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Proposed Variation No. 5 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied)

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening

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1. Introduction

Kildare County Council (KCC) published the Kildare County Development Plan (CDP) 2023-2029, hereafter referred to as ‘the CDP’, 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.

In April 2026, KCC, as the Planning Authority, gave notice pursuant to Section 58(7) of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended), of Proposed Variation No. 5 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). Proposed Variation No. 5 has been prepared to update the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) by integrating the *Northwest Quadrant (Naas) Framework Masterplan* into the statutory planning framework to provide a development framework to enable its delivery, as an urban extension of c.300 hectares to Naas of strategic importance that will be one of Naas and County Kildare’s key locations for housing supply.

Arup has been commissioned by KCC to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening of Proposed Variation No. 5 of the CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) (hereafter referred to as the ‘Proposed Variation No. 5’).

2. Proposed Variation No. 5 to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied)

As outlined in Section 1, Proposed Variation No. 5 has been prepared to update the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) by integrating the *Northwest Quadrant (Naas) Framework Masterplan* into the statutory planning framework to provide a development framework to enable its delivery, as an urban extension of c.300 hectares to Naas of strategic importance that will be one of Naas and County Kildare’s key locations for housing supply.

The CDP (as varied) consists of two volumes, of which Volume 1 – Written Statement sets out the strategic framework, policies, and objectives guiding sustainable development, land use, urban design, infrastructure, and environmental management across County Kildare, and Volume 2 sets out plans for settlements of various sizes. The Proposed Variation No. 5 comprises amendments to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) as follows:

- Update Northwest Quadrant boundary in Volume 1, Chapter 2: Core Strategy by replacing Table 2.5 Map 2.8B with an updated version.
- Insertion of new sections within Volume 2: Settlement Plans.
- Insertion of section to enable the *Northwest Quadrant (Naas) Written Statement* (including appendices and supporting documents) to be included in Volume 2 of the CDP under the proposed Key Towns Section.

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.

Ireland made the decision to transpose the SEA Directive into Irish law through two separate statutory instruments or regulations as follows:

- 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 2005 and S.I. No. 463 of 2025 European Union (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2005.
- S.I. No. 456 of 2025 European Union (Land Use Planning-Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2025.

Under S.I. No. 456 of 2025, the definition of ‘plan’ has the meaning assigned to it in section 198(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2024, included as follows:

“plan” means—

- (a) National Planning Framework or a revision to a National Planning Framework,*
- (b) National Planning Statement, an amendment to a National Planning Statement or a revocation of a National Planning Statement,*
- (c) a revocation of guidelines issued by the Minister under section 28 of the Act of 2000 and continued in force by virtue of section 27,*
- (d) a regional spatial and economic strategy or a revision to a regional spatial and economic strategy,*
- (e) an amendment to a regional spatial and economic strategy as provided for in subsection (2) of section 37,*
- (f) a development plan or a variation of a development plan,*
- (g) an amendment to a development plan as provided for in subsection (2) of section 62,*
- (h) an urban area plan, an amendment to an urban area plan or a revocation of an urban area plan,*
- (i) a priority area plan, an amendment to a priority area plan or a revocation of a priority area plan,*
- (j) a coordinated area plan, an amendment to a coordinated area plan or a revocation of a coordinated area plan other than a revocation in accordance with subsection (3) of section 77,*
- (k) a direction in respect of a regional spatial and economic strategy as provided for in section 40,*
- (l) an order under subsection (3) of section 68,*
- (m) a direction in respect of a development plan as provided for in section 65,*
- (n) a direction in respect of an urban area plan, a priority area plan or a coordinated area plan as provided for in section 80, and*
- (o) an urgent direction in respect of a development plan as provided for in section 67;’*

For the purposes of this SEA Screening report ‘plan’ is defined as part (f) above ‘*a development plan or a variation of a development plan,*’.

As the relevant plan relates to a Proposed Variation No. 5 to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), S.I. 456/2025, as amended, is the applicable legislation.

Thus, KCC, as the planning authority is required to determine whether the Proposed Variation No. 5 to the CDP (as varied) 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 in this case a variation to a CDP, 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 2, ‘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 2 of S.I. 456/2025, as amended 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; and
 - 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 No. 5

The provisions of the Naas Local Area Plan 2021–2027 (Naas LAP 2021-2027) relating to the Northwest Quadrant will be superseded by the adoption of Proposed Variation No. 5 (the Northwest Quadrant (Naas) Written Statement and supporting documents). The Naas LAP 2021-2027 otherwise remains the applicable land-use plan for Naas, and Proposed Variation No. 5 does not contradict the protective measures set out therein. The CDP continues to provide the overarching land-use planning framework for County Kildare, and Proposed Variation No. 5 does not alter the principles of the CDP or contradict the conclusions of the Strategic Environmental Assessment or Appropriate Assessment prepared for the CDP. Rather, Proposed

Variation No. 5 is grounded in and relies on the planning framework and protective measures defined by the CDP and its supporting documents.

Table 1 sets out the criteria for determining whether a development plan (or as it relates to this Screening, a variation to a development plan) is likely to have significant effects on the environment set out in Schedule 2 of S.I. 456/2025, as amended. A response to each of the individual criterion, as they pertain to the Proposed Variation No. 5 to the CDP (as varied), is also included.

