

Johnstown Community Association.



**Draft Kildare County Development Plan,
C/O The Administrative Officer,
Forward Planning,
Áras Chill Dara,
Devoy Park,
Naas,
Co. Kildare.**

24th May 2022.

Ref. Submission on The Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029.

Dear Sirs,

Please find attached our submission on the Draft CDP 2023-2029 in relation to the Johnstown Village and surrounding area as shown in your map ref: **V2-3.8** and the detail in Village and Settlements map ref: **Johnstown V2- 3.9.1 to V2- 3.9.6.**

As stated in our submission, the JCA wish to strongly object to any further development of the village until the significant deficit in community amenities are addressed. The village has no amenities to service the community. There are no playing fields, playgrounds, and limited childminding facilities available. We therefore feel that there should be no further housing planned for the village until such facilities are in place. As previously agreed with KCC, we would insist that no further development or zoning for development be made for at least 5 to 10 years to allow facilities to catch up with the significant growth of the community over the last two years.


The specific areas mentioned in the attached list require urgent attention and must be resolved over the coming year, and the Draft Plan will need to include these areas and any corrections mentioned to show the correct position in relation to Johnstown and the developments made to date.

Thanking You,

For and on behalf of the JCA.



Patrick Kivlehan
Chairperson



Frank Moore
Treasurer.

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Submission from the Johnstown Community Association (JCA) re The Draft County Development Plan 2023 - 2029

The JCA have reviewed the County Development Plan and have listed certain concerns below. The JCA would wish to strongly object to any further development of the village until the significant deficit in community amenities is addressed.

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We would make the following specific points:

- **Population and Housing Ref V2 3.9.1:** The population levels noted are incorrect (based on 2011 levels) and take no account of three new developments (150 houses) that have been built in the last two years. This data needs to be updated to properly reflect the demand in the area.
- **Social Infrastructure Ref V2 3.9.1:** The Play Barn has applied for housing to be built on the site. This proposal will wipe out the only amenity of this type in the village and further increases the amenity deficit. There are no amenities within the Village and the medical and childcare facilities are under extreme pressure due to the increase in housing in the last two years.
- **Community & Education in St. John's Grove, Map Ref V2 3.8 (E):** Whilst there is a hall in the St. John's Grove estate, it must be noted that this building is not available to the local community unless it is leased from Dwyer Nolan. Therefore, there is no Community centre available to the community.
- **Village centre in St. John's Grove, Map Ref V2 3.8(A):** This area is underdeveloped and under used and is the site for anti-social behaviour. This area needs to be developed and the shop units fully utilised.
- **Cultural and Built Heritage V2 3.9.1:** We note (Chapter 11, 11.18) that that the Council are considering the designation of Johnstown as an Architectural Conservation Area during the period of the Plan. We requested such designation in the context of the last Development Plan, but this did not happen. It is vital that such designation be made urgently, as the village is subject to increasing developmental pressure, and the likelihood of further development there in the near future.

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- **Appendix 5 (Record of Monuments and Places).** We note that this Appendix does not seem to include KD 019-059 or KD 019-060 (Westown) as compiled in the Archaeological Inventory for the County.
- **Appendix 6 (Record of Protected Structures).** We pointed out previously that the list only includes three of the six 'Gothic Revival' cottages in the centre of the village (B19 – 37, B19 – 38 and B19 – 39). We were assured that this would be rectified in the final version of the last Development Plan. This was not done. Please ensure that it is corrected now.
- **Existing & Infill land Map Ref V2-3.8:** marked within all estates should be removed as all land in estates is completed development and is now in use.
- **Flood Risk Assessment Map ref V2-3.8:** The status of Johnstown as being on a floodplain needs to be addressed as it has created an insurance problem for residents in Johnstown who cannot arrange flood insurance coverage despite the significant flood remedial works completed and the fact that no flooding issues have arisen since this work was completed.