruiting a Town Regeneration Officer and it is anticipated the appointment of same will be completed by Q3 2023.	Mr. Dunney confirmed that the recruitment is ongoing, near finalisation and recommended that Members agree with the Chief Executive's recommendation.  Cllr. Power accepted the Chief Executive's Recommendation in this regard and the Members agreed.
		Chief Executive's Recommendation No change	



That the newly created objective TCO 1.7 be merged with objective TCO.1.6 - "To support the establishment of appropriate council lead stakeholder teams to prioritise and promote the regeneration and primacy of the town centre through the application of the Town Centre First Policy and the Kildare Town Renewal Masterplan".

Chief Executive's Opinion Objective TCO 1.6 of the Draft Plan (quoted above) specifically refers to the Town Team and Town Regeneration Officer established under the Government's Town Centre First Policy. Objective TCO 1.7 specifically refers to the Town Renewal Masterplan, which supports the establishment of a multidisciplinary stakeholder team to deliver the priorities set out in same. The composition and role of the Town Team and Town Regeneration Officer has yet to be determined vis-à-vis the implementation of the Town Renewal Masterplan and the Marketing and Activation Strategy.

Cllr. Power accepted the Chief Executive's Recommendation in this regard and the Members agreed

Chief Executive's
Recommendation
No change recommended.



Cllr. Power accepted the Chief Executive's 15 To insert a new objective TCO 1.8 -Chief Executive's Opinion Support the commissioning of a With regard to supporting the Recommendation in this regard and the specific regeneration master plan for commissioning of a specific Members agreed. Station Road- Jackies Lane regeneration masterplan for Fairgreen-Fairview-Shraud Station Road- Jackies Lane-Fairgreen-Fairview-Shraud, it should be noted that the Draft Plan reflects specific 'Delivery Projects' outlined in the Town Renewal Masterplan and the request in this instance may be more appropriately addressed by the Strategic Projects and Public Realm team. Section 4.3.1 of the Draft Plan already refers to streetscape regeneration, particularly the vacant properties on Shraud Street. Section 4.3.5 also refers to improvements to the Fair Green Road Both of these projects are reflected in Table 4-1 Town Renewal Projects Delivery Schedule.



Item	Motion: Cllr. Power (formerly Cllr. St	Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.  afford)	Record
No.			
37 (See Item	Include the words "such as sufficient tourist parking including bus parking and public toilets" after the words "	Chief Executive's Opinion Parking Standards are contained under the	Ms. O' Reilly advised that the Members approved updating EDO 2.1 under item 38.
No. 38 also)	including supporting infrastructure" at objective EDO 2.1.	Development Management section of the County Development Plan, which provides details for the maximum parking standards for development proposals. Furthermore, the provision of toilets within a development are subject to the criteria laid out under the Health, Safety and Welfare legislation and are outside the remit of a land use plan. However, it is considered that additional text in respect of supporting infrastructure would be acceptable in the Draft Plan.	The Members accepted the Chief Executive's Recommendation.



### Recommendation

Chapter 5, Economic
Development, amend Objective
EDO 2.1 as follows:

**EDO 2.1** Encourage the development of new or the upgrading / extension of tourism activities/facilities including supporting infrastructure (such as cycle/bus/car parking and public toilets), in particular those related to religious tourism, equine tourism, retail tourism, food tourism and military tourism within Kildare Town, that respect, respond and enhance their physical location,



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	environmental quality and community setting.	

With regard to Item 72, Cllr. N. Connolly confirmed his concerns had been dealt with during the earlier discussion on Chapter 7. The Cathaoirleach and the Members agreed.



## **Chapter 11** Implementation

Mr. Conlon advised that there were twenty seven green listed items,117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129,130, 131,132,133,134,135,136,137,138,139,140,141,143,145,146,151,167 and 168, and 166 nineteen red listed items, 119,147,148,149,152,153,154,155,156,157,158,159,160,161,162,163,164 and six amber listed items 121,122,142,144,150 and 165.

Cllr. Connolly sought to discuss items, 149,157,160,162.

Cllr. Duffy sought to discuss items148,157.

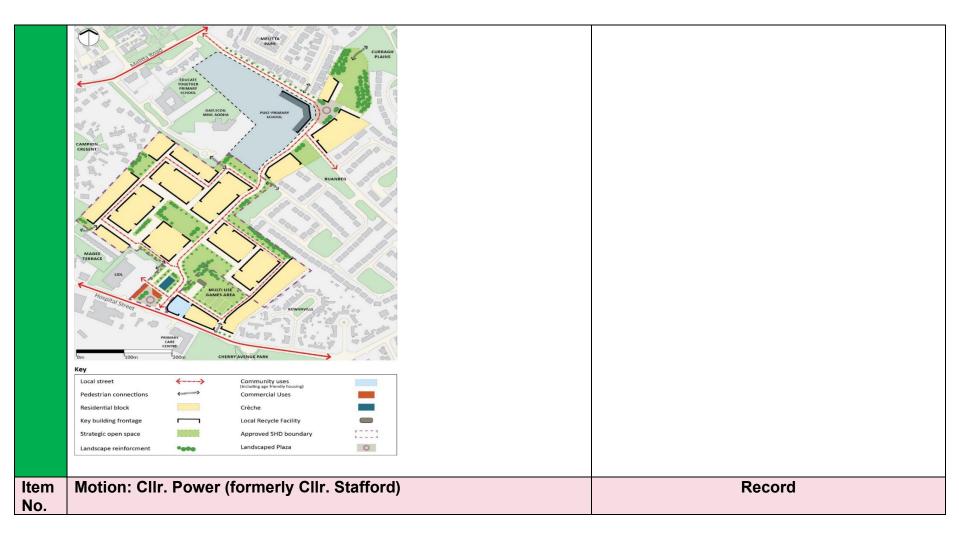
Cllr. Doyle sought to discuss 136,151,122,142,165,147,148,166,152,156,158,160,161 and 164.

Item No.	Chief Executive's Proposed Material Alteration	
117	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 11 Implementation, delete footnote 68 in its entirety as follows, and renumber all subsequent footnotes accordingly:  68 Planning permission has been granted for Phase 1 of the development which at the time of writing (February 2023) construction had not commenced and permission expires ca. December 2024. This framework provides guidance in the event that any subsequent applications are made on the site and for the remaining portions of the overall land bank to ensure a cohesive overall approach.	On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly the green items listed 117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129, 130,131,132,133,134,137,138,139,140,141, 143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the Members.
118	Proposed Material Alteration	Item no. 118 and item no 119 were considered together.



(See	Chapter 11 Implementation, amend Figure 11-2 Former Magee	
Item	Barracks Design Framework, to reduce the area specifically dedicated	See record on item no.119.
No.	to community uses fronting on to Hospital Street and replace with an	
119	increase in the provision of residential uses, as follows:	
also)		
	Figure 11-2 Former Magee Barracks Design Framework	







119 (See Item No. 118 also) That proposed material alteration to reduce the area specified for community use on Hospital Street at Figure 11-2 not be accepted in circumstances where the previous LAP and Magee Barracks site specific plan incapsulated the commitment to designate 10 acres or the value thereof to the local community. (131)

#### Chief Executive's Opinion

It is considered that the Proposed Material Alteration to alter Figure 11-2 for the Design Framework for the Former Magee Barracks should be retained as recommended, as it retains the overall quantum of green open space provision on the site including the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) that is provided for in the Draft Plan. Furthermore, the increase in residential accommodation proposed along Hospital Street has the potential to provide for social and age friendly housing. Overall, it is considered that the changes proposed do not compromise either the principles underpinning the Design Framework or compliance with the stated Vision and objectives for the Former Magee Barracks Settlement Consolidation Site.

Cllr. Power accepted the Chief Executive's Recommendation but noted concerns about reduced community facilities.

Ms. O'Reilly advised the Members that the Proposed Material Alteration would be placed on public display and there would be an opportunity later in the process to accept or reject the alteration.

The Members agreed.



		Chief Executive's Recommendatio No change recor	<u>n</u>	
120	Proposed Material Alterations Chapter 11 Implementation, under S Schedule insert additional text with and the re-ordering /re-numbering of follows:	On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded Cllr. A. Connolly the green items listed 117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129, 130,131,132,133,134,137,138,139,140,141, 143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the Members.		
	Collaghknock – C (1)			
	Infrastructure	Delivery Schedule	Funding Sources	
	Water and Wastewater			
	Water supply – There is a watermain immediately to the west of the site and in Melitta Rd to the north. Improvements may be required, modelling for suitability required.	In tandem with new development	PPP	





Wastewater – There is no
Drainage Area Plan available
for this area at present. Likely
the site would have to provide
its own sewer and connect to
Armour Bridge Pumping Station
@ 100m. The pumping station
and downstream sewers will
need to be assessed. An
upgraded or new pumping
station will most likely be
required.

In tandem Developer with new development

Rathbride Road – C (4) and C (5)				
Infrastructure	Delivery Schedule	Funding Sources		
Water and Wastewater				
Water supply – C (4) A 100mm uPVC runs into the site at the northwest side and on the Rathbride Road for second portion of the site improvements may be	In tandem with new development	Developer		



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required, modelling for suitability required.			
C (5) Approximately 200m to the closest 100 mm uPVC in the Rathbride Road through Site C (4). Water main may need upgrading.			
Wastewater – C (4) sewer in Dunmurray Drive may need upgrading, 35m to 225uPVC to the northwest of the site on Rathbride Rd / Curragh Finn. Capacity of downstream sewers, pumping station, pumped main and railway crossing will need to be assessed.	In tandem with new development	Developer	
C (5) is 225m to the closest 225uPVC to the south of the site through Site C (4). Capacity of downstream sewers, pumping station, pumped main and railway crossing will need to be assessed.			



121 (See Item No. 122 also)	Centre' zoning objective in Table 11  Consider the Limited provision other food sales outlets uses case basis, having regard to as a Retail Outlet Centre, the currently in operation within a enhancing the overall offer of tourist destination while protests.	on of Café/Restaurant/Eateries and shall be considered on a case-by-the principal function of the KTOV existing level of these uses the centre, in the context of f Kildare Town as a visitor and	Items No. 121 and 122 were considered together.  Cllr. Doyle proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded the motion at item 122. Cllr. Doyle requested that the term 'permitted operating hours of KTOV' be replaced with 'permitted public operating hours of KTOV'.  Ms. Granville agreed to this amendment.  The Members agreed.
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle and Cllr. Anne	Connolly	
122 (See Item No. 121 also)	Amend proposed material alteration Chapter 11 'D: Retail Outlet Centre' zoning objective in Table 11-4 to read as follows; Consider the <b>limited</b> provision of Cafe/restaurant/Eateries on a case by case basis, having regard to the principal function of the	Chief Executive's Opinion Limiting the existing provision of café /restaurant /eateries as per the permitted level in line with the parent permissions across the three phases within the KTOV is considered reasonable. A survey of the permitted phases of the	Item No. 121 and 122 were considered together. Please see record at item no. 121.



KTOV as a Retail Outlet Centre, that the existing level/ ratio of these uses currently in operation within the centre should not be exceeded, and that food outlets within the **KTOV** complex only operate within hours of shopping retail opening hours and not engage in takeaway services, in the context of enhancing the overall offer of Kildare town as a visitor and tourist destination while protecting the primacy of and enhancing Kildare Town Centre activities

Reason, to be consistent with the original provisions within the AAP that prescribed limited function outside of Retail outlet in order to protect specific functions for town centre and up hold primacy of town centre. The draft LAP is proposing to further concentrate activity at this site with designation

KTOV indicates that approx. 7.8% of the total gross floor area of Phases 1, 2 and 3 constitute permitted cafes and restaurants.

The proposed restriction in relation to takeaway services in the context of such a large employer (for example where staff may wish to purchase an item to consume elsewhere on a lunch-break) would make this element of the motion difficult and unrealistic to enforce.

It is considered that a revised definition of the zoning objective is required, having regard to the intention of the Motion and to restrict café and restaurant use to existing permitted levels, i.e. 8% of total floor area, and within existing permitted opening hours.

Chief Executive's Recommendation



for lands at the current Modus Media site and therefore it is important to carefully consider how these edge of town centre activities will impact on primacy of town centre. The primacy of town centre is not simply to enhance the commercial activity of town but also to create a social hub that gives an authentic sense of place and identity to the community, a vibrant and viable commercial town centre is critical to create this space.

Chapter 11, Implementation, amend 'D: Retail Outlet Centre' zoning objective in Table 11-4 as follows:

# 'D' Retail Outlet Centre: To provide for retail outlet centre development.

The purpose of this zoning is to support the development of the Kildare Tourist Outlet Village (KTOV) which consists of a group of retail stores selling end-ofseason or discontinued items at discounted prices. The development of outlet retailing shall be in accordance with Section 4.11.1 Outlet Centres and the definition of Outlet Centre as defined in Annex 1 Glossary of Terms in the Retail Planning: **Guidelines for Planning Authorities** (2012) or any subsequent guidelines.



Consider the Limited provision of Café/Restaurant/Eateries and other food sales outlets uses shall be considered on a case by case basis, having regard to the principal function of the KTOV as a Retail Outlet Centre, the existing level of these uses currently in operation within the centre, in the context of enhancing the overall offer of Kildare Town as a visitor and tourist destination while protecting to the primacy of and enhancing Kildare Town Centre for town centre activities.

