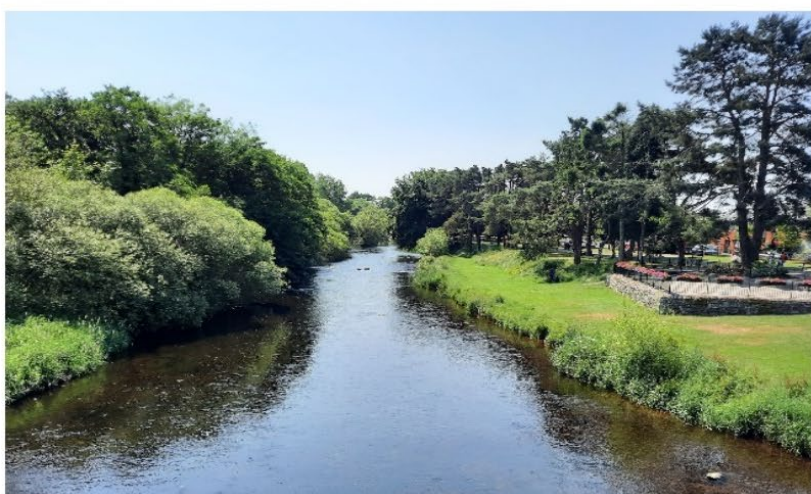


Newbridge Local Area Plan 2025 – 2031

Report on Submissions Received During the Pre-Draft Consultation Stage



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1. Introduction

Kildare County Council have commenced the preparation of a Local Area Plan (LAP) for Newbridge. The new LAP will cover the period from 2025 – 2031 and is intended to replace the Newbridge Local Area Plan 2013 – 2019 (as amended and extended to 2021).

The LAP will be guided by national and regional planning policy and shall be consistent with the core strategy of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (CDP). The Plan will play a key role in achieving the objectives contained in the CDP.

The preparation of local area plans is guided by Section 28 *Guidelines for Local Authorities on Local Area Plans* and the companion document *Manual for Local Area Plans*, which were published by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government in 2013. Planning authorities must have regard to these documents during the local area plan preparation process. The Guidelines state that local area plans are the level of forward planning closest to local communities and accordingly emphasis must be placed on the need for the local community to be involved in the Plan preparation process to ensure the Plan is based on effective public participation and consultation. They also highlight that the locally elected members are a critical element as the democratically elected representatives of the local community¹.

The purpose of this report is to collate the information gleaned from the pre-draft public consultation. It is intended that this report will assist in the development of a more informed and robust plan for Newbridge.

2. Overview of the Pre-draft Consultation Stage

Section 20.— (1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended states that:

“A planning authority shall take whatever steps it considers necessary to consult the Minister, the Office of the Planning Regulator and the public before preparing, amending or revoking a local area plan including consultations with any local residents, public sector agencies, non-governmental agencies, local community groups and commercial and business interests within the area.”

Having regard to the above, pre-draft consultation for the LAP was undertaken in order to gain an understanding of the key issues which the local community, public sector agencies, non-governmental agencies and commercial and business interests, consider important for Newbridge.

The pre-draft consultation strategy comprised of 3 key parts:

- An Art Competition for young people,
- Publication of an Issues Paper and an open call for submissions from the public, including a ‘drop-in’ event in Newbridge Town Hall, and
- Referrals to the prescribed bodies/authorities, as set out in the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

¹ Local Area Plans: Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2013, p24).

3. 'Life in Newbridge' Art Competition

To ensure the views of younger people were obtained as part of the pre-draft consultation, an art competition was launched with the caption 'Life in Newbridge'. Children of primary and post-primary school age were invited to express their artistic impression of any aspect of life in present day Newbridge. Posters and Issues Papers were sent to the Principals of every school in Newbridge, and posters put on display at the Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge Library and on social media.

In total, 192 entries were received.

A significant number of entries were received from St. Patrick's National School and thanks are extended to Averil Pearson in this regard.



Figure 2: Poster Advertising Art Competition

Table 1: Entries received to Art Competition

No.	Name
1	Emma Curran
2	Colm McLoughlin
3	Rayan Jbali
4	Hubert
5	Joanna Malicka
6	Fionn O Riordan
7	Cillian Kelly
8	Liam Kenny
9	Michael Davis
10	Mollie Blanche
11	Zuzana Zahora
12	Mia Rea
13	Beth Doherty
14	Olivia Uí Ceallaigh
15	Cara Innes
16	Ruby
17	Fionn Smith
18	Dumisani Mhalanga
19	Hannah Manley
20	Max McHugh

No.	Name
21	Sean Dennehy
22	Laura Kenny
23	Ellie Burke
24	Kate Kelly Mahon
25	Olivier Meder
26	Mason Morrissey
27	Amy Ní Ceallaigh
28	Ezter
29	Ellen Sheerin
30	Oliver Osecky
31	Klara Rusin
32	Florin Rotari
33	Abigail Rellis
34	Aleksander Patynko
35	Niaan Arya Navuluri
36	Paul Omoregie
37	Lilly Anne Mullins
38	Noah Moorooghen - Schoenegger
39	Eli McDonald

No.	Name
40	Noah Crossley-Conlon
41	Liam Critchley
42	Jan Kulak
43	Cody Kelly Coogan
44	Eric Bapfou
45	Enua Blazevic
46	Nikolas Balog
47	Liam Brady
48	Nada Osipenko
49	Caoimhe Fleming
50	Amber Condron
51	Callista Yairm
52	Alfie Regan
53	Kruz Connolly
54	Zoe Blanc
55	Alice Kulak
56	Thenuk Shakya Herath
57	Lana Abdulatif Jamilalla Ahmed
58	Joju
59	Alfie Potts
60	Brandon Dunne
61	Sofia Clarke
62	Kai Geraghty
63	Blanka Valeniek
64	Gift Afungang Lgbinson
65	Sarah Deegan
66	Jakub Zak
67	Tommy Brady
68	Lavinia Gudumac
69	Julia Constantin
70	Michelle Omoregie
71	Ivan Sabra
72	James Cadiff Walker
73	Leah Murphy
74	Archie Praper
75	Douglas Salinskis
76	Madhav Sarat
77	Ava Collier
78	Tadgh Marshall
79	Maci Potts
80	Hector Be Los Reyes
81	Freya Moran
82	Cormac Bolgar

No.	Name
83	Roisín Lane
84	Briget Ann Gallagher
85	Logan Dunne
86	Nirusha Thavaruban
87	Regan Potts
88	Daniel Cidmolinos
89	Blake Connolly
90	Karol Rusin
91	Bethany Rellis
92	Lily Hegarty
93	Ellie Conowan
94	Zoe Truskowska
95	Cherish Anyalemachi
96	Lucy Roose Kelly
97	Samir Abdulatif Jamilalke Ahmed
98	Katerina Volshkova
99	Michael Rowley
100	Millie Dempsey
101	Lauren Murphy
102	Darcie O'Shea
103	Mia Keely
104	Robin Frahill
105	Maksim Valeniek
106	Faiha Nokhaiz
107	Pranavi Akkireckly
108	Michael Joseph McEvoy
109	Yaniss Manson
110	Ahmad Yusuf
111	Hannah Rellis
112	Aaron David Keely
113	Illiana Hopanchuk
114	Mason Meehan
115	Yoan Velkor
116	Cara Cardiff Walker
117	Lara Halubova
118	Arthur Connolly
119	Laura Rose Marshall
120	Alex Carter
121	Leo Dempsey
122	Uy Nguyen
123	Peter Holub
124	Cathal Bolger
125	Almirah Sabra

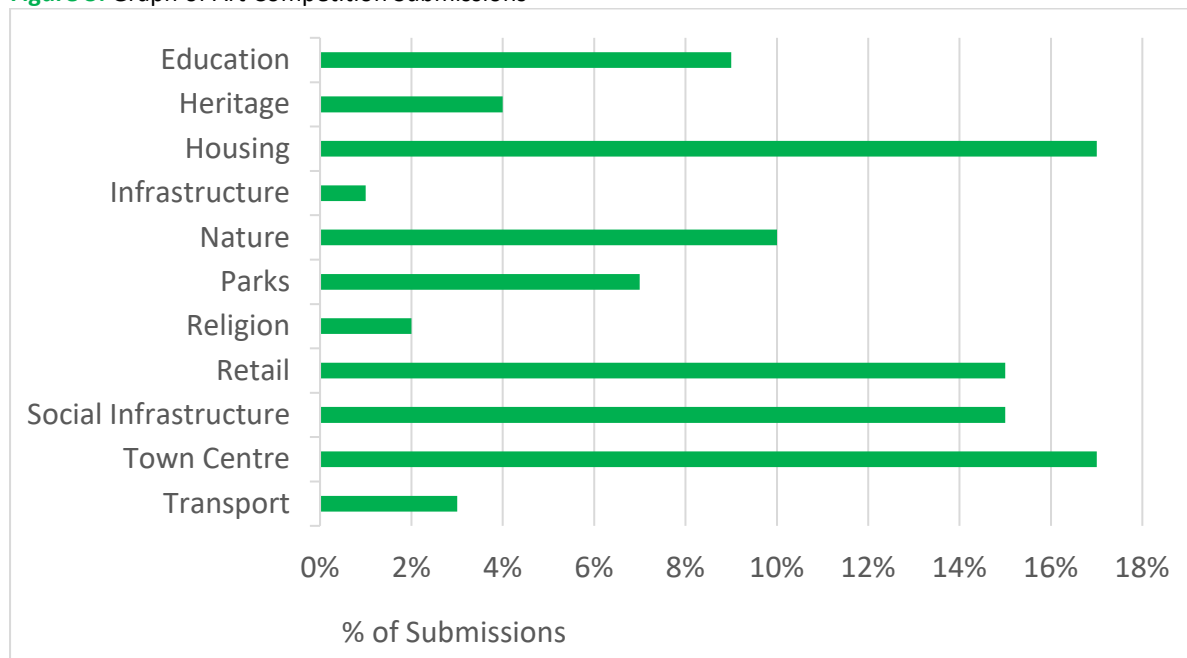
No.	Name
126	Tiernan Dunne
127	Anastasia Meldere
128	Preksha
129	Chetal
130	Seamus Lane
131	Senan Dunne
132	Ema
133	Praaveen Thavaruban
134	Ben
135	Eireann Hanley Flynn
136	Devine
137	Elliott Darcy
138	Padraig
139	Lilly May Keane
140	Jack
141	Milly
142	Lacie Dunne
143	Marta
144	Name unclear
145	Maksim Prontkelevis
146	Ben
147	Enzo
148	Adam Manssour
149	Asethimbe Ncube
150	Lazel Nokhaiz
151	Leah Indrisinaite
152	Hephzn Njetru
153	Ruby Hegarty
154	Leon Daly
155	George Arnold
156	Henry John Arnold
157	Nalinthip Sangsawang
158	James Dyland
159	Conor Folan
160	Celest McConaghy
161	Hannah Bolger
162	Layla Potts
163	Abbie Landy
164	Dylan Moran
165	Sophie Coogan
166	Helen
167	Elise Mc Conaghy
168	Thuvishani Thavaruban

No.	Name
169	Geogia Maher
170	Alex Dyland
171	Lucy O'Shea
172	Inaaya Ahmed
173	Tobi Ayodeji
174	Ollie Kehoe
175	Mirela Rotari
176	Harry Sixsmith
177	Emily Pearson
178	Isibéal Lane
179	Amelia Martin
180	Abbie Regan Naughton
181	Callum Albert Donald Canning
182	Daire Curran
183	Bella Arwen Whiteley
184	Siddharth Goarathingal Gaiihankar
185	Libby Landy
186	Sean
187	Grace Regan
188	George Loney
189	Conner Dolan Dowling
190	Bobbylee Hegarty
191	Salmah Yusuf
192	Tadgh Marshall

3.1 Issues Arising in Art Entries

The pictures submitted reflect a myriad of issues and aspects of life for children in Newbridge. Transposing these issues into planning themes, the table below shows the range and frequency of topics raised (some entries referred to more than one topic or theme).

Figure 3: Graph of Art Competition Submissions



Entrants were invited to submit a commentary with their pictures and the following are some quotes from the entries received:

Home and Family:

'Newbridge means home to me'

'I love my house'

'I like my estate because I get to play outside with my friends'

'This is my town of Newbridge. There is a lot of houses'

'My nanny lives just around the corner'

'I love it. All my nannys live there and we walk to their house'

'I like living next to Dunnes Stores'

'Me and my dog Archie outside my house'

School:

'My school because I love it (St. Patrick's NS).

'I go to that school (Scoil Naomh Uilig) and it means a lot to me'

'My friends and I in school together'

'My school bus/ I like going to school on the bus'

Play:

'I drew my GAA club because my club means a lot to me'.

'I drew my rugby club because it's a big part of me and it's my passion'.

'The playground. I love going to play here'.

'Me and my football team training for a match'.

'Newbridge or Nowhere'.

Me and my friends in a gym class'.

Shopping:

'I like the Whitewater'.

'McDonalds is my favourite place to go'.

'I am eating ice cream on stones at Newbridge'.

'I like to go to the shop'.

'I drew Newbridge Silverware because I go with my Grandad'.

'TRI and Gino's are two of my favourite things about Newbridge'.

River Liffey, The Curragh and Nature:

'This is the gym in Linear Park in Newbridge. It is great fun. There is also a big park to walk your dog in'.

'I chose Liffey Park because everytime I think of going somewhere I think of the Liffey'.

'This drawing is a park called Liffey Linear, one of my favourite parks in Newbridge'.

'I love nature and I love peacefully swinging'.

'Newbridge is good for walks and for nature'.

Faith:

'This is the church I go to with my Granny, Mum and Brother'.

'The church I go to in Newbridge'.

Social commentary:

'It means good things as other countries their homes is bombed up'.

'Poland and Morocco are playing football'.

'The Polish and Irish flag. Outside my school'.

'There is a lot of cars and a lot of houses'.

3.2 Findings

The importance of children's immediate environment of home and school came through strongly in the submissions received. Family is an important theme, with many references made to grandparents and to activities being carried out with them, reflecting the relevance of multi-generational living. Play was also shown in many entries reflecting the value of safe open space in residential areas.

Active sports are reflected in many submissions, taking place at school and within organized sports clubs. The Liffey Valley park featured in many entries. This highlights the importance of sports, active open space and amenity to young people in Newbridge.

Shopping and eating-out were portrayed in many pictures and emerged as enjoyable and important activities for young people. Many pictures referred specifically to McDonalds, Pennys, Dunnes Stores, Tesco and Whitewater. This highlights that shopping is still an important experiential activity for young people.

Some entries depict cars, traffic and cycling. This illustrates children's awareness of their surroundings and how they 'get around'.

In conclusion, the entries to the art competition depict the importance of home, family, friends, environment and social infrastructure in the lives of young people when viewed from a land use and local area plan perspective.

These important social issues are responded to in Section 5 of this report.

3.3 Winning Entries

A judging panel comprising of the Cathaoirleach of the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District Cllr. Paddy Curran, Kildare County Council Arts Officer Elaine Donnelly and Executive Planner in the Local Area Plan Team Robert Brereton considered all the entries to this competition.

Artworks were adjudicated on artistic merit and relevance to the brief of the competition. Two winners were chosen in the following age categories: 4 – 6 age range, 7 – 10 age group and 11 – 19 age group.

The winning entries are depicted in figure 4 overleaf. These winning entries, and all other artworks received, will be exhibited in the Riverbank Arts Centre from Tuesday 16th to Saturday 27th April 2024.

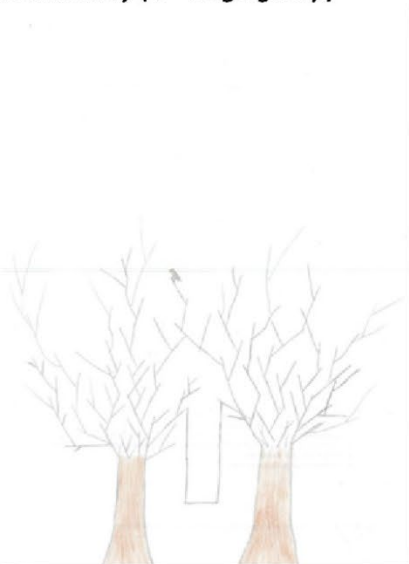
Figure 4: Winning entries to the Life in Newbridge Youth Art Competition



Liam Brady (4 - 6 age group)



Roisín Lane (4 - 6 age group)



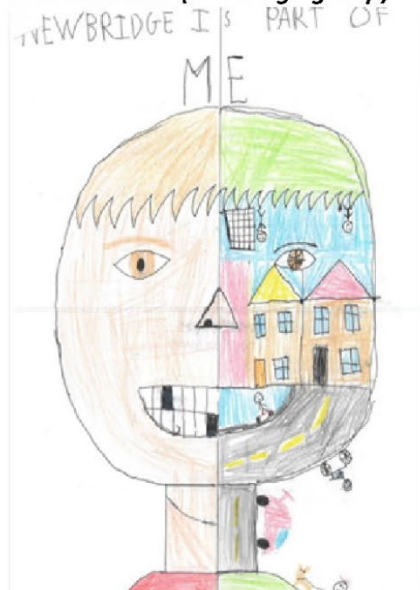
Cara Walker (7 - 10 age group)



Ellie Conowan (7 - 10 age group)



Colm McLoughlin (11 - 19 age group)



Daniel Cidmolinos (11 - 19 age group)

4. Issues Paper and Submissions Received

4.1 Issues Paper

The Pre-Draft Public Consultation Issues Paper prepared for the Newbridge Local Area Plan 2025 - 2031 identified a number of the key themes relating to planning and development matters affecting Newbridge.