Table 1 Criteria for Determining Whether a Plan is Likely to have Significant Effects on the Environment

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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 CDP establishes the strategic framework for growth in Kildare and identifies Naas as a Key Town. Currently, the spatial planning and detailed articulation of the Northwest Quadrant is provided through the Naas LAP 2021-2027. Proposed Variation No. 5 to the CDP has been prepared to update the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) by integrating the Northwest Quadrant (Naas) Framework Masterplan into the statutory planning framework to provide a development framework to enable its delivery.</p> <p>Proposed Variation No. 5 sets a framework for future projects and other activities by amending the strategic policy context within which development proposals will be assessed. While Proposed Variation No. 5 does not set a framework for individual projects, it influences the location, nature and scale of future development by revising zoning provisions previously set out in the Naas LAP 2021-2027. These changes will guide the preparation of development proposals and the determination of planning applications.</p> <p>However, this framework is ultimately governed by the CDP, and Proposed Variation No. 5 is grounded in and relies upon the planning framework and protective measures set out therein. Further, the CDP establishes Action UD A2, to prepare the Northwest Quadrant Framework Masterplan, and Objective NWQ 1.1 of the Naas LAP 2021-2027 also sets an action to prepare a masterplan for the area.</p> <p>Accordingly, the extent to which Proposed Variation No. 5 sets a framework for projects or other activities is considered to be limited, as the Variation aligns its provisions with the existing Naas LAP 2021-2027 and CDP framework, as described in Appendix A which identifies where objectives of Proposed Variation No. 5 align with the provisions of the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027, and associated environmental reports.</p>
The degree to which the plan influences other plans, including those in a hierarchy	<p>Proposed Variation No. 5 is grounded in and relies on the planning framework and protective measures defined by the CDP and its supporting documents and aligns with the provisions and measures defined in the Naas LAP 2021-2027. The provisions made within the Naas LAP 2021-2027 with regard to the Northwest Quadrant (Naas) will be superseded by the adoption of this Northwest Quadrant (Naas) Written Statement. Therefore, Proposed Variation No. 5 will become the strategic land-use framework governing development in the Northwest Quadrant. As such, Proposed Variation No. 5 will not influence any other lower-tier plans within a hierarchy.</p> <p>While the Proposed Variation No. 5 introduces changes to the existing planning and development framework with the introduction of new land use zonings to the Northwest Quadrant and changes to the Northwest Quadrant boundary, the framework is ultimately governed by the CDP and aligned with the Naas LAP 2021-2027.</p> <p>Therefore, the degree to which it influences other plans 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 CDP is the principal strategy guiding the proper planning and sustainable development of land use across County Kildare over its six-year statutory period. The Naas LAP 2021-2027 is the main land-use planning framework for Naas.</p> <p>It is proposed to incorporate the Northwest Quadrant Framework Masterplan into Volume 2 of the CDP through Proposed Variation No. 5. Proposed Variation No. 5 will supersede the provisions of the Naas LAP 2021-2027 relating to the Northwest Quadrant. The Framework Masterplan includes provisions to support the sustainable development of the Northwest Quadrant to facilitate sustainable growth of Naas, with particular emphasis on delivering balanced, sustainable neighbourhoods and communities, in line with the measures set out in the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027.</p> <p>In this context, Proposed Variation No. 5 contributes positively to the promotion of sustainable development at the local level.</p>
Environmental problems relevant to the plan	<p>The Northwest Quadrant, which is the subject of the Proposed Variation No. 5, faces a number of environmental problems relevant to the Framework Masterplan, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Naas', including the Northwest Quadrants, water supply comes from the Poulaphouca Regional Scheme which is serviced by Ballymore Eustace Water Treatment Plant to Naas via Dowdenstown Reservoir. The future supply will be fed from a

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combination of the Barrow (Srowland) and the Ballymore Eustace Scheme. Irish Water indicates that there is adequate water supply to cater for the future demands generated during the lifetime of this Plan.

- Naas, including the Northwest Quadrant, is connected to the Osberstown wastewater treatment plant. This plant has available capacity for the entire catchment of the Upper Lower Liffey Valley (ULLV) Agglomeration.
- Naas was identified as an area for further assessment (AFA) in the Eastern Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Study. The Naas Flood Relief Scheme project has updated the Flood Extent Mapping for Naas and this was accepted / signed-off as an accurate representation of the current flood extents in Naas by the Office of Public Works and KCC in March 2026. This provides certainty and clarity for assessing flood risk in the Northwest Quadrant and the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) process (see SFRA separate to this SEA Screening report) conducted to support the preparation of the Framework Masterplan has informed mitigation measures to avoid further flood risk in Naas.
- Naas has experienced rapid population growth in the last 30 years, from approximately 14,000 people in 1996 to 26,000 people in 2022. Population growth and distribution of residential development have resulted in challenges related to social infrastructure and public transport infrastructure in Naas.
- There are currently 8 primary schools, 5 post-primary schools and 1 further education and training centre located in Naas. Of these, just 1 post-primary school is located within the Northwest Quadrant. Additional growth projected over the coming years will require more school places.
- There are 21 childcare facilities located in Naas, none of which are located within the Northwest Quadrant. The Framework Masterplan makes provision for in excess of 480 childcare spaces to accommodate planned population growth to 2029.
- In Naas, there are 51 health facilities comprising one hospital (adult - 16 years plus), 12 GP practices, a care-doc facility, three nursing homes, 11 pharmacies, 14 dentists and nine physiotherapists. The introduction of additional health services to the Northwest Quadrant is expected to address the extent of urban growth requirements at a local level.
- The local road network serving the Northwest Quadrant currently comprises Millennium Park Road, New Caragh Road, Old Caragh Road and Finlay Park. The presence of the canal, together with the historical landownership context, and lack of services (until recently) has previously acted as a barrier to the further development of the area. It is currently approximately 2km from the Kerry Group roundabout to the Harbour and the only local vehicular access is via Finlay Park to the southwest.
- The Northwest Quadrant is serviced by bus services from Naas Main Street and Newbridge Road. It is envisaged that new local bus services (Naas Town Bus Service), to be introduced via multiple provisions of the Proposed Variation, will improve bus-based access to the Northwest Quadrant.
- There are a number of significant built heritage sites and views in the Northwest Quadrant, including:
 - The Grand Canal and its bridges, locks, corridor and adjacent Canal Quarter focused on the Naas harbour (site code: 002104).
 - Individual houses (Knocks and Keredern) and their historic designed landscapes of significance.
 - The Leinster Mills and Mill House complex.
 - Protected views including Ploopluck Bridge (GC30), Abbey Bridge (GC31), and Tandy’s Abbey Bridge (GC32).
- The Grand Canal proposed Natural Heritage Area (site code: 02104) runs adjacent to the Framework Masterplan area.
- There are no Natura 2000 sites located within the Framework Masterplan boundary. However, Natura 2000 sites located in the vicinity of the Northwest Quadrant include Mouds Bog (site code: 002331), Ballynafagh Bog (000391), Pollardstown Fen (site code: 000396) and Red Bog (site code: 000397) Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

