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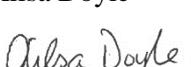
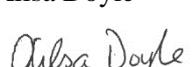
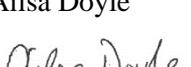
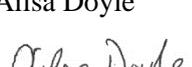
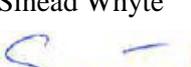
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1. Introduction

Kildare County Council (KCC) published the Kildare County Development Plan (CDP) 2023-2029 in January 2023. The Kildare CDP 2023-2029 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 Small Towns and Villages Strategy-** The Small Towns and Villages Strategy (STVS) provides a coherent planning framework for the small towns, 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.

KCC is currently preparing a proposed Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029. The purpose of the proposed Variation is to incorporate the town of Kilcullen into Volume 2 of the Kildare CDP. This will ensure that a planning framework is in place for Kilcullen, 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 Variation.

2. The Proposed Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029

As outlined in Section 1, the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 consists of two volumes, the second of which provides a coherent planning framework for the small towns, 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;

- (i) support the sustainable growth of our small towns, villages and settlements,
- (ii) support appropriate local employment opportunities and economic activity,
- (iii) build on each areas unique character and natural assets.

The Kilcullen Local Area Plan 2014-2020 is the existing spatial framework for development locations and land use in Kilcullen. KCC proposes to undertake a Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and incorporate Kilcullen into Volume 2 of the CDP.

Thus, the proposed Variation of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 relates to the incorporation, into Volume 2 of the CDP of a ‘Settlement Plan’ for Kilcullen.

The Kilcullen Settlement Plan boundary is illustrated in Figure 2.1.



Figure 2.1 Kilcullen: 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 Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029, 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 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 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>It is proposed to incorporate a Kilcullen Settlement Plan into Volume 2 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029, by means of a proposed Variation of the CDP.</p> <p>The proposed Variation relates to the incorporation of a Kilcullen Settlement Plan into Volume 2 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029. Kilcullen is a small town, with a population of 3,815 (CSO, 2022). Further, the existence of the Kilcullen Local Area Plan (LAP) 2014-2020 means that there is already an existing framework for development locations and land use in Kilcullen. As illustrated in Appendix B, the provisions of the Settlement Plan are largely aligned with the provisions of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020. The proposed Variation will result in limited change to the existing situation in Kilcullen from a planning and development perspective.</p> <p>Thus, the degree to which the proposed Variation sets a framework for projects and other activities, in and of itself, is considered to be minor.</p>
The degree to which the plan influences other plans, including those in a hierarchy
<p>Kildare County Council proposes to undertake a Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 to incorporate Kilcullen into Volume 2 of the CDP, by means of a ‘Settlement Plan’. Following adoption of the proposed Variation therefore, there would no longer be an LAP for Kilcullen. The proposed Variation will be the only strategic land-use plan governing Kilcullen and will not influence any other lower-tier plans in a hierarchy.</p> <p>As such, the degree to which the proposed Variation will influence other plans in a hierarchy of plans relating to Kilcullen, is 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 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.</p> <p>It is proposed to incorporate a Kilcullen Settlement Plan into Volume 2 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029, by means of a proposed Variation of the CDP. The Settlement Plan contains detailed provisions for the sustainable development of Kilcullen, including those relating to environmental protection and management and service provision.</p>
Environmental problems relevant to the plan
<p>The Settlement Plan, which is proposed to be included in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 by means of the proposed Variation, contains an overview of the existing baseline environment of Kilcullen. According to the Settlement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kilcullen has an adequate water supply to meet the current demands and the future planned growth over the life of this Plan. • Kilcullen is connected to the ULVSS (Osberstown WWTP), which has sufficient capacity to accommodate any additional growth over the life of this Plan. • Some of the local schools are close to full capacity. • The town is provided with a range of community services and facilities. • No cycleways currently in Kilcullen. • No train service, the nearest train station is Newbridge, which is circa 7.5km from Kilcullen town centre. • The River Liffey flows through the town of Kilcullen. The Liffey Bank above Athgarvan proposed Natural Heritage Area is located circa 2 km to the north-west (pNHA, Site code 001396) of the Kilcullen town boundary and the Curragh proposed Natural Heritage Area is located circa 2.5 km to the west (pNHA Site code 000392). • 5 items within the boundary of the town are listed on the Register of Monuments and Places (RMP). There are also several RMPs just outside the town boundary

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

- 7 structures within the boundary of the town are listed in the county’s Record of Protected Structures (RPS) There are also several Protected Structures just outside the town boundary.
- The main street of Kilcullen has been identified as a candidate Architectural Conservation Area for designation, including the identification of boundary and Statement of Character.

The proposed 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 Kilcullen.

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 Kilcullen Settlement Plan into Volume 2 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029, by means of a proposed Variation of the CDP. The Kildare CDP 2023-2029 includes objectives for the implementation of European Union legislation on the environment.