In the context of enhancing the overall offer of Kildare Town as a visitor and tourist destination, while protecting the primacy of Kildare Town Centre for town centre activities, the Council will consider the limited provision of café/restaurant/eateries on a case-by-case basis, having regard to:



		<ul> <li>the principal function of the KTOV as a Retail Outlet Centre,</li> <li>the permitted opening hours of KTOV which such uses shall operate within.</li> <li>The level of café/restaurant/eateries within the KTOV shall not exceed 10% of the total permitted gross floor area of the KTOV. Any planning application for additional café/restaurant use must be accompanied by detailed justification to demonstrate compliance with this objective.</li> </ul>	
Item No.	Chief Executive's Proposed Materi	al Alteration	Record
123	Proposed Material Alteration In order to provide consistent reference references to the Land Use 'B: Existing to 'B: Residential / Infill' as already state to the Land Implementation, amend Tas follows:	On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly the green items listed 117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129, 130,131,132,133,134,137,138,139,140,141, 143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the Members.	



	B: Existing	Resid	ential	/ Infil	1																
124	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 11 Implementation, Table 11-6 Land Use Zoning Matrix, amend as follows: Under the 'Town Centre' land use category amend 'Amusement Arcade' from 'O: Open for Consideration' to 'N: Not Normally Permitted'.											143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the									
	Note: It is no same land u					priate	e to in	clud	e 'C	asir	10' V	with	in the	e Members.							
	LAND USE	: Town Cent	C: New Residential	D: Retail Outlet Centre	F: Open Space and Amenity	Industry and Ware	I: Agriculture K: Commercial		Q: Enterprise and	R: Retail/Commercial		T: Mixed Use	U: Utilities/Services								
	Amuseme nt Arcade/ Casino	N	I N	N N	N N	N	N N	N	N	N	N	N	N								



125	Proposed Material Alteration	On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded by
	Chapter 11, Table 11-6 Land Use Zoning Matrix, amend as follows:	Cllr. A. Connolly the green items listed
	Car Park (other than ancillary) / Bus Parking	117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129,
		130,131,132,133,134,137,138,139,140,141,
		143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the
		Members.
126	Proposed Material Alteration	On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded by
	Chapter 11 Implementation, amend Table 11-6 Land Use Zoning	Cllr. A. Connolly the green items listed
	Matrix, as follows:	117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129,
	Under the 'N: Neighbourhood Centre' land use category amendment	130,131,132,133,134,137,138,139,140,141,
	'Crèches/Playschool' from 'O: Open to Consideration' to read 'Y:	143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the
	Permitted in Principle'.	Members.



	LAND USE	: Town Centre			D: Retail Outlet Centre	E: Community and Education	F: Open Space and Amenity	G: National Stud and Green	H: Industry and Warehousing	I: Agriculture	K: Commercial	N: Neighbourhood Centre	Q: Enterprise and Employment	R: Retail/Commercial	S: Equine Industry	T: Mixed Use	U: Utilities/Services	
	Crèche/ Playschoo I	Y	0	Υ	N	Y	N	N	N	N	0	Y	0	0	N	Υ	N	
127	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 11, Implementation, amend Table 11-6 Land Use Zoning Matrix, by inserting a new land use 'Conference / Exhibition Centre', as follows:														On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly the green items listed 117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129, 130,131,132,133,134,137,138,139,140,141, 143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the Members.			



LAND USE	A: Town Centre	B: Existing Residential	C: New Residential	D: Retail Outlet Centre	E: Community and Education	F: Open Space and Amenity	G: National Stud and Green	H: Industry and Warehousing	l: Agriculture	K: Commercial	N: Neighbourhood Centre	Q: Enterprise and	R: Retail/Commercial	S: Equine Industry	T: Mixed Use	U: Utilities/Services
Conferen ce / Exhibition Centre	Y	N	N	N	>	~	~	N	~	0	~	<b>O</b> 5	>	~	0	N

Footnote (Q zone): A conference centre will be considered in the eastern section of lands zoned Q: Enterprise and Employment only.



### 128 Proposed Material Alteration

Chapter 11 Implementation, amend Table 11-6 Land Use Zoning Matrix in relation to land zoned D: Retail Outlet Centre, as follows:

LAND USE	A: Town Centre	B: Existing Residential	C: New Residential	D: Retail Outlet Centre	E: Community and Education	F: Open Space and Amenity	G: National Stud and Green	H: Industry and Warehousing	I: Agriculture	K: Commercial	N: Neighbourhood Centre	Q: Enterprise and Employment	R: Retail/Commercial	S: Equine Industry	T: Mixed Use	U: Utilities/Services
Restaurant	Υ	0	0	<b>N O</b> <i>x</i>	N	N	N	0	N	0	0	O 85	0	O 86	0	N
Offices	Υ	O 6	O 7	N 0 x	N	N	N	0	N	0	0	0	0	N	0	N

On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly the green items listed 117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129, 130,131,132,133,134,137,138,139,140,141, 143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the Members.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 6}$  Proposals of this nature shall be restricted to a gross floor area of 100sqm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Proposals of this nature shall be restricted to a gross floor area of 100sqm.



	Park/Playg Y Y Y N N O O O N N N Y N	
	Footnote (Restaurants): Subject to compliance with zoning objective defined in Table 11-4. Footnote (Offices): Ancillary only to supporting operations of KTOV.	
129	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 11 Implementation, amend Table 11-6 Land Use Zoning Matrix in relation to land zoned E: Community and Education, as follows:	On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly the green items listed 117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129, 130,131,132,133,134,137,138,139,140,141, 143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the Members.



	LAND USE	A: Town Centre	B: Existing Residential	C: New Residential	D: Retail Outlet Centre	E: Community and Education	Open Spa	Stud	H: Industry and Warehousing	I: Agriculture	Commercial	N: Neighbourhood Centre	Q: Enterprise and	R: Retail/Commercial	S: Equine Industry	T: Mixed Use	U: Utilities/Services	
	Restaurant	Υ	0	0	N	N O x	N	N	1 0	1 (	) (	0	O 8	О	9 9	0	N	
	Footnote: C	nly	whe	n an	cilla	ry to	o a d	com	mur	nity (	use	<del>)</del> .						
130	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 11 Implementation, amend Table 11-6 Land Use Zoning Matrix in relation to lands zoned Q: Enterprise and Employment as follows:										On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly the green items listed 117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129, 130,131,132,133,134,137,138,139,140,141,							

 $<sup>^8</sup>$  Ancillary to an enterprise and employment function or part of a mixed-use enterprise facility.  $^9$  Ancillary to the existing use on site.



	LAND USE	A: Town Centre B: Existing Residential	C: New Residential	D: Retail Outlet Centre	E: Community and Education	F: Open Space and Amenity G: National Stud and Green	H: Industry and Warehousing	I: Agriculture	N: Neighbourhood Centre	Q: Enterprise and	R: Retail/Commercial		T: Mixed Use	U: Utilities/Services	143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the Members.
	Offices	Y 0 10	O 11	N	N	N N	0	N C	0	Y	0	N	0	N	
131	Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 11 Implementation, amend Table 11-6 Land Use Zoning Matrix, as follows: Under the 'National Stud and Green Belt' land use category amend 'Restaurant' 'from 'N: Not Normally Permitted' to 'O: Open for											On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly the green items listed 117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129, 130,131,132,133,134,137,138,139,140,141, 143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the			

Proposals of this nature shall be restricted to a gross floor area of 100sqm.Proposals of this nature shall be restricted to a gross floor area of 100sqm.

Consideration'.

Members.



LAND USE	A: Town Centre	B: Existing Residential	C: New Residential	D: Retail Outlet Centre	E: Community and Education	F: Open Space and Amenity	G: National Stud and Green Belt	H: Industry and Warehousing	I: Agriculture	K: Commercial	N: Neighbourhood Centre	Q: Enterprise and Employment	R: Retail/Commercial	S: Equine Industry	T: Mixed Use	U: Utilities/Services
Restaurant	Υ	0	0	N	N	N	N O <sup>x</sup>	0	N	0	0	O 85	0	O 8 6	0	N

This amendment should be accompanied by the insertion of the following additional footnote:

Footnote: 'To be provided within the established visitor amenities area of the Irish National Stud only.'



## Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 11, Section 11.4, amend footnotes under Table 11-6 Land Use Zoning Matrix as follows:

**Enterprise and Employment Community and Education** G: National Stud and Green N: Neighbourhood Centre **Existing Residential** D: Retail Outlet Centre Retail/Commercial C: New Residential **Equine Industry LAND** USE A: Town Centre 0 0 Shop -0 0 0 0 0 9 Ν  $N \mid N \mid N \mid$ Ν Convenien Ν 93 5 ce

On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly the green items listed 117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129, 130,131,132,133,134,137,138,139,140,141, 143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the Members.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> No single unit shall exceed 100sqm. of net retail space, except within the area north of the rail line between east of Green Road and west of Dunmurray Road which shall not exceed 150sqm of net retail space.

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	Footnote 12 No single unit shall except within the area north of the reand west of Dunmurray Road which retail space. Footnote 13 No single unit shall except within the area north of the reand west of Dunmurray Road which retail space.		
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Duffy		Record
133	Chapter 11 Implementation, amend Table 11.6 Land Use Zoning Matrix as follows, include new land use 'Indoor recreational and amenity facilities' and under the land use category 'Q Enterprise and Employment' list as Y: Permitted In Principle.	Chief Executive's Opinion It is considered reasonable to include 'indoor recreational and amenity facilities' as a land use under Zoning Matrix (Table 11-6) of the Draft Plan.  Chief Executive's Recommendation Proposed Material Alteration Chapter 11 Implementation, Table 11-6 Land Use Zoning Matrix, insert additional land use as	Cllr. Duffy accepted the Chief Executive's Recommendation and suggested clarification be brought to the types of uses that would be considered 'Indoor Recreational and Amenity Facilities' to distinguish it from 'Recreational/Sports buildings'.  Ms. O'Reilly agreed that a foot note could be included and that this would include indoor play/adventure centres, bowling alleys and trampoline parks.
		insert additional land use as follows:	Cllr. Duffy agreed to the amendment. All Members agreed.



	LAND USE	A: Town Centre	B: Existing Residential	C: New Residential	D: Retail Outlet Centre	E: Community and	F: Open Space and	G: National Stud and Green			K: Commercial	N: Neighbourhood Centre	Q: Enterprise and	R: Retail/Commercial		_	U: Utilities/Services		
	Indoor Recreatio nal & Amenity Facilities	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	0	0	N	0	N		
Item No.	Motion: Cllr	. N	oel (	Con	noll	у													Record
134	That the Council include an objective in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan to encourage the provision of an indoor play area.							It ir a u	Chief Executive's Opinion It is considered reasonable to include 'indoor recreational and amenity facilities' as a land use under Zoning Matrix (Table 11-6) of the Draft Plan (as above).										On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly the green items listed 117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129, 130,131,132,133,134,137,138,139,140,141, 143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the Members.

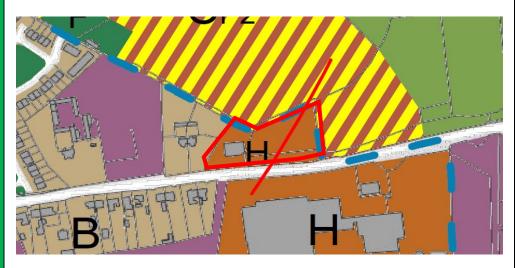


		Chief Executive's Recommendation Include new 'Indoor Recreational & Amenity Facilities' in Table 11-6 Land Use Zoning Matrix (as above).	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
135	That the Moduslink site be appropriately zoned to allow the option of a hotel.	Chief Executive's Opinion Hotel is 'Open to Consideration' within the Q: Enterprise and Employment lands within the Draft Kildare Local Area Plan 2023- 2029.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly the green items listed 117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129, 130,131,132,133,134,137,138,139,140,141, 143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the Members.
Item No.	Chief Executive's Proposed Ma	terial Alteration	Record
Chang	ges to Map 11.1 Land Use Zoning		
136	Proposed Material Alteration		Cllr. Doyle indicated that this amendment included lands that were already in industrial use.

Minutes of Special Meeting of Kildare Newbridge Municipal District to consider Chief Executive's Report on Submissions and Meetings Report on Motions on Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Kildare Town Local Area Plan 2023 – 2029



Map 11.1 Land Use Zoning, amend zoning of land outlined in red below (approx. 0.7 ha) from 'H: Industry and Warehousing' to 'E: Community and Education'.



Ms O'Reilly acknowledged that the polygon shown under Item No. 136 incorrectly includes an industrial unit and this would be excluded from the Proposed Material Alteration to be placed on public display.

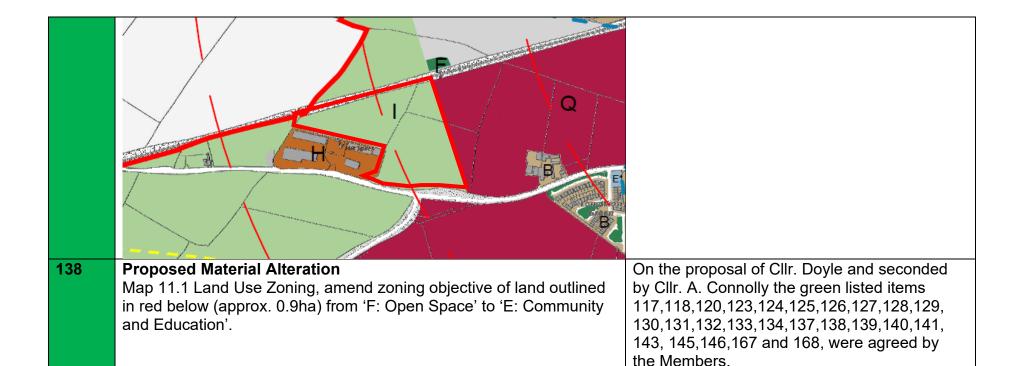
The members agreed with the amendment.