The Proposed Variation No. 5 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 the Northwest Quadrant.

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)

Proposed Variation no. 5 aims to integrate the Northwest Quadrant Framework Masterplan into the CDP.

The CDP 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 remain unchanged as part of Proposed Variation No. 5. Accordingly, Proposed Variation No. 5 is relevant to the implementation of European Union environmental legislation, as it continues to ensure that the strategic planning framework for County Kildare 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 potential effects of the detailed provisions of Proposed Variation No. 5 to the CDP is contained in Appendix A.

The detailed provisions of the Proposed Variation No. 5 are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. Proposed Variation No. 5 largely aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027. Proposed Variation No. 5 introduces some new provisions for development (see Objectives NWQ O1.5A, NWQ O1.8 and NWQ O1.10 of Appendix A), which are not considered to significantly alter the development framework set out in the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027.

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Proposed Variation No. 5 does not introduce potential significant effects that were not already assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027 and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

The cumulative nature of the effects,

An environmental screening of the potential effects of the detailed provisions of Proposed Variation No. 5 to the CDP is contained in Appendix A.

The detailed provisions of Proposed Variation No. 5 are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. Proposed Variation No. 5 largely aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027. Proposed Variation No. 5 introduces some new provisions for development (see Objectives NWQ 01.5A, NWQ 01.8 and NWQ 01.10 of Appendix A), which are not considered to significantly alter the development framework set out in the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027. Proposed Variation No. 5 does not introduce potential significant effects that were not already assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP Naas LAP 2021-2027 and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. As such, no likely cumulative effects are identified.

The transboundary nature of the effects,

Proposed Variation No. 5 to the CDP is limited in its influence on the area of the Northwest Quadrant. The scale and character of the Proposed Variation No. 5 therefore preclude the possibility of transboundary effects.

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

An environmental screening of the potential effects of the detailed provisions of Proposed Variation No. 5 to the CDP is contained in Appendix A.

The detailed provisions of Proposed Variation No. 5 are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. Proposed Variation No. 5 largely aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027. Proposed Variation No. 5 introduces some new provisions for development (see Objectives NWQ 01.5A, NWQ 01.8 and NWQ 01.10 of Appendix A), which are not considered to significantly alter the development framework set out in the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027. Proposed Variation No. 5 does not introduce potential significant effects to human health that were not already assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027 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),

Proposed Variation No. 5 to the CDP is limited in its influence to the area of the Northwest Quadrant.

An environmental screening of the potential effects of the detailed provisions of Proposed Variation No. 5 to the CDP is contained in Appendix A.

The detailed provisions of Proposed Variation No. 5 are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. Proposed Variation No. 5 largely aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027. Proposed Variation No. 5 introduces some new provisions for development (see Objectives NWQ 01.5A, NWQ 01.8 and NWQ 01.10 of Appendix A), which are not considered to significantly alter the development framework set out in the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027. Proposed Variation No. 5 does not introduce potential significant effects that were not already assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027 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 Framework Masterplan, which is proposed to be included in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) by means of Proposed Variation No. 5, contains an overview of the existing baseline environment of the Northwest Quadrant. 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 potential effects of the detailed provisions of Proposed Variation No. 5 to the CDP is contained in Appendix A.

Proposed Variation No. 5 largely aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027. Proposed Variation No. 5 introduces some new provisions for development (see Objectives NWQ 01.5A, NWQ 01.8 and NWQ 01.10 of Appendix A), which are not considered to significantly alter the development framework set out in the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027. Proposed Variation No. 5 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 Naas LAP 2021-2027 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 2024 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 an Appropriate Assessment (AA) must be undertaken.

The Proposed Variation No. 5 was subject to a screening process to establish whether or not an AA is required. The AA Screening identified that additional draft objectives and updates to existing objectives in the Proposed Variation No. 5 to the CDP (as varied), 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 amendments to Proposed Variation No. 5 will be subject to further screening for AA.