These objectives, contained in Volume 1 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 will therefore apply to the Kilcullen Settlement Plan. Thus, the proposed Variation is relevant for the implementation of European Union legislation on the environment.

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 Variation to the Kildare CDP is contained in Appendix A. The detailed provisions of the proposed Variation are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. The proposed Variation largely aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered 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 Variation to the Kildare CDP is contained in Appendix A. The detailed provisions of the proposed Variation are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. The proposed Variation aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered 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 Variation to the CDP is limited in its influence to the area of Kilcullen. The scale and character of the proposed 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 Variation to the Kildare CDP is contained in Appendix A. The detailed provisions of the proposed Variation are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. The proposed Variation aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects on human health that were not already considered 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 Variation to the CDP is limited in its influence to the area of Kilcullen.

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

The detailed provisions of the proposed Variation are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. The proposed Variation aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered 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

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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 Variation, contains an overview of the existing baseline environment of Kilcullen. 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 Variation to the Kildare CDP is contained in Appendix A. The proposed Variation aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 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 considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

5. Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk 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 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 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 Variation will be subject to further Screening for AA.

A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) of the proposed Variation has been carried out by means of an update to the SFRA of the Kildare Country Development Plan 2023-2029.

As part of the update to the SFRA, a Justification Test was carried out by KCC and found that it is considered appropriate to retain the existing zonings.

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 Variation of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029.

The assessment of the proposed 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 Variation would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

The Appropriate Assessment Screening undertaken on the proposed Variation has likewise determined that no Appropriate Assessment is required in relation to the proposed 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 Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 does not require full SEA.

Appendix A

Environmental Screening of Provisions of Proposed Variation

Proposed Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029: Inclusion of Settlement Plan for Kilcullen	Is there potential for significant negative effects on the environment?	Equivalent provision in Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020?
V2 2.7.1 Town Centre		
ST KL1 Ensure that new development is consistent in form and scale with the existing older/traditional buildings in the town.	No- provision relates only to development standards. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	TCO3: To safeguard the important architectural and streetscape heritage of the Town Centre area.
ST KL2 Encourage and promote development within the town centre, which is of a high standard of architectural design and where appropriate contemporary architectural design, has an appropriate mix of uses, enhances the built environment, and delivers a high-quality public realm.	No- provision relates only to development standards. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	TC 3: To promote and encourage high quality urban design and to improve the image of the town by enhancing the physical environment and streetscape.
ST KL3 Promote Active Travel infrastructure and remove on-street car-parking on both sides of Main Street.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	
ST KL4 Actively encourage the rehabilitation, restoration, and re-use of vacant, derelict, and underutilised properties in the town centre.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	TC 6: To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings within and around the town centre and in particular vacant floorspace on the Main Street
ST KL5 Actively encourage the provision of shops and services to consolidate and strengthen the role of Kilcullen in meeting the needs of its population and its hinterland.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	

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<p>ST KL6 Encourage owners and developers in the town centre to provide for “living over the shop” as a means of promoting a more sustainable use of existing building stock while also maintaining an active residential presence within the town.</p>	<p>No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.</p>	<p>TCS 3: To encourage residential uses in the town centre through such initiatives as ‘Living over the Shop’.</p>
<p>ST KL7 Relieve traffic congestion within the town centre by improving permeability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade and improve the junction of the R448 and R415 by employing an adaptive traffic control system, which would provide for the safe movement of pedestrians and Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs). 	<p>No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.</p>	<p>TC 4: To relieve traffic congestion within the town centre by improving permeability.</p>
<p>ST KL8 Strengthen the Main Street by encouraging a diversity of shops and businesses to improve the vitality of the town centre.</p>	<p>No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.</p>	<p>TCS 1: To strengthen the Main Street by encouraging a diversity of shops and businesses to improve the vitality of the town centre.</p>
<p>ST KL9 Improve the quality of the town’s streetscape by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting and encouraging high quality shopfront design. Encouraging the retention, sensitive repair, and re-use of traditional shopfronts. Reducing visual clutter by removing existing and preventing the introduction of poor-quality signage. 	<p>No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.</p>	<p>TCS 2: To improve the quality of the town’s streetscape by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting and encouraging high quality shopfront design. Encouraging the retention, sensitive repair and re-use of traditional shopfronts. Reducing visual clutter by removing and preventing the introduction of poor quality signage
<p>ST KL10 Seek to reduce the presence of non-active retail frontages on the Main Street.</p>	<p>No- provision is welcomed and does not relate to development. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.</p>	<p>TC 4: To limit the presence of non-active retail frontages on the Main Street.</p>
<p>V2 2.7.2 Regeneration / Public Realm</p>		