A public notice (see Appendix A) was published in both the Nationalist and the Leinster Leader on 10th October 2023, notifying the public of the intention to make a Local Area Plan for Newbridge. Submissions were invited during a period of 7 weeks from 10th October to 28th November 2023 inclusive. The notice and Issues Paper were also referred to the Prescribed Bodies as listed in the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Copies of the Issues Paper were also available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Public Counter, Planning Department, Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas;
- Newbridge Library, Athgarvan Road, Piercetown, Newbridge.
- The Public Service Counter, Whitewater Shopping Centre, Main Street, Moorfield, Newbridge.
- Newbridge Family Resource Centre, Dara Park, Moorfield, Newbridge, Co. Kildare

The Issues Paper was also published online on the Kildare County Council's public consultation portal: <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/>. This provided the facility to make an online submission.



Figure 5: Pre-draft Issues Paper

An informal public 'drop-in' event was held at the Newbridge Town Hall on Thursday 9th November 2023 between 2.30pm – 6pm. This event was facilitated by the Local Area Plan team, supplemented by assistance from the Roads and Transportation team. The event was attended by approximately 63 people. Social media (Instagram and LinkedIn) were used to publicise pre-draft consultation stage and the public consultation event along with posters located at prominent public places throughout the town. A number of photographs were taken of the event and can be viewed in Appendix B.

During the public consultation period, a total of 96 valid submissions were received which have been summarised and responded to in this report. The list of persons, prescribed bodies, groups and stakeholders who made submissions is listed in Table 2 (see overleaf). A summary of each submission as well as the Council's response to the main issues raised are listed in Tables 3 and 4 of this report. Kildare County Council would like to take the opportunity to thank those who attended the public consultation event along with all those who made written submissions at the pre-draft stage.

Table 2: Persons/Organisations who Made Submissions

No.	Name	No.	Name
1.	Keelin Bradford	49.	Shiva Kumar Veeramalla
2.	Keelin Bradford	50.	Sheelagh Minihane (O Buachalla)
3.	Darragh Fitzpatrick	51.	Cormac O' Shea
4.	HSA	52.	Cormac O' Shea
5.	Anthony Whoriskey	53.	Naveen Kumar Akkireddy
6.	Office of Public Works	54.	Cormac O' Shea
7.	Caroline Morrissey	55.	Porkizhi Jothi
8.	C Keogh	56.	Ronan Maher
9.	Meath County Council	57.	Holy Family Secondary School
10.	Cllr Chris Pender	58.	Deirdre Lane
11.	Cllr Chris Pender	59.	Deaglán de Paor
12.	National Transport Authority	60.	Michael Dunne
13.	Deaglán de Paor	61.	Richard Kelly
14.	John Donohoe	62.	Milan Orlovic
15.	Mary Clare Meaney	63.	Kildare Local Transport Link
16.	HSE National Environmental Health Service	64.	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
17.	Angela Lawlor	65.	Aston Ltd
18.	Angela Lawlor	66.	Murphy Investments Ltd
19.	Angela Lawlor	67.	Ballymore Group
20.	Tesco and Woodies	68.	James Kelly
21.	Department of Transport	69.	LDA
22.	Transport Infrastructure Ireland	70.	Arun B
23.	Kildare Public Participation Network	71.	Glenveagh
24.	Department of Education	72.	Paul McNulty
25.	Cox's Cash & Carry	73.	Paddy O'Grady
26.	Leah Purcell	74.	Newbridge Access Group
27.	Newbridge Greyhound Racetrack	75.	Valerie Brennan
28.	Danny McHenry	76.	Newbridge Family Resource Centre
29.	Cllrs Tracey O'Dwyer & Peggy O'Dwyer	77.	Newbridge Tidy Towns Association
30.	John & Beatrice Dardis	78.	Gerry Quirke
31.	Thoval Properties Ltd	79.	Angela Kearns
32.	Office of the Planning Regulator	80.	ESB
33.	Keelin Bradford	81.	Cllr Noel Heavey
34.	VOID	82.	David Anderson
35.	Pat O'Mahony	83.	Barretstown Meadows Residents Association
36.	Beans Land Ltd	84.	Treacy Group
37.	Health Service Executive	85.	Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
38.	Uisce Eireann	86.	Christopher Fox
39.	The Treacy Group	87.	Sarsfields GAA Club
40.	Breffni Group	88.	NAMA
41.	Helen Farrell	89.	B Loughlin
42.	Christine Murray	90.	Newbridge Community Development
43.	Karen Farrell	91.	Newbridge Athletic Club
44.	Guru Pk	92.	Siobhan Parker
45.	Hardale Financing Ltd	93.	County Kildare Chamber
46.	Guru Pk	94.	Martin Heydon
47.	Guru Pk		
48.	WTNB Partnership		

No.	Name
95.	County Kildare Archaeological Society
96.	David Moore

4.2 Issues Arising in the Submissions Received

There are a number of recurring issues raised in the submissions and these have been grouped together for the purpose of responding to the issues, as set out in Section 5 of this report.

The most frequent themes arising in the submissions related to Social Infrastructure, Open Space and Amenity, Climate and Movement (traffic, mobility etc.) and the zoning of land.

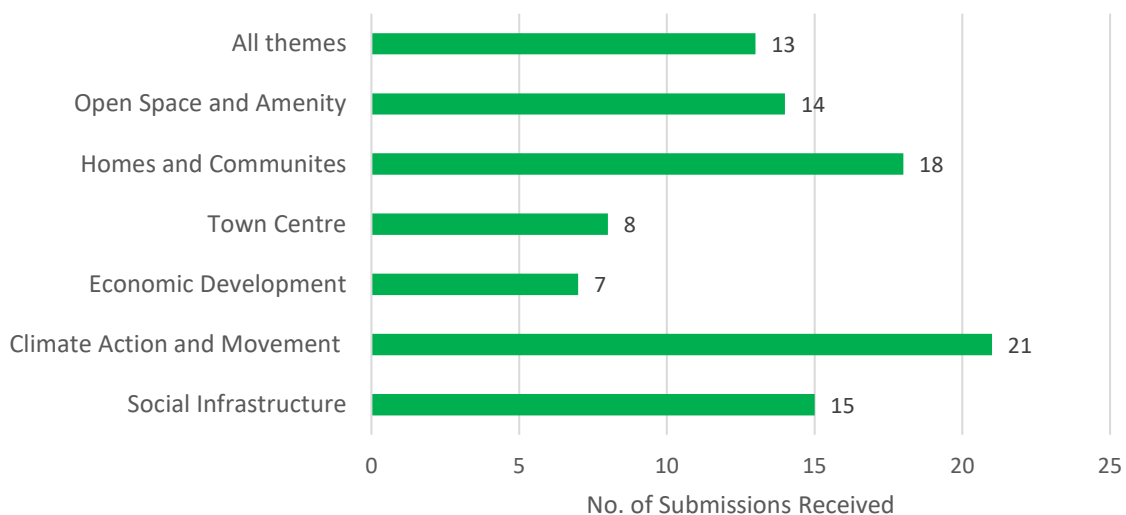
In terms of social infrastructure, the need for an additional post primary school, more medical and GP facilities, youth facilities and a demand for multipurpose community centres and spaces to cater for the diverse needs of the community was highlighted.

In terms of Open Space and Amenity in Newbridge, particularly prominent issues raised related to the need for a multi-purpose Sports Hub, a swimming pool and more parks and playgrounds.

In terms of Climate Change and Movement, many submissions commented on the need to reduce traffic in and around Newbridge by the creation of improved walking and cycling infrastructure, as well as improved public transport provision, whilst ensuring universal access.

Many submissions were also received in relation to the zoning of land, for lands located within the current LAP boundary and outside of it. Vacancy and dereliction within and adjacent to the town centre was also a recurring theme.

Figure 6: Submissions received classified by Issues Paper Key Themes.



5. Overview and Response to Key Issues Raised

This section seeks to provide a brief synopsis of the key issues raised in the submissions received and the responses of Kildare County Council to these issues.

5.1 Social Infrastructure

Overview of Key Issues Raised

It was widely portrayed in the written submissions and views shared at the drop-in event in the Town Hall that Newbridge has an existing deficit in social infrastructure. Concerns were raised that this problem would be exacerbated if the targeted population growth in the town is not accompanied by the delivery of much needed community facilities.

The range of social infrastructure referred to in the submissions is wide ranging and includes schools, community centres/halls, youth hubs/centre/cafe, family resource centres, childcare, medical/healthcare/GPs, cemetery, arts/theatre facilities. Many submissions sought the delivery of a multi-purpose Community Centre or Resource Centre where many groups and clubs could share spaces (e.g. Irish dancing, theatre etc.).

Suggested locations for a new post-primary school included Walshestown, off the Athgarvan Road, Kilbelin and at the Greyhound Stadium.

Entries to the youth art competition also indicated how important education provision is for young people living in Newbridge.

Response to Key Issues Raised

Social Infrastructure Audit

A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Draft Plan. The SIA will include:

- An assessment of the existing provision of a broad range of social infrastructure including education, childcare, health, open space, social and community, arts and cultural facilities, faith facilities and neighbourhood centres,
- An estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town, and
- Recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure.

The findings of this pre-draft consultation will also inform the preparation of the SIA, particularly in relation to the need for community facilities.

The Plan can include objectives to support a multi-purpose community hub in Newbridge. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget to deliver specific projects, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster future funding applications.

While it is not a function of the local authority to delivery healthcare facilities, the plan may include objectives to encourage the provision of such land uses at appropriate locations.

School Places

In relation to school places, the SIA will examine the anticipated demand for school places in the town at both primary and post primary levels, taking into consideration the targeted population growth over the life of the Plan, whilst acknowledging that Newbridge also attracts students from its rural hinterland. The suggested locations for a new school are noted and will be considered. The Plan can ensure that sufficient land is zoned at an appropriate location for the specific purpose of facilitating a new post-primary school and this will be considered in the context of promoting the principle of the 10-minute settlement, as enshrined in the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029. Kildare County Council will continue to engage and work closely with the Department of Education to facilitate the provision of new schools and school places in Newbridge.

5.2 Open Space and Amenity

Overview of Key Issues Raised

Many written submissions and views expressed at the drop-in event in Newbridge Town Hall referred to the need for additional sports and recreational facilities, such as public parks, playgrounds, playing pitches, skateparks, facilities for teenagers, a leisure centre, a public swimming pool, tennis/basketball/volleyball courts, astro-turf pitches, gyms and cricket facilities.

Sports clubs, members of the public and local Councillors have indicated that a multi-purpose Sports Hub is required in Newbridge to facilitate a range of sports at one location. Suggested locations for such a facility include Ballymany, beside the River Liffey at Great Connell and outside of Newbridge on the Milltown Road.

Related to open spaces and in particular to parks, many written submissions and entrants to the youth art competition indicated that the protection of green areas and access to nature and biodiversity is important to the inhabitants of Newbridge. Several submissions requested that the Liffey Linear Park should be extended (to the south towards Athgarvan and to the north towards Newbridge College) with better access for clubs to use the river for water based recreation. Additional pedestrian/cycling bridges are also requested over the River Liffey to provide better access.

Response to Key Issues Raised

Open Space, Sports and Amenities infrastructure

The comments regarding the lack of different types of open space in Newbridge are noted and will be considered in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA). The SIA addresses a range of open space provision from public parks to playgrounds and formalised sports facilities.

Objective SC O28 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023–2029 is considered to be relevant to Newbridge: *‘Support the provision of multi-purpose sports (to include minority sports, and arts / drama activities) halls, outdoor playing pitches, all-weather playing pitches, tennis courts, basketball courts, swimming pools, and associated facilities in appropriate locations and to particularly encourage flexibility in the design of sports facilities in order to accommodate a range of sporting activities, subject to AA screening and where applicable, Stage 2 AA’.*

Furthermore, Action SC A7 of the Plan is to *'Facilitate local community groups/sporting organisations in the development of sport and recreational facilities through land use zoning within the local area plan process as appropriate.'*

It is envisaged that the forgoing objective and action can be progressed through the identification of a suitable location(s) within the town for such a facility to be developed, potentially in collaboration with other agencies or stakeholders in the town. The funding and delivery of such a project is beyond the remit of this Plan, however land can be zoned at an appropriate location should such proposals come forward.

Swimming Pool

The delivery of a swimming pool is subject to many factors. It may be developer-led as a private facility or developed by a multi-agency group as a public amenity. Such a project would involve a site selection process, the securing of planning permission and obtaining funding. As a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not resourced financially to deliver specific projects, a Local Area Plan can only ensure that sufficient land is zoned at the right location to facilitate a particular use, such as a swimming pool, should the resources become available for an agency or developer to deliver it. This will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Plan.

Playgrounds and Teen Facilities

The provision of public playgrounds is an operational matter for the Parks Section of KCC and is subject to the availability of funding and a work programme for the entire county. Notwithstanding this, the current level of provision in Newbridge will be assessed in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) that will accompany and inform this plan. The SIA will include a suite of recommendations regarding the provision of new open space facilities which will include playgrounds. In relation to teen facilities, and given the population profile of the town which indicates that 15% of Newbridge are aged between 10 and 19 years old, the plan may include objectives to support teen facilities throughout the town.

Community Gardens

In accordance with Action LR A26 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029, KCC are currently undertaking an investigation of the feasibility of an Allotment Pilot Programme to deliver allotments in each Municipal District. Initial survey work conducted by KCC in 2023 recorded 105 submissions seeking an allotment or a community garden within Newbridge. This survey determined 1.28ha was the desired land area for allotments or community gardens within Newbridge. The draft plan will have regard to these findings.

Green Infrastructure

A Habitat Mapping Exercise will be undertaken to inform a Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy to protect and enhance the overall level of biodiversity within the Plan area. This will also perform as a key indicator of quality design and placemaking, consistent with Section 4.4 of the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024). The River Liffey will form the core of the green and blue infrastructure network in Newbridge.

5.3 Climate Action and Movement

Overview of Key Issues Raised

Traffic and Active Travel

Many of the written submissions received and views expressed at the drop in event in Newbridge Town Hall referred to the urgent need to address traffic congestion particularly at school times and around the town centre. The submissions also outline a number of road improvements including the delivery of the second bridge (recently approved) over the River Liffey at Great Connell.

Some submissions suggest transitioning to a low carbon model of development and not allowing further sprawl, creating better walking and cycle routes and improving the availability and quality of public transport. While a few submissions indicated the need for multi-modal transport hubs in Newbridge, to allow better transfer between public transport modes.

Renewable Energy

General requests relating to low carbon development and local renewable energy production were also noted.

Response to Key Issues Raised

Traffic and Active Travel

An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan, which is subject to a separate and bespoke public consultation process. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process and to improve access to more sustainable means of mobility. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including walking, cycling, public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport (including multi-modal transport hubs), parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as development objectives.

Climate Action

It is acknowledged that Planning Authorities have a critical role in effecting meaningful climate action at a local level, particularly within settlements, through the Local Area Plan process. In this regard and aligning with the need to transition to a low carbon model of development, it is considered that climate action represents a key opportunity when planning for the future development of the town. Accordingly, the Plan will include provisions to support inclusive and comprehensive climate action required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, insofar as its remit extends.

10-Minute Settlement

In accordance with UD O3 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029, all Local Area Plans are required to support and promote the 10-minute settlement concept and incorporate policies and objectives that will assist in its implementation. The Plan will actively seek to implement the 10-minute settlement concept in Newbridge to spur the transition to a model of low carbon development and to improve the overall liveability for residents. It is considered that the aspiration of the 10-minute settlement will be realised through an evidence-based and integrated land use and transportation strategy which will seek to promote a culture of active movement between key destinations within the town,

including the town centre, train station, schools, neighbourhood centres and employment areas. whilst also making longer distance trips via public transport services more accessible to pedestrians and cyclists.

The outputs of the ABTA will include a walking strategy and a cycling strategy which will seek to create a comprehensive high-quality pedestrian and cycle network in the town, in order to initiate a permanent shift away from private car use. The Plan will also seek to maximise opportunities in terms of access and usage of Newbridge Train Station, and the concentration of appropriate uses in proximity to it.

Compact Growth

The Draft Plan will aim to combat sprawl by supporting Compact Growth and densification in Newbridge, in line with the objectives of the National Planning Framework 2040, Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2019 - 2031 and Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines. The requirements of the recently published Sustainable and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024) in particular are noted in this regard.

A sequential approach to land use zoning will be used in Newbridge, which will be underpinned by inter alia a Settlement Capacity Audit (SCA) for the town in accordance with NPO 72 a-c, Appendix 3 of the NPF and section 4.5.2, Settlement Capacity Audit, of the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022). This SCA will ensure any lands that are identified as suitable for residential or employment purposes must be serviced or serviceable during the lifetime of the Plan.