6. Conclusion

SEA Screening is the process for determining whether a particular plan, or as the regulation relates to this Screening a 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 if an SEA is required to be undertaken of Proposed Variation No. 5 of the CDP (as varied).

In undertaking this SEA Screening for Proposed Variation No. 5 of the CDP, a detailed review of the CDP's existing policies and objectives was carried out, with particular regard to its protective environmental provisions. It is concluded that most of the provisions set out in Proposed Variation No. 5 have already been comprehensively assessed through the strategic and environmental framework of the adopted CDP and its SEA. Proposed Variation No. 5 introduces some new provisions which were not previously assessed (refer to Appendix A), however with the implementation of mitigation measures defined for the CDP and its associated SEA, these provisions are not expected to result in adverse environmental impacts. Proposed Variation No. 5 does not alter the overarching CDP principles and provisions, settlement hierarchy or the underlying environmental protection provisions that the SEA relied upon. Because Proposed Variation No. 5 does not weaken or displace these safeguards, it is not expected to generate new or intensified effects.

Therefore, the assessment of Proposed Variation No. 5 provided in this report (including against the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the SEA Regulations) has found that Proposed Variation No. 5 would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

The AA Screening of the Proposed Variation No. 5 undertaken has likewise determined that no AA is required.

Therefore, on the basis of the above assessment, including consideration of the criteria as set out in Schedule 2 of S.I. No. 456/2025 - European Union (Land Use Planning – Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2025), the Proposed Variation No. 5 to the CDP (as varied) does not require full SEA. A determination will be made by KCC on the requirement for SEA. This determination will be based on the contents of this report and responses received by relevant environmental authorities in accordance with Section 4(5), 4(6) and 4(7) of the S.I. No. 456/2025. Relevant environmental authorities shall be notified of this determination once finalised.

Appendix A

Environmental Screening of Provisions of the Proposed Variation No. 5

Objective	Draft Updates to Policies and Objectives of CDP as part of Variation No. 5 to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029	Are there any objectives in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 which align with this provision?	Is there potential for significant effects on the environment?
NWQ O1.1	<p>Northwest Quadrant Framework Masterplan</p> <p>Kildare County Council will seek to ensure the delivery of the Northwest Quadrant in accordance with its Framework Masterplan and supporting documents, including the Northwest Quadrant (Naas) Character Area Guidance, Sustainable Mobility Strategy and Surface Water Management Plan.</p>	<p>The CDP supports the Northwest Quadrant Framework Masterplan indirectly by identifying the growth potential of Naas as a Key Town.</p> <p>The CDP supports the Northwest Quadrant Framework Masterplan by defining an action to prepare the Framework Masterplan under Objective UD A2.</p> <p>The Naas Northwest Quadrant is currently identified and progressed through the Naas LAP 2021-2027, which also sets an action to establish a masterplan for the area.</p>	<p>This objective relates to the delivery of growth objectives for the Northwest Quadrant in accordance with its Framework Masterplan.</p> <p>While the Framework Masterplan defines some new zoning objectives for the Northwest Quadrant, it is aligned with and governed by the provisions of the Naas LAP 2021-2027 and CDP, respectively.</p> <p>With the implementation of mitigation measures set out in the SEA and AA prepared for the Naas LAP 2021-2027 and CDP, it is not expected that adverse impacts will arise as a result of the implementation of this objective.</p>
NWQ O1.2	<p>Release of Phase 2 and Phase 3 Residential lands at the Northwest Quadrant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Core Strategy supports the orderly phased release of lands within the Northwest Quadrant according to the Phasing Strategy defined in the Framework Masterplan Report and summarised in Table NWQ17 and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. Lands with Phase 2 New Residential lands and Phase 2 New Residual with residual mitigatable flood risk LUZO will be safeguarded from inappropriate development to preserve their strategic function for the growth of Naas beyond the current development plan period. The completion of the delivery of Phase 1 will enable progression to Phase 2 without the need for a Variation to the development plan. The completion of the delivery of Phase 2 will enable progression to Phase 3 without the need for a Variation to the development plan. Kildare County Council will collaborate with state and semi-state agencies (infrastructure and utility providers) to ensure that land can be categorised as Tier 1 in time for the commencement of coherent phasing packages. 	<p>This objective aligns with provisions set out in Variation 3 to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), which identifies delivery mechanisms for housing growth in Kildare. These delivery mechanisms relate to the release of appropriately zoned lands for development and the establishment of urban development zones.</p> <p>It aligns with Objective CS O29 of the CDP which facilitates development on appropriately zoned lands.</p> <p>It also aligns with provisions of the Naas LAP 2021-2027 which provides for the phased delivery of key measures.</p>	<p>This objective relates to the phasing of development set out in the CDP and the Naas LAP 2021-2027.</p> <p>It does not introduce new development proposals. Therefore, no significant environmental impacts are expected to arise.</p>
NWQ O1.3	<p>Balanced communities and Social and Affordable Housing</p> <p>Kildare County Council will seek to ensure that the targets for below-market priced housing are met in the Northwest Quadrant, as defined in the latest version</p>	<p>This generally aligns with Policy HO P3 and HO P9 of the CDP which aim to deliver</p>	<p>This objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027. This provision does not introduce new development proposals, but rather seeks</p>