Proposed Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029: Inclusion of Settlement Plan for Kilcullen	Is there potential for significant negative effects on the environment?	Equivalent provision in Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020?
ST KL11 Improve, where feasible and practical, the quality of Kilcullen Main Street with new paving, mature trees, streetlamps, high-quality seating, street furniture and reduction in on-street car-parking to mark the importance of this area as the heart of the town centre. (see Town Centre Map).	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development.	
ST KL12 To leverage funding from relevant national or other appropriate sources to support the development of projects/proposals which will serve to improve the public realm and other civic spaces within the town.	No- no potential impacts anticipated arising from this objective.	
ST KL13 Improve the town entry points at the Gateway locations (See Map) to strengthen Kilcullen’s identity and give a better overall first impression of the town.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development.	
ST KL14 Survey derelict or vacant sites and to encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings in Kilcullen as a priority. The Council will use its powers, where appropriate, to consider such sites for inclusion on the Register of Derelict Sites.	No- provision will not result in development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	DT 1: To survey derelict or vacant sites and to encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings in Kilcullen as a priority. The Council will use its powers, where appropriate, to consider such sites for inclusion on the Register of Derelict Sites.
ST KL15 (i) Require that any planning applications on the Opportunity site (See Op 1 on LUZ Map and Town Centre Map) at the existing Mart site and adjoining lands on the Newbridge Road consist of proposals which include a landmark mixed use / retail development, creating a strong frontage at this town centre location. (ii) This significant town centre site will be contingent on a masterplan and phasing arrangement being prepared by the landowner(s) and agreed in writing with the Planning Department of Kildare County Council. (iii) Any proposed development located within the Opportunity Site shall have regard to the Greenway route identified within the Mobility objectives Map.	No- the masterplan for the Opportunity site will be subject to SEA, as appropriate.	
ST KL18 (i) Require that any planning application at the Opportunity site (See Op 2 on LUZ Map and Town Centre Map) includes a landmark mixed-use development, which shall consolidate this town centre location thereby creating a strong presence at this infill location. (ii) This significant town centre site will be contingent on a masterplan and phasing arrangement being agreed with the being prepared by the landowner(s) and agreed in writing with the Planning Department of Kildare County Council.	No- the masterplan for the Opportunity site will be subject to SEA, as appropriate.	
V2 2.7.3 Tourism Development		

Proposed Variation to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029: Inclusion of Settlement Plan for Kilcullen	Is there potential for significant negative effects on the environment?	Equivalent provision in Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020?
ST KL17 Maximise the potential of the River Liffey for tourism and recreational purposes by improving public access to the river, including the provision of a linear park (in conjunction with the relevant statutory authorities) and subject to appropriate environmental assessments.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	
ST KL18 (i) Improve the promotion and marketing of Kilcullen as a tourism destination (in particular attractions such as Dun Ailinne / Camphill Farm / River Liffey) and its close proximity to the Curragh. (ii) Investigate the feasibility of developing a greenway / cycle way connecting the town with the Corbally Line of the Grand Canal and other tourist attractions such as Dun Ailinne and the Curragh. (iii) Investigate the feasibility of a Thoroughbred Trail, which connects Kilcullen to equestrian facilities in the immediate vicinity.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	T 2: To capitalise on potential tourist income by seeking to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote existing accommodation and new accommodation choices in the town. Improve the promotion and marketing of Kilcullen as a tourism destination (in particular attractions such as Dun Ailinne/ Camphill Farm/ River Liffey).
ST KL19 To support the introduction of consistent town branding at the town entry points in the form of high-quality signage, in order to strengthen Kilcullen’s identity as a tourist destination.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development.	
V2 2.7.4 Education, Social and Community Infrastructure		
ST KL20 Sensitively develop the River Liffey riverside in conjunction with all relevant statutory and non-statutory bodies to include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A linear park. (ii) High quality formal and informal seating arrangements. (iii) Investigate the provision of a high-quality cycling and pedestrian route along the riverside. (iv) The maintenance and planting of a mixture of semi mature and mature native tree species for the length of the linear park, both formally and informally; and (v) In the event of lighting being proposed along the river corridor, an Ecological Impact Assessment (and Appropriate Assessment where necessary) including bat and otter surveys should be conducted by specialists and the recommendations of the specialist studies shall be implemented where appropriate. This shall be done in consultation with NPWS and in line with advances in knowledge into the impact of lighting on bats and other species and to reflect advances in technology in the lighting industry. 	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	

