



Uimhir Thagarta Uathúil: KCC-C55-410

Údar: Celbridge Community Council

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Aighneacht: Celbridge and the County Development Plan

Comhairliúchán:

Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029

14.5 Policy Responses

Caibidil: Volume 1 - chapters » 14 - Urban Design, Placemaking & Regeneration

Local Authority and Town Regeneration Officer

Supporting and enabling the Town Team and local TCF delivery

Multi-stakeholder Town Team

Driving TCF delivery through a team of local business and community representatives and other stakeholders

Town Health Check

Providing detailed analysis to help understand the town

Town Centre First Plan

Outlining a comprehensive vision for the town, covering key themes and identifying specific interventions

Investment Programme

Accessing funding and supports in place to support TCF

Delivery and Impact

Delivering on the vision outlined in the TCF Plan

14.5.6 A Town Centre First Approach

This section states that "*This Plan commits to supporting the rollout and implementation of the Town Centre First Policy (February 2022) to towns and settlements across County Kildare and to ensuring that the provisions and actions contained in the policy document are fully integrated into the established regeneration activities and work programme of the County Council.*" but the Draft Kildare County Development Plan lacks explicit actions that address how Kildare Co Co will support the rollout and implementation of Town Centre First Policy establish Town Teams for each town.

The Kildare County Development Plan must include actions that address

- The appointment of Town Regeneration Officers and the establishment of Town Teams for all towns but

particularly those with higher population targets (Naas, Maynooth, Newbridge, Leixlip and Celbridge),

- Liaison with the National Town Centre First Office for advice on best practice,
- Sequencing for the preparation of Town Centre Health Checks (**Action UD A4**), Town Renewal Plans (**Action UD A3**), Masterplans / Urban Design Frameworks (**Action UD A2**) and Local Area Plans

Since Town Centre First Plans are non-statutory and expected to be produced by local Town Teams, there is a risk that they will not happen in a timely manner. The Kildare County Development Plan must include objectives to ensure that a Town Centre First Plan is prepared as a matter of urgency and prevent compact town centre development happening in Kildare towns until there is a shared understanding defined in a plan.

Documents Attached: Níl