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1. Introduction

Kildare County Council (KCC) published the Kildare County Development Plan (CDP) 2023-2029 in January 2023. The CDP is the key strategy document which structures the proper planning and sustainable development of land-use across County Kildare over the six-year statutory time period of the plan. The CDP consists of two volumes:

- Volume 1 Written Statement - The Written Statement constitutes the main body of the document which comprises the Vision, Core Strategy, development management standards and the overarching policies and objectives of the Plan.
- Volume 2 Part 1: Small Towns and Environs Plans and Part 2: Villages Plans and Rural Settlements provides a coherent planning framework for the small towns, environs of Ladytown and Blessington, villages, and rural settlements across the county. The Strategy includes land use zoning maps and specific objectives which are underpinned by the strategic vision and the overarching guiding principles of the Kildare CDP.

In March 2025, the first variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 was adopted, the purpose of which was to incorporate a land use plan for the town of Kilcullen into the Kildare CDP 2023-2029. The first variation set out a planning framework for Kilcullen, in the form of a ‘Settlement Plan’. An SEA and AA screening was carried out with regard to the first variation of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029, both of which concluded that the first variation did not require a full SEA and NIS, respectively.

KCC is currently preparing a second Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The purpose of the proposed second Variation, the subject of this SEA Screening, is to incorporate a land use plan for the town of Newbridge into Volume 2 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). This will ensure that a planning framework is in place for Newbridge, in the form of a ‘Settlement Plan.’

Arup has been commissioned by KCC to prepare a report for the purposes of a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening with regards to the proposed second Variation.

2. Proposed Second Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied)

As outlined in Section 1, the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) consists of two volumes, the second of which provides a coherent planning framework for the small towns, the environs of Ladytown and Blessington, villages, and rural settlements across the county. In order to develop thriving areas where people want to live, the overall objective of Volume 2 is to;

1. Support the sustainable growth of our small towns, villages and settlements.
2. Support appropriate local employment opportunities and economic activity.
3. Build on each areas unique character and natural assets.

Newbridge is designated as a self-sustaining growth town in Volume 2 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The other towns with this designation include: Athy, Kildare Town, and Leixlip. The Newbridge Local Area Plan 2013-2019 (amended and extended), is the most recent spatial framework for development locations and land use in Newbridge.

In 2024, KCC commenced the process of preparing a draft Newbridge Local Area Plan 2025-2031, however, following commencement, the Planning and Development Act 2024 was published. The Planning and Development Act 2024, enacted on October 17, 2024, significantly reforms Ireland's planning system.

It introduces a plan-led approach, aiming for greater consistency and clarity in planning at all levels. Key changes include longer-term Development Plans, the introduction of Urban and Priority Area Plans, and the establishment of Urban Development Zones. Consequently, the Planning and Development Act 2024 no longer makes provisions for the development of Local Area Plans.

As there is no longer a legislative provision for local area plans under the Planning and Development Act 2024, the planning framework for Newbridge will be upheld by way of a proposed second Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). Thus, the second Variation aims to incorporate Newbridge into Volume 2 of the CDP in the form of a 'Settlement Plan'. The Newbridge Settlement Plan boundary is illustrated in **Figure 2.1**.

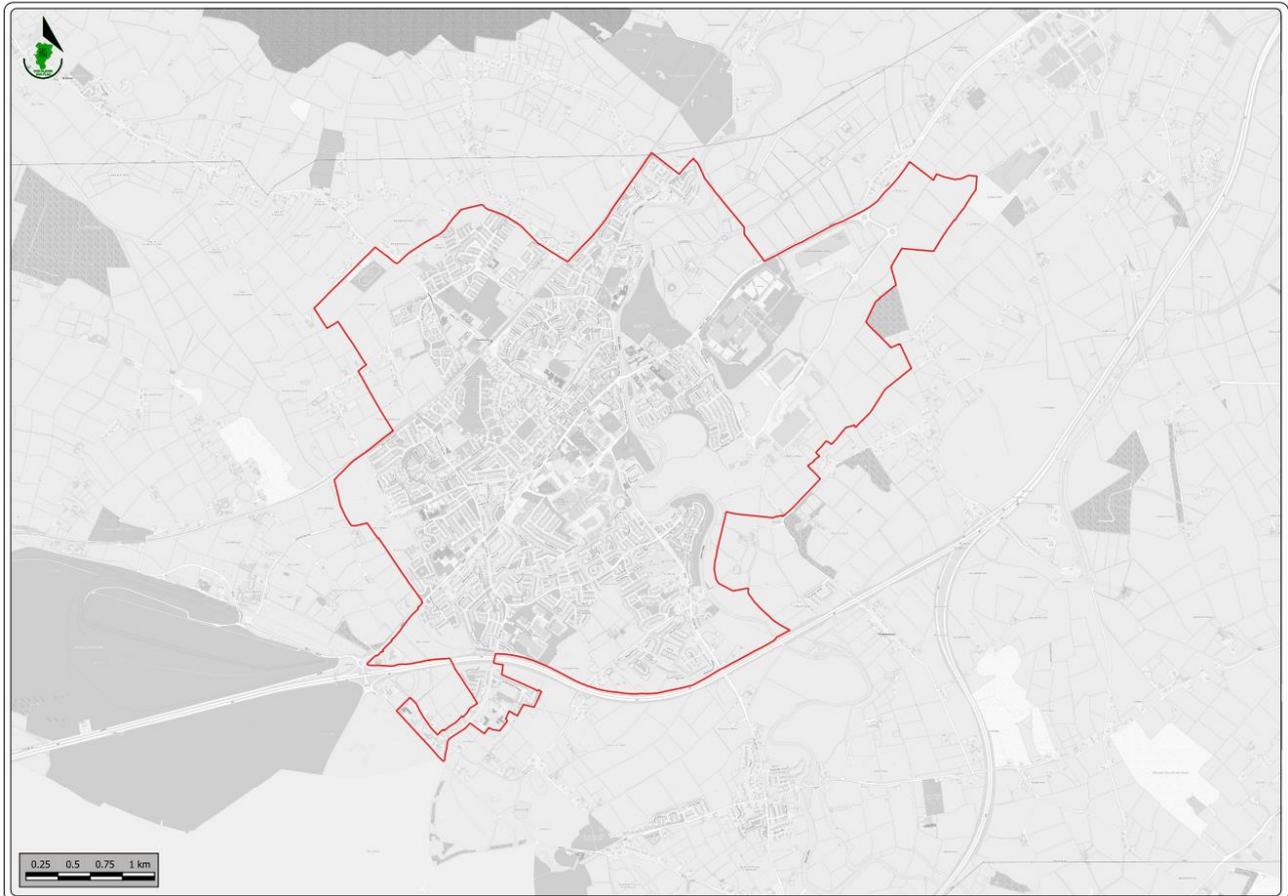


Figure 2.1 Newbridge Settlement Plan Boundary

3. SEA Screening

3.1 Legislative Overview

Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment, (also known as the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive), requires that an environmental assessment is carried out of certain plans and programmes which are likely to have significant effects on the environment.

In Ireland, the SEA Directive has been transposed into national legislation through ‘the SEA Regulations’:

- S.I. No. 435 of 2004 (European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011 (European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011).
- S.I. No. 436 of 2004 (Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 201 of 2011 (Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2011).

As the relevant plan relates to a proposed second Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), S.I. No. 436 of 2004, as amended, is the applicable legislation.

Under Article 7 (13K) of the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004) as amended by the Planning and Development (SEA) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (SI No. 201 of 2011), “*where a planning authority proposes to make a variation of a development plan, it shall.....consider whether or not the proposed variation would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, taking into account of relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A.*”

Thus, KCC, as the planning authority is required to determine whether the proposed second Variation to the Kildare CDP needs to be subject to SEA. This process is referred to as ‘SEA Screening’.

3.2 SEA Screening Methodology

SEA Screening is the process for determining whether a particular plan - or variation to a plan - other than those for which SEA is mandatory, would be likely to have significant environmental effects, and would thus warrant SEA. Such a determination is required to take account of relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A, ‘Criteria for Determining Whether a Plan is Likely to Have Significant Effects on the Environment’ of the SEA Regulations, as amended, and submissions or observations from relevant environmental authorities. The criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment set out in Schedule 2A of the SEA Regulations is outlined below:

1. The characteristics of the plan having regard, in particular, to:
 - The degree to which the plan sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources
 - The degree to which the plan influences other plans, including those in a hierarchy
 - The relevance of the plan for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development
 - Environmental problems relevant to the plan
 - The relevance of the plan for the implementation of European Union legislation on the environment (e.g. plans linked to waste-management or water protection).
2. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to:
 - The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects
 - The cumulative nature of the effects, – the transboundary nature of the effects

- The risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accidents)
- The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)
- The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:
 - a. Special natural characteristics or cultural heritage
 - b. Exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values
 - c. Intensive land-use.
- The effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, European Union or international protection status.

4. SEA Screening of the Proposed Second Variation

Table 4.1 below sets out the criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment set out in Schedule 2A of the SEA Regulations. A response to each of the individual criterion is also included.