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ST KL21 Facilitate and co-operate in the provision of community services including, local services, youth facilities, sports, schools, creches and other education and childcare facilities in tandem and in the vicinity of all new and existing residential development.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed in the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	CF 5: To support the provision of a range of community facilities in the town
ST KL22 Facilitate the provision of a BMX and Skateboarding Park adjacent to the existing Kilcullen GAA pitches (please refer to Map attached).	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. The land in question is zoned for open space and amenity use- so the proposed development type is in accordance with the existing land-use allocation.	
ST KL23 Facilitate the improvement and expansion of GP facilities, health centres, local clinics, nursing homes, Garda service, library facilities and sports facilities in Kilcullen.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	CF 3: To support and facilitate the improvement of health centres, local clinics, nursing homes, Garda service, library facilities and sports facilities in Kilcullen.
ST KL24 Encourage recreational / amenity / community facilities in Kilcullen to be multi-functional, fully accessible, and not used exclusively by any one group.	No- provision will not result in development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	
ST KL25 Investigate the feasibility of constructing pedestrian bridges across the River Liffey at the canoe club and north of Kilcullen bridge (see Mobility Map) subject to appropriate environmental assessments.	No- provision relates to the undertaking of a feasibility assessment only	
ST KL26 Support the Camphill Community Farm, café and shop as a notable attraction in the town.	No- provision will not result in development.	
ST KL27 Facilitate the improvement and expansion of educational, sports, recreational and cultural facilities for St. Brigid's Primary School and the Cross and Passion College Secondary School.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	CF 2: To facilitate the development of educational, sports, recreational and cultural facilities for the schools.

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ST KL28 Facilitate the development of a teen play facility on appropriately zoned lands in the town, subject to funding.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	CFO 1: To facilitate the development of a teen play facility on appropriately zoned lands in the town, subject to funding.
V2 2.7.5 Residential		
<p>ST KL29 Require the submission of a design statement for any scheme for 20 units or more or where deemed necessary by the planning authority. The design statement should clearly describe how the proposal relates to the site and its context. The following must be addressed in a design statement:</p> <p>(i) New development shall contribute to the formation of a compact settlement by being designed to integrate successfully with the existing settlement.</p> <p>(ii) Linkages to the town centre, public transport and other facilities must be provided.</p> <p>(iii) It must be demonstrated that the development reinforces the existing town centre.</p> <p>(iv) Local views into and out of the scheme must be recognised and reinforced through any development scheme.</p> <p>(v) There must be a response to local character without necessarily repeating adjacent forms and details. This shall include referencing the elements of the area that give character and a sense of place such as urban grain, historic core, buildings of architectural merit and local characteristics (e.g. local materials, building lines, walls, building heights, rivers, streams, trees / hedgerows and other local built/landscape features);</p> <p>(vi) Existing buildings, landform and ecological features should be noted on drawings.</p> <p>(vii) Proposals to contribute to the overall open space network of the settlement must be clearly set out.</p> <p>(viii) There must be a demonstration of contemporary and innovative architecture and design that ensures the creation of a unique sense of place; and</p> <p>(ix) The drawings and statement should illustrate why a particular design solution was arrived at for a particular site and how the design responds to the ecology, topography, and features (both natural and man-made) existing on site and immediately adjacent to the site.</p>	No- provision stipulates requirement for design statement only	
ST KL30 Support the development of age-friendly housing in Kilcullen, particularly on lands located within town Centre or on lands proximate to the town centre, subject to appropriate siting and design considerations. Proposals	No- Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	

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should recognise the best practise model and delivery of such services for older people at McAuley Place, Naas.		
V2 2.7.6 Economic Development		
ST KL31 Promote Kilcullen as a local employment centre where investment can be focused on creating additional employment opportunities that will sustain the town and its local hinterland.	No- provision will not result in development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	
ST KL32 Accommodate a compatible mix of employment uses within the town centre.	No- provision will not result in development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	
ST KL33 Promote the Link Business Park (Q lands) on the Naas Road and the Kilcullen Business Campus (H) south of the town centre as appropriate locations to develop employment uses appropriate to its land use zoning.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Any development within the business parks will be in accordance with existing land-use zonings. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	ED 5: To promote the Link Business Park (H lands) on the Naas road and the Kilcullen Business Campus (H) south of the town centre as appropriate locations to develop employment uses appropriate to its land use zoning.
V2 2.7.7 Retail Development		
ST KL34 Encourage and facilitate the continued development of a combined and unique heritage, retailing and tourism experience within the town and to encourage strong linkages between these attractions.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	R 2: To encourage and facilitate the development of a combined and unique heritage, retailing and tourism experience within the town and to encourage strong linkages between these attractions
ST KL35 Work with all stakeholders in further promoting the asset of Kilcullen's townscape and location on the River Liffey.	No- provision will not result in development. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	R 3: To work with and encourage landowners, retailers, and development interests to realise the potential of vacant sites/lands in Kilcullen.
V2 2.7.8 Water Supply		
ST KL36 Ensure that all new developments in Kilcullen utilise and connect to existing water infrastructure.	No- provision will not result in development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were	WS 4: To ensure that all new developments in Kilcullen utilise and connect to existing water infrastructure