5.4 Housing and Community

Overview of Key Issues Raised

Some submissions referred to the population and housing targets contained within the core strategy of the County Development Plan. These concerns related to the capacity of the existing servicing, transport and social infrastructure of the town to sustainably absorb and adequately cater for any projected increase over the life of the Plan, as they outline the existing population is inadequately catered for. Some submissions considered that the growth allocation in the Kildare County Development Plan (CDP) is under calculated, as it was based on outdated population data and does not take into consideration the housing crisis or consider the trend towards lower averaged household occupancy rates appropriate for Newbridge. Submissions also contended that the results of Census 2022 need to be factored into the growth targets and further additional new residential lands are now required to be zoned in Newbridge to cater for this higher level of population growth and consequential housing need.

The youth art competition reiterated the importance of housing and community in Newbridge.

The need for a diverse range of accommodation also came across with a focus on age friendly accommodation, step-down accommodation for the elderly and retirement living.

Concerns were also raised in relation to antisocial behaviour and crime throughout the town.

Response to Key Issues Raised

Population Targets

The population and housing targets that will be brought forward in the Draft Plan will be required to align with the provisions of the core strategy of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (CDP) which in turn aligns with the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2020-2032 (RSES) and the National Planning Framework Project Ireland 2040 (NPF).

Census 2022 recorded a population of 24,366 persons in the Built-Up Area of Newbridge, which tallies with the 2021 estimated population for the town included in Table 2.8 of the CDP (which estimated 24,059 persons in 2021).

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is currently reviewing the NPF. The CDP may be varied to align with this, once reviewed and if required. In the meantime, the LAP will be prepared having regard to the Core Strategy, in particular Table 2.8, of the CDP. Annualised growth will be provided for the LAP period, i.e. 2025-2031.

Diverse communities

It is envisaged that the Plan will seek to deliver liveable communities by ensuring compliance with the principles of people-centred urban design providing a sustainable housing mix, increased opportunities for active travel, physical activities, and social interaction, focusing on high quality pedestrian and cyclist connectivity, accessible to a range of local services, amenities and open spaces.

Issues relating to social inclusion and the creation of an age friendly town will be a central consideration of the Plan. It is noted that an action contained in Chapter 10 of the CDP seeks to emulate the model of supported housing at McAuley Place in Naas within each of the five municipal districts in Kildare, at appropriate and sustainable locations. The Draft Plan can support such developments, in addition to 'Step-down' opportunities.

Whilst it is outside the remit of this land use plan to examine antisocial behaviour and crime, objective UD O4 in the CDP require all proposals for multi-unit residential developments to demonstrate how the principles of 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' have been considered and applied in the design and layout of any proposed scheme.

5.5 Town Centre

Overview of Key Issues Raised

Many written submissions and views expressed at the drop in event in Newbridge Town Hall outlined that while Newbridge has one of the best retail offerings in the region, its town centre is blighted by poor urban design, traffic, dereliction, and vacancy. The entries to the Art Competition included many pictures of shopping which focused on the diverse retail offering the town centre provides as an important part of life in Newbridge.

Some submissions are seeking more to be done to enhance the heritage of Newbridge to make it an attractive location for locals and visitors alike. Many submissions have requested that additional structures be added to the Record of Protected Structures. One submission suggested that urban street art could be used to improve blank gable walls. Many submissions called for regeneration measures to be included in the plan and expressed the need for a hotel to be located within the town. The Machinery Yard was mentioned in some submissions, with varying uses proposed including a swimming pool, a bus hub and a hotel.

Response to Key Issues Raised

A key priority of the Plan will be to ensure Newbridge Town Centre is a vibrant and bustling hub to live, shop, work, visit, socialise and invest in. The Plan will contain objectives to promote and prioritise regeneration and the development of vacant buildings, infill/underutilised and brownfield sites, particularly those in the core retail area surrounding the Main Street. Settlement Consolidation Sites will be considered, where appropriate, having regard to the provisions of the Development Plan Guidelines (2022).

A Town Renewal Masterplan (TRMP) for Newbridge is in the process of being prepared by the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team in KCC. A separate public consultation exercise will take place in this regard. Key projects arising from the TRMP will be included in the Plan should it be finalised prior to the publication of the Draft LAP.

The addition of structures to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) cannot be considered through the Local Area Plan process. In accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), additions to or deletions from the RPS are carried out through the County Development Plan making process under Section 12 of the Act, or on a case-by-case basis under Section 54 of the same Act. The Plan can however include objectives acknowledging the importance of heritage assets to the town such as The Barrack Arch and Watering Gates and Sligh Dala at Great Connell, as referred to in many submissions.

4.6 Economic Development

Overview of Key Issues Raised

The recent economic development to the east of Newbridge was welcomed by many submissions and some requested that the existing industrial uses on lands located immediately south of the town centre should be reviewed and potentially relocated to the periphery of the town. This relocation of industrial units was also informally discussed at the drop in event at Newbridge Town Hall. Submissions asked for a wider variety of job types in Newbridge to attract various levels of skilled workers and dissuade Newbridge residents from commuting towards Dublin.

Response to Key Issues Raised

It is intended that the Plan will incorporate an economic development strategy for the town which is consistent with the CDP especially in regard to the identified Naas to Newbridge Strategic Employment Zone and Naas-Newbridge Economic Cluster, whilst also focusing on the town centre regeneration.

Objective RE O34 of the CDP Promotes and facilitates the development of the Sallins-Naas-Newbridge Economic Cluster, including the proposed Naas to Newbridge Strategic Economic and Employment Zone, by supporting identified key sectoral opportunities along with requisite targeted infrastructural investment.

Action RE A3 of the CDP requires the development of a strategy for the lands between the settlements of Naas and Newbridge, to consolidate existing development whilst also preventing the coalescence of these settlements. A priority of the strategy will be to ensure that employment lands are developed in a plan-led, orderly and sequential manner.

Furthermore, the Plan will seek to create the right jobs in the right places by placing a particular emphasis on achieving greater alignment between where people live and work, to reduce the need to travel and facilitating sustainable travel modes.

5.7 Zoning of Land

Overview of Key Issues Raised

Many submissions received were related to the zoning of land, the majority of which sought a change to the existing land use zoning designation of specific sites. A map of the submissions that related to land use zoning requests is outlined in Figure 7 (see overleaf). Each submission is responded to in Section 7 of this report.

Response to Key Issues Raised

All lands zoned in the Newbridge Local Area Plan 2013–2019 (as amended and extended to 2021) will be reviewed as part of the preparation of this Plan. The review will be underpinned by, inter alia, an infrastructure assessment for the town in accordance with National Planning Objective (NPO) 72 a-c and Appendix 3 of the National Planning Framework (NPF) and section 4.5.2, Settlement Capacity Audit, of the *Development Plan, Guidelines for Planning Authorities* (2022). Land use zoning requests that have been received, within a feasible distance of the previous plan boundaries, will be included in the Settlement Capacity Audit (SCA) to determine their suitability to accommodate particular uses in comparison to other potential sites within the town. The SCA will seek to identify and prioritise the development of Tier 1: Serviced Zoned Land in the first instance, in order to grow the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the *Development Plan Guidelines* (2022). The SCA will be published as a supporting document to the Draft Plan.

Overall, it should be noted that proposed land uses will be determined on an evidence-led basis and therefore, in addition to the SCA, the Plan will be accompanied by a number of other supporting studies which will provide a detailed analysis with regard to the availability and capacity of required physical and social infrastructure within Newbridge over the life of the Plan. Such evidence-led studies to be published alongside the Plan will include, inter alia, an Area Based Transport Assessment, a Social Infrastructure Audit, and a Habitats Survey. This will ensure that where lands are selected as being suitable for residential or employment purposes, their development will be dependent on the delivery of identified key serving and community infrastructure, either prior to, or in tandem with development. In addition to the above a targeted jobs ratio, included as part of the Economic Development Strategy of the Plan will assist in determining the quantum of lands proposed to be zoned for employment purposes.

Figure 7: Land Use Zoning Requests Made During the Pre-Draft Public Consultation Exercise

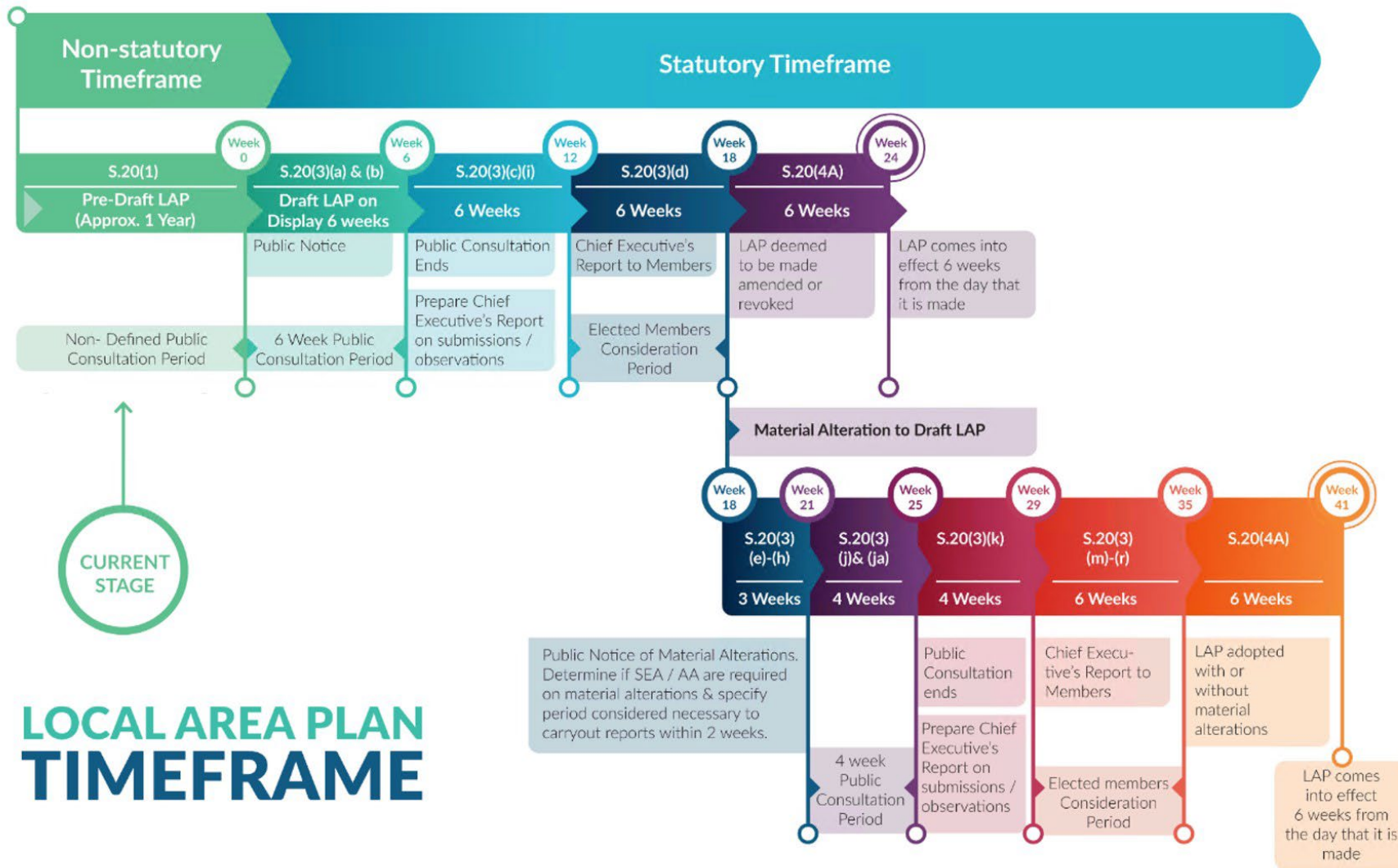
6. Next Steps

Kildare County Council in consultation with key stakeholders will prepare the Draft Newbridge Local Area Plan. It will be prepared in tandem with a number of evidence based reports and further assessments, as follows:

- Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA)
- Settlement Capacity Audit (SCA)
- Area-Based Transport Assessment (ABTA)
- Habitat Mapping
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
- Appropriate Assessment (AA)
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)

As part of this preparation process, the findings from the emerging assessments will be discussed with the Members of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District. The Draft LAP will be placed on public display and members of the public, community groups, public bodies and other stakeholders will be invited to make written submissions and observations over a six-week display period. The key stages and timelines which guide preparation of the Local Area Plan are set out in Figure 8 (see overleaf).

Figure 8: Key Stages and Timelines in the Preparation of the Joint Local Area Plan



Source: Guidelines for Local Authorities on Local Area Plans (DoECLG, 2013) (as updated and adapted)

7. Summary and Responses to Submissions Received

The following Tables 3 and 4 provide a summary of each submission made during the pre-draft public consultation period for the Newbridge Local Area Plan 2025 - 2031. Table 3 addresses the submissions from prescribed bodies while Table 4 addresses submissions from all other interested parties and stakeholders. The response set out under each submission addresses the main issues raised in that submission and any considerations or provisions that will be made in the preparation of the Newbridge Local Area Plan 2025 - 2031 as a result.

Table 3: Summary of Submission and Response to Main Issues Raised in Submissions from Prescribed Bodies

Sub. No.	Name	Summary of Submission
4	Health and Safety Authority (HSA)	<p><i>Economic Development – Pollution</i></p> <p>A land use plan must have regard to major accident hazard sites notified under the regulations, which reflects the intentions of Article 13 of Directive 2012/18/EU including Intel Ireland Ltd.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>There are no major accident hazard sites operating within or in proximity of the Plan area.</p>
6	Office of Public Works (OPW)	<p><i>Climate Action and Movement – Flood Risk</i></p> <p>Reference should be made to the Guidelines on the Planning System and Flood Risk Management (DHPLG/OPW, Nov 2009) issued under Section 28 of the Planning Acts, which set out a three Stage Flood Risk Assessment process for the Planning Authorities.</p> <p>The Plan should protect key flood risk infrastructure and contain a register of such.</p> <p>The Plan must have regard to the flood maps produced under the National CFRAM Programme. Kildare County Council must note physical changes may have occurred since the development of these maps and site-specific flood risk assessments may be required.</p>

Sub. No.	Name	Summary of Submission
		<p>Indicative fluvial flood maps have been prepared for all watercourses in the country catchment greater than 5km² and National Coastal Flood Hazard Mapping was updated in 2021. Probabilistic and historic groundwater flood maps have been prepared by Geological Survey Ireland through the 2016-2019 Ground Water Flood Project. These maps show the worst-case scenario as any flood defences potentially protecting the coastal floodplain are not taken into account, and so are in-line with the definition of the Flood Zones as set out in the Guidelines.</p> <p>The potential impacts of climate change include increased rainfall intensities, increased fluvial flood flows and rising sea levels. In line with the Guidelines, while Flood Zones are defined on the basis of current flood risk, planning authorities need to consider such impacts in the preparation of plans, such as by avoiding development in areas potentially prone to flooding in the future, providing space for future flood defences, specifying minimum floor levels and setting specific development management objectives. It should be noted that the flood maps include maps for two potential future scenarios taking account of different degrees of climate impact.</p> <p>The OPW requests that when zoning land for development, that Kildare County Council ensures access requirements are preserved for the maintenance of Arterial Drainage Schemes and Drainage Districts.</p> <p>In line with the Guidelines, proposed new development needs to avoid increasing flood risk elsewhere using nature-based solutions and SUDS.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The information contained in this submission is acknowledged and will be taken into full consideration during the preparation of the Plan. The Plan will be accompanied by a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) which will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of The Planning System and Flood Risk Assessment Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009) and Circular PL02/2014 (August 2014). Consultants with the necessary technical expertise and experience have been appointed to undertake the SFRA for the Plan. The most up to date information on flood risk in Newbridge will be used in the preparation of the SFRA, as and when it becomes available.</p>

Sub. No.	Name	Summary of Submission
		<p>Having regard to the current extent of flood risk in Newbridge and in light of the increasing frequency of flooding due to climate change, along with the need to achieve resilience within the town to mitigate its effects, the Plan will seek to ensure that development in floodplains is avoided entirely or is 'water-compatible,' as per the Flood Risk Guidelines (2009). Areas subject to flooding will therefore be recognised and preserved in the Plan to the maximum extent possible, in both urban and rural locations, as essential green infrastructure that provides a natural defence against flood risk. Furthermore, in light of their additional value as ecological corridors, the Plan seeks to develop an integrated green and blue infrastructure network which will focus on the waterbodies within Newbridge. Regard will be had to the best practice interim guidance on Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas (DoHLGH, 2022). Consideration will be given to carrying out a Surface Water / Rainwater Management Study for the plan area.</p>
9	Meath County Council (MCC)	No comments.
12	National Transport Authority (NTA)	<p><i>Climate Action and Movement - Transport</i></p> <p>The Plan must have regard to national policy including the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, the National Sustainable Mobility Policy and the National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland (NIFTI) which require a 50% reduction in carbon emissions by the end of this decade by reducing the demand for travel, increasing use of public transport, walking and cycling and a reduction in trips by car and converting the transport fleet to zero emissions vehicles.</p> <p>It is recommended that Kildare County Council consult with the NTA during the preparation of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) as part of an iterative approach with the LAP. The Draft LAP should incorporate the key transport measures and policies of the LTP and reflect its land use and transport integration principles. The NTA would also recommend that the LTP and LAP are reviewed together at each stage of the LAP process in order to ensure their consistency with each other and with prevailing national and regional transport and land use policies.</p>