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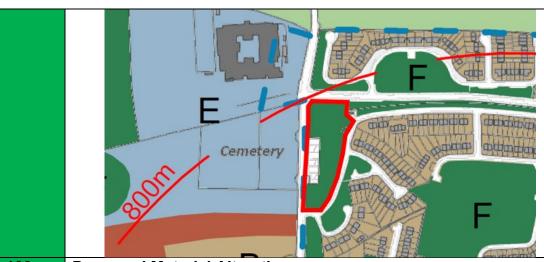
Map 11.1 Land Use Zoning, amend zoning of land outlined in red below (approx. 6.3 ha) from 'I Agriculture' to 'Q; Enterprise and Employment'.

On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly the green items listed 117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129, 130,131,132,133,134,137,138,139,140,141, 143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the Members.







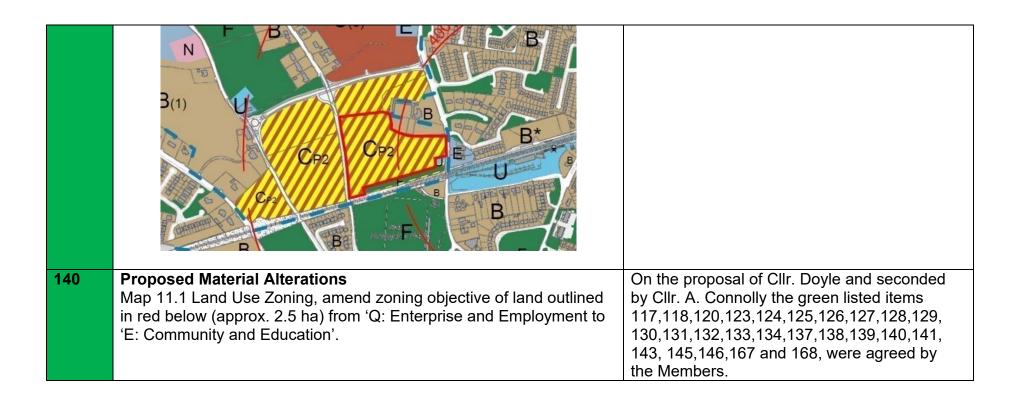


139 Proposed Material Alteration

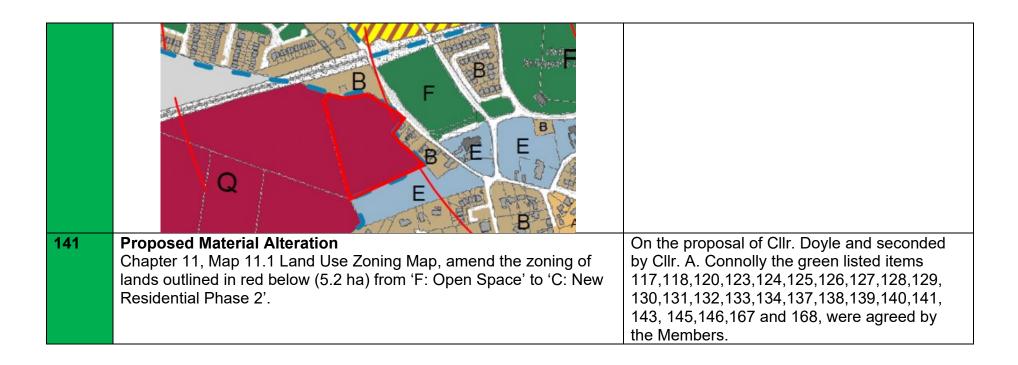
Map 11.1 Land Use Zoning, amend zoning objective of land outlined in red below (approx. 3.6 ha) from 'C New Residential Phase 2' to 'Q: Enterprise and Employment'.

On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly the green listed items 117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129, 130,131,132,133,134,137,138,139,140,141, 143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the Members.

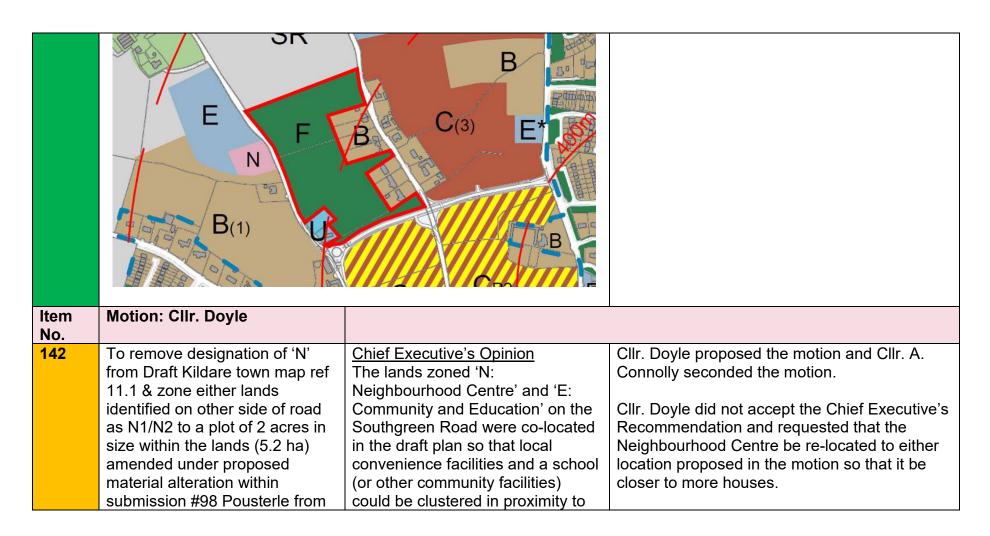














'F' lands to New Residential Phase 2.



Reason: Current proposed location is unlikely to become available in near future and primary school development is not on schedule of delivery for Dept of Ed. The alternate sites are more likely to be delivered and will serve to support modal shift and reduce car

newly established residential areas and lands designated 'Strategic Reserve' in the vicinity. This is with a view towards the long-term development of the north-west quadrant of the settlement, beyond the lifetime of this Plan. This is further bolstered by the Proposed Material Alterations contained within this Report to zone additional land for a shared sports amenity off the Southgreen Road.

The alternative sites identified in the motion are noted and whilst neighbourhood centre uses would visually be appropriate close to the new roundabout (at the ESB substation), there are concerns regarding access in proximity to the newly constructed roundabout.

To move the 'N: Neighbourhood Centre' zoning would have implications for the overall design and layout of the surrounding area. Ms. O'Reilly indicated that the Draft Plan showed the neighbourhood centre and school sites clustered together to promote compact growth and walkable neighbourhoods in accordance with government policy. The proposed objective and zoning changes for a Community Sports Campus in the vicinity would also form part of the cluster at this location. Placing a neighbourhood centre access close to the newly constructed roundabout could have traffic road safety issues.

Ms O'Reilly suggested that a Design Brief be prepared for the zoned lands in the Southgreen Area to formulate a Key Development Area to be included in Chapter 11 Implementation.

Cllr Doyle and the Members agreed.



dependency in this heavily	, built
up area.	

The combined impact of zoning changes in the vicinity of lands identified in this motion indicate that an overall Design Brief would benefit the Plan to address linkages, access, key building lines etc.

In considering the implications of this motion, the visual impact of the existing 38KV substation on the Southgreen Road (zoned 'U: Utilities') was noted and it is considered appropriate to include a new objective to improve the screening and appearance of the compound, given its prominent visual location.

Chief Executive's
Recommendation
Chapter 11, new objective as follows:

IO 4.6 Work in conjunction with ESB Ireland to facilitate



	enhancements to the boundary treatment and screening surrounding the existing 38Kv substation on Southgreen Road.	
Item No.	Chief Executive's Proposed Material Alteration	Record
143 (See all Items No. 143- 146 also)	Proposed Material Alterations Map 11.1 Land Use Zoning, amend zoning objective of land outlined in red below (approx. 13 ha) from 'I: Agriculture' and 'SR: Strategic Reserve' to 'F: Open Space'.  Note: It is proposed to further amend this Proposed Material Alteration on foot of Motions received under Items 144 and 145.	On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly the green listed items 117,118,120,123,124,125,126,127,128,129, 130,131,132,133,134,137,138,139,140,141, 143, 145,146,167 and 168, were agreed by the Members.



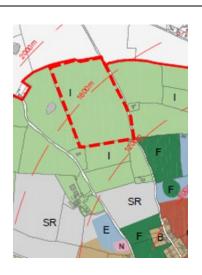
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Power (formerly C	llr. Stafford)	Record
144 (See all Items No. 143- 146 also)	To rezone the lands at Old Road, Southgreen identified on the map annexed hereto from I: Agricultural to F: Open Space to provide for a community and sports complex (96 & 98)	Chief Executive's Opinion The proposed extension of the 'F: Open Space and Amenity' zoning as per the overall landholding identified in submissions 96 and 98 was considered in the Chief Executive's Report and it was concluded that given the significant distance of the northern-most part of the landholding from the built up area of the town that it was not appropriate to extend land use to this point. To promote compact, consolidated growth, and to ensure that future amenities are in reasonable walking and cycling distance from existing and permitted residential areas, the proposed alteration under Item No. 143 above, which comprises of 12 hectares zoned Open Space and Amenity, is considered appropriate in terms of location and size for the delivery of a sports complex.	Cllr. Power did not accept the Chief Executive's recommendation in this regard and proposed that the land referred to in the Motion be zoned for 'Open Space'.  Ms. O'Reilly argued that the lands immediately south of the area to which this motion refers are more appropriately located for formalised open space facilities, contributing to compact growth and being within easier walking and cycling distance of the built-up area.  Cllr. Power proposed a vote on this submission. This was seconded by Cllr. Duffy.  The Members voted on the Motion and resolved not to accept the Chief Executive's Recommendation and to place a Proposed Material Alteration to zone the land referred to in this motion as 'F: Open Space' on public display.



For clarity, the area of land affected by the Proposed Material Alteration under Item No. 143 of this report is shown in the image on the left below, outlined in red and overlaid on the map submitted with this Motion. The image on the right illustrates the additional land to which this Motion refers, outlined in a hatched red line.





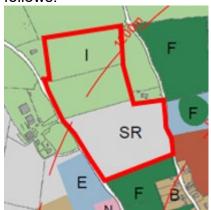


The reference to a community and sports complex in the motion is noted and it is considered appropriate to include a site specific objective in this regard.

Chief Executive's
Recommendation
Proposed Material Alteration
Map 11.1 Land Use Zoning,
identify the site outlined in red



below with a site-specific objective F(1) and include a site specific objective under F: Open Space and Amenity under Table 11-4 as follows:



- F (1) These lands are designated for the provision of a community sports campus. A detailed design framework is required for the entire area which shall include:
  - phasing details whereby the site is developed sequentially from the south.



		<ul> <li>active travel links (walking and cycling) connecting with neighbouring (existing and planned) residential areas, neighbourhood centre, school campuses and community uses.</li> <li>a vehicular access point from the Southgreen Road, proximate to the built up area;</li> <li>retention of mature trees and hedgerows in accordance with Map 9-1 Natural Heritage and Green Infrastructure.</li> </ul>	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle and Cllr. An	ne Connolly	Record
145 (See all Items No. 143-	Submission #96 Sports Club, see map attached ref SP lands SP map to follow.	Chief Executive's Opinion The proposed inclusion of additional land to be zoned as F: Open Space and Amenity as proposed in the Motion is considered reasonable. In order to protect the special character of the	See record on item 144



146 also)



To include in the zoning changes recommended by CE the lands between the submission lands and lands zoned F beside the post primary school (KTCS).

Reason, to create a contiguous land bank of sufficient size that has regard to future growth of town and to create linkage to

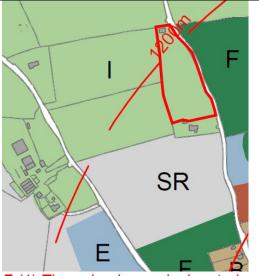
Old Road, it is considered appropriate to include a site-specific objective that requires the retention of existing trees, hedgerows and field boundaries in order to protect the special character of the area.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

Proposed Material Alteration
Map 11.1 Land Use Zoning,
amend zoning objective of land
outlined in red below (1.7 ha) from
'I: Agriculture' to 'F: Open Space'
and include site specific objective
F(1) under Table 11-4 as follows:



KTCS school in order to give more amenity to school and community. These additional lands will also give potential for greater accessibility and linkages from other roads.



F (1) These lands are designated for the provision of a community sports campus. A detailed design framework is required for the entire area which shall include:

- phasing details whereby the site is developed sequentially from the south.
- active travel links (walking and cycling) connecting with neighbouring (existing and



		planned) residential areas, neighbourhood centre, school campuses and community uses.  • a vehicular access point from the Southgreen Road, proximate to the built up area;  • retention of mature trees and hedgerows in accordance with Map 9-1 Natural Heritage and Green Infrastructure.	
Item	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
No.			



	Reason: To ensure adequate social infrastructure for sustainable town growth.		
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
147 (See Item No. 148 also)	Submission #113 Irish Province of Carmelites, see map attached identified CF.  To include part of the lands identified in submission (see map CF), the lands identified in draft LAP as E, community and education with a designation of B existing residential/ infill, see map accompanying map (CF lands).  Reason the lands are contiguous to existing	Chief Executive's Opinion The subject land is currently in agricultural use. A zoning objective referring to Existing Residential would not reflect the established use of the site. The site is surrounded predominantly by undeveloped land and given the existing nature of the site it is not considered infill.  The zoning objective pertaining to the site in the Draft Plan is 'E: Community and Education', the objective of which is 'to provide for education, recreation, community and health'. Uses which are permitted in principle in this zone are wide ranging and include	Items No. 147 and 148 were considered together.  See record on item 147.  Cllr. Doyle accepted the Chief Executive's recommendation in this regard and the Members agreed.



residential, serviced and close to town centre to support compact urban growth and 10 min town principles.

community/ recreational/ sports buildings, creche/ playschool, cultural uses/ library, cemetery, emergency residential accommodation, medical consultant / health centre, park/ playground, place of worship, playing fields and school. Nursing homes and group/special needs housing are also open for consideration.