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	<p>not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p> <p>Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.</p>	
V2 2.7.9 Wastewater		
<p>ST KL37 Ensure the changeover from septic tanks to collection networks in all cases where this is feasible (subject to connection agreements with Irish Water) and that all new developments utilise and connect to the public wastewater infrastructure. The provision of individual septic tanks and treatment plants in the Kilcullen area will be strongly discouraged to minimise the risk of groundwater pollution. Where such facilities are permitted, full compliance with the prevailing regulations and standards, including the EPA's a Code of Practice; Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (P.E < 10), (EPA, 2009), as may be amended, will be required.</p>	<p>No- provision will not result in development.</p> <p>Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p> <p>Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.</p>	<p>WW 3: To ensure the changeover from septic tanks to collection networks in all cases where this is feasible (subject to connection agreements with Irish Water) and that all new developments utilise and connect to the public wastewater infrastructure. The provision of individual septic tanks and treatment plants in the Kilcullen area will be strongly discouraged to minimise the risk of groundwater pollution. Where such facilities are permitted, full compliance with the</p>
<p>ST KL38 Preserve free from development the wayleaves of all public sewers.</p>	<p>No- provision will not result in development.</p> <p>Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.</p>	<p>WW 4: To preserve free from development the wayleaves of all public sewers.</p>
<p>ST KL39 Minimise surface water infiltration into the foul sewerage system.</p>	<p>No- provision will not result in development.</p> <p>Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.</p>	<p>WVO 2: To minimise surface water infiltration into the foul sewerage system.</p>
<p>ST KL40 Investigate the feasibility of constructing a second wastewater rising main from Kilcullen to Newbridge.</p>	<p>No- provision relates to the undertaking of a feasibility assessment only</p>	
<p>ST KL41 Continue to work with Uisce Eireann and support the provision of new or upgrading infrastructure when deemed necessary.</p>	<p>No- provision will not result in development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p> <p>Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.</p>	
V2 2.7.10 Surface Water Drainage and Flood Alleviation		

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ST KL42 Implement the policies and objectives of the recently adopted 'Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Guidance Document' for Co. Kildare.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	
ST KL43 Require, for development proposals in lands identified in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment to an appropriate level of detail, addressing all potential sources of flood risk, demonstrating compliance with the Flood Risk Management Guidelines (2009) or any updated version of these guidelines, paying particular attention to avoidance of known flood risk, avoidance of development in flood plains, residual flood risks and any proposed site-specific flood management measures.	No- provision is welcomed and represents the existing scenario. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	FRA 2: To require that a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment is carried out for any proposals for development of lands identified at risk of minor localised flooding and as indicated on Map No.2. The site-specific assessments should be appropriate to the nature and scale of the development being proposed
ST KL44 Only consider underground retention solutions when all other options have been exhausted and this has been demonstrated. Underground tanks and storage systems will not be accepted under public open space, as part of a SuDS solution.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	
ST KL45 Require surface water drainage plans to have regard to the policy and objectives of the Habitat and Green Infrastructure Mapping (see Green Infrastructure Map).	No- provision is represents the existing scenario. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	SW 6: To require surface water drainage plans to have regard to the policy and objectives of the Habitat Mapping and Green Infrastructure (section 6.10.6) of this Plan
ST KL46 Carry out a conditioned survey of the surface water culverts in Kilcullen to assess their current state.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	SWO 1: To carry out a survey of the surface water culverts in Kilcullen to assess their current state, and to improve culverts where necessary
ST KL47 Apply the general policies, objectives and actions contained in Chapter 6 (Infrastructure & Environmental Services) of the Kildare County Development Plan (or as maybe amended) for the purpose of ensuring that flood risk management is fully integrated into the Kilcullen Town Plan and future development proposals in the town.	No- provision is welcomed and represents the existing scenario. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	FRA 1: To apply the general policies, requirements and objectives contained in Chapter 7 (Water, Drainage and Environmental Services) of the Kildare CDP (or as maybe amended) for the purpose of ensuring that flood risk management is fully integrated into the Kilcullen Local Area Plan and future development proposals in the town

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ST KL48 Ensure that development along urban watercourses must comply with the Inland Fisheries Ireland Guidance 'Planning for Watercourses in the Urban Environment' (2020), including the maintenance of a minimum riparian zone of 35 metres for river channels greater than 10 metres in width, and 20 metres for rivers channels less than 10 metres in width. Development within this zone will only be considered for water compatible developments.	No- provision is welcomed and represents the existing scenario. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	
V2 2.7.11 Pollution Control and Waste Services		
ST KL49 Require the provision of litter bins on or directly adjoining the premises of all neighbourhood facilities in Kilcullen.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	CL 3: To require the provision of litter bins on or directly adjoining the premises of all neighbourhood facilities.
V2 2.7.12 Architectural and Archaeological		
ST KL50 Ensure that views to / from the Bridge over the River Liffey shall be protected (See Heritage and Town Centre Map).	No- aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	AH 5: To protect views to/from the Bridge over the River Liffey.
ST KL51 Resist the demolition of vernacular structures of historical, cultural, and aesthetic merit, which make a positive contribution to the character, appearance and quality of the local streetscape and the sustainable development of Kilcullen.	No- aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	AH 1: To resist the demolition of vernacular structures of historical, cultural and aesthetic merit, which make a positive contribution to the character, appearance and quality of the local streetscape and the sustainable development of Kilcullen.
ST KL52 Investigate the designation of an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) to protect the historic urban core of Kilcullen and to resist the demolition of and conserve/enhance buildings of significance identified through the NIAH in advance of any ACA designation.	No- provision relates to the protection of the environment	
V2 2.7.13 Natural Heritage		
ST KL53 Protect the following trees / groups of trees (See Heritage Map) (i) On open space in Moanbane Park. (ii) Along the Naas Road from the town boundary to the town centre. (iii) Along the entrance to Bishop Rogan Park.	No-provision and relates to environmental protection. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	NH 3: To seek the protection of the following trees and groups of trees of special amenity value at the following locations; (See Map no. 3 & 3a) a) On open space in Moanbane Park b) Along the