Table 4.1 Criteria for Determining Whether a Plan is Likely to have Significant Effects on the Environment

Schedule 2A Criteria for Determining Whether a Plan is Likely to have Significant Effects on the Environment
The characteristics of the plan having regard, in particular, to:
The degree to which the plan sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources
<p>The proposed second Variation involves incorporating the Newbridge Settlement Plan into Volume 2 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). Newbridge is a large town with a population of 24,366 within the CSO defined Built-up Area (BUA) (Census, 2022).</p> <p>As shown in Appendix A, the provisions of the proposed second Variation are broadly consistent with those of the existing Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). As the previous Newbridge Local Area Plan has expired, the proposed second Variation does not introduce significant changes to the existing planning and development framework, which is already governed by the Kildare CDP.</p> <p>Accordingly, the extent to which the proposed second Variation sets a framework for projects or other activities—whether in terms of location, nature, size, operating conditions, or resource allocation—is considered to be limited. This is because the second Variation will simply become part of the existing CDP framework, rather than establishing a new or separate planning context.</p>
The degree to which the plan influences other plans, including those in a hierarchy
<p>KCC proposes to undertake a second Variation to the CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) to incorporate Newbridge into Volume 2 of the CDP by means of a Settlement Plan.</p> <p>As the Newbridge LAP has now expired and will not be replaced, the proposed second Variation will become the sole strategic land-use framework governing development in Newbridge.</p> <p>As such, the proposed second Variation will not influence any other lower-tier plans within a hierarchy. The degree to which it influences other plans is therefore considered to be minor.</p>
The relevance of the plan for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development
<p>The Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) is the principal strategy guiding the proper planning and sustainable development of land use across County Kildare over its six-year statutory period.</p> <p>It is proposed to incorporate a Newbridge Settlement Plan into Volume 2 of the CDP through a second Variation. The Settlement Plan includes detailed provisions to support the sustainable development of Newbridge, with particular emphasis on environmental protection, resource management, and service provision.</p>

Schedule 2A Criteria for Determining Whether a Plan is Likely to have Significant Effects on the Environment

In this context, the proposed second Variation is directly relevant to the integration of environmental considerations and contributes positively to the promotion of sustainable development at the local level.

Environmental problems relevant to the plan

The Settlement Plan, which is proposed to be included in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) by means of the proposed second Variation, contains an overview of the existing baseline environment of Newbridge. According to the Settlement Plan:

- Newbridge, with two water supply sources, has an adequate water supply to meet the current demands. Future demands may currently be at risk due to the Scrowland Water Treatment Plant’s place on the EPA’s Remedial Action List (RAL). A proposed upgrade to the plant is due to be completed by December 2026, which should resolve water supply issues. Water pressure is a noted issue in Newbridge but this is a common issue in settlements around the county. According to the Settlement Plan, Uisce Éireann is monitoring the water pressure throughout Kildare and plans to support measures to improve the situation.
- Newbridge is connected to the Osberstown WWTP, which has sufficient capacity to accommodate any additional growth over the life of this Plan.
- Newbridge has experienced historical reoccurring flood events in a number of areas including Newbridge College, the tributary at the River Liffey, Moorfield and Naas Road. A Strategic flood Risk Assessment conducted to support the preparation of the Settlement Plan has informed mitigation measures to avoid further flood risk in Newbridge.
- Primary schools in Newbridge are close to full capacity. Post-primary schools in Newbridge are at full capacity, with three post-primary schools operating over-capacity. The two Special Education Needs (SEN) schools in Newbridge are operating at full capacity. The further education facilities available in Newbridge are adequate. Additional growth projected over the coming years will require more school places, particularly at primary and post-primary level.
- The number of General Practitioners (GPs) is below the recommended minimum at 8 GPs per 10,000 people instead of the recommended minimum of 12 GPs per 10,000, and is expected to reduce further with planned population growth to 2029.
- The one residential care facility for older people located in close proximity to Newbridge is at 96% capacity. Projected population growth indicates a need for additional beds in residential care settings by 2029.
- The number of parks and gardens per 1000 people falls below the recommended standard, according to the Fields in Trust (FIT) Guidelines (2015). This figure is expected to reduce further with population growth projected to 2029.
- With regard to playgrounds and play facilities, Newbridge does not meet the FIT standards for the current population or for the projected population growth to 2029. Additional 3.57ha of playing space will be required over the plan period to align with FIT guidance.
- Newbridge is an accessible and strategic location within the Greater Dublin area. It is well-connected via M7 and M9 motorways, a mainline rail station, and some local bus routes. However, Newbridge residents are highly car-dependent, with 58% of work trips and 27% of education trips taking place by private car. Additionally, Newbridge is underserved by local bus routes.
- There are 37 protected structures located within the Newbridge Settlement Plan boundary. The Plan recommends the addition of the Barracks Arch and the Watering gates, remnants of the old Cavalry Barracks in Newbridge, to the Record of Protected Structures due to their positive contribution in terms of architectural interest, historical interest and social interest in Newbridge. This will be carried out through a separate statutory process under Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).
- There are 12 SMRs, three of which are also listed on the Register of Monuments and Places (RMPs) in Newbridge.
- There is one registered historic monument in Newbridge.
- There are no designated sites for the protection of habitats and species located within the Plan area. However, there are two designated sites located within the vicinity of the Plan area, including Pollardstown Fen Special Area of Conservation (SAC) (site code: 000396) and Mouds Bog SAC (site code: 000395). These are located adjacent to the western boundary of Plan area and to the north of the Plan area, respectively.
- There are other protected sites in the form of Natural Heritage Areas (NHA) located in the vicinity of the Plan area, including the Curragh proposed NHA (pNHA) (site code: 000392), located to the southwest of the Plan area boundary, and the Grand Canal pNHA (site code: 002104), located to the east of the Plan boundary.
- The River Liffey bisects the town of Newbridge, acting as the main ecological epicentre of the town, and as an important ecological corridor.

The proposed second Variation seeks to address the environmental problems identified, through the inclusion of planning objectives which will structure the proper planning and sustainable development of land-use in Newbridge.

The relevance of the plan for the implementation of European Union legislation on the environment (e.g. plans linked to waste management or water protection)

It is proposed to incorporate a Newbridge Settlement Plan into Volume 2 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) through a second Variation.

The Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) includes objectives that support the implementation of European Union environmental legislation, including those relating to waste management, water protection, and broader environmental governance. These objectives, set out in Volume 1 of the CDP, will apply to the Newbridge Settlement Plan upon its incorporation.

Schedule 2A Criteria for Determining Whether a Plan is Likely to have Significant Effects on the Environment

Accordingly, the proposed second Variation is relevant to the implementation of European Union environmental legislation, as it ensures that the strategic planning framework for Newbridge aligns with these legislative requirements.

Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to:

The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects,

An environmental screening of the detailed provisions of the proposed second Variation to the Kildare CDP is contained in Appendix A.

The detailed provisions of the proposed second Variation are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. The proposed second Variation largely aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

The cumulative nature of the effects,

An environmental screening of the detailed provisions of the proposed second Variation to the Kildare CDP is contained in Appendix A.

The detailed provisions of the proposed second Variation are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. The proposed second Variation aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. As such, no likely cumulative effects are identified.

The transboundary nature of the effects,

The proposed second Variation to the CDP is limited in its influence to the area of Newbridge. The scale and character of the proposed second Variation therefore precludes the possibility of cumulative effects.

The risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accidents),

An environmental screening of the detailed provisions of the proposed second Variation to the Kildare CDP is contained in Appendix A.

The detailed provisions of the proposed second Variation are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. The proposed second Variation aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) and does not introduce any potential effects on human health that were not already assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected).

The proposed second Variation to the CDP is limited in its influence to the area of Newbridge.

An environmental screening of the detailed provisions of the proposed second Variation to the Kildare CDP is contained in Appendix A. The detailed provisions of the proposed second Variation are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. The proposed second Variation aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:

- a. special natural characteristics or cultural heritage,
- b. exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values,
- c. intensive land-use

As described under the criterion 'environmental problems relevant to the plan', the Settlement Plan, which is proposed to be included in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 by means of the proposed second Variation, contains an overview of the existing baseline environment of Newbridge. No significant issues were identified.

The effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, European Union or international protection status.

An environmental screening of the detailed provisions of the proposed second Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) is contained in Appendix A.

The proposed second Variation aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) and does not introduce any potential effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, European Union or international protection status, that were not already assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

5. Appropriate Assessment

The EU Habitats Directive, its transposing Birds and Natural Habitats Regulations 2011 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) provide the requirement to screen for effects on Natura 2000, or 'European Sites'. These sites have been designated or proposed for designation by virtue of their ecological importance. If the effects are deemed to be significant, potentially significant, or uncertain then Appropriate Assessment (AA) must be undertaken.

The proposed second Variation was subject to a screening process in order to establish whether or not AA must be undertaken. The Screening for AA identified that implementation of the objectives proposed in respect of the proposed second Variation, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, will not have a likely significant effect on European Sites.

Therefore, at this stage, AA is not required. Any proposed changes to the proposed second Variation will be subject to further Screening for AA.

6. Conclusion

SEA Screening is the process for determining whether a particular plan - or Variation to a plan - other than those for which SEA is mandatory, would be likely to have significant environmental effects, and would thus warrant SEA.

The purpose of the report is to evaluate the requirement for SEA to be undertaken on the proposed second Variation of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).