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	of the Housing Need and Demand Assessment. Kildare County Council will apply the Planning and Development Act 2024 and utilise its housing authority powers to work with its partners to utilise available measures and opportunities to provide below-market priced housing products to the defined targets.	affordable housing in line with population growth. This also aligns with Objective HCO 1.2 of the Naas LAP 2021-2027 which supports provision of diverse housing types.	to ensure that housing targets for below-market priced housing are met in the Northwest Quadrant. Therefore, significant environmental impacts are not expected to arise as a result of implementation.
NWQ O1.4	<p>Urban Density</p> <p>It is an objective of this plan that the Northwest Quadrant is developed to the recommended residential density bands set out in Table NWQ 11: Urban Density Bands and spatial density strategy defined in the Framework Masterplan, and that these are applied in the consideration of individual planning applications.</p>	<p>This aligns with the CDP which sets out density ranges for different locations including urban extension areas in Naas, which includes the Northwest Quadrant.</p> <p>The CDP states that for Naas a density range of 30 - 100 dph (Table 2.8 Core Strategy) will apply, with a target density of 40 dph (Table 2.8B) for the Northwest Quadrant.</p>	<p>The density band set out in Table NWQ11 for the centre of the Northwest Quadrant aligns with the Net Density defined for the Northwest Quadrant in Table 2.8B of the CDP (<i>“approximately 40dph - to be confirmed at Masterplan level”</i>).</p> <p>The density bands set out in Table NWQ11 for other locations within the Northwest Quadrant exceed the Net Density defined for the Northwest Quadrant in Table 2.8B of the CDP. However, the density bands sit within the residential density range defined for Naas in Table 2.8 of the CDP (as varied) (30-100 dph) in accordance with Compact Settlement Guidelines (2024).</p> <p>Therefore, it is considered that this objective aligns with the CDP and that 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>
NWQ O1.5A	<p>Sustainable Mobility Strategy</p> <p>It is an objective of this plan that the Northwest Quadrant is developed as a sustainable urban extension according to the Framework Masterplan and the supporting Sustainable Mobility Strategy including delivery of the Sustainable Mobility Infrastructure set out in Table NWQ 14.</p>	<p>This generally aligns with Policy TM P1 of the CDP which promotes active travel infrastructure such as walking, cycling and use of public transport for sustainable development.</p>	<p>This objective introduces new infrastructure development to facilitate sustainable urban extension to the Northwest Quadrant.</p> <p>As some of these measures were not previously defined in the Naas LAP 2021 - 2027, their potential to give rise to environmental impacts has not been directly assessed. However, the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027 make provision for the inclusion of sustainable mobility in new developments. Implementation of mitigation measures defined in the SEA and AA for the CDP and</p>

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			<p>Naas LAP 2021 – 2027 will be applied to this area to mitigate any impacts that may arise.</p> <p>KCC will ensure that proposed developments consider their effects on views towards scenic points and areas and are designed and located to minimise their impact on the area’s visual amenity.</p> <p>Relevant policy and legislation, including air quality, noise, traffic, surface water and wastewater, amongst others, will be considered in implementation of this objective, to ensure that development does not give rise to negative environmental effects during both construction and operation.</p> <p>For development of infrastructure around the canal, KCC will actively promote the conservation and protection of designated areas, including pNHAs, and will only consider proposals for development within or affecting a pNHA where it can be clearly demonstrated that the proposed development will not have a significant adverse effect on the pNHA.</p> <p>For development of infrastructure around green spaces, KCC will ensure the protection and conservation of areas, sites, species and ecological networks/corridors of biodiversity value.</p> <p>Following application of mitigation measures defined in line with the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027, this objective is not expected to give rise to significant environmental impacts.</p>
NWQ O1.5B	<p>Collaboration with key stakeholders to deliver a Northwest Quadrant sustainable mobility network</p> <p>Kildare County Council will support and collaborate with the National Transport Authority (NTA), Irish Rail, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and other key</p>	This objective generally aligns with multiple objectives of the CDP including Objective CS O3 and CS O5 which promote engagement for	This objective relates to continuing engagement that will drive delivery of the Northwest Quadrant. It does not introduce new development proposals, but rather seeks to

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	stakeholders to ensure the delivery of an excellent sustainable mobility network (infrastructure and services) that will meet the needs of the Northwest Quadrant, as well as Naas and the wider network. This will include collaborating on the delivery of measures outlined in the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042 and the Naas Town Bus Network / Service complete with Bus Priority Corridors.	development of urban settlements and growth centres.	ensure that delivery is informed by effective collaboration. Therefore, no significant environmental impacts are expected to arise as a result of implementation.
NWQ O1.5C	<p>Second Sallins Rail Station</p> <p>To support and facilitate, in co-operation with Irish Rail and the National Transport Authority the delivery of a second railway station, sited to the west of Sallins, including a park and ride facility (1, 000 spaces), as per TM O54.</p>	This Objective aligns with Objective TM O54 of the CDP which calls for the development of new facilities, including the new railway station, in co-operation with relevant parties.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP (and subsequent variations) and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
NWQ O1.6	<p>Community Infrastructure and Community Hubs</p> <p>Kildare County Council will seek to ensure the development of community facilities to meet the needs of the Northwest Quadrant, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Community Hub facility in the Northwest Quadrant to meet the needs of the neighbourhood; b) During the lifetime of this Development Plan Kildare County Council will seek to prepare a Community Hub Feasibility Study to inform project development and delivery. 	<p>This generally aligns with Policy SC P2 which requires that a range of universally accessible social, community, cultural and recreational facilities are provided in Kildare.</p> <p>This generally aligns with Objective SC O6 of the CDP which aims to protect and enhance social and community facilities.</p> <p>This is also generally consistent with Objective SC O8 of the CDP which promotes the clustering of community facilities to create multi-purpose community hubs.</p> <p>This also aligns with Objective HCO 4.1 of the Naas LAP 2021-2027 which supports provision of multi-functional community facilities at appropriate locations in Naas.</p>	<p>This objective relates to the development of community infrastructure in the Northwest Quadrant. This aligns with multiple provisions of the CDP and the Naas LAP 2021-2027 which relate to delivery of community infrastructure.</p> <p>Any development that is carried out in relation to this objective will include implementation of mitigation measures defined in the SEA and AA for the CDP and the Naas LAP 2021-2027 to mitigate any potential impacts.</p> <p>Following application of mitigation measures defined in the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027, this objective is not expected to give rise to significant environmental impacts.</p>
NWQ O1.7	<p>Educational and Training Facilities</p> <p>Kildare County Council will seek to ensure that the educational needs of the Northwest Quadrant are met within the Northwest Quadrant in collaboration with the Department of Education, KWETB and other key stakeholders.</p>	This is generally consistent with Objective SC O67, SC O74 from the CDP, which relate to the provision of new schools and redevelopment and expansion of existing schools in line with Department of Education's School Building Programme.	This objective relates to continuing engagement to support the delivery of schools in the Northwest Quadrant. It also relates to the consideration of the location of new schools.