The Social Infrastructure Audit carried out in advance of this Draft Plan highlighted deficiencies in a number of areas, including childcare provision, sports facilities, and GP/medical services. The overall 'E' landbank at this location is considered important to the overall development of this quadrant of the town with the potential to deliver a range of community uses over the lifetime of this Plan and into the following plan periods to address the current



acknowledged deficiencies. This is a significant landbank that presents an opportunity to consolidate community uses which are currently in operation (Further Education and Training Centre Kildare Town and Kildare Education Support Centre).

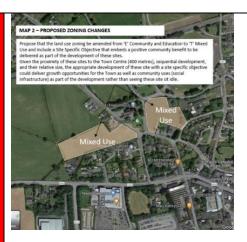
Furthermore, the development of the subject lands as Existing Residential /Infill would increase the residential yield over the lifetime of the Plan (Section 3.6. Projecting Residential Yield, refers). No additional lands are required for residential development to meet the requirements of the CDP Core Strategy, as sufficient lands have been identified for development.

Chief Executive's Recommendation
No change recommended.



Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Duffy		Record
148	That the Council amend Map	Chief Executive's Opinion	Items no. 147-151 were considered together.
(See	11.1 Land Use Zoning, amend	Having regard to Table 11-4 Land	
Item	the zoning objective of lands	Use Zoning Matrix of the Draft Plan	Cllr. Duffy proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly
No.	outlined in <u>Map 2</u> below from 'E'	there are only five land uses that	seconded the motion.
147	Community and Education to 'T'	are not considered on the	
and	Mixed Use and include a Site	E:Community and Education lands	Cllr. Duffy considered that as the lands are in a
Items	Specific Objective that embeds	where are wither 'Permitted in	good strategic location the lands should be
148-	a positive community benefit to	Principle' and 'Open to	split between a percentage of development
151	be delivered as part of the	Consideration' within the T: Mixed-	types i.e., childcare / Resi / Age Friendly.
also)	development of these sites.	Use zoned land. These uses are	M 0 ''' 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
	Rationale: Given the proximity of these sites to the Town Centre (400 metres), sequential	hot food takeaway, pub, restaurant, industry (light) and office.	Ms. Granville advised the members of the issue around core strategy and the need to provide for Age Friendly development through the LAP.
	development, and their relative size, the appropriate development of these site with a site specific objective could	In relation to residential uses, there are many residential-type uses 'Permitted in Principle' or 'Open for Consideration' on lands zoned 'E:	Cllr. A. Connolly endorsed protecting the site for age friendly development in the future.
	deliver growth opportunities for the Town as well as community uses (social infrastructure) as part of the development rather	Community and Education', including emergency residential accommodation (Y), nursing home (Y) and dwellings which are	Cllr. Duffy confirmed that he supports the use of the land for Age Friendly development but also other complimentary uses too.
	than seeing these sites sit idle.	ancillary to health/community uses,	Ms. Granville advised Members of Policy SC P6 and Objectives SC O40 and SC 041 of





and/or to meet group/special needs housing (O).

It is considered that given the location of the site removed from the town centre and surrounded by existing residential/infill zoned land the application of a Mixed-Use zoning would not be appropriate. The E: Community and Education provides for a wide range of uses which are appropriate for the location of the subject lands which presents an opportunity to consolidate community uses which are currently in operation (Further **Education and Training Centre** Kildare Town and Kildare Education Support Centre).

Chief Executive's
Recommendation
No change recommended.

the County Development Plan which refers to facilities for older people and to emulating the McAuley Place model (Naas) for excellence for Positive Ageing across the county.

It was resolved by the Members to designate the eastern plot of land referred to in this Motion as E(1) and to amend the site-specific objective proposed in response to Item No. 150 of the Meeting Report as follows:

'To provide for the development of individual housing units and/or a nursing home facility to provide for the needs of the elderly, in accordance with Policy SC P6 and Objectives SC O40 and SC 041 of the County Development Plan, in addition to the provision of a childcare facility'.



Item No.	Motion : Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
149 (See all Items 148- 151 also)	That the 1.01 hectares of land at Bothair Na gCorp referred to in Submission 41 on behalf of RSR Kildare (Ireland) Ltd be rezoned as New Residential, Town Centre, Existing Residential/Infill or Mixed Use.	Chief Executive's Opinion The site is zoned 'E' in the Draft Plan for Community and Education land uses, the objective for which is to provide for education, recreation, community and health. A Social Infrastructure Audit accompanies the Draft Plan which outlines a deficit across a range of social infrastructure provision within the plan area. A wide range of land uses are 'Permitted in Principle' and 'Open to Consideration' within the Draft Plan for the subject lands, such as cultural uses, cultural tourism, library, dwellings ancillary to health/community uses, group/special needs housing, funeral homes, playground, health care centre, nursing home, school, crèche/playschool. Dwellings are not excluded from consideration on this site, as they open for	Items no. 148-151 were considered together. See record on item 148



consideration when they are ancillary to health/community use, and/or to meet group/special needs housing, in accordance with the 'E' zoning objective.
Furthermore, no additional lands are required for development to meet the requirements of the CDP Core Strategy, as sufficient lands have been identified for development. Therefore the zoning of the subject lands as New Residential is not appropriate.

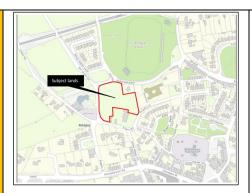
The zoning of the subject lands as Existing Residential / Infill or as Town Centre are not considered appropriate given the existing nature of the site and therefore would not be aligned with the particular land use zoning objectives.

It is considered that the application of a Mixed-Use zoning, removed



Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Power (formerly C	from the town centre would not be a suitable land use at this location.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.  IIr. Stafford)	Record
150 (See all Items 148- 151 also)	To re-zone the lands 1.01 ha at Bothair nag Corp to T. mixed use with a specific objective as set out in the previous Local Area Plan to provide for the needs of the Elderly in circumstances where it is within the CSO boundary, 560m from the train station, sequential development, proximate to the town centre, infill. (Submission 41)	Chief Executive's Opinion The site is zoned 'E' in the Draft Plan for Community and Education land uses, the objective for which is to provide for education, recreation, community and health. The 2012 LAP zoned the subject lands E1: Community and Educational with a specific objective to provide for the needs of the elderly. It is stated in the 2012 LAP that this zoning objective provides for the development of individual housing units and/or a nursing home facility to meet the needs of the elderly. On review of the 2012 Plan this objective was not carried across to the Draft Plan	Items no. 148-151 were considered together. See record on item 148





in order to provide more potential development opportunities.

A zoning change to T: Mixed-Use is therefore not warranted if a site-specific objective is to be applied to the subject lands to provide for the needs of the elderly. The E: Community and Education zoning would be more appropriate with a site-specific objective.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

Proposed Material Alteration
Include a site-specific objective
under Table 11-4 Land Use Zoning
Objectives and amend Map 11.1
Land Use Zoning as follows:

*E (1)* This site-specific zoning objective provides for the development of individual housing units and/or a nursing home facility to



		provide for the needs of the elderly.	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle and Cllr. An	ne Connolly	Record
151 (See all Items 148- 151 also)	Submission #41 RSR  That the lands identified within this submission and map associated with same continue to have the designation as laid out in the existing LAP, specifically zoned for delivery of retirement/ nursing home residential with an additional use of childcare on the zoning matrix.	Chief Executive's Opinion The site is zoned 'E' in the Draft Plan for Community and Education land uses, the objective for which is to provide for education, recreation, community and health. The 2012 LAP zoned the subject lands E1: Community and Educational with a specific objective to provide for the needs of the elderly. It is stated in the 2012 LAP that this zoning objective provides for the development of individual housing units and/or a nursing home facility to meet the needs of the elderly. On review of the 2012 Plan this objective was not carried across to the Draft Plan in order to provide more potential development opportunities.	Items no. 148-151 were considered together. See record on item 148



Reason, the space to deliver such facilities in appropriate locations needs to be protected from other development. Retirement homes/ Nursing Homes are optimally located within a town, close to amenities and transport hubs (train), in order to support visitors who may not have access to cars. and support step down services that encourage residents to access and integrate in community. The inclusion of childcare uses on site is a complementary activity that again is well located in close proximity to train station and schools. It is essential that we protect necessary and specific land uses for essential infrastructure services and sustainable integration of all our community members.

However, as per the motion it is considered acceptable to include a site-specific objective in relation to housing for the elderly as it is agreed that space to deliver such facilities in appropriate locations needs to be protected from other development.

## Chief Executive's

Recommendation

Proposed Material Alteration
Include a site-specific objective
under Table 11-4 Land Use Zoning
Objectives and amend Map 11.1
Land Use Zoning as follows:

*E (1)* This site-specific zoning objective provides for the development of individual housing units and/or a nursing home facility to provide for the needs of the elderly with complementary childcare facility.



Item	Motion: Cllr. Doyle and Cllr. Anne Connolly		Record
152 (See Item No. 153 also)	Submission #34 Maurice & Karen Meaney That the lands outlined in this submission and map associated with submission be zoned appropriately for infill residential development.  Reasons, the site is serviced by necessary infrastructure, surrounded by development, close to transport hub (train station), school and within range of active travel 10 min town classification and as such fulfils criteria for compact growth.	Chief Executive's Opinion The subject lands were zoned in 2002 for residential use and subsequently zoned as Greenbelt in the 2012 Plan. The submission made by the applicant discussed a residential scheme for 21 units across the subject lands and the undeveloped lands to the west, which relates to a density of 21 units per hectare. However, the submission also refers to the development of 40 units across the overall landholding and a layout pertaining to same was included with the submission. This would amount to a density of 38 units per hectare.  The OPR in their submission recognises that there is the potential of Kildare Town exceeding its core strategy housing target over the life of the	Items 152 and 153 were considered together.  The motion was proposed by Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. A. Connolly.  Ms. O' Reilly suggested that the site could be considered for self-build housing at a low residential density as proposed by the Members earlier in the meeting.  The Members agreed.  Ms O'Reilly advised that this site would be identified on the Land Use Zoning map as 'New Residential C*'.





Development Plan due to historical legacy zonings and extant permissions for residential development. In this context the subject lands were not assessed under the Settlement Capacity Audit which is a requirement of the National Planning Framework in order to provide an evidencebased approach to the zoning of residential land. Furthermore, no additional lands are required for development to meet the requirements of the CDP Core Strategy, as sufficient lands have been identified for development.

Chief Executive's Recommendation
No change recommended.



Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Power (formerly C	IIr. Stafford)	Record
153 (See Item No.15 2 also)	To re-zone the lands (0.67 ha) east of the Rathbride Road to B. existing residential/infill or C2 in circumstances where it would represent compact grown, and urban infill, within the SO boundary, is located 800m from Kildare Train Station, connectable to services and bounded by housing on three sides. (34).	Chief Executive's Opinion The OPR in their submission recognises that there is the potential of Kildare Town exceeding its core strategy housing target over the life of the Development Plan due to historical legacy zonings and extant permissions for residential development. In this context the subject lands were not assessed under the Settlement Capacity Audit which is a requirement of the National Planning Framework in order to provide an evidence- based approach to the zoning of residential land. Furthermore, no additional lands are required for development to meet the requirements of the CDP Core Strategy, as sufficient lands have been identified for development.	Items 152 and 153 were considered together. See record at item number 152



		Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Duffy		
154 (See all Items 154- 157 also)	That the Council amend Map 11.1 Land Use Zoning, to include a Site-Specific Objective for part of the lands outlined in Map 3 below that allows for a family cluster residential unit to be constructed on the site.	Chief Executive's Opinion The term 'cluster' refers to Section 3.13.3 of the County Development Plan. In accordance with the CDP criteria for consideration of a cluster, applicants must be from a rural area and comply with local need criteria.  The subject lands are located outside the CSO defined Built-Up Area and therefore do not represent the sequential, consolidated growth of the urban area, but instead would contribute to an uncoordinated pattern of urban sprawl.	Items No. 154 to 157 inclusive were discussed together.  Cllr. Duffy proposed and Cllr. Doyle seconded the motion.  Cllr. Doyle advised that the motion proposed unlocking a 1.9 ha site for housing.  Cllr. N. Connolly also supported the motion.  Ms. O'Reilly advised that the Chief Executive's recommendation stood in this regard.  The Members voted not to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation and to progress the proposed re-zoning as a location for low density 'self-build' housing development as a proposed material alteration.



	MAP 3 - PROPOSED SITE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE  Control traces to 10  Co	The subject lands did not form part of the Settlement Capacity Audit which is required under the NPF to apply a tiered approach to land zoning. Lands immediately north were subjected to a SCA and failed to meet the required criteria; however, they were subsequently zoned due to an active planning permission.  It is not considered appropriate to include a site-specific objective referring to a cluster on the part of the site outlined in the Motion for the foregoing reasons.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change.	Ms O'Reilly advised that in accordance with the decision taken by the Members this site would be identified on the Land Use Zoning map as New Residential C*.
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Power (formerly Cllr. Stafford)		
155	To rezone the lands at Tully	Chief Executive's Opinion	Items No. 154 to 157 inclusive were discussed
(See	West circa 1.9 hectares to new	The subject lands did not form part	together.



Items 154-157 also) where it is bounded on three sides by residential development, not suitable for agriculture (Submission 61).



which is required under the NPF to apply a tiered approach to land zoning. Lands immediately north were subjected to a SCA and failed to meet the required criteria; however, they were subsequently zoned due to an active planning permission.

Furthermore, no further additional lands are required for development to meet the requirements of the CDP Core Strategy, as sufficient lands have been identified. Notwithstanding core strategy allocations, this site does not present well in terms of promoting compact growth and would compound urban sprawl at this location.