The assessment of the proposed second Variation provided in this report (including against the criteria set out in Schedule 2A of the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations, as amended) has found that the proposed second Variation would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

The AA Screening undertaken on the proposed second Variation has likewise determined that no AA is required in relation to the proposed second Variation.

Therefore, on the basis of the above assessment, including consideration of the criteria as set out in Schedule 2A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2011 (as amended), the proposed second Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) does not require full SEA.

Appendix A

Environmental Screening of Provisions of Proposed Second Variation

Proposed Second Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied); Inclusion of a Settlement Plan for Newbridge	Are similar provisions included in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied)?	Are significant negative effects on the environment expected to arise as a result of the objective?
CSO 1.1 Ensure sufficient land is zoned at appropriate locations to accommodate sustainable housing growth in Newbridge in accordance with the housing unit allocation in Table 2.8 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 -2029 (as varied) and to ensure the balanced and strategic development of Newbridge.	This objective aligns with provision HO O2 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
CSO 1.2 Support and facilitate compact growth development in Newbridge through the application of the 10-minute settlement concept, the consolidation of the existing urban form and the sequential approach to land use development.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including, but not limited to HO O4, HO O5, HO O8.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
CSO 1.3 Support new residential development and infill development that occurs in tandem with the delivery of supporting physical and social infrastructure.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029, including, but not limited to HO O8, HO O9, and HO O16.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
CSO 1.4 Prioritise the development of Newbridge Town Centre and Newbridge Central Settlement Consolidation Site with a mix of uses, including residential to ensure a vibrant and dynamic commercial core through the utilisation of brownfield and infill sites.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029, including, but not limited to HO O5, HO O8, and HO O9.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
<p>CSO 1.5 Facilitate the sequential development of lands designated as ‘Phase 2 New Residential’ on Map 11.1 – Land Use Zoning Objectives, through a plan-led approach, implemented via a statutory variation to the County Core Strategy in Volume 1 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023–2029 (as varied).</p> <p>The revised Core Strategy will support the orderly, phased release of the CP2 (1), CP2 (2) and CP2 (3) lands to accommodate future housing growth in Newbridge, aligned with updated housing targets.</p> <p>Pending their release these ‘Phase 2 New Residential’ lands should be safeguarded from inappropriate development to preserve their strategic function beyond the current development plan period.</p>	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029, including, but not limited to HO O1, HO O4, and HO O8.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
CSO 1.6 Monitor the level of residential development within Newbridge during the lifetime of the Plan and apply appropriate development management prioritisation measures to ensure the delivery of strategic plan-led and coordinated balanced development within the town.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to MI O1.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
CSO 1.7 Protect the lands identified as ‘Strategic Reserve’ on Map 11.1 Land Use Zoning Objectives from inappropriate forms of development, thereby managing and controlling the risk of piecemeal and haphazard development on these lands to safeguard their strategic value in accommodating the orderly sequential expansion of the urban settlement of Newbridge beyond the lifetime of the Plan.	This objective relates to objective SC O2 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). This objective relates to preservation of land for future development. No development is likely to occur within the plan period.

Proposed Second Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied); Inclusion of a Settlement Plan for Newbridge	Are similar provisions included in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied)?	Are significant negative effects on the environment expected to arise as a result of the objective?
		Therefore, negative impacts are not expected to occur as a result of this objective.
TCO 1.1 Promote the town centre as the priority location for commercial, civic, social and cultural development and facilitate the renewal of derelict sites and brownfield land to support compact growth development that consolidates and regenerates the existing urban core.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to HO O8, HO O9, HO O12, RET O18, RET O56.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
TCO 1.2 Encourage and facilitate the full use of existing buildings and sites and in particular the use of upper floors and backlands, having particular regard to high quality urban design and materials used, as well as integration and linkages.	This objective aligns with provision HO O11 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
TCO 1.3 Protect the vibrancy, ambience, quality and vitality of the town centre by: Promoting an appropriate mix of day and night-time uses. ii. Preventing an excessive concentration of non-desirable uses including takeaways, off-licences, bookmakers, phone repair shops and vape shops (where planning permission is required). iii. Facilitating development that will attract and retain commercial and retail activities in the town centre. iv. Encouraging the re-use of vacant units for alternative functions and uses such as live-work units, 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 a theatre or museum.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to RET O13, RET O18, RET O24, RET O83, RET O85.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
TCO 2.1 Encourage the retention of the retail function of ground floor uses within the Core Retail Area and carefully consider development which would individually or cumulatively undermine the primary use of the Core Retail Area, particularly on Main Street, for retail purposes taking cognisance of the need to address vacancy and the move towards ‘experience-led retailing’.	This objective aligns with provisions RET O16, RET O22 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
TCO 2.2 Protect and support the continued operation of the Whitewater Shopping Centre and major retailers in the town centre, while also facilitating additional global and national retailers in the development of infill sites and the redevelopment/renewal of under-utilised sites and buildings, at an appropriate scale, with universal access and design.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to RET O21, RET O24, RET O25.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
TCO 2.3 Support and facilitate the development of a diverse retail offering, particularly in the areas of independent and niche retailing within the town centre and on the laneways between Eyre Street and the northern side of Main Street.	This objective aligns with provisions RET O23, RET O25 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