Sub. No.	Name	Summary of Submission
		<p>The NTA emphasise the importance of including the following principles for the integration of land use and transport planning in the Draft LAP and supporting LTP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidation of development into the town centre; • Consolidation of development around existing and proposed public transport services and facilities; • Increase densities in future residential and employment developments; • Prioritise mixed-use development which reduces the need to travel; • Ensure that all new development areas will be fully permeable for pedestrians and cyclists through the application of the principle of filtered permeability whereby through-traffic by private car is discouraged; • Deliver schemes to improve permeability for walking and cycling in existing developed areas; • Local Area Plans should ensure that access by walking, cycling and public transport is a key determinant in the location of new schools; and • Ensure that the layout of new developments will prioritise walking and cycling and enable the efficient provision of public transport services. <p>The Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2031 (CDP) designates Newbridge as a Self-Sustaining Growth Town. The LAP and LTP should promote sustainable modes of internal travel within the town and train and bus travel for longer trips, and both should also explore the implications of the new river crossing for movement within the town, and how to use the new connection to enhance sustainable travel choices.</p> <p>The preparation of the Plan should be informed by the following NTA guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cycle Design Manual; • Permeability: A Best Practice Guide; • Rapid Build Active Travel Facilities Advice Note; • Achieving Effective Workplace Travel Plans: Guidance for Local Authorities; • Workplace Travel Plans: A Guide for Implementers; and • Toolkit for School Travel

Sub. No.	Name	Summary of Submission
		<p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The comments from the NTA relating to the guiding principles for preparing a Local Area Plan are noted. KCC acknowledges the need to pursue a robust evidence-led approach to developing an integrated land-use and transport strategy for the town, which fully aligns with national and regional spatial and transport policy. In this regard, several supporting studies, including an Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA), a Social Infrastructure Audit and a Settlement Capacity Audit (i.e., Infrastructure Assessment) are being prepared to inform the preferred development strategy that will be contained in the Plan.</p> <p>The role of the ABTA is to initiate a shift in the town away from the private car towards more sustainable modes of movement, particularly active modes (walking and cycling) for short trips within the town. It is considered that the implementation of such measures is critical for realising the concept of the 10-minute settlement within Newbridge by helping to promote a culture of active movement between key destinations within the town whilst also making longer distance trips via public transport services more accessible to pedestrians and cyclists. The ABTA will place a particular emphasis on ensuring that walking and cycling to school can become a more realistic, convenient and safer option for pupils and students alike. Particular emphasis will be placed on the delivery of residential development on appropriately located lands and at sustainable densities within the town centre. Furthermore, the Plan will seek to ensure that other mixed-use developments which include employment uses and community uses, are zoned at appropriate locations within the town.</p>
16	Health Service Executive (HSE) - Environmental Health	<p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <p>The latest Climate Action Plan 2023 should form the basis for developing a low carbon, climate-resilient, and environmentally sustainable Newbridge by 2050 with interim targets for 2030.</p> <p>The plan should align with the Government’s National Implementation Plan for the Sustainable Development Goals 2022 – 2024.</p> <p>The plan should apply the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030.</p>

Sub. No.	Name	Summary of Submission
		<p>Transport options should be prioritised in line with the transport hierarchy putting pedestrians first followed by cyclists, public transport and private vehicles at the bottom.</p> <p>In the drafting of the plan reference should be made to the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Sustainable Mobility Policy 2022 • Smarter Travel Policy 2009 – 2020 and/or recent updates • National Cycle Policy Framework 2009 – 2020 and/or recent updates • Government Road Safety Strategy 2021 – 2030 • Get Ireland Active – National Physical Activity Plan for Ireland • Healthy Ireland – A Healthy Weight For Ireland Obesity Policy and Action Plan 2016 – 2025 • Clean Air Strategy • Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act of July 2022 • A Resource Opportunity – Waste Management Policy in Ireland 2012 <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>The plan should be age friendly and take into account the National Positive Aging Strategy and literature around supporting Older People Remaining at Home (OPRAH).</p> <p>It should also deliver for persons with a disability in terms of active participation and issues around street lighting, footpaths, street furniture etc.</p> <p>Safe spaces to socialise should be provided for the youth/adolescents.</p> <p>This plan should deliver for all disadvantaged and marginalised groups, and the existing and future ethnic and cultural mix of Newbridge. The plan should also empower all genders.</p>

Sub. No.	Name	Summary of Submission
		<p>The plan should enable/support all ages to engage in active play/sport (in formal and informal spaces) and active travel that results in a more active and healthy community with the co-benefits of safer streets, less congestion, reduced carbon emissions, better air quality, less annoying noise, and a positive climate impact.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <p>The contents of the submission from the Health Service Executive (HSE) are noted. Considering the national and regional policy context regarding climate action, healthy placemaking and sustainable mobility it is envisaged that the Plan will seek to deliver liveable communities by ensuring compliance with the principles of people-centred urban design providing increased opportunities for active travel, physical activities, and social interaction, through the development of compact neighbourhoods which feature high quality pedestrian and cyclist connectivity, accessible to a range of local services, amenities and open spaces.</p> <p>On the issue of air quality, it should be noted that while there are objectives relating to the protection of air quality in the County Development Plan, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the competent and principal authority in charge of the enforcement of air quality standards in Ireland. The Plan will include an objective supporting the implementation of Kildare’s Noise Action Plan. The Plan will also include an objective to support mixed tenure in house developments, as per national policy.</p> <p>The Plan will seek to implement universal accessibility with regard to transport infrastructure in the town, in accordance with the principles of people-centred urban design. The local authority is keenly aware of the role that a comprehensive universally accessible transport system can play in promoting health lifestyles and realising integrated communities. The Plan will be accompanied and informed by an Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) which will seek to implement a long-term shift in movement patterns in the town towards sustainable movement options and away from the private car. In this regard, it should be noted that the ABTA will include both a cycling strategy and a walking strategy which will seek to create a comprehensive high-quality active movement (pedestrian and cycle) network in the town. Whilst public transport enhancements lie outside the</p>

Sub. No.	Name	Summary of Submission
		<p>remit of this Plan, it should be noted that the overall development strategy will seek to maximise opportunities in terms of access and usage.</p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>The Plan will include objectives, in keeping with the provisions of the county development plan, to ensure the development of a range of housing types to meet the needs of an aging population. Issues relating to universal design are considered to be a development management matter which is dealt with at county development plan level. The Plan will include a range of policies to ensure that Newbridge develops as an 'age friendly' town, including a universally accessible public realm. This Plan will contain a statistical analysis of Newbridge using up to date census results to formulate appropriate objectives to empower communities, where possible and relevant to a land use plan.</p>
21	Department of Transport (DoT)	<p><i>Climate Action and Movement - Transport</i></p> <p>Objectives in the Plan should be focused on reducing the need to travel by private car, the integration of land use and transport planning, and the strong emphasis on enhancing permeability. The Plan should also place emphasis on facilitating the development of shared mobility schemes, including through co-locating shared services with Local Link bus stops to enhance local "last mile" connectivity.</p> <p>The Climate Action Plan 2023 highlights parking as a key lever in reducing emissions and calls on local authorities to move to market rates in terms of public parking and calls on the Public Sector to reduce the availability of free parking where it can.</p> <p>The submission also outlines that accessible public transport for all and especially for Persons with Disabilities, Reduced mobility and Older People is an important consideration of this plan. It indicates how the DoT are complying with EU and Government policy with its public transport rollout.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p>

Sub. No.	Name	Summary of Submission
		<p>The comments from the DoT relating to the guiding principles for preparing a Local Area Plan are noted. KCC acknowledges the need to pursue a robust evidence-led approach to developing an integrated land-use and transport strategy for the town, which fully aligns with national and regional spatial and transport policy. In this regard, several supporting studies, including an Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA), are being prepared to inform the preferred development strategy that will be contained in the Plan.</p> <p>The role of the ABTA is to initiate a permanent shift in the town away from the private car towards more sustainable modes of movement, particularly active modes of travel (walking and cycling) for short trips within the town. It is considered that the implementation of such measures is critical for realising the concept of 10-minute settlement within Newbridge by helping to promote a culture of active movement between key destinations within the town, whilst also making longer distance trips via public transport services more accessible to pedestrians and cyclists. The ABTA will place emphasis on how the transport network will operate in the town through the co-location of services such as bus depots and the train station. Furthermore, this ABTA will re-examine carparking around the town centre to favour active modes of travel over the private car.</p> <p>The Plan will also include a range of policies to ensure that Newbridge develops as an ‘age friendly’ town, including a universally accessible public realm. The plan will seek to implement universal accessibility with regard to all transport infrastructure in the town, in accordance with the principles of people-centred urban design and healthy placemaking.</p>
22	Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)	<p><i>Climate Action and Movement - Transport</i></p> <p>The M7, motorway national primary road, adjoining the Plan area is a strategic national road and is included as part of the EU Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T) Core Network. The Council will be aware that National Strategic Outcome (NSO) 2 of the National Planning Framework (NPF) includes the objective to maintain the strategic capacity and safety of the national roads network, including planning for future capacity enhancements. While Chapter 7 ‘Enhanced Regional Accessibility’ of the National Development Plan (NDP) sets out the key sectoral priority of maintaining Ireland’s existing national road network to a robust and safe standard for users.</p>

Sub. No.	Name	Summary of Submission
		<p>TII advises that the national road network includes its junctions and physical assets. The M7 drainage regime is an independent drainage regime for the M7 national road only. TII recommends a core strategy objective be added to the Plan to maintain the strategic function, capacity and safety of these assets.</p> <p>TII recommends that any Local Transport Plan should be based on the Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) guidance produced by the NTA and TII (TII Publications PE-PDV-02046 refers) and Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines. Any zoning strategy prepared for the Local Area Plan should support compact growth, active travel, safeguarding the strategic road network and its safety.</p> <p>TII also recommends that planning applications for significant development proposals should be accompanied with Traffic and Transport Assessment to be carried out by suitably competent consultants, which are assessed in association with their cumulative impact with other relevant developments on the road network. Any signage should be in line with the provisions of TII Policy and the DoECLG Guidelines. The capacity and efficiency of the national road network drainage regimes should be safeguarded for national road drainage purposes.</p> <p>The submission also states that works for grid connections for renewable energy projects should not be routed on national roads and the requirements of S.I. No. 140 of 2006 Environmental Noise Regulations should be considered. Furthermore, the TII recommends consultation with the NTA in relation to any active travel and sustainable transport measures as well as the preparation of any Local Transport Plan. In relation to Greenway proposals, consultation with the Councils own internal project and/or design staff is recommended.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The contents of the submission from Transport Infrastructure Ireland are acknowledged. It should be noted particular emphasis will be placed on the provisions of the 'Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DoECLG, 2012) when reviewing current land use zoning objectives and any potential new land use zoning designations at or near national roads. Furthermore, the Plan will incorporate a specific objective to safeguard the development and carrying capacity of the national road infrastructure along the M7 and its associated junctions in accordance with the foregoing Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines.</p>

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		<p>The Newbridge Area Based Transport Assessment is currently being progressed and will play a critical role in assisting in the consideration of all land use zoning designations within the plan area. This ABTA is designed to provide the evidence-base for the Plan with regard to recommendations relating to movement and transport measures, in order to initiate a permanent shift away from private car use towards an integrated land use and transport model based around the development of sustainable movement patterns.</p> <p>Traffic and Transport Assessments are required by the CDP to be submitted as part of planning applications for larger developments. The content of these assessments and the category of developments which require such assessments is defined in section 15.7.4 of Chapter 15 of the CDP. In relation to national road signage and drainage schemes, as per section 15.7.6, new development will not generally be permitted where it would adversely impact on road drainage and any proposal for signage on or at national roads will be assessed against Chapter 3 of the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DoECLG, 2012) and TII Policy on the Provision of Tourist and Leisure Signage on National Roads (March 2011).</p> <p>Comments relating to consultation with the NTA and across KCC Departments in relation to Greenways are also noted. Internal consultation within KCC is a key component of formulating the Draft Plan.</p>
24	Department of Education	<p><i>Social Infrastructure – Education</i></p> <p>The Department notes the current Kildare CDP 2023-2029 designates Newbridge as a ‘Self-Sustaining Growth Town’ and provides a population increase of 2,917 persons for Newbridge from 2016 to 2028. The Department will engage with the Council relating to any further proposed projections that will be applicable to the Plan. It is worth noting that where projected population increases materialise, a requirement for additional education provision at both primary and post-primary level may emerge over the lifetime of the plan.</p> <p>The Department also notes in the section titled Vision of the Issues Paper the reference to the potential regeneration of existing areas within the town’s core and states it is critical that explicit provision for school development to cater for such development be made in existing “built-up” areas, within Newbridge.</p>

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		<p>The Department notes in the section “Key Questions for Consideration” a question regarding the identification of lands suitable for a potential new post-primary school in the town and outlines it will engage with the council in this regard. The Department also states that they and the council have to be mindful of potential unforeseen circumstances such as the Ukrainian crisis. The Department also anticipates that additional special education needs provision at both primary and post-primary level will be required in the future throughout the country and this may result in schools requiring additional accommodation to meet this growing need.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The Plan will include a specific objective in relation to supporting the delivery of schools and school places in Newbridge at appropriate locations, in keeping with the principles of the 10-minute settlement. As part of the preparation of the Plan a Social Infrastructure Audit will be undertaken in Newbridge. This will, inter alia, look at the anticipated demand for further school places in the town at both primary and post-primary levels, taking into consideration the targeted population growth over the life of the Plan. KCC will continue to engage and work closely with the Department of Education to ensure adequate land is zoned for the provision of schools in Newbridge.</p>
32	Office of the Planning Regulator	<p><i>Strategic Policy Framework</i></p> <p>Section 20(5) of the Act requires the LAP to be consistent with the objectives of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES), National Planning Framework (NPF), the Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022- 2042 (Transport Strategy), the specific planning policy requirements (SPPRs) of section 28 guidelines and the relevant development plan. Of particular relevance to the LAP is RPO 8.6 for the preparation of a Local Transport Plan (LTP), and any strategic development sites for the delivery of residential, employment or other uses identified in the RSES. The Office encourages collaboration with the Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA).</p> <p><i>Development plan and core strategy</i></p>

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		<p>Section 19(2)(b) of the Act requires the LAP to be consistent with the objectives of the development plan and its core strategy. A key part of the Office’s assessment of the draft LAP is to consider whether the objectives and zoning provisions of the LAP are consistent with the level of growth set out in the core strategy for the settlement.</p> <p><i>Zoning, compact growth and infrastructural services</i></p> <p>The Plan must demonstrate consistency with the objectives for compact growth and densification under the NPF (NPO 3; NPO 35) and the RSES (RPO 3.2), which plays a key role in climate change mitigation. SPPR guidelines relevant to compact growth include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas: Cities, Towns & Villages (2009); • Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2018); • Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2020); or any subsequent guidelines that replace them. <p>Land use zoning should follow a sequential approach so that the development of lands closest to the town centre are prioritised over lands on the outskirts of the town, as set out under section 6.2.3 of the Development Plans - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022). The planning authority also needs to ensure that lands that cannot be serviced within the lifetime of the LAP are not zoned for development, consistent with the tiered approach to zoning under NPO 72 a-c of the NPF. In this regard, an infrastructure assessment should be prepared in accordance with Appendix 3 of the NPF and section 4.5.2 (Settlement Capacity Audit) of the Development Plans Guidelines. As required the planning authority is advised to liaise closely with the relevant prescribed authority when producing this Settlement Capacity Audit to ensure potential sites are serviceable.</p> <p><i>Regeneration</i></p> <p>The NPF and RSES emphasise the importance of opportunities for regeneration to create attractive, liveable, and high quality urban spaces. The reuse of brownfield sites and vacant buildings will also contribute to climate</p>

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		<p>change mitigation. The Planning Authority is encouraged to prepare a Town Renewal Masterplan for Newbridge as part of the draft LAP to ensure an appropriate implementation strategy, consistent with Action UD A3 of the Development Plan. ‘Settlement Consolidation Sites’ could be integrated into the wide regeneration strategy. Where such sites are identified, the planning authority should prepare a development framework for future development with appropriate guidance regarding layout, massing, permeability, green infrastructure and Sustainable urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) as set out in section 5.7 of the LAP Guidelines. The Office also recommends that the Plan includes a strong policy framework to support the utilisation of existing buildings, brownfield/infill sites, and derelict and underutilised sites, and consider proactive land activation measures.</p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>The Plan should seek to align population growth with investment in childcare and education facilities on well-located sites within or close to the existing built-up areas, to meet the diverse needs of local populations. The Plan should be informed by a social or civic infrastructure audit to establish the capacity of existing facilities, including community centres, leisure, amenity and cultural facilities to serve existing and future residents, and identify the need for any additional facilities. It is also important that access to existing and proposed facilities by walking or cycling is prioritised. Specifically, in relation to schools, the planning authority should consult with the Forward Planning and Site Acquisitions Section of the Department of Education. The local authority’s Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and Traveller Accommodation Programme should also inform the LAP.</p> <p><i>Economic Development</i></p> <p>The NPF, RSES and section 28 guidelines emphasise the need to take an evidence-based approach to the inclusion of objectives for employment and other commercial uses. The Development Plan identifies the importance of the Naas to Newbridge Strategic Employment Zone, which encompasses the Tougher Industrial Estate outside of Newbridge and the industrial zone on the northern edge of Newbridge. The Office notes Action UD A2 of the Development Plan, which seeks to prepare a Masterplan/Urban Design Framework for this area, with a focus for</p>