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	<p>Kildare County Council will explore the feasibility of co-locating school facilities with other community facilities (adjacent or as combined facilities) in collaboration with the Department of Education and school communities.</p>	<p>This is also consistent with Objective CS O27 of the CDP (as varied) which promotes working with the Department of Education to deliver new schools to meet the needs of the growing population.</p> <p>This is also generally consistent with Objective SC O8 of the CDP which promotes the clustering of community facilities to create multi-purpose community hubs.</p> <p>This also aligns with various provisions of the Naas LAP 2021-2027, including HCO 3.1, HCO 3.5, HCO 3.6 which promote delivery and expansion of new and existing educational facilities as well as other social infrastructure, in collaboration with relevant bodies.</p>	<p>It does not introduce new development proposals. Therefore, no significant impacts are expected to arise.</p>
NWQ O1.8	<p>Active Recreational Infrastructure</p> <p>Kildare County Council will seek to ensure the delivery of the active recreational infrastructure set out in Table NWQ16, including their project briefs, design, responsibility, and delivery.</p> <p>Kildare County Council will seek to develop a Municipal Sports Grounds / Pitch Model for all sports grounds to provide the basis for operating pitches for the benefit of the whole community (including schools) and all sporting codes.</p>	<p>This objective generally aligns with various objectives of the CDP including Objectives SC O2, SC O9 and SC O10 which promote provision of sport facilities and participation in physical activities.</p>	<p>This objective introduces new infrastructure development to facilitate community recreation and sport and leisure infrastructure in the Northwest Quadrant. Much of the land designated under this objective was previously zoned as Strategic Reserve in the Naas LAP 2021 – 2027, to facilitate the orderly expansion of Naas.</p> <p>As some of these measures were not previously defined in the Naas LAP 2021 - 2027, their potential to give rise to environmental impacts has not been directly assessed.</p> <p>However, the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027 make provision for the provision of open space, amenity and recreation in the Northwest Quadrant. Mitigation measures defined in the SEA and AA for the CDP and Naas LAP 2021 – 2027 will be applied to this area to mitigate any impacts that may arise.</p> <p>KCC will ensure that proposed developments consider their effects on views towards scenic points and areas and are designed and located</p>

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			<p>to minimise their impact on the area’ s visual amenity.</p> <p>Relevant policy and legislation, including air quality, noise, traffic surface water and wastewater, amongst others, will be considered in implementation of this objective, to ensure that development does not give rise to negative environmental effects during both construction and operation.</p> <p>For development of infrastructure around the canal, KCC will actively promote the conservation and protection of designated areas, including pNHAs, and will only consider proposals for development within or affecting a pNHA where it can be clearly demonstrated that the proposed development will not have a significant adverse effect on the pNHA.</p> <p>For development of infrastructure around green spaces, KCC will ensure the protection and conservation of areas, sites, species and ecological networks/corridors of biodiversity value.</p> <p>Following application of mitigation measures defined in line with the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027, this objective is not expected to give rise to significant environmental impacts.</p>
NWQ O1.9	<p>Development Phasing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kildare County Council will work with its partners to seek to ensure that the Northwest Quadrant benefits from the development of coherent development phases, complete with enabling and significant supporting infrastructure, that are delivered according to the Phasing Strategy (defined in Table NWQ17: Northwest Quadrant Development Phases) in a timely fashion. • Kildare County Council will collaborate with developers of housing and enabling / supporting infrastructure to seek to ensure compliance 	<p>This is generally consistent with various provisions of the CDP including Objective UD O5, UD O7, and SC O15 which promote the phased delivery of facilities and infrastructure to benefit the county.</p> <p>It also aligns with provisions of the Naas LAP 2021-2027 which supports the phased delivery of key measures.</p>	<p>This objective relates to the phasing of development and collaboration with relevant parties to facilitate phasing to support the delivery of the Northwest Quadrant development. It does not introduce new development proposals, but rather seeks to ensure that delivery is informed by effective collaboration.</p>