Chief Executive's Recommendation No change

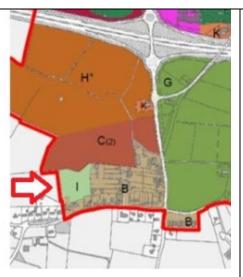
The Members voted not to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation and to progress the proposed re-zoning as a location for low density 'self-build' housing development as a proposed material alteration.

Ms O'Reilly advised that in accordance with the decision taken by the Members this site would be identified on the Land Use Zoning map as New Residential C\*.



Item No.	Motion: Clir. Doyle and Clir. Anne Connolly		Record
156 (See all Items 154- 157 also)	Submission #61 George Ryan That the lands identified within this submission and map associated with same be zoned residential with a specific designation for serviced sites.  Reason, to address the imbalance in the socio economic demographic within Kildare town as outlined in recent AIRO report and supply housing stock that may relieve the demand for one off rural housing. That these lands should also identify a pedestrian route linking from Newtown through Grey Abbey Dev to town centre.	Chief Executive's Opinion The subject lands are located outside the CSO defined Built-Up Area and therefore do not represent the sequential, consolidated growth of the urban area, but instead would contribute to an uncoordinated pattern of urban sprawl. The NPF under NPO 18b refers to a programme to provide serviced sites for 'new homes in small towns and villages'. Kildare Town has been designated as a Self-Sustaining Growth Town which is the second tier of town within the County Settlement Hierarchy. Therefore, the designation of 'serviced sites' would not be appropriate given the status of the town and would represent inappropriate use of the land as the subject lands do not represent compact and sustainable urban growth.	Items 154-157 were considered together.  Cllr. Doyle advised that the motion proposed unlocking a 1.9 ha site.  Cllr. N. Connolly also supported the motion.  The Members voted not to accept the Chief Executive's recommendation and to progress the proposed re-zoning as a location for low density 'self-build' housing development as a proposed material alteration.  Ms O'Reilly advised that in accordance with the decision taken by the Members this site would be identified on the Land Use Zoning map as New Residential C*.





The subject lands did not form part of the Settlement Capacity Audit which is required under the NPF to apply a tiered approach to land zoning. However, lands immediately north were subjected to a SCA and failed to meet the required criteria.

Furthermore, no further additional lands are required for development to meet the requirements of the CDP Core Strategy, as sufficient lands have been identified. Notwithstanding core strategy allocations, this site does not present well in terms of promoting compact growth and would compound urban sprawl at this location.

Chief Executive's
Recommendation
No change recommended.



Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record
157 (See all Items 154- 157 also)	That the 1.9 hectares of land in Tully West referred to in Submission 61 on behalf of Mr George Ryan be rezoned for serviced sites and/or low-density housing.	Chief Executive's Opinion The subject lands are located outside the CSO defined Built-Up Area and therefore do not represent the sequential, consolidated growth of the urban area, but instead would contribute to an uncoordinated pattern of urban sprawl. The NPF under NPO 18b refers to a programme to provide serviced sites for 'new homes in small towns and villages'. Kildare Town has been designated as a Self-Sustaining Growth Town which is the second tier of town within the County Settlement Hierarchy. Therefore, the designation of 'serviced sites' would not be appropriate given the status of the town and would represent inappropriate use of the land as the subject lands do not represent compact and sustainable urban growth.	Items 154-157 were considered together.  See record at item number 156.



In relation to low-density housing the subject lands did not form part of the Settlement Capacity Audit which is required under the NPF to apply a tiered approach to land zoning. However, lands immediately north were subjected to a SCA and failed to meet the required criteria.

Furthermore, no further additional lands are required for development to meet the requirements of the CDP Core Strategy, as sufficient lands have been identified. Notwithstanding core strategy allocations, this site does not present well in terms of promoting compact growth and would compound urban sprawl at this location.

Chief Executive's
Recommendation
No change recommended.



Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle and Cllr. Anne Connolly		Record
158 (See Item No. 159 also)	Submission #69 Lidon  That the lands identified in this submission and map associated with same be zoned appropriately for the provision of a Hotel.  Reason, Kildare town is designated as the key tourism town in County, it has a shortage of bed nights to achieve this objective. The site previously had planning	Chief Executive's Opinion The subject lands are located outside the CSO defined Built-Up Area and therefore do not represent the sequential, consolidated growth of the urban area, but instead would contribute to urban sprawl. It is considered that the development of the subject lands south of the motorway would be contrary to protecting the primacy of the town centre as per the revised Objective EDO 2.7 (Proposed Material Alteration Items no. 29 and 30) which aims to support town centre focused overnight accommodation.  Furthermore, the lands have been designated as National Stud /Green Belt in order to protect and enhance the development of the Irish National Stud. Further erosion	Submission 158 and 159 were considered together.  Cllr. Doyle proposed and Cllr. N. Connolly seconded the motion.  Cllr. Doyle considered this site was ideal for a small hotel.  Ms. O'Reilly advised caution in this regard, noting that a hotel at this location would give rise to urban sprawl and significant additional traffic at the motorway interchange.  Ms. Granville also advised caution regarding a single use zoning objective which may be considered as overly onerous. The site is a significant distance from the railway station and would generate car-based traffic. Planning permission may not be permitted for a hotel, even with the zoning change, due to traffic implications on the motorway.



permission for a Hotel and is well located within easy walking distance of town centre, close to attraction of KROV to make it a commercially viable option. of the agriculture nature of the lands to the east of the R415 to Nurney would alter the rural character of this area, which the proposed land use zoning will preserve.

Table 11.6 Land Use Zoning Matrix provides for hotels to be considered on a variety of appropriately zoned lands, including Town Centre (where it is permitted in principle) and Commercial, Neighbourhood Centre, Enterprise & Employment and Mixed Use (where it is open for consideration).

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change recommended.

Cllr. Doyle proposed restricting the use to encourage tourism.

Cllr. Heavey enquired about 'Bed Nights', Air BnB and suggested care of prescriptive single use – People are demanding and using B&Bs so wording should include hotels but should not be single use.

Ms. Granville reminded the Members that the location was car based and not suitable for access by way of public transport.

Cllr. Power considered the need for hotel accommodation and did not agree with the Chief Executive's argument.

Cllr. Doyle stated that the existing hotel on the north side of the motorway is already car based.

Cllr Doyle called for a vote on the matter. Cllr. N. Connelly supported the motion.

Ms. O' Reilly reminded the Members that the Planning Regulator requires zoning decisions



Item No. 159 (See Item No. 158 also)	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly  That the Council provide for park and ride / park and share facilities on the outskirts of the town close to the motorway (for example, the lands referred to in Submission 69 on behalf of Lidon Ltd.)	Chief Executive's Opinion The GDA Transport Strategy or the CDP have not designated Kildare Town as a location for a park and Ride facility. It is considered that given the proximity of the site to the national road network a park and ride facility could negatively impact on the carrying capacity of the national road network.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	to be based on evidence, including access to services.  On the proposal of Cllr N. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. Doyle, the Members agreed to zone the site for a hotel.  Record  Submission 158 and 159 were considered together. See record on item 158
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Noel Connolly		Record



160 (See Item No. 161 also) That the 13.38 hectares at folio number KE4913 (Eircode R51 Y594) be included within the area of the Kildare Town Local Area Plan and that they be zoned as industrial and warehousing.



## Chief Executive's Opinion

The subject lands which are located south of the motorway represent an isolated site removed from the built-up area of the town and from the local area development boundary. The inclusion of the lands would represent ad hoc, piecemeal development which is contrary to national, regional and local policy.

For the purposes of providing industrial employment opportunities within the town, there is a significant swathe of undeveloped land zoned 'H: Industry and Warehousing' southwest of the motorway interchange (27 ha), in addition to the site beside the Kildare Business Park on the Melitta Road (1.7ha) and Kildare Chilling on the Dublin Road.

Items 160 and 161 were considered together. See record at item 161.

Cllr. N. Connolly declared lobbying with regard to the site.

Cllr. N. Connolly advised that he also supported Cllr. Doyle's motion at item 161

See record at item 161.



Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle	Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	Record
161 (See Item No. 160 also).	To include lands on Southwest Boundary of town and designate as Q Enterprise & Employment. Marked SW & DH on map.  Reason: Lands currently zoned on draft LAP map under Q are insufficient and may not become available as in profitable and consistent agri use. The designation of further Q land	Chief Executive's Opinion The Draft Plan has been informed by a comprehensive evidence base, which included the Kildare Town Transport Strategy. The Transport Strategy provides an evidence base for the integration of land use and transport planning, which is at the centre of the planmaking process for Kildare Town. The subject lands did not form part of this study given their location removed from the built-up area.  The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy focuses on the densification of the existing built urban footprint around existing public transport corridors. The subject lands would represent the	Items 160 and 161 were considered together.  Cllr. Doyle proposed the motion and Cllr. N. Connolly seconded the motion.  Cllr. Doyle considered that it was unlikely that the Current Q lands would come forward for development during the lifetime of the plan and that additional employment land would be required.  Ms. O' Reilly reminded the Members that the Planning Regulator required zoning decisions to be based on evidence, including access to services.  Ms. Granville advised the members that should they proceed with identifying employment uses at this location, having regard to the quantum currently zoned for such uses within the Draft



can only be an advantage in providing adequate options for employment generating activities having regard to the low working and living ratio within the town. Improving living and working ratios within town will help to address deprivation factors, reduce carbon dependency and increase commodity of time to a community where a high level of personal time (wellbeing) is invested in commuting.

development of a significant land bank on undeveloped land on the periphery of Kildare Town, which would be heavily reliant on the road network for access with limited access via public transport, cycle and walking and therefore would not represent a consolidation of urban zonings in accordance with the requirements of the National Planning Framework and Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.

Furthermore, sufficient land has been zoned for economic development within the Draft Plan to provide for the additional jobs referred to under Section 5.4 of the Draft Plan (Appendix B, also refers).

Chief Executive's
Recommendation
No change recommended.

LAP, that a strategic reserve for future employment may be more appropriate. However, advised caution, that there was no evidence basis for the inclusion or zoning of these lands within the current plan and that same did not comply with the national strategic objectives and national policy objectives of the NPF/RSES and National Climate Action Plan.

Cllr. Doyle considered that creating a strategic reserve could be an option. Cllr. Power agreed.

Ms. O'Reilly stated that the proposal would result in the LAP boundary extending, which could have implications for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment.

The Members agreed to a 'Strategic Reserve (Employment)' land use for the land referred to in the Motion and to extend the LAP boundary accordingly.



Item No.	Motion: Clir. Noel Connolly		Record
162	That the lands that were subject to planning application 06/1448 retain their zoning of E: Community and Education (see bottom of map below).	Chief Executive's Opinion It was considered given the distance of the land from the town at a significant distance south from the motorway interchange that the inclusion of the subject lands within the development boundary was not warranted, particularly given the shift in national planning policy to consolidated compact urban growth.  Any further application relating to the established use on site will be assessed in accordance with the development management standards contained in the CDP. Furthermore, it is important to note that the Development Management standards are also applied to all developments in the Draft Plan area as this is the higher-order plan.	Cllr. N. Connolly declared lobbying with regard to the site.  Cllr. Power advised that it was up to the individual who had lobbied to register their lobbying.  Ms. O'Reilly advised that the Chief Executive's recommendation stands.  Mr. Dunney advised that the Members had made a series of significant amendments and that Members needed to consider the cumulative effect of those changes.  Cllr. Power advised that he agreed with the Chief Executive's recommendation.  Cllr. Connolly accepted the Chief Executive's recommendation.



Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Power (formerly C	,	Record
163	To rezone the lands at Whitesland circa 2.43 hectares from Existing Residential/infill, Open Space and Amenity and Phase 2 New Residential to New Residential in circumstances where it is within the CSO boundary, sequential and of strategic importance (Submission 119).	Chief Executive's Opinion Section 3.8 of the Draft Plan states that the plan has been prepared in the context of extant planning permissions which are in excess of the target unit allocation from the Core Strategy required for the lifetime of the Plan. The OPR in their submission also recognises that there is the potential of Kildare Town exceeding its core strategy housing target over the life of the Development Plan due to historical legacy zonings and extant permissions for residential development. In this context, no further additional lands are required for development to meet the requirements of the CDP Core Strategy, as sufficient lands have	The motion was proposed by Cllr. Power and seconded by Cllr. N. Connolly.  It was agreed by the Members to accept the Chief Executive's report.



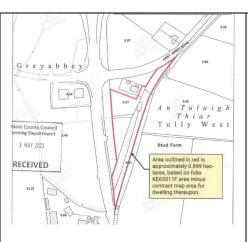
been identified for development. The subject lands have been zoned New Residential Phase 2, the application of phasing is required when land which is suitable for development is not required to meet the current housing allocation, in accordance with the Development Plan Guidelines (2022).

In respect of the Open Space and Amenity zoning on the subject lands, the proposed location of the Open Space and Amenity zoning correlates within the Nature-Based Management Area as detailed on Map 10.1. These areas play a key role in relation to surface water attenuation given their connection with the natural drainage paths throughout Kildare Town. It is an objective of the Draft Plan (Objective IO 2.4, refers) to ensure the areas are reserved free from development and integrated into



		design proposals for nature-based surface water drainage purposes.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle and Cllr. An	ne Connolly	Record
164	Submission# 125 Eoin Leavy  To include lands identified in this submission for the delivery of low density housing.  Reason: To ensure delivery of a mix of housing typologies, land is serviced and within the 10 min town distance. While accepting concerns of CE on preserving green belt, the site is adjacent to an existing residential unit, across from a very large development and the proposal is modest in size and scale.	Chief Executive's Opinion The subject lands are located outside the CSO defined Built-Up Area and therefore do not represent the sequential, consolidated growth of the urban area, but instead would contribute to urban sprawl. The National Strategic Outcome (NSO) No. 1 of the National Planning Framework (NPF) is Compact Growth, which will be achieved by managing the sustainable growth of compact cities, towns and villages. The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and	Cllr. Doyle proposed and Cllr. Power seconded the motion.  Cllr. Doyle acknowledged lobbying for this site but considered that it should come forward for development and it was a good opportunity to support the delivery of housing for a particular profile group.  Ms. O' Reilly advised that the recommendation of the Chief Executive stood.  Cllr. Power supported the motion and considered that a case could be made to the Regulator.