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<p>(iv) Within the grounds of Hillside house including the green area in front of Hillside House.</p> <p>(v) In the riparian zone along the River Liffey within the town boundary.</p> <p>(vi) In the grounds of Cross and Passion College Along Convent view road. Along the Newbridge Road.</p> <p>(vii) In the grounds of the Parochial House and the Catholic Church.</p> <p>(viii) In the grounds of the Kilcullen Community Centre and along the entrance avenue.</p> <p>(ix) In the grounds of St. Brigid’s National School.</p> <p>(x) From the motorway bridge towards the town to Avondale Drive.</p> <p>(xi) All mature trees within residential developments.</p>		<p>Naas road from the town boundary to the town centre c) Along the entrance to Bishop Rogan Park d) Within the grounds of Hillside House including the green area in front of Hillside House e) Within the grounds of Liffey Bank House f) In the riparian zone along the River Liffey within the town boundary g) In the grounds of Cross and Passion College • Along Convent view road • Along Newbridge road h) In the grounds of the Parochial House and the Catholic Church i) In the grounds of Kilcullen Community Centre and along the entrance avenue. j) In the grounds of St. Brigid’s National School k) From the motorway bridge towards the town to Avondale Drive l) In the Market Square leading to Riverside Manor m) All mature trees within residential developments</p>
<p>ST KL54 Generally, prohibit development where it is likely that damage would be caused to trees listed above or to those which have a particular local amenity or nature conservation value. Development that requires the felling of mature trees of amenity value, conservation value or special interest notwithstanding the fact that they may not be listed in this plan, will be discouraged.</p>	<p>No- provision relates to environmental protection. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.</p>	<p>NH 4: To generally prohibit development where it is likely that damage would be caused to trees listed above or to those which have a particular local amenity or nature conservation value. Development that requires the felling of mature trees of amenity value, conservation value or special interest notwithstanding the fact that they may not be listed in this plan, will be discouraged.</p>
<p>ST KL55 Require all new developments to contribute to the protection and enhancement of existing green infrastructure assets, as identified on Map (Green Infrastructure), through the protection of existing green infrastructure and through the provision of new green infrastructure as part of any planning application.</p>	<p>No- provision relates to environmental protection. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.</p>	<p>NHO 1: To require all new developments to contribute to the protection and enhancement of existing green infrastructure assets, as identified on Map no. 4, through the protection of existing green infrastructure and through the provision of new green infrastructure as part of any planning application.</p>

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ST KL56 Seek the provision of linkages between larger areas of green infrastructure (particularly areas of public open space) where appropriate.	No- provision is welcomed and aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	NH 8: To seek the provision of links between larger areas of green infrastructure (particularly areas of public open space) where appropriate
ST KL57 Ensure key green infrastructure, identified on Map (Green Infrastructure), and the linkages they provide to larger areas of green infrastructure and the wider countryside, are retained where appropriate and integrated into the design of new developments.	No- provision is welcomed and aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	NH 13: To ensure key hedgerows, identified on Map no. 4, and the linkages they provide to larger areas of green infrastructure and the wider countryside, are retained where appropriate and integrated into the design of new developments
ST KL58 Work with the local biodiversity group(s) to protect and maintain the key areas of green infrastructure as identified in the Kilcullen Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2021-2025 or any successor to same.	No- provision relates to environmental protection.	
V2 2.7.14 Infrastructure		
ST KL59 It is an objective of the council to liaise with the ESB to investigate and encourage where possible the ducting and underground routing of overhead powerlines in Kilcullen town centre in tandem with other work programmes, such as road resurfacing and footpath construction works.	No- provision is welcomed and represents the existing scenario. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	TEC 3: To liaise with the ESB to investigate and encourage where possible the ducting and underground routing of overhead powerlines in Kilcullen in tandem with other work programmes, such as road resurfacing and footpath construction works
ST KL60 Support, encourage and co-operate with the Kilcullen Community Action Group in the preparation of an energy masterplan for the community and in the delivery of infrastructure and services, which assist in the development of a Sustainable Energy Community for Kilcullen.	No-provision is welcomed and will not result in development.	
V2 2.7.15 Movement and Transport		
ST KL61 Develop proposals that promote walking and cycling modes in Kilcullen by ensuring consistency with the relevant measures contained in the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042 (or as amended) during the period of this plan.	No- provision is welcomed and represents the existing scenario. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	MT 2: That all development proposals would promote walking and cycling modes in Kilcullen by ensuring consistency with the relevant measures contained in Chapter 9 of the Draft Transportation Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2011–2030 (or as amended) during the period of this plan.