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	with the Phasing Strategy. Development of the Northwest Quadrant will be in accordance with the Phasing Strategy, unless otherwise agreed with Kildare County Council.	<p>With regard to collaboration, the CDP generally promotes collaboration between local government, landowners, government departments, infrastructure providers, etc. to ensure delivery of the objectives of the Plan.</p> <p>This objective generally aligns with multiple objectives of the CDP, including Objective CS O14 which promotes engagement with public infrastructure providers to ensure that developments are properly serviced.</p>	Therefore, no significant environmental impacts are expected to arise as a result of implementation.
NWQ O1.10	<p>Infrastructure Delivery Plan</p> <p>Kildare County Council will work with its partners to seek to ensure that the enabling infrastructure to unlock the potential of the Northwest Quadrant in each development phase is delivered in a timely fashion. Development phase timelines are indicative.</p> <p>To implement the Northwest Quadrant Infrastructure Delivery Plan set out in the Northwest Quadrant Framework Masterplan and Table NWQ18.</p>	This is generally consistent with various provisions of the CDP including Objective UD O5, UD O7, and SC O15 which promote the phased delivery of facilities and infrastructure to benefit the county.	<p>This objective relates to the phasing of development set out in the CDP and the Naas LAP 2021-2027.</p> <p>In relation to Table NWQ18 of the Framework Masterplan this objective introduces some new infrastructure development for the Northwest Quadrant. Some measures specific to the Northwest Quadrant were not defined in the Naas LAP 2021-2027, and therefore their potential to give rise to environmental impacts has not been directly assessed.</p> <p>However, implementation of mitigation measures defined in the SEA and AA for the CDP and Naas LAP 2021 – 2027 will be applied to this area to mitigate any impacts that may arise. Therefore, no significant environmental impacts are expected to arise as a result of implementation.</p>
NWQ O1.11	<p>Delivery and Funding</p> <p>Kildare County Council will seek to ensure that a delivery and funding strategy is defined that enables the delivery of the Northwest Quadrant as a new urban extension complete with all supporting and enabling infrastructure. The delivery strategy will clearly define responsibilities for all project partners.</p> <p>Kildare County Council will explore and seek to prepare a development contributions scheme specific to the Naas development lands at the Northwest</p>	This generally aligns with multiple Objectives including CS O12 of the CDP which supports seeking funding from relevant bodies for the delivery of projects across Kildare.	This objective relates to establishing a strategy for the delivery and funding of development in the Northwest Quadrant. It does not introduce new development proposals, but rather seeks to define how development will be delivered.