Proposed Second Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied); Inclusion of a Settlement Plan for Newbridge	Are similar provisions included in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied)?	Are significant negative effects on the environment expected to arise as a result of the objective?
TCO 2.4 Encourage the upkeep of retail properties within Newbridge through the application of the Kildare County Council’s Shopfront Improvement, Accessibility and Age Friendly Grant Scheme or any successor of same.	This objective aligns with provisions RET O63, RET O64 and RET O40 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
TCO 3.1 Protect the inherent character of the town centre and ensure that new development responds positively to its established built form, fine urban grain, and human scale to sustain and improve its attraction for living, working, visiting and investment.	This objective aligns with provisions RET O19, RET O50, RET O64 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
TCO 3.2 Require that all new development enhances the quality of the public realm. This includes the facilitation of a connected network of streets and spaces which prioritise pedestrians and cyclists and provides for the possibility of connections to future development on adjacent lands.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to RET O7, RET O63, RET O80 and UD O8.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
TCO 3.3 Continue to actively engage with the community, landowners, developers and other agencies to secure resources for the enhancement, renewal and regeneration of Newbridge Town Centre.	This objective aligns with UD O6 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
<p>TCO 3.4 Facilitate the implementation of the urban renewal projects throughout the town centre outlined in Section 4.3.1 including the following in:</p> <p>Newbridge Cultural Quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New public civic squares – redevelopment of Old Market Square and St. Conleth’s Square. • Main Street/Edward Street and Georges Street – formation of a cultural quarter by enhancing the streetscape and providing bus priority routes. <p>Athgarvan Road and Environs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved pedestrian and cycle crossing points across Athgarvan Road. <p>Eyre Street and Laneways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath widening and resurfacing of adjoining laneways. <p>These projects shall be implemented on a phased basis over the life of the Plan and beyond, to improve the vitality and vibrancy of the public realm.</p>	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to UD O1, UD O8, RET O7, and TM O7.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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TCO 3.5 Actively engage with the community and other agencies to secure resources for the purposes of an outdoor civic hub such as a market or event space at Market Square.	This objective aligns with UD O6, RET O43, and RET O81 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
TCO 3.6 Support the development and renovation/upgrading of the quality of civic facilities in the town centre over the lifetime of the Plan and beyond, including: 1. Newbridge Library 2. St. Conleth’s Park 3. The Riverbank Arts Centre 4. Green Energy Hub	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to SC A15, SC P11, RE O79, EC O52.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
TCO 3.7 Support the Town Team and the Town Regeneration Officer in the carrying out of their duties in Newbridge in respect of prioritising the regeneration of the town centre through the application of the government’s Town Centre First policy (2022).	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to UD O6, RET O7, RET O8, RET O10, RET O18, amongst others.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
TCO 3.8 Support the community and other agencies in the implementation of the ‘Safer Newbridge Project’ on Eyre Street as an exemplar of crime prevention through environmental design.	This objective aligns with provision UD O4 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
TCO 4.1 Support and facilitate the regeneration of the Newbridge Central Settlement Consolidation Site for town centre uses and compact growth development, in accordance with the Urban Design Framework set out in Sections 4.4.2, 4.4.3 and Figure 4.10.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to RET O18, RET O24, UD O1, UD P2.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
TCO 4.2 Deliver a cohesive and integrated approach to the development of the Newbridge Central Settlement Consolidation Site. The delivery and realisation of the vision for the Central Settlement Consolidation Site is fully dependent on cooperation between all landowners. Piecemeal or uncoordinated proposals for individual sites will not be permitted where it does not adhere to an agreed masterplan and/or prejudice the delivery of the overall regeneration of the area. Where necessary Kildare County Council will facilitate the preparation of the masterplan (to include but not limited to infrastructure delivery and phasing) to guide and regulate the implementation of this strategic area of Newbridge.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to RET 022 and RET 023.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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EDO 1.1 Facilitate sustainable economic development and employment growth in Newbridge in accordance with its designation as a Self-Sustaining Growth Town while adhering to the overall Economic Development Strategy of this Plan.	This objective aligns with provision RE O1 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
EDO 1.2 Support the IDA and other relevant landholders in the further development of the Littleconnell Employment Area for high value manufacturing and logistics enterprises as part of the Council’s Naas to Newbridge Strategic Economic and Employment Zone. Development proposals within this area require a detailed design statement which showing adherence to the design framework in Section 5.4.2 including active travel and public transport measures and a Traffic and Transport Assessment to ensure there are no negative impacts on the local and national road network. Such proposals shall also have regard to the Spatial Planning and National Road Guidelines 2012 (or any subsequent Guidelines).	This objective aligns with provisions RE O2, RE O34, RE O26 and UD A2 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
EDO 1.3 Incentivise employment creation on lands zoned ‘A: Town Centre’ through the reuse of vacant commercial premises as a key driver of regeneration, through the application of the Commercial Incentive Grant Scheme (2024) or any successors to the same.	This objective aligns with provision RE O12, RE O48, RE O45 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
EDO 1.4 Promote the economic renewal and revitalisation of Cill Dara Industrial Estate as a dynamic and sustainable employment cluster into a vibrant mixed-use quarter with a distinct spatial identity.	This objective aligns with provision RE O42, RET O74, UD O7 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
EDO 1.5 Encourage the development of employment areas in a comprehensive manner which uses existing infrastructure effectively and efficiently, ensuring they are designed to the highest architectural and landscaping standards, with natural site features, such as watercourses, trees and hedgerows be retained and enhanced as an integral part of the scheme.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to RE O56, RE P1, RET O64, BI P1, and BI O18.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
EDO 1.6 Support and encourage ‘living over the shop’ initiatives, and the provision of ground floor live-work units and/or co-working spaces as part of mixed-use and residential developments in the town centre, as a means of enlivening streets and to provide flexible accommodation for small businesses and remote working opportunities.	This objective aligns with provision RE O48, RE O53 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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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 tourism within Newbridge, that respect, respond and enhance their physical location, environmental quality and community setting.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to RE O119, RE O98, RE O122, RE O125, RE O135 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
EDO 2.2 Facilitate the provision of additional over-night tourist accommodation in appropriately zoned locations and support the re-use of vacant building stock for appropriate tourism related activities.	This objective aligns with provision RE O37, RE O98, RE O100, RE O105 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
EDO 2.3 Support and promote the inclusion of cafés and eateries in Newbridge as part of a food tourism experiential trail for the county.	This objective aligns with provision RET O81, RET O82 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No. The Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) includes provisions to support cafes and eateries in order to promote sustainable and local food production and consumption. The potential effects of these provisions were assessed as part of the SEA and AA for the CDP.
EDO 2.4 Support and promote eco-tourism facilities to foster greater appreciation for the natural environment of Newbridge.	This objective aligns with provision RE O99, RE P24 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 1.1 Promote new residential development that occurs in tandem with the delivery of supporting physical and social infrastructure identified in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) and set out in Table 11.3: Implementation and Infrastructure Delivery Schedule – Central Newbridge and New Residential Lands in Chapter 11.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to HO O6, SC O15, SC O16, SC O17, SC O93, SC O94, UD O7 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 1.2 Encourage the appropriate redevelopment of brownfield and infill sites for a mix of uses (including residential) within the Built-Up Footprint (BUF) of Newbridge, as identified on Map 11.2: Implementation.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to RET O18, HO O5, HO O8, HO P22 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 1.3 Require a high standard of urban design to be integrated into the layout and design of all new residential development in Newbridge and ensure compliance with the principles of healthy placemaking by integrating opportunities for physical activities, social interaction and active travel, through the creation of compact, permeable developments which feature high-quality pedestrian and cyclist connectivity.	This objective aligns with provision UD P1, UD O1 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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HCO 2.1 Support and facilitate new schools and improvements/expansion of existing educational facilities, including special needs education and further educational opportunities which may arise, at appropriate locations accounting for the 10-minute settlement concept.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to TM A25, TM A10, SC O67, SC O68, SC O74, SC P12 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 2.2 Continue to engage with the Department of Education and Youth in respect of the identification and phased delivery of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new 24 - 32 classroom primary school at Crotanstown on lands zoned as ‘E (1): Community and Education’. • A 1,000 pupil post primary school in Newbridge at Cornelscourt on lands zoned as ‘E (3): Community and Education’. 	This objective aligns with provision UD O3, SC P12, SC O67, SC O68, SC O71, SC O74 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 3.1 Support the provision of appropriately located and purpose-built early learning and childcare facilities to resolve the current capacity issues and to meet the pro-rata childcare needs of housing development during the plan period.	This objective aligns with provision SC A19, SC O78, SC O79, SC O80, SC O81, SC O82, SC O84, SC O87 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 4.1 Support and liaise with operators of public and private healthcare facilities by encouraging the provision of facilities in appropriate locations in Newbridge in order to address the current deficit provision and to meet future needs during the lifetime of the Plan.	This objective aligns with provision SC O88, SC O89, SC O92 and SC O94 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 4.2 Support the delivery of a new primary care centre on land zoned ‘MU: Mixed Use’, as outlined in Section 4.4.3. - Newbridge Central SCS Urban Design Framework, subject to planning and design considerations.	This objective aligns with provision SC A20, SC O89 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 4.3 Support the provision of GP practices in Newbridge within the town centre, in designated neighbourhood centres and on lands zoned for community purposes, subject to planning and design considerations.	This objective aligns with provision SC O89 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 4.4 Require planning applications for new Neighbourhood Centre developments within Newbridge to be accompanied by a feasibility study for a GP practice to be located within the respective development.	This objective aligns with provision SC O89, SC O94 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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HCO 4.5 Support the provision of residential care facilities and services for older people, subject to appropriate siting and universal design considerations, including the redevelopment of the Liffey Lodge into age-friendly housing the development of lands zoned 'E (2): Community and Education' for the development of individual housing units and/or a nursing home facility to provide for the needs of the elderly. .	This objective aligns with provision SC O36, SC O37, SC O39, SC O40, SC O41 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	These provisions align with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CD P2023-2029 (as varied). The redevelopment of specific locations in Newbridge may not have been assessed in the CDP and therefore, their potential impacts may require further examination.
<p>HCO 5.1 Support to and facilitate the Parks and Open Space Department in the delivery of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety measures along the towpath in Liffey Linear Park from the Strand to The Gables and upgrade the wooden boardwalk. • A masterplan for Dara Park. • A masterplan for the amenity green space of Pairc Mhuire. 	This objective aligns with provision LR A15, LR O65, LR O56, LR O80, LR O94, LR O95 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	These specific objectives are not included in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). However, there is provision in the CDP for Town Renewal Masterplans which would encompass these items. Therefore, the potential impacts which may arise from these items have already been assessed and mitigated in the SEA and AA prepared for the CDP.
HCO 5.2 Support and facilitate the development of a new urban neighbourhood park in Newbridge; on the opposite side of the river from the Liffey Linear Park on lands zoned 'F (1): Open Space' on Map 11.2: Implementation which shall contain a number of play facilities catering for a variety of ages and abilities, outdoor seating, multi-use sports facilities(including water-based activities, if appropriate). The park shall incorporate a comprehensive landscaping scheme that enhances the existing riparian habitat.	This objective aligns with provision LR O67, LR O94, LR O95 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 5.3 Extend and develop a linear park along both sides of the River Liffey from Tankardsgarden to the M7 Motorway and to continue the development of the riverside park system for the purposes of passive recreation and water sports in accordance with the objectives outlined in Liffey Valley Strategy' Towards a Liffey Valley Park (2006), or any superseding plan.	This objective aligns with provision LR O65, LR O67, LR O99 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 5.4 Promote community-managed gardens, allotments, sensory gardens at appropriate locations on Newbridge, including but not limited to lands adjacent to the Newbridge Family Resource Centre identified in Kildare's Allotment and Community Garden Strategy 2024 – 2030.	This objective aligns with provision LR O101, LR O102, LR O103, LR O104 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 5.5 Improve existing open space areas in housing developments that have been taken in charge and to provide additional play facilities, pocket parks and outdoor seating where feasible and appropriate.	This objective aligns with provision LR O81, LR O82, LR O95, SC O13 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 5.6 Investigate the feasibility of providing a dog park within lands designated for Open Space and Amenity.	This objective aligns with provision LR O80, LR O96 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	The provision of a dog park is not included in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), but does relate to provisions associated with the development of public spaces and green spaces in Kildare.