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ST KL62 Monitor traffic movements within the town and provide passive traffic calming measures at appropriate locations as the need arises.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	MT 3: To monitor traffic movements within the town and to provide passive traffic calming measures at appropriate locations as the need arises.
ST KL63 Ensure regular maintenance of walking and cycling routes and ensure that all roads in new developments are designed in accordance with the principles, approaches and standards contained in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets 2013 and the Cycle Design Manual 2023 (CDM).	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	
ST KL64 Develop a network of cycle routes throughout the town by carrying out a cycle network study, which seeks to remove on-street car-parking and determine appropriate cycle routes.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	PCO 4: To develop a network of safe, high quality cycle routes throughout the town by carrying out a cycle network study, having regard to the NTA Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network, to determine appropriate cycle routes.
ST KL65 Provide a footpath network by improving pedestrian facilities through the refurbishment of footpaths, construction of new footpaths and the provision of appropriate crossing facilities as required.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	PCO 1: To provide a high quality footpath network by improving pedestrian facilities through the refurbishment of footpaths, construction of new footpaths and the provision of appropriate crossing facilities as required.
ST KL66 Ensure site layout proposals for new developments detail present and possible future connections to pedestrian / cycle links and improve permeability between existing and proposed developments including adjacent developments thereby facilitating the '10 – minute settlement' concept.	No- provision relates to planning application specifications. Aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	
ST KL67 Implement the policies and objectives of the recently adopted 'Permeability Guidance Document' for Co. Kildare.	No- provision is welcomed and aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	

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ST KL68 Carry out a quality audit of the existing pedestrian and cycle infrastructure within Kilcullen to ensure a reduction in on-street car-parking, universal accessibility and that infrastructure is designed in accordance with the principles, approaches and standards contained in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, the NTA Cycle Design Manual and other relevant standards.	No- provision relates to the carrying out of an audit only	
ST KL69 Ensure that the design and layout of new developments enables, facilities and encourages the use of sustainable travel modes.	No- aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	MT 7: To ensure that the design and layout of new developments enables, facilitates and encourages the use of sustainable travel modes
ST KL70 Prepare Traffic Management Plans for new developments and seek to identify filtered permeability [1] measures including, home zones[2] and low-traffic neighbourhoods[3], which would reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote a more sustainable, connected way of life.	No- aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	
ST KL71 Implement a scheme of traffic measures on the R448 Naas Road, including the narrowing of carriageways, which shall reduce vehicular speeds on the approach to the town from Naas.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development.	
ST KL72 Ensure that the strategic function of the M9 and the associated junction no. 2 is safeguarded through adherence to national policy as set out in the Spatial Planning and National Road guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012).	No- aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	MT 8: To ensure that the strategic function of the M9 and the associated junction no. 12 is safeguarded through adherence to the provisions of section 6.4.2 of the Kildare County Development Plan (or as maybe amended) and to the provisions of the policy outlined in the DoECLG document ‘Spatial Planning and National Roads-Guidelines for Planning Authorities’.
ST KL73 Implement footpath and traffic calming measures to housing estates within the town, where practicable.	No- aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	
ST KL74 Retain and improve existing pedestrian links and connectivity between the different areas of the town.	No- provision aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	To retain and improve existing pedestrian links and connectivity between the different areas of the town.