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	<p>Quadrant and Naas Canal Quarter under s584 of the Planning and Development Act 2024. The scheme will be designed to seek financial contributions towards the cost of funding public infrastructure and facilities necessary to unlock the development of the lands, including the provision of open spaces, drainage and ecosystem, recreational and community facilities, street corridor and transport infrastructure (e.g. bridges), public realm, acquisition of land and related ancillary infrastructure.</p> <p>Kildare County Council will seek to work with central government and state / semi state agencies to ensure that the infrastructure cost burden to deliver the enabling and supporting infrastructure can be met by a suitable funding strategy.</p> <p>Kildare County Council will seek to develop a suitable financial strategy to enable the delivery of infrastructure to be provided to an optimal timeline that aligns with the Phasing Strategy.</p>		<p>Therefore, no significant environmental impacts are expected to arise as a result of implementation.</p>
<p>NWQ O1.12</p>	<p>Collaboration</p> <p>Kildare County Council will seek to ensure that development partners collaborate effectively to deliver the Northwest Quadrant Framework Masterplan and achieve the comprehensive development of the urban extension. Kildare County Council will explore the utilisation of a range of mechanisms sufficient to meet the needs of accelerating delivery. Kildare County Council will seek to define the nature of this collaboration in a Northwest Quadrant (Naas) Delivery Strategy.</p>	<p>In general, the CDP promotes collaboration between local government, landowners, government departments, infrastructure providers, etc. to ensure delivery of the objectives of the Plan.</p> <p>This objective generally aligns with multiple objectives of the CDP, including Objective CS O14 which promotes engagement with public infrastructure providers to ensure that developments are properly serviced, and Objective UD O6 which promotes active engagement between stakeholders to encourage successful renewal and enhancement of Kildare’s towns and villages.</p>	<p>This objective relates to continuing engagement that will drive delivery of the Northwest Quadrant development. It does not introduce new development proposals, but rather seeks to ensure that delivery is informed by effective collaboration.</p> <p>Therefore, no significant environmental impacts are expected to arise as a result of implementation.</p>
<p>NWQ O1.13</p>	<p>Land Acquisition</p> <p>Kildare County Council will seek to ensure that land is available to provide the infrastructure necessary to enable the unlocking of the Northwest Quadrant and to ensure that it is a successful place and neighbourhood with enabling and supporting infrastructure to meet its needs. This will include land for the purposes of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Public realm, Parks and active recreational infrastructure. 	<p>This generally aligns with Objective CS O4 of the CDP which aims to ensure that sufficient lands are available to meet the planned population and housing growth of settlements in Kildare.</p> <p>This generally aligns with Policy UD P1 of the CDP which promotes urban design and healthy placemaking for realisation of more</p>	<p>This objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027.</p> <p>Proposed Variation No. 5 influences the location, nature and scale of future development by revising zoning provisions and updating the Northwest Quadrant boundary previously set out in the Naas LAP 2021-2027.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Housing. c. Community infrastructure (e.g. education, community hubs, etc) d. Street networks. e. Northwest Quadrant Bridges. f. Other enabling and supporting Public Infrastructure and Utilities. g. Kildare County Council may utilise its statutory powers. 	<p>sustainable, inclusive, and well-designed settlements.</p> <p>This also aligns with the zoning designations from the Naas LAP 2021-2027. The LAP zoned ‘Strategic Reserve’ land in the Northwest Quadrant with the aim of <i>“safeguarding their strategic value in accommodating the orderly sequential expansion of the urban settlement beyond the current Plan period”</i> (Objective CSO 1.9).</p>	<p>However, this framework is ultimately governed by the CDP and aligned with the Naas LAP 2021-2027, and aligns its provisions with those frameworks.</p> <p>Any development that is carried out in relation to this objective will include implementation of mitigation measures defined in the SEA and AA for the CDP and the Naas LAP 2021-2027 to mitigate any potential impacts.</p> <p>Following application of mitigation measures, this objective is not expected to give rise to significant environmental impacts.</p>
NWQ O1.14	<p>Character Area Placenames</p> <p>Kildare County Council will develop a naming framework for the individual character areas that celebrates local heritage, cultural identity, historical context and will consider opportunities for use of the Irish language. This framework will support place-making, promote bilingualism, and foster a sense of belonging, while ensuring names are meaningful, legible, and appropriate for wayfinding.</p>	<p>This generally aligns with Policy UD P1 of the CDP which promotes urban design and healthy placemaking for realisation of more sustainable, inclusive, and well-designed settlements.</p> <p>It also aligns with Policy AH P1 of the CDP which aims to recognise and promote Kildare’s unique heritage.</p>	<p>This objective relates to establishing placenames. It does not make provision for new development in the Northwest Quadrant.</p> <p>It is expected that the implementation of this objective will not result in significant negative impacts.</p>
NWQ O1.15	<p>Energy Resilience and Energy Infrastructure</p> <p>Kildare County Council will promote and encourage the development of energy resilience for the Northwest Quadrant by seeking energy provision including the utilisation of a district heating network, renewable generation and micro-generation over-and-above Building Regulations requirements to provide for the energy needs of individual buildings / developments, or the use of local-based and/or community-owned renewable energy technologies within and adjacent / outside the Northwest Quadrant lands.</p>	<p>This objective generally aligns with Policy EC P2 of the CDP which promotes renewable electricity use and generation.</p> <p>This objective is broadly consistent with Objective EC O36 of the CDP which supports the use of district heating where practicable.</p> <p>This also aligns generally with Objective WH 1.1 and IO 4.5 of the Naas LAP 2021-2027 which supports developments which deliver energy efficiency and renewable energy.</p>	<p>This objective aligns with multiple objectives of the CDP as well as aligning with objectives of the Naas LAP 2021-2027, which promotes renewable energy provision through district heating and micro-generation of electricity, particularly in the Northwest Quadrant.</p> <p>It is considered that the provisions made by this objective align with provisions already in place as part of the CDP and Naas LAP 2021-2027.</p> <p>Therefore, it is considered that the potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA carried out for these plans.</p>

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NWQ O1.16	<p>Northwest Quadrant Urban Development Zone</p> <p>Kildare County Council will explore the feasibility of progressing the designation of the Northwest Quadrant as an Urban Development Zone under the Planning and Development Act 2024 during the lifetime of the County Development Plan.</p>	<p>The Planning and Development Act 2024 introduced Urban Development Zones as a new mechanism to support the coordinated delivery of large-scale urban development of strategic importance.</p> <p>In response to this legislative reform, Variation No. 3 to the CDP makes provision for the future application of the UDZ process by updating the strategic policy context and housing growth framework.</p> <p>As a result, this Objective is consistent with Objective CS O32 of Variation 3 to the CDP which calls for the designation of the Northwest Quadrant as an Urban Development Zone.</p>	<p>No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP (and subsequent variations) and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>
NWQ O1.17	<p>Coherent development</p> <p>Kildare County Council will require all development proposals for land parcels within the Northwest Quadrant lands (or groups of land parcels) to be coherent in the way that they relate internally within their own site and to edge conditions. To demonstrate coherent design strategy and design responses applications should be supported by masterplans that including indicative proposals for sites and their contextual adjacent / contiguous land parcels and spaces (streets and public realm) in compliance with the Framework Masterplan.</p>	<p>This objective generally aligns with the CDP, which promotes development on appropriately zoned lands and supports the colocation of new development with community and transport infrastructure.</p> <p>Further, the CDP requires design statements to be prepared for certain developments, and sets out that design statements can be required at the discretion of the Planning Authority.</p>	<p>This objective relates to planning requirements in accordance with the CDP. It does not make provision for new development in the Northwest Quadrant.</p> <p>It is expected that the implementation of this objective will not result in significant negative impacts.</p>
NWQ O1.18	<p>Noise and Air pollution</p> <p>In order to ensure that the impact of noise and air pollution on human health is appropriately mitigated Kildare County Council will require all development proposals to ensure that full account is taken of ambient noise pollution / air pollution affecting any location (see EPA Maps for indicative noise mapping) in selecting land uses and designing development proposals. INO 59 and IN067 (Chapter 6) provide the mechanism for compliance with this objective.</p>	<p>This objective aligns with Objectives INO 59 and INO 67 of the CDP, which require alignment of all developments with legal air quality and noise requirements.</p>	<p>This objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. As such, no significant negative impacts are expected to arise as a result of its implementation.</p>