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HCO 6.1 Facilitate sports clubs, community groups and educational institutions in the acquisition and/or use of accessible lands for sports and recreation purposes and support the delivery of multi-use sports facilities on appropriately zoned land such as 'F (1): Open Space and Amenity', 'F (2): Open Space and Amenity' and 'F (3): Open Space and Amenity' within the Plan area.	This objective aligns with provision LR O89, LR O90, LR O91, LR O92, SC O7 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 6.2 Support the delivery of a Municipal Sporting Facility in Newbridge and work with key stakeholders to deliver a shared amenity for sports clubs and the general public.	This objective aligns with provision, SC O20, SC O28 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 6.3 Facilitate the development of a network of universally designed playgrounds on amenity spaces and recreational areas throughout the town and support the Parks and Open Space Department in Kildare County Council in the delivery of playgrounds at Moorefield Park, Dara Park and Pairc Mhuire.	This objective aligns with provision LR A20, LR O87, SC O25, SC O26 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 6.4 Actively seek funding from relevant agencies and government sources including the Large-Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) to secure financial support to develop sports facilities on lands zoned 'F (1), F (2) and F (3): Open Space'.	This objective aligns with provision UD A1, SC O20, SC O28 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 6.5 Address the deficit in social infrastructure in respect of the provision of an urban neighbourhood park, municipal sports facility and a community centre through the application of a Special Development Contribution where specific exceptional costs in respect of recreational and community facilities are not covered by the Kildare County Council Development Contribution Schemes 2023-2029, or any successor of same.	This objective aligns with provision SC O9, SC O13, SC O15, SC O16, SC O20, LR O65 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	While this objective is not directly linked to any of the provisions in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), it aligns with various other objectives for development included in the CDP which were assessed and mitigated in the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 7.1 Actively support the development of universally accessible community centres/halls that support a wide range of uses for groups and clubs on lands zoned 'E (2): Community and Education' E (4): Community and Education' and a changing and community facility on lands zoned 'F (1) Open Space and Amenity'.	This objective aligns with provision SC P2, SC O6, SC O8, SC O9 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 7.2 Support the approved refurbishment and extension of the existing Newbridge Library, to create the new Kildare County Library which is both a cultural centre and a community facility.	This objective aligns with provision SC P11, SC O60, SC O63, SC O64, in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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HCO 8.1 Support and facilitate the extension of St. Conleth’s Cemetery on lands zoned ‘E: Community and Education immediately south of the existing cemetery, subject to detailed design and environmental assessment.	This objective aligns with provision SC O99, SC O100, SC O101 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
HCO 9.1 Support and facilitate the development of a neighbourhood centre east of Newbridge within the Greatconnell Key Development Area in lands zoned ‘N (1): Neighbourhood Centre’ and on lands at Crotanstown zoned ‘N(2): Neighbourhood Centre’ in accordance with the definition outlined in the Section 28 Retail Planning Guidelines (2012) subject to planning, transport and environmental considerations.	This objective aligns with provision SC O17, SC O8 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 1.1 Adopt a ‘whole journey approach’ to delivering transport infrastructure in Newbridge, to ensure universal accessibility is integrated into all stages of a person’s journey from starting point to destination. This includes making all footpaths, tactile paving, cycle paths, roads, pedestrian crossing points, greenways and bus stops / shelters fully accessible to older people, people with disabilities and people with young children.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to TM A2, TM O2, TM O44, TM O47 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 2.1 Support and facilitate the implementation of the measures in the Newbridge Area Based Transport Assessment including those detailed in Table 7.1, Map 7.1 ‘Transport and Movement – Walking Measures and Map 7.2 ‘Transport and Movement – Cycling Measures’ to improve movement through the settlement and promote modal shift from the private car to more sustainable modes in conjunction with the National Transport Authority, and other relevant stakeholders. The indicative measures will form the basis for individual projects. Each project will be subject to a detailed design process, including environmental and/or ecological assessment, where applicable. All measures shall incorporate nature-based solutions to surface water management..	This objective aligns with multiple provisions in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to TM O7, TM O10, TM O111 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 2.2 Ensure that all development allows for universally accessible connectivity for active travel modes to adjacent lands, in accordance with Reimagining Permeability in Kildare - Reconnecting our Communities: Permeability Guidelines April (2024), or any updated version of same.	This objective aligns with provision TM O3, TM O101, TM A20, in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 2.3 Engage with Iarnród Éireann and all relevant landowners to implement greenways north of the rail line and along the western bank of the River Liffey as detailed in Maps 7.1 and 7.2. Subject to detailed engineering design, Environmental Impact Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA).	This objective aligns with provision LR O46, TM O24 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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MATO 2.4 Provide appropriate, secure and sheltered bicycle parking facilities at locations identified on Map 7.2 'Transport and Movement – Cycling Measures'.	This objective aligns with provision LR O58, TM O38 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 2.5 Support and improve links from Newbridge Town Centre to destinations outside the plan area including Corbally Harbour (and Naas via the Grand Canal Greenway), the Curragh Plains and Pollardstown Fen using Quietway routes along existing rural roads as detailed in Map 7.1 and Map 7.2, subject to detailed design, environmental and planning assessments.	This objective aligns with provision LR O59, TM O90, TM O100 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 2.6 Support the implementation School Safe Zones identified on Map 7.1 in line with the National Transport Authority's Safe Routes to School Programme.	This objective aligns with provision TM P2, TM A10, TM A12, TM A18 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 2.7 Support the development of a shared cycle scheme in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA) for the town of Newbridge.	This objective aligns with provision TMA2, TM A5, TM O12 and TMO34 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 3.1 Support sustainable mobility within Newbridge by focusing people-intensive land uses around existing public transport nodes of Newbridge Train Station.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to RET O6, RET O14, TM O41, TM P1, SC O24, SC O30 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 3.2 - Support and facilitate, in conjunction with the National Transport Authority, the implementation of the public transport measures in the Newbridge Area Based Transport Assessment including those detailed in Table 7.2 and Map 7.3 Transport and Movement – Public Transport, to encourage a shared mode of travel and incentivise train and bus travel.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), including but not limited to RET O6, RET O14, TM O41, TM P1, SC O24, SC O30 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 3.3 Actively engage and co-operate with the Department of Transport, National Transport Authority (NTA), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), Irish Rail, Local Link and other stakeholders to improve the provision of public transport in Newbridge, increasing the number of destinations available and increasing the frequency of train and buses, as identified in Table 7.2.	This objective aligns with provision TM P2, TM O10, TM O57 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were considered and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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MATO 3.4 Support and facilitate the National Transport Authority (NTA) in the delivery of the looped bus route on Map 7.3 – Transport and Movement Public Transport to serve both the existing town and the expanding areas of Newbridge including in Rickardstown, Cornelscourt and Greatconnell.	This objective aligns with provision TM O2, TM O47 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 3.5 Support and facilitate Iarnród Éireann in the further development of Newbridge Train Station, including ancillary supporting infrastructure that improves user experience in terms of shelter, universal access and parking, subject to planning and environmental considerations.	This objective aligns with provisions TM O52 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
<p>MATO 3.6 Support and facilitate the development of Key Destination Hubs on Map 7.3 that provide for interchange between public transport modes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newbridge Train Station • Whitewater Shopping Centre • Newbridge IDA Business Park • Littleconnell Strategic Employment Area 	This objective aligns with provisions TM O18, TM O42, TM O49 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 3.7 Support and facilitate the development of a local interchange mobility hub at the Liffey View/Main Street carpark in Newbridge.	This objective aligns with provisions TM O18, TM O42, TM O49, TM O55 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 3.8 Support the delivery of a series of Neighbourhood Mobility Hubs to complement the Key Destination Hubs and Local Interchange Hub in Newbridge Town Centre.	This objective aligns with provisions TM O18, TM O42, TM O49, TM O55 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 4.1 Facilitate the implementation of the road and parking measures outlined in Table 7.3 and Map 7.4 Transport and Movement – Road Network Measures and in Table 7.4 and on Map 7.5 Transport and Movement – Parking Measures, in accordance with the DMURS standards for urban roads and streets and where necessary preserve the identified road routes for the future delivery of the proposed roads. All measures shall incorporate nature-based solutions to surface water management.	This objective aligns with provisions TM P2, TM O19 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 4.2 Support and prioritise the development of the Newbridge Southern Ring Road and associated bridge over the River Liffey within the lifetime of the Plan.	This objective aligns with the provisions of TM O66 and Item J from Table 5.4 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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MATO 4.3 Support and facilitate the implementation of the preferred car parking measures, as outlined on Map 7.5 Transport and Movement – Parking Measures.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) including but not limited to TM O3, TM O5, TM O7, TM P4.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The mitigation measures outlined in preparation of the CDP encompass all areas within Kildare. Therefore, the potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 4.4 Promote car-free or low car developments in the opportunity sites identified in the Newbridge Central Settlement Consolidation Site, identified in Figure 4.10 Urban Design Framework for the Newbridge Central Settlement Consolidation Site.	This objective aligns with provisions TM A10, TM O106 and TM O111 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 4.5 Support the provision of charging infrastructure for electric vehicles (EVs) at Newbridge Town Hall public car park and on other public and private lands, in accordance with County Development Plan standards.	This objective aligns with provisions TM O49, TM O116, TM O117 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 4.6 Require developers of residential developments of 100 units or more or residential schemes of 20 units or more located within 1,000 metres of high-capacity public transport routes (i.e. Newbridge Train Station) or schemes over 2,000 square metres within the Littleconnell Employment Area to provide reserved space for Car Sharing Schemes.	This objective aligns with provisions TM O111, TM O122 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
BHO 1.1 Encourage the sensitive restoration and enhancement of shopfronts and signage of architectural merit or heritage value, and promote the replacement of inappropriate shopfronts and signage. Proposals for new shopfronts and signage, contemporary or traditional, will be required to respond positively to the proportions of the building and complement the character of the area in terms of design, detail, lighting and materials. The use of the Irish language within signage should be considered.	This objective aligns with provisions RE O40, RET O64 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	While this objective is not directly aligned with the provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), it is partially aligned with some objectives, and is not expected to result in significant environmental impacts.
<p>BHO 1.2 Reduce, prevent and encourage the removal of visual and urban clutter within the town centre including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive traffic management structures and related signage • Utility structures and signage • Commercial related signage (including signs protruding from the façade) at ground and upper floor levels • Obsolete/unnecessary lighting, electrics, cables, ducts • External roller shutters and shutter boxes • Internally affixed stickers and internally illuminated signage, where planning permission is required. 	This objective aligns with provisions RET O24, UD O2, LR O17 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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BHO 1.3 Proactively address dereliction, endangerment, neglect and vacancy in the town centre, particularly within its network of back lanes, through the application of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and the Residential Zoned Land Tax as well as through the promotion of appropriate uses and the sensitive conservation of historic buildings, in conjunction with other relevant initiatives.	This objective aligns with provisions RET O18, RET O56 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
BHO 2.1 Protect and promote the archaeological heritage of Newbridge, in particular those sites illustrated on Map 8.1 and Map 8.2 Built Heritage and Archaeology and listed in Appendix 6 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as varied) , and avoid negative impacts on sites, monuments, features or objects of significant historical or archaeological interest by ensuring archaeological assessments are undertaken to inform proposed development in accordance with the Framework and Principles for the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (1999) (or any subsequent guidance).	This objective aligns with provisions AH O2, AH O3, AH O4, AH O5 and others in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
BHO 2.2 Prioritise the protection/preservation in situ of items of archaeological interest as listed in Table 8.2 and shown on Map 8.1 and Map 8.2 from inappropriate development that would adversely affect and/or detract from the interpretation and setting of these sites.	This objective aligns with provisions AH O2, AH O4, AH O6 and others in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
BHO 2.3 Support the sensitive incorporation of public amenity and open spaces around monuments (where practical), 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.	This objective aligns with provision AH O19, LR O66, LR O69 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
BHO 2.4 Support the protection, preservation and promotion of military architecture including structures associated with the former cavalry barracks walls on Athgarvan Road, Cutlery Road and within the Liffey Linear Park.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) including, but not limited to, AH O20, AH O21, AH O22.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
BHO 2.5 Seek the implementation of heritage-led regeneration including that of the public realm, through funding sources such as the Historic Town Initiative and the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (or any successor fund).	This objective aligns with provision AH O15 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
BHO 2.6 Ensure old stones walls around the Liffey Linear Park and Ryston Sports and Social Club are preserved where appropriate and ensure the contribution they make to green infrastructure is protected.	This objective aligns with provision AH O31 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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BHO 2.7 Provide for the protection of historic burial grounds within Newbridge, in cooperation with agencies such as the Office of Public Works and the National Monuments Section of the Department of the Housing, Local Government and Heritage.	This objective aligns with provision AH O8 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
BHO 2.8 Support the protection, preservation and promotion of the archaeological value of underwater or archaeological sites within the Plan area including any associated with the River Liffey and associated features.	This objective aligns with provision AH O3, AH 07 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
GBIO 1.1 Protect, conserve and manage the Pollardstown Fen SAC and Mouds Bog SAC by ensuring that screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA), in accordance with Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive is carried out with respect to any plan or project.	This objective aligns with provisions LR O21, LR O22, BI O9, BI O10, BI O22, RE O135 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
GBIO 1.2 Promote the use of the identified Nature-Based Management Areas on Map 10.1 to manage surface water runoff and associated nutrients from entering the catchment of the Milltown Stream which feeds the Pollardstown Fen.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) including, but not limited to BI O47, BI O77, and BI O78.	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
GBIO 1.3 Support the full implementation of the targets and actions outlined in the Newbridge Biodiversity Action Plan 2021–2025 (and any subsequent or amended Plan).	This objective aligns with provisions BI O4 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
GBIO 2.1 Protect and enhance identified key Green and Blue Infrastructure (Map 9.1) and prohibit developments that would fragment or otherwise degrade the Green and Blue Infrastructure network. New developments shall appropriately utilise existing and new green infrastructure as an essential urban design and placemaking tool to integrate built form into their surrounding contexts. Site specific ecology surveys should be carried out to inform, assess and mitigate potential ecological impacts of any proposed development and its construction.	This objective aligns with provisions BI O72, LR O4 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
GBIO 2.2 Ensure that all development proposals on sites where hedgerows and treelines are located (identified in Map 9.1) are, as far as practicable, retained and fully integrated as a focal point of the development in the first instance. In exceptional circumstances, where they are demonstrably required to be removed, development proposals shall be accompanied by a detailed landscape planting scheme prepared by a landscape architect in association with a qualified ecologist, maximising the use of native species as appropriate to the scheme and location of similar quantity and species mix to ensure no net biodiversity loss over the longer term and these biodiversity corridors are maintained.	This objective aligns with provisions BI O22, BI O26, BI O27, BI O28 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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<p>GBIO 2.3 Increase native tree planting and pollinator friendly planting of local provenance, in accordance with the recommendations of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, throughout Newbridge and in open spaces in new developments in order to enhance local biodiversity, visual amenity and surface water management. Planting schemes should consider the Miyawaki Method to deter antisocial behaviour and increase biodiversity.</p>	<p>This objective aligns with provisions BI O4, BI O33, BI O34, BI O36, LR O76 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).</p>	<p>No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>
<p>GBIO 2.4 Support and facilitate the creation of a linear nature park along the eastern banks of the River Liffey between the M7 Motorway and St Conleth’s Bridge on lands zoned F: Open Space and Amenity over the medium to long term and ensure that any landscaping scheme protects the existing riparian habitat and contributes to the enhancement of the corridor as a significant Green and Blue Infrastructure asset in the town.</p>	<p>This objective aligns with provisions LR O65, LR O67, LR O99 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).</p>	<p>No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>
<p>GBIO 2.5 Require all development proposals located within the ‘Curragh Buffer Zone’ as identified on Map 9.1 to include a tree planting programme of native trees of local provenance (to primarily include tree canopy of Scot’s pine (Pinus sylvestris) / Pedunculate oak (Quercus robur) and underplanted with hazel (Corylus avellane) / birch (Betula pubescens) to protect the ecological and amenity value of the Curragh.</p>	<p>This objective aligns with provisions LR O82, BI O26, BI O28, HO O52, RE O107 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).</p>	<p>No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>
<p>GBIO 2.6 Encourage state agencies and private entities to include tree planting measures when delivering key infrastructure or upgrading infrastructure works in the town.</p>	<p>This objective aligns with provisions BI O4, EC O73, TM O119, RE P12 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).</p>	<p>No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>
<p>IEO 1.1 Work in conjunction with Uisce Éireann to promote and facilitate the provision of adequate water and wastewater infrastructure, to ensure that land is effectively serviced and ensure that such infrastructure is provided prior to, or in tandem with new development in accordance with the Implementation and Delivery Schedule (Section 10.2 refers).</p>	<p>This objective aligns with provisions IN O4, IN O13 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).</p>	<p>No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>
<p>IEO 1.2 Ensure that surface run-off does not discharge to the existing wastewater treatment infrastructure in order to protect the integrity of the wastewater infrastructure.</p>	<p>This objective aligns with provisions IN O16, IN O19 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).</p>	<p>No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>
<p>IEO 1.3 Support Uisce Éireann in addressing the issues relating to the Scrowland Water Treatment Plant and any other issues identified on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Quarterly Remedial Action Lists.</p>	<p>This objective aligns with provisions IN O1, IN O12, RE O10 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).</p>	<p>This objective is not directly identified in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). However, it does relate to provisions associated with the management of water treatment in Kildare.</p>

