

Centra Store
Johnstown Bridge
Co. Kildare

18th May 2022

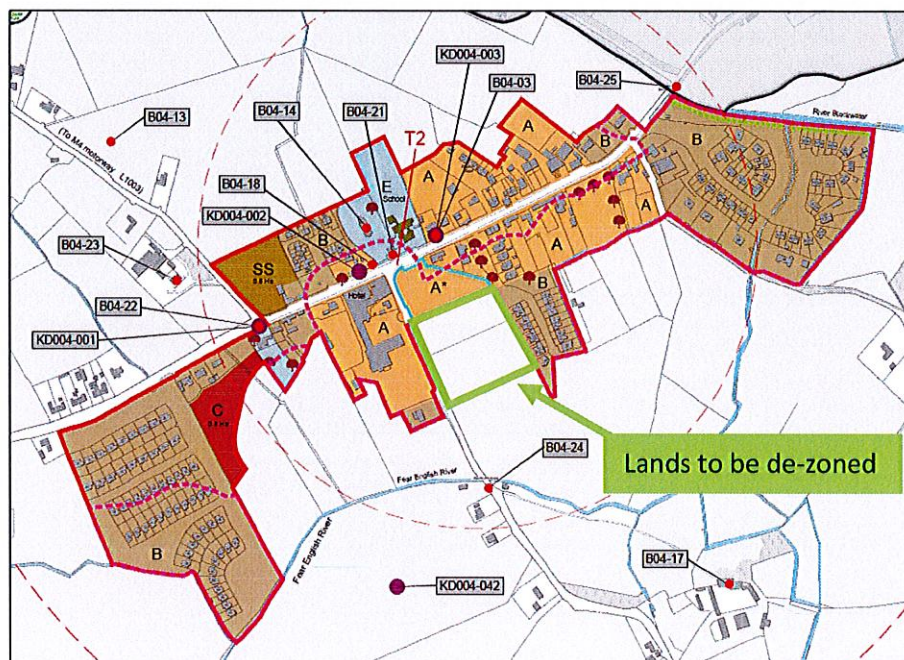
Planning Office
Kildare County Council
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Co. Kildare

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re.: Submission in relation to a site at the junction of Main Street and Johnstown Road in Johnstownbridge, Co. Kildare

I wish to make the following submission as part of the public consultation process for the Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023–2029.

After reviewing the land-use zoning map for Johnstownbridge, I note the changes proposed to a centrally located site in the village. The site is located beside the Hamlet Court Hotel on the opposite side of Johnstown Road. The Draft Plan has removed the C – New Residential zoning from the site as shown in the image below:



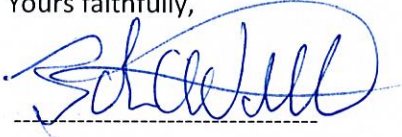
This site is centrally located in the village and can play an important role in provided much needed housing. This will allow members of the local community to live close to their family, friends and jobs. It will also provide opportunities for other individuals and families to come and live in this part of the County.

Importantly, if the site is developed, it will increase the population of the village and the spending potential available. This will directly support Johnstownbridge's existing businesses and job opportunities, especially the local convenience shops, hardware and tools shop, hotel, pharmacy and hairdressers, and support the establishment of new enterprises. These new residents will also play a role in supporting and justifying new community services and facilities that will enhance the village as a place in which to live.

Furthermore, although the Council's vision for the village in the Renewal Plan (from 2021) is commendable, the increase in the population is required to support the positive changes proposed.

Therefore, I request that Kildare County Council change the zoning of Johnstownbridge in the Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023–2029 so that the site shown in the image is rezoned as C – New Residential.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. O'Connell', written over a horizontal dashed line.