(RSES) 2019-2031 reinforces this approach stating that 'Compact Growth and Urban Regeneration promote the regeneration of our cities, towns and villages by making better use of under-used land and buildings within the existing built-up urban footprint'. The subject lands are situated to the south of the M7 motorway. removed from the town centre and the defined settlement boundary. Therefore, the subject lands do not represent consolidation of the existing built urban form. Furthermore, the lands to the west currently under construction did not perform adequately under the Settlement Capacity Audit however given the legacy zoning which predates the NPF, the extant permission and the fact construction had commenced, the lands formed part of the Development Strategy of the Draft Plan.

Cllr. Doyle proposed and Cllr. A. Connolly seconded the motion.

The Members agreed to a vote on the motion.

- 6 Members voted in favour.
- 1 Member abstained.



In respect of the provision of lowdensity housing, the Sustainable Residential Development Guidelines (2009) which are Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines state development at net densities less than 30 dwellings per hectare should be discouraged on the interests of land efficiency.

It is important to note that no further additional lands are required for development in the Draft Plan to meet the requirements of the CDP Core Strategy, as sufficient lands have been identified for development.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change recommended.



Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
No. 165	To include 3.5 hectares at Kyle, lands to North of Motorway at South West boundary of town with special designation to provide facility and home for the Kildare Wildlife rescue services.  Reason: These lands were previously used as a construction site service area during the period of motorway construction, subsequently unused. The lands have been inspected by service providers and deemed suitable. The service provided by this charitable foundation has enormous value to the preservation of ecology and wildlife of the area and is at serious risk because they have no permanent secure location.	Chief Executive's Opinion The subject lands are zoned 'Q: Enterprise & Employment' where 'Veterinary Services' are open for consideration. The site is also located within the 91m setback from the M7 Motorway, as provided for under Objective MTO 3.4 which states to 'Ensure a 91- metre building line setback from the motorway and associated junctions from the nearest roadside edge to protect against transportation noise and to ensure the future protection of the motorway network. Under certain circumstances ancillary development may be considered within the setback zone in recognition of local conditions and the nature of the proposed activity.'	Cllr. Doyle and Cllr. N. Connolly seconded the motion.  Cllr N. Heavey sought a point of clarification on the dogs home in Athgarvan and whether consideration could be given to the dogs home also using this site.  Cllr. Doyle advised that this was not possible as the animals being rehabilitated on this site are not to have contact with domestic animals – rejected zoning 'Q' and proposed specific single use zoning to assist the landowner in acquiring the site at the most reasonable cost.  Ms. O'Reilly advised caution and referred to Item 110 of the Meeting Report which included an objective to support the relocation of the Rescue Centre in general and advised that the Chief Executive's recommendation remains unchanged for Item 165.  Ms. Granville conveyed concern that the
			proposed zoning would limit options of



		Should a planning application be brought forward for a Wildlife Rescue Service building at this location, the applicants will have to address the implications of MTO 3.4.  Under Item No. 110 of this report, it is proposed to include an objective in the Plan to support the Animal Rescue on appropriately zoned	developing a site for the required use elsewhere.  Ms. O'Reilly advised that the new objective under Item 110 of the Meeting Report could be expanded as follows:  'To support the relocation of the Kildare Wild Animal Rescue Centre on appropriately zoned land, including but not limited to land identified as Q(1) on Map 11.1'.
		land within the plan area.  Chief Executive's Recommendation No change recommended.	The land to which this Motion refers would be identified as Q(1) on the Land Use Zoning map.  The Members accepted Ms. O'Reilly's proposal and the Chief Executives recommendation.
Item No.	Motion: Cllr. Doyle		Record
166	To include the following parcels of land to be zoned Recreation & Amenity.  - Identified on map as PF1 Parcel of land currently designated green belt within Irish National Stud	Chief Executive's Opinion The lands located south of the motorway are zoned to protect and enhance the development of the Irish National Stud and established agricultural/ bloodstock uses. Given the rural character of the	Ms. O'Reilly advised that the 'National Stud/Green Belt' zoning objective is appropriate at this location to protect the setting of the Stud and the function of the green belt south of the motorway.



land holding that is South of Motorway and straddles Tully Rd to Grey Abbey Rd, east to West and bounded by Minoru yard to North.



- PF2 Lands to North of Motorway facing Maddenstown rd currently zoned S, Equine & Industry as part of the Race lands.
- PF3 Lands on the Southwest of Motorway on Maddenstown rd, currently identified as green belt within Draft LAP.

two areas, separated from the town and the defined built-up area by the motorway the subject lands would represent the development of a significant land bank on undeveloped land on the periphery of Kildare Town. Therefore, the subject lands would not represent consolidation of the existing urban form.

The lands zoned as S: Equine Industry are considered appropriate give the existing established use on the site.

Chief Executive's Recommendation
No change recommended.

Cllr. Doyle considered the need to future proof the sites and sought a vote on the motion.

On the proposal of Cllr. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. N. Connolly, the Members agreed to a vote.

The Members voted to accept Cllr. Doyle's motion.





Reason: Having regard to deficits in recreation and Amenity as identified in study conducted by Kildare Sports Partnership and to future proof towns need in securing lands to support growth. In particular PF1 lands which are well located within easy walking distance of town centre, close to large primary school and providing numerous access and egress points. In addition, located on the well-used Sli na Slainte route for Kildare town, the route can compliment the training facilities.



Ite m No.	Chief Executive's Proposed Material Alteration
167	New Item: Census 2022  On the 29 <sup>th of</sup> June 2023, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) released further results for Census 2022 in relation to settlements. Of particular note is the following:  • The population of Kildare Town on Census Day 2022 was recorded at 10,302 persons.  • The term 'Settlement Boundary' has now been replaced with the term 'Built Up Area'.  Chief Executive's Recommendation  Further to the recommendations contained in the Chief Executive's Report (12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023), it is recommended that the Draft Kildare Local Area Plan 2023-2029 be updated to reflect the most recent CSO data. The following list
	indicates the proposed changes (21 items) to the Draft Plan.



# **Proposed Material Alteration**

### Item 1:

Chapter 1, Introduction and Context, amend Section 1.1. Background, under the first paragraph (and associated footnote) as follows:

The Kildare Town Local Area Plan 2023 – 2029 (the Plan) has been prepared in accordance with the requirements and provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (the Act), in particular Sections 18-20 of the Act. A local area plan is required to be prepared in respect of an area that is designated as a town in the most recent census, other than a town designated as a suburb or environs in that census, has a population in excess of 5,000 and is situated in the functional area of the planning authority which is a county council (Section 19 of the Act). Census 2016 2022 recorded a population of 8,634 10,302 persons for the defined Built-Up Area settlement of Kildare Town and therefore a local area plan is mandatory.

Footnote 1: Central Statistics Office (CSO) defined the Built-Up Areas (BUAs) under Census 2022 which represents a land cover definition. Census 2022 data at settlement level was not available at time of publication of this Draft Plan.

### Item 2:

Chapter 1, Introduction and Context, amend Section 2.2.1. in respect of the Strategic Principle, Creating Compact and Connected Communities, first paragraph as follows:

# **Creating Compact and Connected Communities**

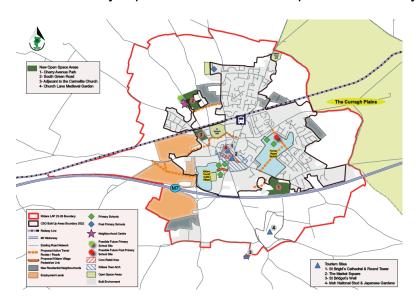
Consolidation and infill development underpin the development strategy in this Plan in line with National Strategic Outcome No. 1 (Compact Growth) of the National Planning Framework (NPF). Accordingly, the Plan provides for



circa 65%<sup>2</sup> of all new homes to be developed within the defined settlement *Built-Up Area* boundary of the town. This approach to land use zoning therefore seeks to consolidate the built urban form by prioritising the development of identified sequentially preferable lands in order to ensure the delivery of sustainable compact development in the town whilst also preventing further urban sprawl.

#### Item 3:

Chapter 2, Spatial Planning Context and Vision for Kildare Town, replace Figure 2-3 Kildare Town Development Strategy with a new image with the 'Settlement' boundary replaced with the 'Built-Up Area' boundary, as follows:





#### Item 4:

Chapter 3 Compliance with the Kildare County Core Strategy, amend the second paragraph under Section 3.1. Function, Scale and Population of Kildare Town (and the associated footnote), as follows:

According to Census 20162022, Kildare Town had a population of 8,634 10,302 persons within the defined Built-Up Area. This relates to the Settlement Boundary of the town as identified by the CSO<sup>5</sup> (Figure 3-1 refers). The population of the town has seen a steady increase over the last number of census periods. Census 2006 recorded a population of 7,538<sup>6</sup> persons growing to 8,142 persons in 2011 and 8,634 persons in 2016. However, as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic the Census was delayed until April 2022 and the updated population figures at the settlement level were not available prior to the adoption of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 or the preparation of this draft Local Area Plan,. Therefore, Census 2016 data is the most up to date population figures for the settlement of Kildare.

Footnote 5: Under Census 20162022, a new statistical geography was released; Built-Up Areas, which was created by combining small areas to identify the footprint of urban centres. BUAs represent a land cover definition based on a minimum of 100 buildings within 65 meters of one another, with a maximum distance of 250 meters between clusters.

## Item 5:

Chapter 3 Compliance with the Kildare County Core Strategy, Section 3.1. Function, Scale and Population of Kildare Town, replace Figure 3-1 to reflect the new 'Built-Up Area' boundary and rename the image title, as follows:

Figure 3-1 CSO defined Built-Up Area Settlement Boundary as Defined by the CSO 2016 2022





Source: www.cso.ie

## Item 6:

Chapter 3 Compliance with the Kildare County Core Strategy, Section 3.1.1. Population Growth 2016-2022 and Section 3.1.2. Estimated Population Methodology, delete both Sections in their entirety, as follows:

# 3.1.1. Population Growth 2016 - 2022



The Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 provides an estimated 2021 population of 9,134 person for the town of Kildare. This estimation was based on the percentage growth from the period 2011-2016 which coincided with the financial crisis and a deep recession in Ireland. However, there were signs of recovery in the latter years of 2014-2016 which saw a slow supply recovery in the housing market.

It is important for the preparation of a land use plan that there is a clear understanding of the existing population and the allocated future population growth. Population forms the fundamental basis for identifying the quantity of a range of land uses such as economic lands, schools, childcare facilities and public open spaces, within an area. To this effect the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 states that the 2021 population estimate is a holding figure, and is used as a guide only until Census 2022 is published, and that any local area plan prepared before the publication of Census 2022 will require an updated population estimate to be prepared, based on factors including the quantum of residential units built since Census 2016, which will differ from that shown in the '2021 Population Estimate' column in Table 2.8 — Core Strategy Table of the County Development Plan.

## 3.1.2. Estimated Population Methodology

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) Preliminary Results (June 2022) showed an increase of 1,747 persons across the Kildare Electoral Division (ED) from 9,874 persons in Census 2016 to 11,621 persons in Census 2022. There has been a considerable amount of housing completions since Census 2016 both within the defined CSO Settlement Boundary (195 units)<sup>14</sup> and on its periphery (ca. 424 units<sup>15</sup>) during the intercensal period. While the ED boundary is larger than the boundary of the local area plan it includes the Curragh Plains and rural areas where development is carefully managed. However, it sets the parameter of growth in terms of estimating the population. Given the 17.69% growth in population across the Electoral Division between the Census years of 2016 and 2022,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Source: <a href="https://data.cso.ie/">https://data.cso.ie/</a> NDA06 New Dwelling Completions by Settlement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Desktop analysis and site survey April 2022.



applying the same growth rate to Kildare Town<sup>16</sup> results in an increase of 1,527 persons<sup>17</sup> providing an estimated population of 10,161 person to April 2022.

### Item 7:

Chapter 3 Compliance with the Kildare County Core Strategy, Section 3.2. Future Population and Housing Targets, insert a footnote under Table 3-1 Kildare County Development Plan 20236-2029 Core Strategy, in respect of the 2016 Pop as follows:

Table 3-1 Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 Core Strategy

Town	201 6 Pop	202 1 Pop Est.	Allo- cated Grow th	Pop Targ et 2023 - 2028	Housin g Target 2023 - 2028	Reside ntial zoned land require d	Target Resident ial Density (UPH)
Kildar e	8,63 4 <sup>11</sup>	913 4	4.7%	1182	430	14	35-40

Footnote 11: As per the CSO defined settlement boundary Census 2016.

### Item 8:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Census 2016 settlement boundary.

 $<sup>^{17}</sup>$  (11,621 – 9,874) / 9874) \*8634 = 1,527 + 8634 = 10,161 persons.



Chapter 3 Compliance with the Kildare County Core Strategy, Section 3.2. Future Population and Housing Targets, amend Table 3-2 Population and Housing Targets for the Kildare Local Area Plan 2023-2029 and insert an additional footnote, as follows:

Cen sus 202 2 Pop	2023 - 2028 population target	2023 – 2028 housing target	Annualised housing target end of Q3 2029	Annualised Pop target end of Q4 2029	LAP Growt h in Units	LAP Growth in Pop
10,3 02	1182	430	72 <sup>13</sup>	198 <sup>14</sup>	502 units	1380 persons

Footnote 12: CSO defined Built-Up Areas.