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IEO 2.1 Protect surface waterbodies and groundwater aquifers from deterioration and maintain, or where necessary, improve their quality over the period of the Plan and beyond.	This objective aligns with provisions BI O18, IN O5, IN O18 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
IEO 2.2 Incorporate Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) as part of all plans and projects in the plan area. Proposals for new development shall align with the Map 10.1 Infrastructure and Environmental Services – Surface Water Management Strategy and the Kildare County Council Sustainable Drainage Systems Guidance Document 2024.	This objective aligns with provisions IN O21, IN O22, IN O30 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
IEO 2.3 Ensure areas indicated as Nature-Based Management Areas (NBMAs) on Map 10.1 are reserved free from development and integrated into design proposals for nature-based surface water drainage purposes.	This objective aligns with multiple provisions of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) including, but not limited to IN O21, IN O22, IN O25, IN O29, IN O30, BI O76, BI O18, BI O77, BI O78.	The provision of nature-based management is not specifically identified in the Kildare CDP, but does relate to provisions associated with the use of sustainable drainage systems in Kildare.
IEO 2.4 Pursue opportunities to divert untreated surface water away from discharging into either the River Liffey or the groundwater area which feeds Pollardstown Fen, subject to Appropriate Assessment (AA).	This objective aligns with provisions BI P15, BI O47, IN O30 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
IEO 2.5 Support Uisce Éireann’s Surface Water Separation programme to alleviate system surcharge and facilitate additional foul network capacity.	This objective aligns with provisions IN P3, IN O12, IN O16 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	The surface water separation programme is not specifically mentioned in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). However, the objective relates to provisions associated with foul water systems in Kildare.
IEO 3.1 Manage flood risk in Newbridge in conjunction with the Office of Public Works, and in accordance with the requirements of The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DECLG and OPW (2009) and Circular PL02/2014 (August 2014).	This objective aligns with provisions IN O31, IN O32, IN O33 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
IEO 3.2 Ensure development proposals within the areas where Kildare County Council have applied a Justification Test and where residual flood risk remains as outlined on Map 10.2 . Strategic Flood Risk Assessment are the subject of a Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment, appropriate to the nature and scale of the development proposed.	This objective aligns with provisions IN O33 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
IEO 3.3 Maintain all existing overland flow routes.	This objective aligns with the provisions BI O47, IN O20 and IN O27 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