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		<p>this plan period on the Newbridge end of the corridor linking back up to Tougher. The planning authority is therefore encouraged to progress this objective.</p> <p>The Development Plan also seeks to promote and facilitate the development of the Sallins Naas-Newbridge Economic Cluster (Objective RE O34); support Newbridge as an attractor to Biotechnology, ICT, professional services, high-tech manufacturing and research employment (Objective RE O26); and facilitate Bord Na Móna Green Energy Hub headquarters (Objective RE O79). These economic objectives should be highlighted in the Plan.</p> <p>In terms of identifying the optimal locations for employment and retail zonings, the key criteria should be compact growth, the sequential approach to development and the options for sustainable transport having regard to the need to mitigate climate change. The reuse of appropriate brownfield sites and vacant premises should also be prioritised.</p> <p>The planning authority should also ensure that an integrated approach to the planning of the town centre is supported and that a greater focus on linkages and commercial synergy, whilst complying with the Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012).</p> <p><i>Transport and Mobility</i></p> <p>The Climate Action Plan 2023 identifies the need to significantly reduce car kilometres and increase sustainable journeys, guided by the National Sustainable Mobility Policy (2022) and the proposed National Demand Management Strategy. The integration of land use and transportation is centrally important to this objective and to the objectives and provisions of the NPF and RSES.</p> <p>The RSES identifies the requirement for an LTP for the town under RPO 8.6. The Development Plan Action TM A2 also commits to the preparation of an LTP to inform the LAP in consultation with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). The Office acknowledges the planning authority's quality track record in this regard. As per other LAPs prepared for the county, such as Naas LAP 2021-2027, the draft LAP</p>

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		<p>should set out an ambitious (but realistic) modal shift target for the area of the LAP. In order to increase the potential for trips to be made on foot, bicycle or public transport the plan should be consistent with the 10 minute town concept, as well as providing for implementation of DMURs and the NTAs Permeability Best Practice Guide.</p> <p><i>Flood Risk Management</i></p> <p>Having regard to the location of Newbridge along the River Liffey, flood risk management will be the most critical climate change adaptation measure to be addressed in the Plan, informed by a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA). The planning authority should ensure that the Plan is consistent with NPO 57 by avoiding inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding, in accordance with the detailed requirements and provisions of section 28 The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009).</p> <p><i>Climate Action</i></p> <p>It is a National Strategic Outcome of the NPF to transition to a low carbon climate resilient society. The effective implementation of climate mitigation objectives through the Plan are critical to the achievement of the Government's Greenhouse Gas emissions reduction target to mitigate climate change under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act (2015), as amended (Climate Act 2015). The efficient use of land, including through infill development and brownfield development consistent with compact growth, will ensure consistency with NPO 53 and NPO 55.</p> <p><i>Environment and natural and built heritage</i></p> <p>The planning authority is the competent authority for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment.</p> <p>The Office highlights the importance of integrating green and blue infrastructure into the Plan consistent with NPO 58 and planning for greenbelts (NPO 62). Planning for green and blue infrastructure can contribute to climate change adaptation, in particular, flood risk management through nature-based solutions consistent with</p>

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		<p>NPO 57 and NPO 63. It can also make a positive contribution to climate mitigation and have positive impacts on biodiversity (NPO 64).</p> <p>The planning authority should consider what locations would benefit from the designation of an Architectural Conservation Area over the period of the Plan, as per Action AH A21 of the Development Plan.</p> <p><i>Implementation and monitoring</i></p> <p>The planning authority is encouraged to set out specific provisions for monitoring the implementation of the objectives of the Plan, having regard to the Development Plan Guidelines and Local Area Plans Guidelines.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p><i>Strategic Policy Framework and Development Plan Core Strategy</i></p> <p>The contents of the submission regarding the strategic policy framework are noted. It is the intention of KCC that the Plan will be consistent with the core strategy of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 and provisions of the NPF and RSES. Particular attention will also be paid to the specific planning policy requirements (SPPRs) of Section 28 Guidelines. The Plan will seek to prioritise the development of transport infrastructure that is consistent with the provisions of the RSES and the Transport Strategy of the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042. In order to ensure the opportunities of sustainable active travel are harnessed in Newbridge, the Plan will be accompanied by An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA). This assessment is underway.</p> <p><i>Zoning, Compact growth and infrastructural services</i></p> <p>KCC understand the importance of combating sprawl by supporting compact growth and densification in Newbridge, in line with the objectives of the NPF, RSES and Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines. The requirements of the recently published Sustainable and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024) in particular are noted and will be adhered to in this regard.</p>

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		<p>A sequential approach to land use zoning will be used in Newbridge, which will be underpinned by <i>inter alia</i> a Settlement Capacity Audit (SCA) for the town in accordance with NPO 72 a-c, Appendix 3 of the NPF and section 4.5.2, Settlement Capacity Audit, of the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022). This SCA will ensure any lands that are identified as suitable for residential or employment purposes must be serviced or serviceable during the lifetime of the Plan.</p> <p><i>Regeneration</i></p> <p>KCC commits to supporting and encouraging the utilisation of existing vacant buildings, brownfield/infill sites, and derelict and underutilised sites which is a noted issue in the Town Centre especially on Main Street and the Athgarvan Road. The designation of Settlement Consolidation Sites will be considered where appropriate having regard to the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022). A key priority of the Plan is to ensure Newbridge Town Centre is a vibrant and bustling hub to live, shop, work, visit, socialise and invest in. This Plan will contain objectives to promote and prioritise regeneration. Any Settlement consolidation Site(s) brought forward in the Draft Plan will be formulated having regard to the provisions of Section 5.7 of the Local Area Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities.</p> <p>A Town Renewal Masterplan for Newbridge is in the process of being prepared by the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team in KCC. Key projects arising from the TRMP will be included in this Plan should the TRMP be finalised prior to the publication of the Draft LAP.</p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>The provision of the requisite levels of social infrastructure within Newbridge is an important consideration for the preparation of the draft Plan. It is vital that any planned population growth be supported by adequate social infrastructure such as childcare, schools, neighbourhood centres and green space. Furthermore, access to such facilities is critical to achieving 10-minute settlements, a key objective of the CDP. Accordingly, the Plan will be accompanied by a Social Infrastructure Audit which will provide a detailed analysis of the availability and capacity of the required social infrastructure over the lifetime of the Plan. The formation of this supporting document will</p>

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		<p>require consultation with providers of social infrastructure, including the Department of Education. KCC's Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and Traveller Accommodation Programme will also inform the Plan.</p> <p><i>Economic Development</i></p> <p>The comments from the OPR with regard to economic development and employment growth in the town are noted. It is the intention of the Plan to incorporate an economic development strategy for the town which is consistent with the CDP especially as regards the identified Naas to Newbridge Strategic Employment Zone and Naas-Newbridge Economic Cluster. A priority of the strategy will be to ensure that employment lands are developed in a plan-led, orderly and sequential manner.</p> <p><i>Transport and Mobility</i></p> <p>The Plan will be informed by a Local Transport Plan (LPT) which will take the form of an Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) for Newbridge. The purpose of this ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town and its environs. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including walking, cycling, public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads. Particular emphasis will be placed on increasing the potential for trips to be made by walking, cycling or on public transport and to be consistent with the 10 minute town concept. The measures from the ABTA will be brought into the Plan as development objectives to help achieve this. While also setting out a modal shift target for the area of the LAP in line with national targets in the Climate Action Plan 2024.</p> <p><i>Flood Risk Management</i></p> <p>The Plan will be informed by a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) which will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of The Planning System and Flood Risk Assessment Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009) and published alongside the Plan. The Plan will seek to ensure that development in flood risk areas is avoided</p>

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		<p>entirely or is 'water-compatible,' as per the Flood Risk Guidelines. Such locations will be recognised and preserved in the Plan as essential green infrastructure that provides a natural defence against flood risk. A map which integrates the Land Use Zoning Objective Map with the Newbridge Flood Risk Assessment Zone (including Flood Zones A and B) will also be included as part of the Plan.</p> <p><i>Environment and natural and built heritage</i></p> <p>It is acknowledged that Planning Authorities have a critical role in bringing about meaningful climate action at a local level, particularly within settlements, through the Local Area Plan process. In this regard and aligning with the need to transition to a low carbon model of development, it is considered that climate action represents a key opportunity when planning for the future development of the town. Accordingly, the Plan will include provisions to support inclusive and comprehensive climate action required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, insofar as its remit extends.</p> <p>It is noted KCC are the competent authority for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment, and both will accompany this plan. It is noted that the Special Areas of Conservation of Pollardstown Fen and Mounds Bog are in close proximity to Newbridge Town.</p> <p>A Habitat Mapping Exercise will be undertaken to inform a Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy which will aim to protect and enhance the overall level of biodiversity within the Plan area, with the River Liffey at the core of the town's green and blue network. It is envisaged that the Plan will also contain provisions to require biodiversity net gain to encourage the development of natural habitats in the town and to promote increased levels of biodiversity carbon sequestration. The Plan will also seek to align with Inland Fisheries Ireland's Urban Watercourses Planning Guide (2020) with regard to development within riparian areas.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to whether an Architectural Conservation Area is appropriate for any areas of the historic core of Newbridge Town Centre. It is noted that an ACA must be embedded in the County Development Plan which it currently is not.</p>

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		Implementation is a priority of the Forward Planning function at Kildare County Council. A County Development Plan Implementation Team was established to monitor the delivery of all objectives of the Plan. The monitoring of many Key Performance Indicators (such as house completions, developed commercial floorspace and the progression of settlement consolidation sites) will be carried out for the entire County, include Newbridge.
37	Health Services Executive (HSE) – Public Health	<p><i>Social Infrastructure – Health Services</i></p> <p>The submission asks KCC to consider sufficient health related zoning as part of the Local Area Plan for the Newbridge area. It also states this LAP has a unique opportunity to develop health related infrastructures in Newbridge, providing access to for example, Outdoors Gyms in additional areas (particularly areas with a higher deprivation index) clear and defined walking routes and opportunities to avail of smarter travel options.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The provision of the requisite levels of social infrastructure within Newbridge is an important consideration of this Plan. It is vital that any planned population growth be supported by adequate social infrastructure such as childcare, schools, neighbourhood centres, green space and health care. Accordingly, the Plan will be accompanied by a Social Infrastructure Audit which will provide a detailed analysis of the availability and capacity of the required social infrastructure over the lifetime of the Plan and it will make recommendations where additional facilities are required. While this is a land use plan, additional facilities in green spaces to improve their usability and quality will be supported by relevant objectives, the implementation of which will be subject to funding on a case by case basis.</p>
38	Uisce Éireann	<p><i>Water infrastructure</i></p> <p>A Regional Water Resources Plan (RWRP) has been prepared and adopted for the East and Midlands Region. This plan allows consideration of local options that could resolve needs within individual supplies and regional options that could address needs across multiple supplies.</p>

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		<p>UÉ has adopted the World Health Organisation (WHO) Water Safety Plan approach while also addressing and adapting to climate change. UÉ is committed to the protection of drinking water sources.</p> <p>UÉ supports the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) Implementation Strategy. In addition, UÉ supports the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) desktop studies and local catchment assessment work through ongoing data sharing.</p> <p>UÉ encourages the inclusion of policies and objectives on the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems and Green-Blue Infrastructure in new developments including the public realm and retrofitted in existing developed areas, in line with NPO 57 of the National Planning Framework. UÉ would be happy to discuss potential opportunities to collaborate on projects that would remove stormwater from combined sewers.</p> <p>To support sustainable use of the available hydraulic capacity in Combined Sewers, UÉ welcomes the proposal in the recent County Development Plan to promote SUDs and in particular promotion of Nature based SUDs (NbSUDs). UÉ recommend the introduction of further objectives in the Plan to promote the introduction of NbSUDs in areas contributing to combined drainage systems where streetscape enhancement programmes or resurfacing programmes are planned.</p> <p>We would like to highlight that the recast Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (UWWTD), as proposed. The recast UWWTD includes obligations for the reduction of pollution load from both wastewater and storm water systems (Storm Water Overflows (SWOs) and Urban Runoff respectively). If adopted, the new UWWTD will require collaboration between UÉ and Local Authorities on integrated drainage planning.</p> <p>Newbridge’s water supply is from the Greater Dublin Area Water Resource Zone (primarily the Barrow / Poulaphouca scheme). There is generally capacity available to meet the population targets given in the Core Strategy Table in the County Development Plan.</p> <p>There are also no major constraints to the sewer network. The Rickardstown scheme has been completed in last few months and now North-West of the railway is now sufficiently serviced.</p>

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		<p>Uisce Éireann are available to assist in the process of identifying suitable zoned lands from a water services perspective. Sequential development in areas with existing water services infrastructure and spare capacity is encouraged. Uisce Éireann engaged with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) providing a desktop-based assessment of the GIS mapping information relating to the proximity of zoned lands to our water and wastewater networks. However, the accuracy of the GIS network has not been verified in some instances. Details are provided for how new developments can connect to Uisce Éireann’s network and how to engage UÉ when projects may impact their network.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The reference to the Regional Water Resources Plan (RWRP) and the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) Implementation Strategy are noted. The comments relating to water and wastewater capacity being available to meet the population targets from the Core Strategy Table in the County Development Plan are noted and welcomed.</p> <p>KCC commit to continuing to engage with UÉ in progressing the Plan to draft stage, and in particular in the preparation of the Settlement Capacity Audit (Infrastructure Assessment) for Newbridge. The outputs from the SCA will inform an infrastructure delivery schedule for certain lands proposed to be developed over the life of the Plan. In this regard, it is considered that input from Uisce Eireann will be critical in outlining the particular infrastructural requirements on sites in relation to water supply and wastewater servicing infrastructure.</p> <p>Having regard to the current extent of flood risk in Newbridge and in light of the increasing frequency of flooding due to climate change, along with the need to achieve resilience within the town to mitigate its effects, the Plan will seek to ensure that development in floodplains is avoided entirely or is ‘water-compatible,’ as per the Flood Risk Guidelines (2009). Areas subject to flooding will therefore be recognised and preserved in the Plan to the maximum extent possible, in both urban and rural locations, as essential green and blue infrastructure that provides a natural defence against flood risk. Furthermore, in light of their additional value as ecological corridors, the Plan seeks to develop an integrated green infrastructure network which will focus on the waterbodies within Newbridge. The best practice interim guidance on Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas (DoHDLGH, 2022) will be supported by a</p>

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		<p>number of provisions in the Plan. Consideration will be given to carrying out a Surface Water / Rainwater Management Study for the plan area to provide for a municipal-level, multi-site nature-based solution(s) to surface water management. The Plan will support the ongoing upgrade and expansion of water supply and wastewater services to meet the future needs of Newbridge. The Plan will acknowledge the need for localised network upgrades in instances relating to brownfield and infill development within the existing footprint of the town.</p>
64	<p>Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage</p>	<p><i>Town Centre – Heritage</i></p> <p>This submission outlines the Plan must consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites and monuments included in the Sites and Monuments Record (SMR) as maintained by the National Monuments Service (NMS) of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH); • Monuments and Places included in the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP) as established under section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1994; • Historic monuments and archaeological areas included in the Register of Historic Monuments as established under section 5 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1987; • National monuments subject to Preservation Orders under the National Monuments Acts 1930 to 2014 and National Monuments which are in the ownership or guardianship of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage or a Local Authority; • Archaeological objects within the meaning of the National Monuments Acts; • Archaeological features not as yet identified but which may be impacted on by development. <p>The Plan must have regard to a number of key national policy documents including Heritage Ireland 2030, the Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan for the Built and Archaeological Heritage (published in 2019), the Built Vernacular Strategy (published in 2021) and the National Policy on Architecture (2022), the National Biodiversity Plan 2017–2021, the 17 No. Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations.</p>

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		<p>The Department welcomes the opportunity for making cultural heritage more accessible and better integrated with wider tourism and recreational opportunities of the county. By delivering high quality renewal and enhancement to existing places, the social, environmental and economic objectives for sustainable development of communities will be met and cultural heritage significance, conservation best practice and preservation and protection of biodiversity of these places will be raised in general to the benefit of all.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>With regard to archaeology, and built heritage in general, it is considered that all types of built heritage represent intrinsic assets which provides a crucial sense of place and have the potential, if appropriately managed and enhanced, to increase the overall quality of life within a community. Accordingly, it is intended that the Plan will include provisions which seek to conserve and manage Newbridge’s built heritage assets, including archaeological features, for the benefit of present and future generations. It is also intended that the Plan will contain an array of provisions and supporting objectives to create a more attractive and welcoming environment.</p> <p>As part of the preparation of the Plan, a Green Infrastructure Survey and Habitat Mapping Exercise will be undertaken. This exercise will result in a number of recommendations to protect and enhance the overall level of biodiversity within the Plan area to assist in the implementation of the National Strategic Outcome No. 7 of the National Planning Framework, relating to delivering enhanced amenities and heritage. It is noted that Strategic Policy N4 of the Kildare Climate Action Plan 2024 refers to new developments having a 10% biodiversity net gain and consideration will be given to implementing this in a land use plan.</p>
80	Electricity Supply Board (ESB)	<p><i>Climate Action and Movement – Electricity Infrastructure</i></p> <p>ESB is an energy generation, transmission and distribution company and the largest supplier of renewable electricity in Ireland. Mirroring Government objectives, by 2030 the ESB will develop an additional 4 GW of new onshore and offshore wind and solar PV renewable assets to add to their 1 GW of renewables operating currently. ESB would welcome objectives supporting updating this network and objectives ensuring early</p>