## Item 9:

Chapter 3 Compliance with the Kildare County Core Strategy, Section 3.2. Future Population and Housing Targets, amend Table 3-3 Population Growth for Kildare Town Settlement 2016-2029 as follows:

Table 3-3 Population Growth for Kildare Town Settlement 2016-2029

Year	Data Source	Population
2016	Census (CSO defined settlement boundary)	9,874



2022	Census (CSO defined Built-Up Area boundary)	10,161 (estimated) 10,302
2029	CDP Core Strategy growth <i>plus annualised growth</i> (Increase of 1,380 persons)	<del>11,541</del> <i>11</i> ,682

### Item 10:

Chapter 3 Compliance with the Kildare County Core Strategy, Section 3.4. Social Housing Requirement, under Table 3-5 amend the first paragraph as follows:

There is one PPP Housing Scheme that is at pre-approval stage located at Coolaghknock Glebe which has capacity for 80-85 social housing units and is situated immediately adjacent to the CSO *defined Built-Up Area*. settlement boundary. This site was designated part Tier 1 and part Tier 2 lands under the Settlement Capacity Audit (SCA) which accompanies the Plan.

### Item 11:

Chapter 3 Compliance with the Kildare County Core Strategy, Section 3.5. Delivering Compact Growth, amend paragraph two, as follows:

In order to deliver compact growth within the Kildare Town Local Area Plan a greater proportion of residential development will be focused on urban infill, in particular the regeneration and revitalisation of the urban area of the Former Magee Barracks. Phase 1 of the Former Magee Barracks redevelopment accounts for ca. 60% of all new housing units (taking account of the adjustment for additional provision) within the Census 2016 2022 defined Built-Up Area. settlement boundary. Therefore, given the importance of the site for the delivery of sustainable compact



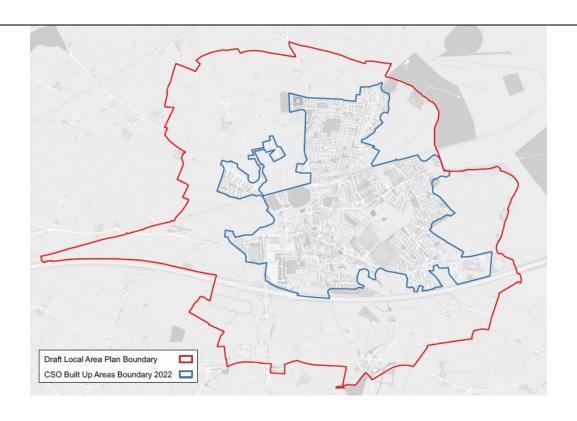
growth the Plan has designated the Former Magee Barracks site as a Settlement Consolidation Site (Section 11.1, refers).

### Item 12:

Chapter 3 Compliance with the Kildare County Core Strategy, Section 3.5. Delivering Compact Growth, replace Figure 3-2 by removing the CSO 'settlement' boundary and replacing it with the CSO 'Built-Up Area' boundary, as follows:

Figure 3-2 Defined Built-Up Area Settlement Boundary and Plan Boundary





### Item 13:

Chapter 3 Compliance with the Kildare County Core Strategy, Section 6.6. Projecting Residential Yield, amend Table 3-7 Residential Development Capacity Audit, the second row in the Table as follows:

Table 3-7 Residential Development Capacity Audit



Site Ref.	Location	Site Area (Ha.)	Site in Built-up area	Residential Yield	Net Density
N/A	Infill Sites within CSO boundary Built-Up Area	-	Yes	32 <sup>18</sup>	35-50

### Item 14:

Chapter 5 Economic Development, amend Section 5.4. Kildare Town's Economic Development Strategy, the last line in the first paragraph and Table 5-1 Job Ratio for Kildare Town, as follows:

The Plan aims to protect existing employment in the town and to create new employment opportunities to ensure long-term and sustainable growth. The Vision for Kildare Town seeks to harness the towns' existing strengths across equine, ecclesiastical, and retail assets as a key component in the future economic development of the town. For Kildare Town to become more self-sustaining, the town must aim to increase its job ratio (employment-to-population ratio), which provides a good indicator of the balance that exists between the location of the labour force and the location of jobs. Census 2016 demonstrated a job ratio of 0.615 for Kildare Town. The County Development Plan suggest that the job ratio for a settlement should not fall below 0.70. Table 5-1 illustrates that to reach a job ratio of 0.70, an additional 1,127 jobs are required for a population of 11,541682.

Table 5-1 Job Ratio for Kildare Town

2016 2029
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<sup>18</sup> Allocation of 5% of the allocated units for Kildare Town for various sites within the Town Centre and Existing Residential / Infill lands land use zonings for potential yield from infill development.

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Population	8,634	11, <del>541</del> 682 <sup>19</sup>
Resident Workers	3,520	4,7 <del>05</del> 63 <sup>20</sup>
Total Jobs	2,166 <sup>21</sup>	3, <del>293</del> 334 <sup>22</sup>
Job Ratio	0.615 <sup>23</sup>	0.70

#### Item 15:

Chapter 6 Homes and Communities, amend Section 6.2.1. Population by amending paragraph one and paragraph two, delete Figure 6-1 Electoral Division and 2016 Settlement Boundary and replacing with Figure 6-1 Census 2022 and Census 2016 Boundaries, as follows:

Under Census 2022 the defined Built-Up Area (BUA) had a population of 10,302 persons, whereas the settlement boundary from Census 2016 had a population of 8,634. The BUA is a new statistical geography introduced replacing the previous 'settlement boundary', therefore direct comparison cannot be made. While small area statistics have not been tabulated for the 2022 Census (at the time of writing this Plan), the population of the Electoral Division (ED) of Kildare had been released, which is 11,621 persons. Census 2022 saw a growth of 1,747 persons (+17.7%) on the 2016 population. However, this ED is not wholly applicable to this Plan as it covers a much

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See Section 3.2. Future Population and Housing Targets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Represents a proportionate increase as a derivative of population growth (11,541682/8,634\*3,520)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> National Planning Framework (2018) - Appendix 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Total jobs to 2029 (4,70563\*0.7 = 3,2933334).

 $<sup>^{23}</sup>$  Total jobs/resident workers (2166/3520) = 0.615.

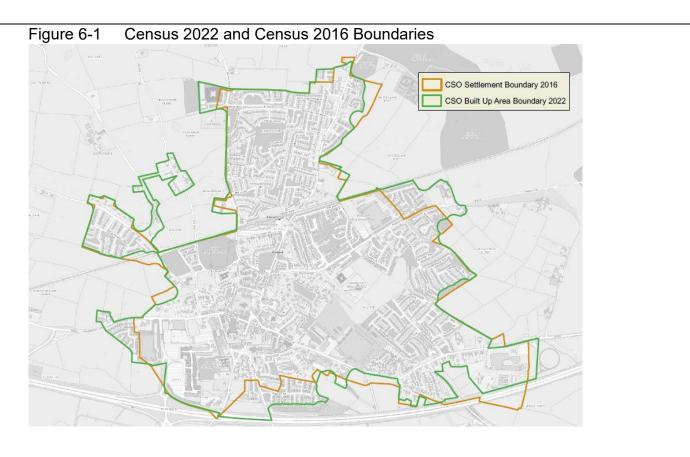


larger geographical area. The settlement of Kildare Town as defined by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) is more applicable in this circumstance (Figure 6-1, refers).

Figure 6-1 Electoral Division and 2016 Settlement Boundary (remove image)

Census 2016 calculated the population of the defined settlement boundary relating to Kildare Town as 8,634 persons. As small area statistics are not available under census 2022, the Census 2016 settlement This boundary will form the basis for the analysis in the sections below and where available Census 2022 data will be included.





**Item 16:** Chapter 6 Homes and Communities, amend Section 6.2.2. Age Profile as follows:



The age profile of the settlement of Kildare Town has a significantly younger population than the rest of the state with 32.66% of its population under 19. This is five percentage points greater than the State (2016), while Kildare Town's older population (65+) accounts for nearly 8% of its population. This indicates that the need for childcare and school places are greater than average in Kildare Town.

Table Error! No text of specified style in document.-1 Population Profile Census 2016

Age Group	Population 2016	Kildare Town Population 2016 %	National Population 2016 %	National Population 2022 %
0-4	691	8.0	6.96	5.74
5-14	1524	17.65	14.18	13.92
15-19	605	7.00	6.36	6.56
20-64	5131	59.43	59.11	58.7

### Item 17:

Chapter 6 Homes and Communities, amend Section 6.2.5 Housing Tenure, first paragraph as follows:

Census 2016 records shows that 59% of the population within the settlement of Kildare Town are owner occupiers, this is lower than both the county rate (72% *in 2016 and 71.34% in 2022*) and the national average (67.6% *in 2016 and 65.9% in 2022*). Other housing tenures are 21% privately rented and socially rented 15%. The number of residents renting is proportionally higher in the settlement of Kildare Town at 33% when compared to the county (24.3% *in 2016 and 23.6% in 2022*) and nationally (27.6% in 2016 and 27.9% in 2022).



**Item 18:** Chapter 6 Homes and Communities, Section 6.2.6., amend Table 6-2 Educational Attainment as follows:

	No Formal Education / Primary Education	Secondar y Education	Technical / Apprentic e / Certificate	All Third Level
Kildare Town	12%	41%	19%	18.9%
County Kildare 2016	10%	33.3%	15.6%	36.3%
State <b>2016</b>	12.5%	33%	14.7%	33.4%
<b>State 2022</b>	8%	26%	15%	28%

Source: Census 2016 Small Area Population Statistics and Census 2022

## Item 19:

Chapter 6 Homes and Communities, Section 6.3 Residential Development: Capacity and Delivery, amend the first bullet point in the third paragraph as follows:



A minimum of 65%<sup>24</sup> of all new residential development within the CSO defined Built-Up Area settlement boundary as delineated under Census 202216.

### Item 20:

Chapter 6 Homes and Communities, Section 6.5. Social Infrastructure, amend the second paragraph as follows:

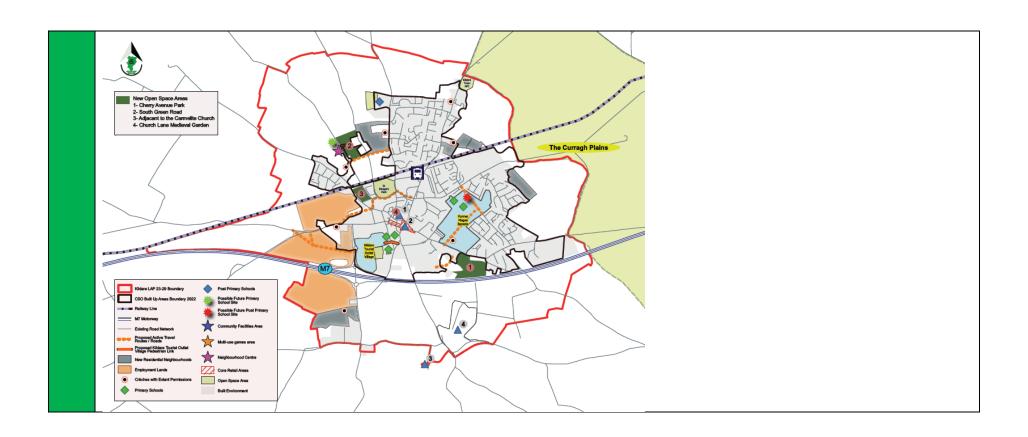
As part of the plan-making process a Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) was published alongside this Local Area Plan. It was carried out to examine the availability and capacity of existing social infrastructure facilities in Kildare Town (within the Kildare Town Local Area Plan 2012-2018 boundary), to determine future requirements and make recommendations based on anticipated settlement growth. It is important to note that the Social Infrastructure Audit is a moment in time and the future population figure was based on an estimated Census 2022 figure of 10,161 persons compared to the official released Census 2022 figure of 10,302. Thereby the population growth over the lifetime of the Plan would be 11,541 persons in comparison to 11,682 persons as provided for under Table 3-3. However, this does not negatively impact the robustness of the audit or have material implications on the recommendations contained in the audit.

### Item 21:

Chapter 6 Homes and Communities, replace Figure 6-4 Social Infrastructure Provision with an amended image that replaces the 2016 boundary with the 2022 Built-Up Area boundary as follows:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Accounts for 65% of all new homes of the future housing allocation including 'Additional' Provision' as set out in Table 3-6 Additional Provision.







# **Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)**

Item No.	Chief Executive's Proposed Material Alteration				
168	Proposed Material Alteration				
	Amend the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) as follows:				
	Amend Section 2.2  Within the Kildare Town LAP area, There are no watercourses identified within the EPA Flow Network dataset (https://gis.epa/EPAMaps/) within the Kildare Town LAP area, with. The closest identified watercourse to Kildare Town being the Tully Stream, which originates on the southern boundary of the LAP area and flows in a southernly direction away from Kildare Town. Other watercourses around Kildare Town include:  River Liffey 8.5km to the east, flowing northward; Cloncumber Stream 5km to the northeast, flowing northward; Slate River 11km to the north, flowing west; and, River Barrow 9.5km to the west, flowing south.				
	A former tributary of the Tully Stream, commonly referred to as the Armour Stream previously drained a catchment area to the west of Kildare Town. Further information was drawn from the Hydrogeological Assessment of Saint Brigid's Well (Aqua Geoservices Ltd, 2021) <sup>25</sup> .  The assessment states that the Kildare Town By-Pass (M7 Motorway) altered the natural flow of a former Tully Stream tributary (Armour Stream), as the feeding springs/wells in its upper catchment area were located to the North of the motorway. <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b> shows an extract map from the report showing the assumed former				

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Hydrogeological Assessment (Phase 1) At Saint Brigid's Well, Aqua Geoservices Ltd, 2021



catchment feeding the tributary. The map shows the M7 motorway has altered the Tully Stream catchment, with the upper portion of the catchment now diverted westward towards the River Barrow.