Proposed Second Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied); Inclusion of a Settlement Plan for Newbridge	Are similar provisions included in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied)?	Are significant negative effects on the environment expected to arise as a result of the objective?
IEO 3.4 Support and co-operate with the Office of Public Works in progressing the development of a Flood Relief Scheme for Newbridge which may include physical works, such as a series of hard defences (flood embankments and walls), new or upgraded trash and works to improve channel conveyance including dredging 90m of the Liffey tributary and upgrading two culverts.	This objective aligns with provisions IN O31, IN O37 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
IEO 4.1 Support the statutory providers of electricity and gas infrastructure by safeguarding existing infrastructure and strategic corridors from encroachment by development that might compromise the operation, maintenance and provision of energy networks.	This objective aligns with provisions EC O69 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
IEO 4.2 Support and facilitate the provision of telecommunications infrastructure, including broadband services in Newbridge, subject to safety and amenity requirements.	This objective aligns with provisions EC O75 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
IEO 4.3 Engage with EirGrid, ESB Networks and telecommunications providers in relation to the rationalisation of transmission and telecommunications infrastructure and/or underground routing of all electricity, telephone, broadband and television cables within the Built-Up Footprint.	This objective aligns with provisions EC O28, EC O72, EC O84 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
IEO 4.4 Promote and encourage micro-generation on existing and proposed building stock, including solar, photovoltaic, wind, hydro and other renewable energy technologies.	This objective aligns with provisions EC P10, EC O31, EC O35 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
IEO 5.1 Maintain existing recycling facilities and secure the provision of additional universally accessible facilities, in conjunction with new development as required, in particular at the lands designated as Neighbourhood Centre.	This objective aligns with provisions IN O41, IN O42 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
IEO 5.2 Support the development of a green waste composting site in Newbridge for use by local community groups for the sustainable disposal of green waste at appropriate locations.	This objective aligns with provisions IN O47 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
IEO 5.3 Support local schools and community groups such as Newbridge Tidy Towns through education and awareness programmes and where available, through the provision of grant aid.	This objective aligns with provisions IN O45 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied).	No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.



Proposed Variation No. 2: Newbridge Settlement Plan
of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as varied)

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination under European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 435 of 2004) as amended by European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 200 of 2011) for the Proposed Variation No. 2: Newbridge Settlement Plan of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as varied).

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening determination has been made by Kildare County Council regarding *Proposed Variation No. 2* to the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as varied). The SEA Directive as transposed by the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 435 of 2004), as amended by European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 200 of 2011), provide requirements in relation to SEA.

SEA Screening must be undertaken on Proposed Variation No. 2 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as varied) in order to establish whether the plan would be likely to result in significant effects on the environment and would necessitate full SEA.

Following a detailed examination of the Proposed Variation No. 2 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029 (as varied) provided in the SEA Screening Report (that accompanies and has informed this determination), it is determined that the Proposed Variation No. 2: Newbridge Settlement Plan of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029 (as varied) would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects and therefore the Proposed Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) does not require a full SEA.

A SEA Screening Report on the Proposed Amendment No. 2: Newbridge Settlement Plan of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029 (as varied) accompanies this determination.

Signed:

Alan Dunney Director of Service - Planning, Enterprise, Economic Development and
Emergency Services

Signatory (Approved Officer):

Date 16th of September 2025

Kildare County Council

Variation No. 2 to the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied)

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Addendum

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This report takes into account the particular instructions and requirements of our client. It is not intended for and should not be relied upon by any third party and no responsibility is undertaken to any third party.

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1. Introduction

Kildare County Council (KCC) published the Kildare County Development Plan (CDP) 2023-2029 in January 2023. The CDP is the key strategy document which structures the proper planning and sustainable development of land-use across County Kildare over the six-year statutory time period of the plan. The CDP consists of two volumes:

- Volume 1 Written Statement - The Written Statement constitutes the main body of the document which comprises the Vision, Core Strategy, development management standards and the overarching policies and objectives of the Plan.
- Volume 2 Part 1: Small Towns and Environs Plans and Part 2: Villages Plans and Rural Settlements provides a coherent planning framework for the small towns, environs of Ladytown and Blessington, villages, and rural settlements across the county. The Strategy includes land use zoning maps and specific objectives which are underpinned by the strategic vision and the overarching guiding principles of the Kildare CDP.

In March 2025, the first variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 was adopted, the purpose of which was to incorporate a land use plan for the town of Kilcullen into the Kildare CDP 2023-2029. The first variation set out a planning framework for Kilcullen, in the form of a ‘Settlement Plan.’

KCC is currently preparing a second Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The purpose of the proposed second Variation is to incorporate a land use plan for the town of Newbridge into Volume 2 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). This will ensure that a planning framework is in place for Newbridge, in the form of a ‘Settlement Plan.’

Arup was commissioned by KCC to prepare a report for the purposes of a SEA Screening with regards to the proposed second Variation. SEA Screening is the process for determining whether a particular plan - or Variation to a plan - other than those for which SEA is mandatory, would be likely to have significant environmental effects, and would thus warrant SEA. The assessment of the proposed second Variation found that it would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects and that SEA was not required.

Pursuant to Section 13 (6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), KCC have now prepared Proposed Material Alterations to the proposed second Variation. Thus, further consideration is required to determine whether any of the Proposed Material Alterations are likely to give rise to likely significant environmental effects, and whether further assessment is required.

The assessment of the proposed Material Alterations (PMAs) is set out in this Addendum to the SEA Screening Report with respect to the proposed second Variation. This Addendum should be read in conjunction with the SEA Environmental Report and the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) of the Kildare County Development Plan, as well as the SEA and AA Screening of the Proposed Variation No.2. All mitigation measures proposed as part of the SEA Environmental Report and NIS of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied) (CDP) will be applied to all proposed Material Alterations, to minimise any potential for environmental impacts

2. SEA Screening of the Proposed Material Alterations

The Proposed Material Alterations (PMAs) to the Proposed Variation No. 2 provides new objectives, text amendments and text removal in addition to amendments to maps contained within the proposed Variation No.2 (Newbridge Settlement Plan). **Table 2.1** contains the findings of the SEA Screening of the Proposed Material Alterations in line with the methodologies applied in the Screening for SEA submitted on the proposed Variation No.2, and in alignment with the relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A, ‘Criteria for Determining Whether a Plan is Likely to Have Significant Effects on the Environment.’

Table 2.1 SEA Screening of PMAs

Material Alteration Reference	Proposed Material Alteration Summary (Refer to Chief Executive’s Report for full detail on each PMA)	SEA Screening Assessment - Is there potential for significant negative effects on the environment?	Further Assessment Required?
PMA 1	Text amendments to the estimated residential yield of sites in Table 3.7 (Estimated Residential Development Capacity).	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 2	Text Amendments: Residential unit delivery to be in tandem with the Newbridge Southern Ring Road; vehicular access via NSRR to be constructed in tandem with phased development.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 3	Text Amendments: Updates to derelict site references in Newbridge Town Centre.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 4	Objective Inserted: Support the implementation of a public realm strategy for Newbridge, as part of the Town Renewal Masterplan to incorporate a bespoke materials palette, including for pavement, signage (including wayfinding) and street furniture which will complement and enhance the natural and built environment.	Yes- New Objective This objective aligns with provisions UD O8 and UD A4 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	No
PMA 5	Objective Inserted: Support and facilitate the delivery of enhanced pedestrian access to the Courtyard Shopping Centre from Military Road and the pedestrian area between the Whitewater Shopping Centre and Military Road.	Yes- New Objective This objective aligns with provisions UD O1, TM O7, TM A20, and TM P9 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	No
PMA 6	Text Amendments: Urban Design Framework—flexibility in design, alternative proposals for opportunity sites, passive surveillance, permeability.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 7	Text Amendments: Residential development to south, pocket park/civic space and Primary Care Centre to north; map annotation updates.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 8	Text Amendments: Regeneration of Site 2 (Machinery Yard) is critical; Primary Care Centre location flexibility; alternative community use if not located in Site 2; details for Sites 3–7.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No