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		<p>engagement for any project such as a new road or greenway or public realm update that may impact this network.</p> <p>ESB eCars builds, owns, and operates Electric Vehicle Charging Networks for public use in Ireland. These charging hubs are primarily located on motorway or primary routes. ESB Telecoms provides telecommunications infrastructure. Objectives therefore promoting, encouraging, and facilitating the use of sustainable modes and patterns of transport, including electric vehicles, with appropriate Parking Standards that will set minimum levels of parking provision for EVs are encouraged.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The information in the submission from ESB is noted. The Plan will include provisions to support the providers of energy related infrastructure by safeguarding existing infrastructure and strategic corridors from encroachment by development that might compromise the operation, maintenance and provision of energy networks. The Plan will also seek to support and facilitate the provision of telecommunications infrastructure, including broadband services in the town, subject to safety and amenity considerations.</p> <p>The Plan will include a specific objective to support the delivery of projects, including ancillary supporting infrastructure, subject to planning and environmental considerations. It should be noted that applications for telecommunications will be dealt with having regard to the CDP.</p> <p>The Plan will be informed by an Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) which will include a comprehensive range of provisions to support active travel and low carbon development, including support for the continued rollout of EV charging infrastructure.</p>
85	Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications	<p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <p>The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 (Climate Act 2021) sets Ireland on a legally binding path to net-zero emissions no later than 2050, and to a 51% reduction in emissions by the end of this decade. The Climate Action Plan 2023 (CAP 2023) sets a roadmap to halve our overall greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and setting Ireland on a path to reach net-zero emissions by no later than 2050. The National</p>

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		<p>Adaption Framework (NAF) sets out the national strategy to reduce the vulnerability of the country to the negative effects of climate change and to avail of positive impacts. A new NAF is currently being developed by the Department and a draft is due to be completed by end 2023. In all matters relating to Climate Action, local authorities should consult directly with their own Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs). Furthermore, response no. 25 of the National Energy Security Framework (NESF) proposes to align all elements of the planning system to fully support accelerated renewable energy development.</p> <p>The Local Authority is requested to support the transition towards a sustainable transport system, through enhanced land-use planning, public transport, active travel, reducing the demand for transport, vehicle efficiency and clean fuels as outlined in CAP 2023.</p> <p>The inclusion of an objective to promote the development of appropriately scaled renewable energy installations (rooftop solar, geothermal energy and other types of installations appropriate to urban environments) and to support the development of additional supporting grid infrastructure is encouraged. As per response no. 25 of the NESF local and domestic microgeneration should also be encouraged.</p> <p>The Local Authority should be mindful of the regional policy objective by identifying retrofitting initiative priorities within the Newbridge local area, supporting initiatives that seek retrofitting infrastructure to existing buildings and provide for policies to implement same.</p> <p>The Department encourages the Local Authority to examine the potential of district heating including district heating derived from waste heat, where available, technically feasible and cost effective, and commit to carrying out a feasibility exercise and the use of heat mapping in support of same in the draft policies.</p> <p>The Council is requested to consider all aspects of how it can support the transition to a circular economy in the preparation of the local area plan. The Department encourages the Local Authority to support and promote circular economy principles within the Newbridge Local Area Plan in line with the Circular Economy Act 2022.</p>

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		<p>Construction waste management must also be considered in the Plan in line with the best practice guidelines for the preparation of resource and waste management plans for construction and demolition projects.</p> <p>An agile, responsive, and resilient digital infrastructure is needed to support the development of the digital economy. Policies are required to support this in line with the Digital Ireland Framework entitled Harnessing Digital.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>It is considered that climate action will be a central consideration of the Plan. In this regard, all aspects relating to the development strategy in Newbridge will be considered in light of the need to plan for a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and to promote low carbon development in the town, in line with national targets.</p> <p>The Plan will include provisions to support local renewable energy production, domestic micro-generation and low-emission technology along with supporting grid infrastructure and energy efficiency measures, in keeping with national and regional policy. The Plan will support retrofitting initiatives and the development of a circular economy in Newbridge insofar as its remit as a land use plan extends. In this regard, a key element of the Plan will seek to incorporate a range of active land management measures to maximise the efficient use of land, along with the reuse of brownfield sites and vacant buildings in the town.</p> <p>While this Local Area Plan is a land use plan, it will be informed by a Local Transport Plan (LPT) which will take the form of an Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) for Newbridge. The role of the ABTA is to initiate a permanent shift in the town away from the private car towards more sustainable modes of movement, particularly active modes of travel (walking and cycling) for short trips within the town. It is considered that the implementation of such measures is critical for realising the concept of 10-minute settlement within Newbridge by helping to promote a culture of active movement between key destinations within the town like the Liffey Linear Park, whilst also making longer distance trips via public transport services more accessible to pedestrians and cyclists. The ABTA will place emphasis on how the transport network will operate in the town through the co-location of services such as bus depots and the train station. Furthermore, this ABTA will re-examine carparking around the town centre to favour active modes of travel over the private car.</p>

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		The Plan will promote and encourage the use of district heating systems in new residential and commercial developments where such development does not have a negative impact on the surrounding environment, landscape, biodiversity or local amenities is per Section 7.12.1 of the CDP.

Table 4: Summary of Submission and Response to Main Issues Raised in Submissions from Members of the Public and Other Stakeholders


Sub. No.	Name	Summary of Submission
1	Keelin Bradford	<p><i>Open Space and Amenity - Playgrounds</i></p> <p>More playgrounds are required in areas such as Dara Park, Pairc Mhuire, Liffey Linear Park, at the top of Station Road and around the new Station Walk development.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The provision of public playgrounds is an operational matter for the Parks Section of KCC and is subject to availability of funding, detailed design etc. Notwithstanding this, the current level of playground provision in Newbridge will be assessed in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) that will accompany and inform this plan. The SIA will include a suite of recommendations regarding the provision of new social infrastructure which will include open space and playgrounds.</p>
2	Keelin Bradford	<p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <p>Traffic in the town needs drastic improvements, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini roundabouts at main junctions • The introduction of two more bridges, one at the station walk/Roseberry end and another at the Kilbelin end. Both bridges would link back to the main road near Pfizer as opposed to trying to link back at the M7. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p>

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		<p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding traffic and road improvements are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town and to facilitate a shift to more sustainable modes of transport. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including walking, cycling, public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, for walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as development objectives.</p>
3	Darragh Fitzpatrick	<p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <p>It is suggested to assess the route through Curragh Grange and Liffey Hall at peak traffic times on regular school calendar days. As the speed of traffic from the south end of Curragh Grange is becoming increasingly challenging for those wishing to join the relief road. The submission asks if lights required at this junction 559X + 6GS. Is an additional Pedestrian crossing required on the relief road to help calm traffic speed. It also suggests the introduction of a roundabout at Lumville House Cross as this traffic will only increase in this area with the introduction of the proposed new bridge and new housing.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding traffic and road improvements are noted. The specification for traffic lights is an operational matter for the Council, not for a land use plan. However, an Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town and to facilitate a move to more sustainable modes of transport. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including walking, cycling, public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including junctions). These measures will be brought into the Plan as development objectives.</p>

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4	Health and Safety Authority (HSA)	See table above
5	Anthony Whoriskey	<p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <p>The submission outlines traffic in Newbridge is a chaotic problem and the construction of cycle lanes has been a poor piece of planning. It identifies areas to improve including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The footpaths top and bottom of College Park should be narrowed to accommodate more vehicular traffic and a slip road. • The width of the footpaths outside Michael Murphy’s premises on Henry Street should be narrowed to accommodate more vehicular traffic. • The footpath at Newbridge College right at the bend is poorly designed and constructed and should be remedied. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding traffic and footpaths are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including walking, cycling, public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as development objectives.</p>
6	Office of Public Works (OPW)	See table above
7	Caroline Morrissey	<p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic light junctions should be replaced with roundabouts. • The current cycle lanes in the town centre are not fit for purpose and proper consideration should be given to a cycle lane network to other surrounding towns.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A two-way cycle lane on one side of the Main Street would be more usable. <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>A new hall is required for Irish figure dancing competitions and training. Furthermore, the following facilities are required for younger teenagers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community swimming pool • Community centres/halls • Sports pitches • Youth cafes <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding junctions, roundabouts and cycle lanes are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including walking, cycling, public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads. These measures will be brought into the Plan as development objectives.</p> <p>The lack of specified social infrastructure is noted. A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of existing provision of a range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate planned growth and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. There is potential to include an objective in the Draft Plan for shared spaces which could facilitate Irish Dancing among other uses, such as youth cafes and theatre/performance space.</p>

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8	C Keogh	<p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <p>The blind humpback bridge over the train tracks linking Rickardstown and Roseberry area (via Sex Road) should be widened to facilitate two-way flow of traffic and a wider footpath.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding the bridge are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including walking, cycling, public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as development objectives.</p>
9	Meath County Council (MCC)	See table above
10	Councillor Chris Pender	<p><i>Open space and Amenity</i></p> <p>This submission seeks to rezone lands at Ballymany currently zoned as I - Agricultural, to L - Leisure and Amenity. This rezoning should incorporate a special planning objective to establish a Multi-Use Sports Hub. The proposed sports hub would serve as a focal point for health, wellness, and social interaction, catering to a diverse range of sports and recreational activities for all age groups. There is a deficit in community facilities and this Multi-Use Sports Hub would include fields and courts for various sports, an indoor gymnasium, swimming pools, and spaces for community wellness programs. Modern playgrounds, skates and sports facilities are also required for teenagers and children. The ideal location for these facilities would be at Ballymany, near the Curragh roundabout as it is easily accessible from major roadways and would not increase existing traffic issues. It is also close to existing and future residential developments and adjoins multiple bus routes.</p> <p>Attached to this submission are three screenshots of the site in question, below is an excerpt of one.</p>

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		 <p>Response to Issues Raised</p> <p>This submission is noted. A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of existing provision of a range of social infrastructure (including sports facilities), an estimation of the future demand to facilitate planned growth and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster funding applications. Accessibility will be a material consideration in any site selection process.</p>
11	Councillor Chris Pender	<p><i>Economic Development</i></p> <p>The submission outlines that the Local Area Plan should focus on revitalising existing industrial areas, support local businesses and create job opportunities. It must be insured that investment in the IDA lands brings tangible benefits to the community. Additional lands should be zoned for diverse economic activities and to bolster job creation. Special development levies should be imposed in the northeastern section of the town to</p>

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		<p>fund infrastructure investment and ensure community gain. Industrial estates near the town centre should be relocated and transitioned into areas for mixed-use high-density development to enhance the vibrancy and economic viability of the town centre. Diversity should be sought for industry, ensuring economic resilience. Zoning should be flexible to allow for anticipated increases in housing demand.</p> <p><i>Housing and Communities</i> Housing should be located close to the centre of Newbridge to prevent urban sprawl. Central areas zoned for industrial purposes should be rezoned for residential and open space purposes. All new housing developments should include protected, segregated cycling infrastructure and include space for neighbourhood shops with parking to rear to align with the 10-minute concept.</p> <p><i>Climate Change and Movement</i> The construction of a second bridge should be prioritised. Once the second bridge is completed, transforming Main Street and Edward Street into a green and sustainable transport corridor, promoting non-motorized transport modes. As part of the Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA), consider implementing one-way systems in significant parts of the town centre to improve traffic flow and safety. On-street parking should be removed and segregated cycle lanes added on the Main Street. Cycle infrastructure to the train station should also be improved. An orbital bus service should be introduced. Cutlery Road adjoining the Whitewater building should be pedestrianised. Secure bike storage should be located near public transport hubs and major commercial areas. An active travel hub featuring bike repair facilities, e-bike charging stations, and integration with public transport should also be implemented.</p> <p>This submission proposes a Multi-Modal Transport Hub incorporating a bus depot to support a town/orbital bus service. A dedicated bus depot will provide efficient and regular connectivity across Newbridge. The hub will serve as a central point for various modes of transport including buses, trains, cycling, and pedestrian pathways. Emphasis on sustainable design principles to minimise environmental impact, including features like electric vehicle charging stations and bicycle-friendly facilities. The design of this hub should be universally accessible,</p>

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		<p>including adequate parking, waiting areas and advanced ticketing systems. It should also be located in a central location.</p> <p>Areas in the LAP should be identified for district heating and the development of community energy projects in the areas of solar and wind energy.</p> <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <p>The submission outlines surface carparking should be converted into urban green plazas such as at the Water Tower site. It proposes the rezoning of land currently zoned I for agriculture, adjacent to the land zoned E1 on the Walshestown Road (identified for a school), to F: Open Space & Amenity. This change aims to develop the area into an additional town park or outdoor sports area, enriching the town's recreational infrastructure. It notes these lands, along with adjoining areas, are subject to a comprehensive masterplan in the current LAP and could be accessed from Walshestown Road and Curragh Grange. More playgrounds are required all around the town. The Liffey Linear Park should be expanded from Tankardsgarden to the south of the motorway, enhancing the river's role as a green lung and recreational asset. The eastern side of the River Liffey should also be developed as part of a comprehensive River Park. More pedestrian bridge crossings are also required to enhance connectivity and active transport modes.</p> <p>The LAP should advocate for rezoning of the 24-acre land at Ballymany, currently zoned as 'Agricultural', to 'Leisure and Amenity' for the purposes of a Multi-Use Sports Hub. This would meet the diverse sporting needs of the population of Newbridge and should be accessible by bus routes. A similar Multi-Use Sports Hub is required in central Newbridge.</p> <p>The LAP should also consider retaining the Open Space Amenity Zoning or rezoning as Community and Education for the land situated between the railway line and Rosconnell. This area offers potential for educational facilities, coupled with safe routes promoting sustainable transport methods. The LAP should advocate for the development of a designated area near the River Liffey for mixed-use sports and amenity zone, which could include access from the new relief road through Great Connell and a pedestrian and cycle bridge</p>

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		<p>through Liffey Linear Park. The existing 150 metre setback from the River Liffey should also be extended to ensure ecological preservation and recreational quality.</p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>There is a recognised need for youth facilities in Newbridge such as modern playgrounds, skateparks and safe socialisation areas. The land already zoned for a new school should be retained while the possibility of identifying a site for a new secondary school that is accessible via public and sustainable transport close to the town centre should be explored. The old Council Machinery Yard should facilitate a new indoor swimming pool, addressing the lack of such facilities in the town. Water sport facilities should be accommodated along the River Liffey. A central performance space and youth café in the town centre is sought.</p> <p>A Social Infrastructure Audit should be prepared in advance of the Draft LAP. This audit should reflect the town’s current estimate population of 26,000 – 27,000 and the recent completion of circa 1,000 houses.</p> <p>Locations for primary health care centres and clinic should be identified within a 10-minute settlement radius. The development of health centres, nursing homes and residential care units should be facilitated close to the town centre.</p> <p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <p>Focus should be on the revitalisation of the town hall area linking to Georges St through a well-designed plaza and pedestrian zone. Market Square should be transformed into an urban green oasis, complemented by a new civic structure to harmonise the square and streetscape. The Water Tower on Cutlery Road should be developed using creative architectural and landscaping solutions into a distinctive landmark. Lighting and signage in the town centre should be upgraded to improve the visual appeal of the town centre. Overhead cables in the town centre should be relocated underground. Soft landscaping such as tree planting should be introduced in the Main Street, moving away from planter boxes. There should be balanced growth in the town centre while boosting Newbridge’s allure as a shopping and tourist destination with a more inviting public realm.</p>


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		<p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p><i>Economic Development</i></p> <p>It is intended that the Plan will incorporate an economic development strategy for the town which is consistent with the County Development Plan especially in regard to the identified Naas to Newbridge Strategic Employment Zone and Naas-Newbridge Economic Cluster, whilst also focusing on town centre regeneration. Furthermore, the Plan will seek to create the right jobs in the right places by placing a particular emphasis on achieving greater alignment between where people live and work, to reduce the need to travel and facilitating sustainable travel modes.</p> <p>Development contributions are managed under the Development Contribution Scheme, which is prepared in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and approved by the Elected Members of the County Council, separate to a local area plan process. The foregoing Act sets out the legislative parameters for special development contributions and supplementary development contribution schemes also.</p> <p><i>Housing and Community</i></p> <p>The comments in the submission relating to urban sprawl are noted. The Draft Plan will aim to prevent sprawl by supporting Compact Growth and densification in Newbridge, in line with the objectives of the National Planning Framework 2040, Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2019 - 2031 and Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines. The requirements of the recently published Sustainable and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024) in particular are noted in this regard.</p> <p>In relation to existing industrial uses located in central areas, the current land use zoning map will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the Draft Plan, including a review of lands adjacent to the town centre that may be suitable for regeneration and/or appropriate as settlement consolidation sites.</p> <p>The standards for cycling infrastructure in new residential developments are contained in the County Development Plan and are applicable to new developments in Newbridge.</p>