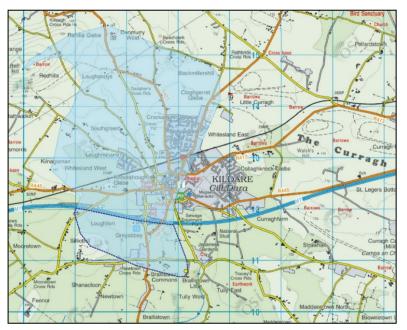


Figure 2.2 Extract from Hydrogeological Assessment of Saint Brigid's Well showing M7 motorway has altered the Tully Stream catchment.

South of the M7, recent developments in the Greyabbey area have altered the nature and form of the watercourse channel through conversion into land drains overlain by infill or culverted to form part of the local stormwater drainage design. As



such, it is understood that the former Armour Stream is no longer an active fluvial watercourse and currently functions as a local field drainage and stormwater drainage network conduit.

Approximately 800m of the former watercourse is culverted with a 450mm diameter concrete pipe downstream of Armour bridge through the Irish National Stud lands and outfalls to open channel adjacent to St. Brigid's Well.

## Amend Section 3.1 of SFRA as follows:

This section presents a brief summary of The Guidelines, for more detail refer to The Guidelines and the accompanying Technical Appendices at <a href="https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/7db50-the-planning-system-and-flood-risk-management-guidelines-for-planning-authorities-nov-09/">https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/7db50-the-planning-system-and-flood-risk-management-guidelines-for-planning-authorities-nov-09/</a>).

## Amend Figure 3.1 of SFRA as follows:



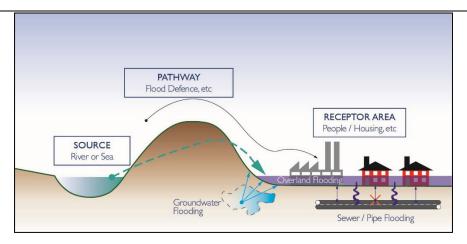


Figure 3-1 Flood Risk Assessment Source – Pathway – Receptor Model

# Amend Section 3.7 of the SFRA, Table 3-4, Line 1 as follows:

The urban settlement is targeted for growth as it is identified as a Self-Sustaining Growth Town in the Core Strategy of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029, aligning with the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area 2010-2022 (now superseded by the Regional Spatial Economic Strategy for the Eastern Midlands Region 2019- 2031) set out the planned direction for growth within the Greater Dublin Area up to 2022 (2031) by giving regional effect to national planning policy under the National Spatial Strategy (NSS) (now superseded by Project Ireland 2040; the National Planning Framework & its Implementation Roadmap) County Development Plan or under the Planning Guidelines or Planning Directives provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

# Amend Section 4.4.2, point vi, of SFRA as follows:

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As well as reducing and treating runoff in accordance with GDSDS, NBS and NWRM also promote biodiversity and provide important amenity value to residents and visitors alike. Therefore, KCC require that SuDS features *may* should contribute towards a *maximum* minimum of 45-10% of the open space requirement where it contributes in a significant and positive way to the design and quality of open space.

#### Amend Section 5.5.1 of the SFRA as follows:

The CFRAM Studies have developed FRMPs to manage flood risk within the relevant catchment. Flood maps were one of the main outputs of the studies and indicate modelled flood extents for flood events of a range of annual exceedance probability (AEP) for catchments greater than 5-1 km2.

### Amend Section 5.5.2 of the SFRA as follows:

Subsequent to the completion of CFRAM, the NIFM study was undertaken to assess fluvial flood risk for catchments greater than 15 km2 not included within CFRAM studies.

Update Section 6 to reflect results of Pluvial Flood Modelling (see Map 10.2 of Draft Plan).

## 6.3 Fluvial Flooding

There are no identified watercourses within Kildare Town, no recorded incidents of fluvial flooding affecting the study area and no predictive flood mapping studies identifying flood risk to the LAP area.

The former watercourse of the Armour Stream is understood to no longer function in a fluvial capacity due to the construction of the M7 motorway diverting the natural catchment and source flows. The remaining channel is heavily culverted and functions as a stormwater drainage asset of the local fields and recent developments.

The risk of fluvial flooding for Kildare Town is deemed to be low and therefore can be screened out at this stage.

# 6.5.4 Identified Area of Potential Flood Risk Pluvial Flood Modelling



Given the significant area of surface water drainage reliant on discharge via infiltration in addition to historic observations of surface water flood risk within Kildare Town, a pluvial flood model was developed to inform the identification of areas within the LAP area that may be susceptible to surface water flooding.

The modelled area was determined based on the information gathered in Stage 1: Flood Risk Identification and took account of:

- Locations with observed historic flooding
- Noted locations of infiltration capacity issues
- Topography
- Wastewater Sewer Networks coverage
- Stormwater Sewer Network coverage

The modelling was completed for the 1%AEP (1-in-100 year) rainfall event covering the modelled area illustrated in Error! Reference source not found..



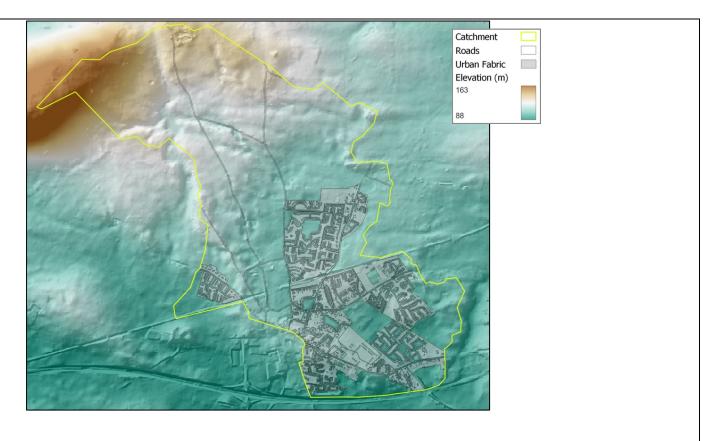


Figure 6-5 Pluvial Model Area

A 2-dimensional 'rain-on-grid' flood model was built in AutoDesk Infoworks ICM and included:



- 5m Photogrammetric DTM
- Spatially Varying Manning's Roughness
- Building Representation
- Met Eireann Depth-Duration-Frequency Rainfall
- Design Rainfall Event hyetographs
- An allowance for infiltration and urban drainage losses

The output of this model is intended for the sole purpose of determining the need to implement Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessments to support development proposal applications within the Kildare Town LAP.

The model results confirm there is a potential risk of pluvial flooding within some areas of the LAP. A precautionary approach has been taken in delineating the areas identified with potential flood risk, as recommended by the Flood Risk Assessment Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009). However, the results of this modelling are not intended for any other purpose and should not be interpreted for wider application of flood risk.

Future development within the identified areas at potential risk will require a Site-Specific FRA to support development applications. The Site-Specific FRA should demonstrate that pluvial flood risk is appropriately managed within the development, and that there is no increase in flood risk elsewhere as a result of the development.



Table 6-1: Potential Pluvial Flood Risk Locations



## Loughminane

Overland flooding from lands to the north of the estate flow south until they are blocked by the railway embankment.

The area has previously been reported to suffer pluvial flooding due to capacity issues in its soakaway systems.



### **Crockanure Glebe**

Runoff from the north of the catchment follows the Old Road in a southerly direction. The flow splits into two flow paths – one towards the pond at Crockanure Glebe and the other towards the Community School. The School also receives overland flow from its north side.

Further south, a flow path exists from west to east which crosses the road and ponds in the new Oakchurch development due to the presence of the Dunmurry Road blocking its progress further east.





# **Clogharret Glebe**

Flood waters accumulate from the north due to low topography.



## **Bishopsland**

Runoff from the northern part of the catchment enters the estate and pools in a low point where its only escape is drainage to infiltration systems.



## **Town Centre and Ruanbeg**

Runoff follows the R401 south of the railway the road before cutting through housing estates at Champion Crescent, through the Barracks and Ruanbeg on to French Furze Road where depths reach a maximum of 1.3m.

Capacity issues have been reported where the R401 crosses under the railway and in some of the estates in this area.





# Collaghknock Glebe

Flood waters accumulate from the north due to low topography.



## **Cunnaberry Hill**

Flood waters flow through the estates to the west and accumulate in a field due to low topography.

This area was highlighted as having a history of flooding during public consultations.

## Amend Section 6.6 with a new final paragraph as follows:

All development proposals should incorporate surface water management in compliance with the Greater Dublin Drainage Strategy (GDSDS), in particular Volume 2 Chapter 6 Stormwater Drainage Design Criteria, and CIRIA SuDS Manual (C753) and with Nature-Based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas Best Practice Interim Guidance Document (2021, DHLGH).

# 7 Development Plan Zoning



#### 7.1 Introduction

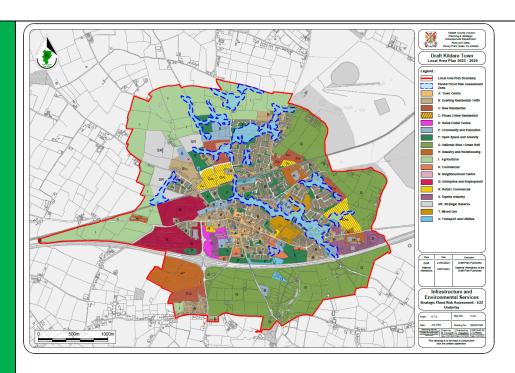
The land use zonings provided by KCC for Kildare Town have been reviewed in the context of the available flood zone mapping, the indicative pluvial risk, the sensitivity of flood extents to climate change and previous SFRA reports. The entire LAP area is contained within Flood Zone C. Therefore, all land use zones both pre-existing and proposed are appropriate for development in accordance with the objectives of the LAP.

Due to the identified pluvial flood risk in Stage 2, developments identified in Error! Reference source not found. within the noted area at risk of pluvial flooding should be subject to a site-specific flood risk assessment at development management stage which should be carried out appropriate to the scale and nature of the development and the risks arising in accordance with Section 5.2 of the Guidelines.

The Site-Specific FRAs should address the site layout with respect to vulnerability of the proposed development type, finished floor levels with freeboard allowance should be above the 0.1% or 1% AEP level where appropriate, flood resilient construction materials and fittings should be considered and the site should not impede existing flow paths or cause flood risk impacts to the surrounding areas.

Applications for minor development to existing buildings in areas of flood risk such as small extensions and most changes of use must include a flood risk assessment of appropriate detail to demonstrate that they would not have adverse flood risk impacts and employ flood resilient construction materials and fittings.





## 9. Summary

## 9.2

Kildare Town is not susceptible to any coastal, fluvial or groundwater flooding but may be susceptible to pluvial flooding. The flood zones extents were reviewed in accordance the Planning System and Flood Risk Assessment Guidelines, identifying Flood Zone C for the entire LAP area. Flood zones only account for fluvial and coastal flooding and are generated without the inclusion of climate change factors. They should not be used to suggest that any areas are free from flood risk as they do not account for potential flooding from pluvial and groundwater.



All development proposals taking place in areas where pluvial flooding is recognised as a flood risk within Kildare Town, must be supported by an appropriately detailed Flood Risk Assessment. The level of detail within the FRA will depend on the risks identified and the proposed land use. The FRA should in general address the site layout with respect to vulnerability of the proposed development type. Finished floor levels should be above the 0.1% or 1% AEP level with appropriate freeboard and an allowance for climate change. Flood resilient construction materials and fittings may be considered, and the developments should not impede existing flow paths or cause flood risk impacts to the surrounding areas. It also may be necessary to develop emergency evacuation plans and defined access / egress routes for extreme flood events.

With regard to item 168 under the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, (SFRA) Cllr. Doyle referred to 6.5.4 relating to the identification of flooding and considered that Campion Crescent and the gates of the chilling factory is subject to flooding – possibly due to works at Magee Barracks.

Ms. O' Reilly stated that the LAP includes an objective regarding Fluvial Flooding and a site specific assessment is required for planning applications within the flood risk zone.

Ms. Granville confirmed that the two locations could be further assessed.

Mr. Conlon read the resolution into the record.

Following consideration of the draft Kildare Town Local Area Plan 2023 – 2029 and the Chief Executive's Report on submissions/observations dated 12th June 2023 in relation to the draft Kildare Town Local Area Plan 2023 – 2029 at a Special Meeting of the Kildare/Newbridge Municipal District held on 18th July 2023, as agreed and as further amended by resolutions, that the Material Alterations to the draft plan be placed on public display in accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended).



On the proposal from Cllr. A. Connolly and seconded by Cllr. N. Connolly and agreed by the Members that the Material Alterations to the draft plan be placed on public display in accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended).

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Members and the Planning Department for all their work and considered that the Local Area Plan process was never an easy process with different pressures coming from various stakeholders but considered that everyone put their best effort into the Plan.

Mr. Dunney noted that the recently released Census data confirmed that the population estimate in the Draft Plan was very accurate being within 1% of the total. Mr. Dunney thanked the Members for the way they approached the meeting.

Ms. Granville thanked the Members and the Planning Department staff, thanking everyone for their energy and considering the Plan was one of compromise. Ms. Granville confirmed that the Proposed Material Alterations would be published in three weeks' time, subject to the SEA and AA requirements and would be out for public consultation for a period of four weeks.

Mr. Conlon thanked the Members, the Planning Department and complemented The Curragh Racecourse team for facilitating the meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.