PMA 9	Text Amendments: Objective TCO 3.2—require universally designed, connected network of streets and spaces prioritizing pedestrians and cyclists.	No—PMA relates to minor modifications made to an existing objective that do not alter the overall meaning or context of that objective.	No
PMA 10	Objective Inserted: Engage with the key stakeholders in relation to the implementation of the Water Tower Park as per the indicative layout detailed under Figure 4.10 Urban Design Framework for the Newbridge Central Settlement Consolidation Site.	Yes- New Objective This objective aligns with provisions UD O8 and UD A4 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	No
PMA 11	Objective Inserted: (a) Deliver a public swimming pool as part of the overall redevelopment of the former Machinery Yard site (in the ownership of Kildare County Council) as part of the Central Newbridge Settlement Consolidated Site. (b) In the event that the provision of a swimming pool at the former Machinery Yard is not feasible, consideration should be given to the lands to the east (immediately adjacent to the road) in the Newbridge North Key Development Area (KDA) (lands zoned ‘F (2): Open Space and Amenity’ having regard to Objective HCO 6.1	Yes- New Objective This objective aligns with provisions SC O28 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	No
PMA 12	Text Amendments: Insert additional pedestrian links (shown in yellow) on Urban Design Framework map.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 13	Objective Inserted: Support, where appropriate, into Kildare and Fáilte Ireland in the development of a tourist information centre within the town centre.	Yes- New Objective This objective aligns with provision RE O104 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	No
PMA 14	Text Amendments: Support the provision of supported living accommodation for young adults, residential care for older people, redevelopment of Liffey Lodge, and development of lands for elderly housing/nursing home.	No—PMA relates to minor modifications made to an existing objective that do not alter the overall meaning or context of that objective.	No
PMA 15	Text Amendments: Extend and develop linear park along River Liffey for recreation, water sports, and angling, with habitat protection.	No—PMA relates to minor modifications made to an existing objective that do not alter the overall meaning or context of that objective.	No
PMA 16	Text Amendments: Investigate feasibility of accessible dog park, pump track, and cricket pitch within Open Space and Amenity lands.	No—PMA relates to minor modifications made to an existing objective that do not alter the overall meaning or context of that objective.	No
PMA 17	Text Amendments and new site-specific objective: Facilitate sports clubs and multi-use sports facilities, including swimming pool, on various Open Space and Amenity zoned lands; seek funding for sports facilities.	Yes- New Site-Specific Objective which would permit sports facilities on land designated on lands zoned f(5) This objective aligns with provisions including SC O2, SC P2, SC O20, LR O80, LR O89 and LR O92 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and	No

		mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	
PMA 18	Objective Inserted: Support the provision of a universally designed natural playground within lands zoned ‘F (4): Open Space and Amenity’ at Roseberry/Rosconnell, having full regard to the sensitivities of the wet grassland habitat as illustrated on Map V2-N:9.1	Yes- New Objective This objective aligns with provisions LR P5, LR O80, LR O82, LR O86 and LR O87 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	No
PMA 19	Objective Inserted: Support the development of a dedicated new Youth Centre on Athgarvan Road that provides a safe, inclusive and accessible environment for young people to learn, connect and grow.	Yes- New Objective This objective aligns with provisions LR P5 and LR O85 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	No
PMA 20	Text Amendments: Support and facilitate extension of St. Conleth’s Cemetery, including investigation of water table levels.	No—PMA relates to minor modifications made to an existing objective that do not alter the overall meaning or context of that objective.	No
PMA 21	Text Amendments: Insert modal split statistics and support for cycling aspiration in line with National Cycle Policy Framework.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 22	Text Amendments: Support and facilitate implementation of walking and cycling measures, nature-based solutions, and compliance with planning guidelines on national roads.	No—PMA relates to minor modifications made to an existing objective that do not alter the overall meaning or context of that objective.	No
PMA 23	Text Amendments: Best practice for segregated pedestrian/cycle paths per DMURS.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 24	Text Amendments: Remove Walk 2 from walking measures and maps.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 25	Text Amendments: Amend walking measures and delivery timeframes; remove certain parts of greenway and quietway proposals.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 26	Objective Inserted: Support and facilitate a safe, signalised or raised pedestrian crossing at Barretstown Lawns.	Yes- New Objective This objective aligns with provisions of TM P9 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. PMA also relates to minor modifications made to an existing objective that do not alter the overall meaning or context of that objective.	No
PMA 27	Text Amendments: Amend public transport measures and delivery timeframes; design and deliver Newbridge town bus service with universal access.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 28	Text Amendments: Engage with Iarnród Éireann for greenways and ensure future rail provision is not hindered. Objective Inserted Support and facilitate Iarnród Éireann in expanding the rail line in line with the All-Island Strategic Rail	Yes- New Objective This objective aligns with provisions TM O50, TM O52, TM O90 and TM O97 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA	No

	Review which includes the provision of a four-track rail line in Newbridge as part of the wider rail network.		
PMA 29	Text Amendments: Amend bus service network proposals and objectives.	No—PMA relates to minor modifications made to an existing objective that do not alter the overall meaning or context of that objective.	No
PMA 30	Text Amendments: Support further development of Newbridge Train Station, including changing place toilet.	No—PMA relates to minor modifications made to an existing objective that do not alter the overall meaning or context of that objective.	No
PMA 31	Text Amendments: Prioritise sustainable travel modes over new roads; integrate roads with active travel and public transport strategies.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 32	Text Amendments: Amend road and parking objectives, compliance with DMURS, Measures in the GDA Transport Strategy and nature-based solutions.	No—PMA relates to minor modifications made to an existing objective that do not alter the overall meaning or context of that objective.	No
PMA 33	Text Amendments: Amend road connection delivery timeframe (Ballymany Rd to Green Road).	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 34	Text Amendments: Amend car parking measures; discourage large-scale surface parking except in exceptional circumstances.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 35	Objective Inserted: Undertake an assessment of the Watering Gates, the Reading/Recreation Room on the Bord na Móna site and the Pinkeen Bridge, to consider the merit in adding the structure(s) to the Record of Protected Structures.	Yes- New Objective This objective aligns with provision AH A10 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). No – aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	No
PMA 36	Objective Inserted: Support Uisce Éireann in addressing maintenance issues relating to public sewer network in the Dara Park area.	Yes- New Objective This objective aligns with provision IN O1 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	No
PMA 37	Objective Inserted: Consult with Uisce Éireann and ESB prior to significant public realm works or development within the Newbridge Central Settlement Consolidation Site.	Yes- New Objective This objective aligns with provisions IN O13 and IN O4 in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	No
PMA 38	Objective Inserted: Ensure areas indicated as Nature-Based Management Areas (NBMAs) are reserved free from development and integrated into design proposals for nature-based surface water drainage purposes subject to Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening and where applicable Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.	No—PMA relates to minor modifications made to an existing objective that do not alter the overall meaning or context of that objective.	No

PMA 39	Text Amendments: Flood risk mapping subject to change; planning applications must consider latest flood information.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 40	Text Amendments: Amend Greatconnell KDA Design Brief—site area, built form, flood risk assessment, public open space provision.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 41	Text Amendments: Public open space on F-zoned lands at the Greatconnell KDA may contribute to 15% site area provision if well located and usable.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 42	Text Amendments: Amend surface water drainage requirements for new development.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 43	Text Amendments: Amend infrastructure and delivery schedules for New Residential Phase 2 lands.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 44	Text Amendments: Amend land use zoning objectives for Enterprise and Employment.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 45	Text Amendments: Insert additional ‘Strategic Reserve (Residential and Community)’ use in zoning objectives.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 46	Text Amendments: Insert Zoning Matrix—Definition of Terms table.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 47	Text Amendments: Amend Land Use Zoning Matrix—community facilities/sports buildings permissible in Leisure and Tourism zone; add footnote.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
¹ PMA 64	Text Amendments: Amend Ladytown Environs zoning objectives for agricultural uses.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No
PMA 65	Text Amendments: Amend SFRA text and tables for flood risk assessment and justification tests.	No- relates to minor text amendments	No

¹Note: Map amendments are excluded from this assessment. Any proposed changes to land-use zonings are considered to be inherent in the proposed objectives, which have been assessed. All mitigation measures proposed as part of the SEA Environmental Report and NIS of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied) (CDP) will be applied to all proposed Material Alterations, to minimise any potential for environmental impacts

3. Conclusion

The purpose of the report is to evaluate the requirement for SEA to be undertaken on the Proposed Material Alterations to the proposed Variation No. 2 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). The assessment has found that none of the Proposed Material Alterations are likely to result in significant environmental effects. Therefore, on the basis of the above assessment, including consideration of the criteria as set out in Schedule 2A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2011 (as amended), the Proposed Material Alterations to Variation No 2. to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) does not require SEA.



Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

Determination

Under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 2: (Newbridge Settlement Plan) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as varied)

At a Special Meeting of Kildare County Council on Monday 15th December 2025, it was resolved to alter the Proposed Variation No. 2: (Newbridge Settlement Plan) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as varied) and that these alterations constitute a material alteration to the Proposed Variation.

Section 13(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires a determination to be made as to whether the Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation would be likely to result in significant effects on the environment and would necessitate full SEA.

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) determination is hereby being made by Kildare County Council regarding the Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation No. 2: (Newbridge Settlement Plan) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as varied).

Following a detailed examination of the Proposed Material Alterations of Variation No. 2 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029 (as varied) provided in the Addendum to the SEA Screening Report (that accompanies and has informed this determination), it is determined that the Proposed Material Alterations of Variation No. 2 (Newbridge Settlement Plan) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029 (as varied) would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects and therefore the Proposed Material Alteration to the Proposed Variation No. 2 to the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied) does not require a full SEA.

The undersigned, having carefully considered the information referred to above, agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion presented above. The undersigned hereby determines, pursuant to Section 13(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) that none of the Proposed Material Alterations are likely to result in significant environmental effects and a SEA is not required.

Signed:


Alan Dunney

Director of Service - Planning, Enterprise, Economic Development and Emergency Services

Date 6th of January 2026