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		<p>The location and distribution of neighbourhood centres will be considered in the Social Infrastructure Audit which will be prepared to inform the Draft Plan. An analysis of the distribution of neighbourhood centres will be carried out having regard to the 10 minute settlement principle.</p> <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <p>The suggestions outlined in this submission to increase the number of people in Newbridge walking, cycling and taking public transport, in addition to allowing for better traffic flow, are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan, which is subject to a separate and bespoke public consultation process. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process and to improve access to more sustainable means of mobility. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including walking, cycling, public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport (including multi-modal transport hubs and bus depots), parking and roads (including one-way systems and additional bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as development objectives. Detailed design of any future transport hub(s) must have consideration of universal design and would be considered as part of a planning application process.</p> <p>The draft Plan will include provisions to support local renewable energy production, in keeping with national and regional policy. The Plan will also promote and encourage the use of district heating systems in new residential and commercial developments where such development does not have a negative impact on the surrounding environment, landscape, biodiversity or local amenities as provided for in the County Development Plan (Section 7.12.1 of the CDP).</p> <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <p>The comments regarding open space in Newbridge and the proposed locations of urban green plazas, multi-purpose sports hub and public park extensions (especially the River Liffey Park) are noted and will be considered in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA). The SIA will address a range of open space provision from playgrounds to public parks and formalised sports facilities. Habitat Mapping will also be carried out for the town to provide</p>

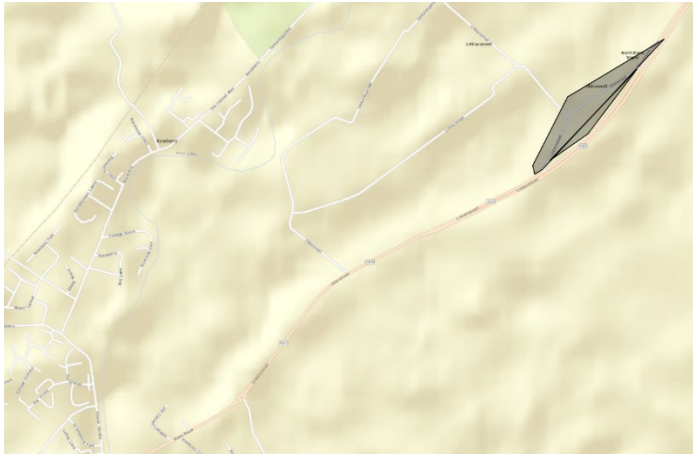
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		<p>an evidence base for a Blue and Green Infrastructure Strategy. This in turn will inform the zoning of land for open space, which will be particularly relevant for lands adjoining the River Liffey.</p> <p>In relation to the suggested Multi-Use Sports Hub, it is considered that suitable location(s) within the town may be identified for such a facility to be developed, potentially in collaboration with other agencies or stakeholders in the town. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget to deliver specific projects.</p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>The provision of public playgrounds/skateparks is an operational matter for the Parks Section of KCC and is subject to the availability of funding and a work programme for the entire county. Notwithstanding this, the current level of provision in Newbridge will be assessed in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) that will accompany and inform the draft plan. The SIA will also assess the need for additional school places to facilitate the planned growth of the town.</p> <p>In relation to teen and youth facilities, the plan may include objectives to support these facilities throughout the town. Furthermore, the plan may also include objectives to support a multi-purpose community hub, performance space and swimming pool. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget to deliver specific projects, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster future funding applications.</p> <p>House completion rates will be monitored to inform the baseline population estimate for the town when considering the demand for social infrastructure.</p> <p>While it is not a function of the local authority to delivery healthcare facilities, the plan may include objectives to encourage the provision of such land uses at appropriate locations.</p> <p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <p>The comments in this submission regarding improvements to the urban realm of Newbridge Town Centre are noted. A key priority of the Plan will be to ensure Newbridge Town Centre is a vibrant and bustling hub to live,</p>

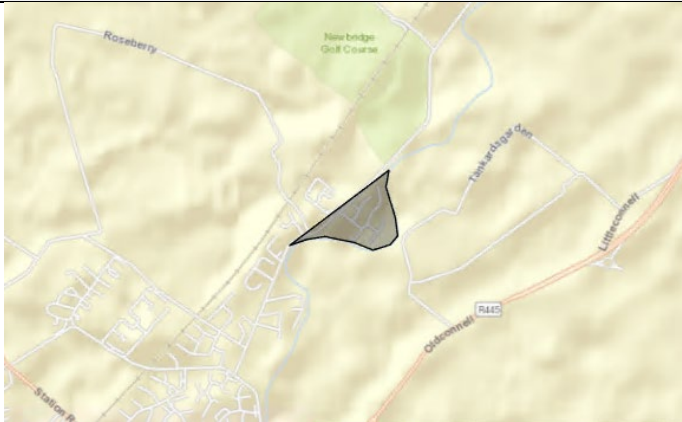
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		<p>shop, work, visit, socialise and invest in. The Plan will contain objectives to promote and prioritise regeneration and the development of vacant buildings, infill/underutilised and brownfield sites, particularly those in the core retail area surrounding the Main Street. Settlement Consolidation Sites will be considered, where appropriate, having regard to the provisions of the Development Plan Guidelines (2022).</p> <p>A Town Renewal Masterplan (TRMP) for Newbridge is in the process of being prepared by the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team in KCC. A separate public consultation exercise will take place in this regard. Key projects arising from the TRMP will be included in the Plan should it be finalised prior to the publication of the Draft LAP.</p>
12	National Transport Authority (NTA)	See table above
13	Deaglan de Paor	<p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <p>The Barrack Arch and Wall were designated Protected Structures in the Newbridge Local Area Plan 2003, however they were removed from the Record of Protected Structures in the Newbridge Local Area Plan 2013 – 2019. This submission states that these remnants of the remaining barracks walls should be retained as Protected Structure status and be preserved. It also suggests the following objectives should be included:</p> <p><i>Preserve and protect the historic, architectural, and military heritage of the remaining walls, arches & other structures within the LAP Area of Newbridge / Droichead Nua. Ensure that any proposed development within, adjoining or which have the potential to have a negative effect on such structures or walled areas include an enforceable strategy to protect the significance heritage nature of those (and other) related structures & assign a formal protection to these structures.</i></p> <p><i>To protect and preserve the remaining sections of the original barrack walls and cavalry barracks as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Archway and all associated stonework on the Athgarvan Road;</i> • <i>Internal structures pertaining to the original cavalry barracks within the grounds of Bord na Móna, St. Conleth's GAA grounds;</i> • <i>All walls and structures which are physically or historically linked to these walls.</i>


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		<p>The submission also outlines that the watering gates constructed as part of the Military Barracks which exist along the Liffey and all associated stone walls be surveyed and included in the list of Protected Structures.</p> <p>This list of Protected Structures should also contain all structures mentioned in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) and all sites listed in the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP). Furthermore, the council should have an objective to preserve views and prospects around all protected structures & all sites referenced on the RMP listing.</p> <p>An Architectural Conservation Area should be defined for Newbridge, in order to retain the overall architectural or historic character of relevant areas within the town.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The addition of structures to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) cannot be considered through the Local Area Plan process. In accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), additions to or deletions from the RPS are carried out through the County Development Plan making process under Section 12 of the foregoing Act, or on a case-by-case basis under Section 54 of the same Act. It is a reserved function of Kildare County Council to amend the RPS.</p> <p>In response to the suggested objective, it is noted that Objective AH 6 of the current LAP is:</p> <p><i>To protect and preserve the remaining sections of the original barrack walls and cavalry barracks as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Archway and all associated stonework on the Athgarvan Road.</i> • <i>Internal structures pertaining to the original cavalry barracks within the Bord na Mona and Conleth's GAA grounds.</i> <p>It is considered that a similar objective can be included in the Draft Plan in this regard.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to whether an Architectural Conservation Area is appropriate for Newbridge during the preparation of the Draft Plan. It is noted that an ACA must also be embedded in the County Development Plan which it currently is not.</p>


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14	John Donohoe	<p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p>The submission is accompanied by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A map of the site in question. • A copy of the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019 indicating the site. • An architectural drawing indicating a possible low-density development. <p>The submission requests that a portion of their site to be zoned B: Existing Residential/Infill. The Newbridge LAP 2003 zoned this portion of their site B: Existing Residential/Infill, while the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019 zoned this area F: Open Space and Amenity. It also states they wish for the area to house their children and outline there are no constraints in relation to flooding, built heritage, natural and archaeological heritage and green infrastructure. Furthermore, this area is well serviced by all major utilities, close to the train station and bus routes and a new traffic light system has been put in place to allow easier vehicular access into the subject site.</p>  <p>Response to Issues Raised</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The subject site is located immediately adjacent to the railway line. Existing zoning designations within Newbridge will be reviewed as part of the preparation of this Plan. Any proposals to alter a zoning designation would be considered having regard to (inter alia) the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site's characteristics and location within the town.


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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature and role of existing uses on the site. • Adjacent land uses. • The 10-minute settlement concept. • Potential impacts on adjacent areas which could arise from changes to its zoning designation. • Current or planned developments within the surrounding area. <p>As part of the preparation of the Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period, in order to facilitate the growth the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022).</p>
15	Mary Clare Meaney	<p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p>The submission requests that an area called Boherard (see map attached) zoned B: Existing Residential/Infill. This area, consisting of roughly 25 houses, is connected by road, footpath, cycleway and public lighting to the town centre. The town centre is only a 10-minute walk away accessible by a bus service. There are other surrounding areas zoned for residential purposes. Zoning this area residential would reflect what has been built in this location.</p>

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		 <p data-bbox="573 762 922 794">Response to Issues Raised</p> <p data-bbox="573 802 1984 954">The contents of the submission are noted. The area to which this submission refers is located outside of the current LAP boundary. Proposals to zone land beyond the current plan boundary will be considered in the context of the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the National Planning Framework and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022).</p>
16	Environmental Health Service (HSE)	See table above
17	Angela Lawlor	<p data-bbox="573 1121 900 1153"><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p data-bbox="573 1161 1962 1305">The submission outlines that the author has never witnessed flooding in Roseberry in her 40+ years of residence. Therefore, further housing should be permitted in this location. The excerpt below indicates the location of the area in question. Also, pedestrians exiting Barretstown Meadows have to cross the road to access a footpath, this risk should be considered.</p>

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		 <p data-bbox="573 699 922 730"><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p data-bbox="573 754 2029 1023">The Plan will be accompanied by a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) which will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of The Planning System and Flood Risk Assessment Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009) and Circular PL02/2014 (August 2014). The most up to date information on flood risk in Newbridge will be used in the preparation of the SFRA. Having regard to current extent of flood risk in Newbridge and in light of the increasing frequency of flooding due to climate change, along with the need to achieve resilience within the town to mitigate its effects, the Plan will seek to ensure that development in floodplains is avoided entirely or is 'water-compatible,' as per the Flood Risk Guidelines (2009).</p> <p data-bbox="573 1046 2029 1278">The concerns raised in this submission regarding footpath improvements are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads. These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p>
18	Angela Lawlor	<i>Homes and Communities</i>

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		<p>The submission requests that the existing zoning of the area depicted in the excerpt below remain for residential development due to the pressures of the housing crisis.</p>  <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The subject site is located off the Barrettstown Road and adjacent to the River Liffey. Existing zoning designations within Newbridge will be reviewed as part of the preparation of this Plan in order to facilitate the growth of the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). Any proposals to alter a zoning designation would be based (inter alia) on the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified flood risk. • The site’s characteristics and location within the town. • The nature and role of existing uses on the site. • The 10-minute settlement concept. • Potential impacts on adjacent areas which could arise from changes to its zoning designation. • Current or planned developments within the surrounding area.

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19	Angela Lawlor	<p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <p>There is increasing rubbish been discarded close to the river areas polluting the Liffey and endangering wildlife. There are no places for the public to discard items they have finished with, and more bins are needed to protect biodiversity. The below excerpt highlights the areas in question.</p>  <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The contents of this submission are noted. The distribution of public bins and the collection of waste is an operational matter for KCC and beyond the remit of this land use plan. As part of the preparation of the Plan, a Green Infrastructure Survey and Habitat Mapping Exercise will be undertaken. This exercise will result in a number of recommendations to protect and enhance the overall level of biodiversity within the Plan area to assist in the implementation of the National Strategic Outcome No. 7 of the National Planning Framework, relating to delivering enhanced amenities and heritage.</p>
20	The Moorefield Partnership	<p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <p>This submission is prepared by RW Nowlan and Associates on behalf of the Moorefield Partnership who are the owners of Tesco Convenience Store and Woodies DIY Store located at the Moorefield Road, Newbridge.</p>

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		<p>The submission requests that the subject lands be identified as ‘Newbridge Town Centre – Retail Core’ in Map V1– 8.11, not as ‘edge of centre sites’ in the CDP.</p> <p>The submission outlines that these sites should be redefined as Retail Core to allow for further expansion of the town centre and additional retail facilities. Developing these sites would improve connectivity to the town centre. Regeneration of the Moorfield area is supported by Objective RET O22 in the CDP. It also outlines these underutilised central sites are well connected via bus routes.</p> <p>Below is an outline of the site in question.</p>  <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The contents of this submission are noted. Section 3.3 of the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012 outline that County Development Plans define Core Retail Areas. The recent Kildare County Development Plan 2023–2027 extended the Core Retail Area in Newbridge to include an additional ‘Expansion Area’ on the Athgarvan Road. It is noted that currently the site is zoned A: Town Centre and within 400 metres of the Core Retail Area and therefore a wide selection of uses would be acceptable in principle at a medium to high density at this location. The zoning objective for this site will be considered having regard to consolidation of the town centre and</p>

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		facilitating compact and sequential growth to align with strategic outcomes of the National Planning Framework.
21	Department of Transport (DoT)	See table above.
22	Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)	See table above.
23	Public Participation Network Kildare (PPN)	<p>The Public Participation Network (PPN) was established in 2014 as the representative voice for all Community and Voluntary, Environmental and Social Inclusion groups. This was following the publication of a report from the Working Group on Citizen Engagement with Local Government. The Local Government Reform Act 2014 provided for the formal establishment of Public Participation Networks, and they are now operational in all Local Authority areas. This submission provides findings from a comprehensive consultation process undertaken by Kildare PPN in July 2023 at in person event in Newbridge.</p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>There is a need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved recreational spaces and community facilities. • The creation of safe walking spaces. • dedicated facilities for minority sports and a community/arts centres • An indoor swimming pool, municipal sports facilities for various sports in a large central complex, and outdoor gyms. • The Corbally harbour development plan, extending to Great Connell priory site and onward to Athgarvan, with a focus on nature conservation. • Allocating spaces for parks, recreation areas, and green corridors to ensure ample access to nature.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free or affordable community participation, including proper playing pitches, basketball courts, tennis courts, and a proper theatre. • Improved youth facilities, including dedicated meeting and recreational spaces. • Public meeting spaces • The development of multipurpose community hubs to cater to workshops, senior citizen gatherings, youth activities, and communal events. • Expansion of local schools and the establishment of a community college are highlighted, catering to both academic and vocational courses. • Access to second-level education reducing the need for residents to travel for education. • Enhanced social services and support systems for vulnerable populations promoting a sense of safety and inclusion for all community members. • A dedicated travellers' centre and rehab facilities for the aging population. • A multifunctional community centre/space that supports creativity, including a shared media booth. <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lack of quality free parking is highlighted as a significant need for the area, particularly for families. • Enhancing bus, cycle, and pedestrian pathways to ensure smooth connectivity throughout the town from all developments, the town centre and schools. • The creation of walkways, seating areas, and green spaces to transform the town centre into a bustling yet relaxed gathering place. • Enhancement of public transport options and the creation of a less car-focused town centre, promoting alternative modes of transportation and reducing congestion. • Emphasise should be put on environmental stewardship, including green building standards and waste reduction initiatives. • The development of Blueways and Greenway should be prioritised.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The train station on the Curragh should be reinstated. • Sustainable practices in construction and resource management should be encouraged. • Renewable energy should be promoted to reduce waste and maximize the provision of clean energy. <p><i>Housing and Community</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More affordable housing projects that cater to all income groups, ensuring inclusivity are required. • More diverse housing options are required, to foster integration among residents from different backgrounds and age groups. • Special housing complexes for senior citizens are required with support, medical and recreational facilities. • The use of sustainable building materials and renewable energy sources in all housing projects shall be encouraged. • Focus on vertical construction models is suggested to maximize space without encroaching on green areas, ensuring affordable housing for lower and middle-income groups. • Assisted independent living is suggested to cater to individuals who may require support while maintaining autonomy. • Integrated housing options for older and single individuals is recommended, promoting a sense of community and social connection. • More "step-down" housing options, allowing people to downsize while still enjoying a comfortable living environment are required. <p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical architecture of the town centre must be retained while integrating modern facilities to maintain its unique character. • Incentives and dedicated commercial zones should be developed to encourage and support local businesses. • Ensure the town centre is accessible and accommodating of all ages and abilities.