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	Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	
ST KL75 Provide appropriate public lighting and facilities for people with disabilities throughout the footpath network.	No- provision aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	PCO 2: To provide appropriate public lighting and facilities for people with disabilities throughout the footpath network.
ST KL76 Provide footpaths / cycleways and public lighting at the following locations. (a) On the R448 Naas Road from the town centre to the Link Business Park. (b) On the L6081 Sunnyhill Road. (c) On the R448, connecting Kilcullen to the Old Kilcullen Round Tower.	No- provision will only result in minor-scale development and aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.	PCO 3: To provide footpaths and public lighting at the following locations: On the R448 Naas Road from the town centre to the Link Business Park. Between Main Street and the pedestrian access point to Valley Community park. On the L6081 Sunnyhill Road.
ST KL77 Examine the route needed for a relief road to the east of the town from the R448 Naas Road to the R448 Athy Road, as shown indicatively on map x. (i) Examine route options for such a road and to investigate the feasibility of providing same having regard to environmental, archaeological and conservation considerations, and the feasibility of constructing a crossing of the River Liffey. (ii) Preserve the preferred route option free from development. (iii) Seek the construction of this road, including a new crossing of the River Liffey and a new junction with the L6074 Logstown Road.	This provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA. While the R448 is identified in the Kildare CDP as a regional road identified for improvement, the provision ' <i>Seek the construction of this road, including a new crossing of the River Liffey and a new junction with the L6074 Logstown Road</i> ' has the potential to result in negative environmental effects. The SEA and AA of the Kildare CDP were assessed to determine if there are already adequate measures proposed to mitigate any potential environmental effects. Following a review of these documents, it can be concluded that this proposed provision does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. For example, one of the mitigation measures proposed in the SEA of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 is that 'the development of new infrastructure should be subject to site options assessment and environmental assessment, where required.' It is therefore considered that following implementation of the mitigation measures contained in the SEA of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029, this provision is not likely to result in significant negative environmental effects.	SRO 1: To examine the likely future need for a relief road to the east of the town from the R448 Naas Road to the R448 Athy Road, as shown indicatively on map no.1 and should a need be identified: i) to examine route options for such a road and to investigate the feasibility of providing same having regard to environmental, archaeological and conservation considerations, and the feasibility of constructing a crossing of the River Liffey. ii) preserve the preferred route option free from development to seek the construction of this road, including a new crossing of the River Liffey and iii) a new junction with the L6074 Logstown Road.

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<p>ST KL78 Seek the construction of the following new greenways and streets as identified on the Mobility Map and to preserve the routes of these greenways and streets free from development:</p> <p>(a) From the R448 at (Kilcullen Business Campus) to the R448 at the Liffey Bridge (Camphill) including a new junction with the R413 at the community centre entrance</p> <p>(b) From the R448 on the Main Street to the existing access street in Riversdale Manor</p>	<p>No- the provision relates to minor-scale development on existing streets.</p> <p>Provision aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>	
<p>ST KL79 Carry out improvement works on those roads and streets identified for road and street upgrades on the Mobility Map in accordance with the principles and standards of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Bridges.</p>	<p>No- Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.</p>	<p>SRO 3: To carry out improvement works on those roads and streets identified for road and street upgrades on Map no.1 in accordance with the principles and standards of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets 2013.</p>
<p>ST KL80 Re-align, widen and / or improve the road network as necessary at the following locations:</p> <p>(a) The R413 Newbridge Road opposite the Castlemartin Stud Farm.</p> <p>(b) The bend on the L6074 Logstown Road.</p> <p>(c) Sections of the Newabbey Road R413.</p> <p>(d) Sections of the Sunnyhill Road L6081.</p>	<p>This provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.</p> <p>Nevertheless, this provision has the potential to result in negative environmental effects. The SEA and AA of the Kildare CDP were assessed to determine if there are already adequate measures proposed to mitigate any potential environmental effects.</p> <p>Following a review of these documents, it can be concluded that this proposed provision does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p> <p>For example, one of the mitigation measures proposed in the SEA of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 is that ‘the development of new infrastructure should be subject to site options assessment and environmental assessment, where required.’</p> <p>It is therefore considered that following implementation of the mitigation measures contained in the SEA of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029, this provision is not likely to result in significant negative environmental effects.</p>	<p>SRO 4: To realign, widen and/or improve the road network as necessary at the following locations: a) b) c) d) The R413 Newbridge Road opposite the Castlemartin Stud Farm. The bend on the L6074 Logstown Road. Sections of the Newabbey Road R413. Sections of the Sunnyhill Road L6081.</p>
<p>ST KL81 Implement safety and / or capacity improvements as necessary at the following junctions:</p> <p>(a) The R448 and R413 junction.</p> <p>(b) The R448 and Riverside Manor junction.</p>	<p>No- provision is welcomed, will only result in minor-scale development.</p> <p>Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.</p>	<p>SRO 5: To implement safety and/or capacity improvements as necessary at the following junctions: a) b) The R448 and R413 junction. The R448 and Riverside Manor junction.</p>

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ST KL82 Implement improvement works at the junction between the R448 and M9.	No- provision is welcomed, will only result in minor-scale development.	
ST KL83 Identify a suitable location to facilitate a bus turning point in the town that can support existing Local Link and public transport service providers.	No- the provision relates to minor-scale development on existing streets.	
ST KL84 To consider alternative town centre parking solutions and investigate the feasibility of such proposals with the preparation of a parking strategy for the town.	<p>No- the provision relates to minor-scale development on existing streets.</p> <p>Provision aligns with provisions already in place as part of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 and does not introduce any potential effects that were not already considered by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p> <p>Provision already forms part of the Kilcullen LAP 2014-2020 which is in place, and which has been subject to SEA.</p>	PKO1: To provide accessible car parking spaces, designed in accordance with best practice, at appropriate locations throughout the town, as necessary.