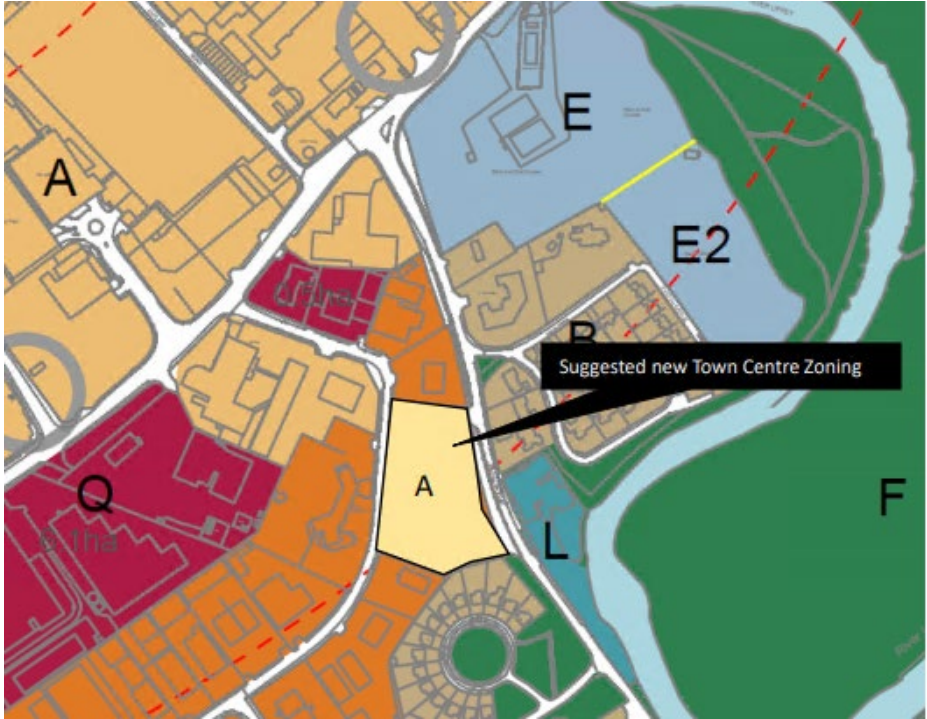
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and enhance Newbridge's cultural and historical landmarks, ensuring they remain integral to the town's identity and attractiveness. • Upgrade Newbridge to a Key Town to attract more visitors and the growth of diverse retail offerings. • New signage scheme should be undertaken to enhance wayfinding and promote key attractions and businesses. <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spaces should be allocated for artists, musicians, and performers to showcase their talents, enriching the town's cultural tapestry. • Parks, gardens, and recreational grounds catering to residents of all ages, fostering community engagement and well-being should be developed. • The river Liffey should be better utilised for both passive and active recreation. Clean ups drives and recreational activities should be organised to better use this asset. • Slí na Sláinte and associated benches should be re-instated. • Better access to nature areas is required. • Community gardens should be promoted. <p><i>Economic Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan should focus on offering resources, training and initiatives for local businesses and entrepreneurs, fostering innovation and competitiveness. • Emphasis should be placed on supporting workforce development and education to ensure a skilled and adaptable local workforce. • Areas should be designated for commercial activities. • A co-op scheme should be established that includes opportunities for retired individuals who wish to continue working.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial units should be located outside the town centre. • There should be better engagement between schools and businesses. • Training should be available to ensure high-level skills for the future workforce. • Launch of an enterprise project utilising sheep's wool for insulation and wool production, contributing to sustainability. • Encourage sustainable agriculture practices, including organic vegetable cultivation, supporting local farmers and promoting environmentally friendly practices. • Promote the regeneration of old buildings, aligning with heritage conservation and sustainability goals. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The comments from the Public Participation Network Kildare (PPN) and the in-person event are welcomed.</p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of existing provision of a range of social infrastructure (including recreational spaces, parks, sports facilities, community facilities, schools), an estimation of the future demand to facilitate planned growth and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision. It is intended that the outputs of the SIA will be crucial in informing the Plan on the need for particular types of facilities such as schools, community infrastructure and new open spaces. In keeping with the principles of the 10-minute town, accessibility and distribution of schools and neighbourhood centres within Newbridge will be a key consideration to facilitate active travel in the community. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however through the zoning of land and supporting objectives, the Plan can facilitate the delivery of social infrastructure should funding opportunities arise for the relevant agencies. The Plan can also include objectives to support the provision of a shared community building to support a range of uses throughout the day for youth, elderly and a range of groups and clubs.</p> <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p>

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		<p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding parking, traffic congestion, public transport, pedestrian and cycleways and the development of Blueways and Greenways are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges and train stations). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p> <p>The Plan will include provisions to support local renewable energy production, domestic micro-generation and low-emission technology along with supporting grid infrastructure and energy efficiency measures, in keeping with national and regional policy. The Plan will support retrofitting initiatives and the development of a circular economy in Newbridge insofar as its remit as a land use plan extends. In this regard, a key element of the Plan will seek to incorporate a range of active land management measures to maximise the efficient use of land, along with the reuse of brownfield sites and vacant buildings in the town. The reintroduction of the Curragh Rail Station is outside the LAP area; however the objective TM O53 of the County Development Plan is to investigate the feasibility of a new train station at the Curragh in consultation with Irish Rail and the NTA.</p> <p><i>Housing and Community</i></p> <p>It is envisaged that the Plan will seek to deliver liveable communities by ensuring compliance with the principles of people-centred urban design providing a sustainable housing mix, increased opportunities for active travel, which feature high quality pedestrian and cyclist connectivity, accessible to a range of local services, amenities and open spaces.</p> <p>Issues relating to social inclusion and the creation of an age friendly town will be a central consideration of the Plan. It is noted that an action contained in Chapter 10 of the Kildare County Development Plan seeks to emulate the model of supported housing at McAuley Place in Naas within each of the five municipal districts in</p>

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		<p>Kildare, at appropriate and sustainable locations. This type of facility could be accommodated in Newbridge, in addition to ‘Step-down’ opportunities will also be facilitated in the Plan.</p> <p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <p>A key priority of the Plan is to ensure Newbridge Town Centre is a vibrant and bustling place to live, shop, work, visit, socialise and invest in. This Plan will contain objectives to promote and prioritise regeneration and the development of vacant buildings and infill / underutilised and brownfield sites, particularly those in the core retail area surrounding the Main Street. Settlement Consolidation Sites will be considered where appropriate having regard to the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). A Town Renewal Masterplan for Newbridge is in the process of being prepared by the Special Projects and Public Realm Team in KCC. Key projects arising from the TRMP will be included in this Plan should the TRMP be finalised prior to the publication of the Draft LAP.</p> <p>The designation of Newbridge as a Key Town is a matter for the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly and cannot be achieved through a Local Area Plan process.</p> <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <p>The submissions’ comments on a lack of high quality open space in Newbridge are noted and will be a consideration in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA). It is intended that the outputs of the SIA will be crucial in informing the Plan on the need for particular types of open space (i.e., playgrounds or parks). In keeping with the principles of the 10-minute town, accessibility and distribution of open space within the town will be a key consideration. The potential of developing an extended linear park along the River Liffey will also be investigated as part of the preparation of the Plan. KCC are currently undertaking an investigation of the potential/feasibility of the development of a community garden and allotments throughout the county as per Section 13.7.2 of the CDP. Initial survey work conducted by KCC in 2023 recorded 105 submissions seeking an allotment or a community garden within Newbridge. This survey also determined 1.28ha was the desired land area for allotments or community gardens use within Newbridge. This will inform the Plan.</p> <p><i>Economic Development</i></p>


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		<p>A Local Area Plan cannot provide resources or training for local businesses. This is a function of the Local Enterprise Office. It is intended that the Plan will incorporate an economic development strategy for the town which is consistent with the CDP especially in regard to the identified Naas to Newbridge Strategic Employment Zone and Naas-Newbridge Economic Cluster. A priority of the strategy will be to ensure that employment lands are developed in a plan-led, orderly and sequential manner, with a focus on town centre regeneration.</p>
24	Department of Education	See table above.
25	Cox's Cash and Carry	<p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <p>This submission is prepared by David Mulcahy on behalf of the Cox's Cash and Carry, Athgarvan Road, Newbridge. This submission requests that the subject site be zoned A: Town Centre, the site is currently zoned H: Industrial/Warehousing in the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019. It outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current zoning is more appropriate for an edge of town location. • This brownfield site is currently underutilized and struggling to attract tenants. • The proposed zoning is more compatible with residential dwellings to the south of the site. • The central location of the site is very difficult for HGV traffic to conveniently access. Rezoning the site would attract less HGV traffic into the town centre. • The site is access via Athgarvan road which has a footpath and 50km speed limit. The site is within short walking distance of the town centre. • The location of the site within an area identified for site specific flood risk assessment. The submission considers this surprising as OPW mapping only shows historic flooding to the south of the site. • Rezoning the site would allow for a more active frontage facing onto Athgarvan Road.

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		<p data-bbox="573 276 1120 308">Below is an outline of the site in question.</p>  <p data-bbox="573 1054 922 1086"><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p data-bbox="573 1110 2016 1337">The contents of the submission are noted. The location of the subject site on the Athgarvan Road proximate to 'Town Centre' zoned lands is also noted, and the statement from the owner that the site is considered to be brownfield. Existing zoning designations within Newbridge will be reviewed as part of the preparation of this Plan, having regard to the key planning principles of compact growth and sequential development to achieve the strategic outcomes of the National Planning Framework. Any proposals to alter a zoning designation would be considered having regard to (inter alia) the following:</p> <ul data-bbox="573 1345 1332 1375" style="list-style-type: none"> • The site's characteristics and location within the town.


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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature and role of existing uses on the site. • The 10-minute settlement concept. • Potential impacts on adjacent areas which could arise from changes to its zoning designation. • Current or planned developments within the surrounding area. <p>The plan will also focus on regeneration and encouraging an appropriate range of land uses in central locations in Newbridge.</p>
26	Leah Purcell	<p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>A public swimming pool for children, those rehabilitating from orthopaedic surgeries and elderly people is required in Newbridge. Leisure gym on the station road would be an ideal location, perhaps using the site of the current old playground which is no longer fit for purpose. Otherwise, the greenfield site at Ballymany as part of a sports centre would also be an ideal location. A new secondary school is also urgently needed in the town.</p> <p><i>Open Space and Amenities</i></p> <p>Public Playgrounds and Parks are also required for children of all socio-economic background especially important for children who may be unable to access organized extra-curricular activities. The current playground on the station road is not fit for purpose, most of the equipment does not work and is hazardous. New playgrounds are therefore required. An extension to the Linear Park is required towards Athgarvan and Newbridge College to improve this amenity.</p> <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <p>Good Cycle Lanes are also important for public health, the environment and traffic reduction. The current small stretch of cycle lanes on the Main Street is too short to make most routes safer, or to encourage more people to cycle around the town. It needs to be extended for people to see the benefits and start to cycle.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>This submission is noted. The delivery of a swimming pool is subject to many factors. It may be developer-led or developed by a multi-agency partnership which would involve securing funding, site selection and obtaining planning permission. A Local Area Plan is a land use plan and it is not resourced financially to deliver projects.</p>

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		<p>However, a Local Area Plan can ensure that sufficient land is zoned at the right location to facilitate a particular use, such as a swimming pool, should the resources become available for an agency or developer to deliver it.</p> <p>The Plan will be accompanied by a Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) which will determine the needs of the residential population of the town with regard to the provision of educational, recreational and amenities infrastructure, including schools and open space.</p> <p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding traffic and cycle lane improvements are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including walking, cycling, public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads. These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p>
27	Newbridge Greyhound Racing Track	<p>This submission is prepared by David Mulcahy on behalf of Mr. Dermot Cox concerning Newbridge Greyhound Racing Track, Rickardstown, Newbridge. This submission requests that the subject site be zoned L: Leisure and Amenity and C: New Residential (see except below), the site is currently zoned I: Agriculture in the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019. It outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subject site measures circa 6.5 hectares and currently contains Newbridge Greyhound track/stadium to the west and greenfield lands to the east. • There are no ecological designations of note within or near the site (NHA, SAC, SPA). There are no structures of built heritage on or near the site. There is no known archaeology associated with the site or nearby. • The site is within 100 metres of Newbridge Train Station. <p>This submission is also accompanied by an Engineering Constraints and Feasibility Report by Donnachadh O'Brien & Associates Consulting Engineers.</p> <p>Regarding the potential of part of the site to accommodate a C: New Residential zoning, the submission outlines:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of existing lands zoned B: Existing Residential and C: New Residential are now developed, and for this LAP to accommodate the compact growth set out in the Sustainable and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2023 and the CDP, this edge of town must be considered for residential development. • The Circular Letter: NRUP 02/2021 highlights lower densities may be considered at the edge of towns in a rural context. • Developing this site would facilitate delivery of part of the new road junction, a new footpath and lighting along the entire frontage of the site, the provision for new bus stop layby at the front of the site and provide 20% Part V houses. <p>Regarding the potential of part of the site to accommodate a L: Leisure and Amenity zoning, the submission outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current zoning I: Agriculture does not reflect the use for the site as a greyhound track. The zoning sought for part of the site L: Lesure and Amenity better reflect the existing use on the site. • The proposed L: Leisure and Amenity zoning would allow for other leisure uses to complement the greyhound track.

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		 <p data-bbox="571 997 929 1029">Response to Issues Raised</p> <p data-bbox="571 1045 2016 1236">The contents of the submission are noted. The subject site is located within the current plan boundary and is zoned 'Agriculture'. Existing zoning designations within Newbridge will be reviewed as part of the preparation of this Plan in order to facilitate the growth of the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). Any proposals to alter a zoning designation would be based (inter alia) on the following considerations:</p> <ul data-bbox="571 1244 1344 1356" style="list-style-type: none"> • The site's characteristics and location within the town. • The nature and role of existing uses on the site. • The 10-minute settlement concept.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential impacts on adjacent areas which could arise from changes to its zoning designation. • Current or planned developments within the surrounding area. <p>As part of the preparation of the Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period. The lands to which this submission refer (i.e. the proposed new residential lands) will be considered in the Settlement Capacity Audit.</p>
28	Danny McHenry	<p>This submission is prepared by David Mulcahy on behalf of Mr. Danny McHenry concerning lands at Green Road, Newbridge, R56 XN97. This submission requests that the subject site be zoned either B: Existing Residential/Infill or C: New Residential (see except below), the site is currently outside the red line boundary of the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019. It outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of existing lands zoned B: Existing Residential and C: New Residential are now developed, and for this LAP to accommodate the compact growth set out in the NPF, RSES, CDP and a number of Section 28 Guidelines this infill site must be considered for residential development. • The site adjoins long established development further from the town centre and other sites further to the south of the M7 have been zoned B: Existing Residential/Infill. • There are established pedestrian connections from the site into the town centre. • The Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029 is clear that a 91-metre setback only applies to rural areas and flexibility applies in relation to urban areas. • Developing this site would facilitate delivery of part of the new road junction, a new footpath and lighting along the entire frontage of the site, the provision for new bus stop layby at the front of the site and provide 20% Part V houses. <p>Below is an outline of the site in question.</p>

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		 <p data-bbox="573 967 920 999"><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p data-bbox="573 1023 2029 1251">It is noted that the site to which this submission refers is located outside the current LAP boundary between the motorway and Crotanstown Grange residential area. The extension of the plan boundary and inclusion of new zoned land will be considered on a case by case basis having regard to facilitating compact and sequential growth of the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). Zoning considerations will be reviewed having regard to many factors, including:</p> <ul data-bbox="573 1262 1330 1372" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="573 1262 1330 1294">• The site’s characteristics and location within the town. <li data-bbox="573 1302 1240 1334">• The nature and role of existing uses on the site. <li data-bbox="573 1342 1084 1372">• The 10-minute settlement concept.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential impacts on adjacent areas which could arise from changes to its zoning designation. • Current or planned developments within the surrounding area. <p>As part of the preparation of the Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period. The lands to which this submission refer will be considered in the Settlement Capacity Audit.</p>
29	Councillor Tracey O’Dwyer and Councillor Peggy O’Dwyer	<p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An adequate number of primary and secondary level schools should be provided to address the educational needs of all students in the Newbridge area. • A new secondary school should be located at the site at Walshestown off the Athgarvan road where there is currently designation for a playschool. • All future schools and pre-schools should be co-located to reduce traffic movements and allow for the sharing of facilities. • The old machinery yard on the Military Road should be considered for a public town centre swimming pool. • Specific location for meeting rooms/hall should be identified to facilitate group meetings. • A site-specific objective for a playground at Lakeside Park and other locations. • Support the development of a Youth Hub in Newbridge – Support and ensure that all arts and cultural facilities in the ownership and management of the Council, are made available to the wider community to promote the role of these facilities as focal points for the community. • Support the Green School Programme. • Support and develop the Riverbank Arts Theatre as a destination Theatre to attract visitors to stay in Newbridge. • Identify a site for a Family Resource Centre Hub on the Northern side of the town. • Identify a site for a designated facility for Oglai na hEireann. <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a requirement for a multi-use community facility approximately 20 acres area to include walking and cycling trails, children’s playground, two shared full-size sports pitches, smaller Astro pitches, cricket pitch, basketball courts, tennis courts, bowls and biodiversity area. Fishing and water sports (canoeing etc) facilities should also be co-located if possible. • Land should be identified for the provision of community sports hub in the vicinity along the Morrystown Road/Milltown Road to provide additional recreational opportunities for existing sports clubs. • Part of the land behind Scoil na Naomh Uilig be de-zoned and zoned as open space and amenity. • The land that was previously the site of the old swimming pool at the Ryston be rezoned F – Open Space and Amenities. • A playground is required at Lakeside Park and other locations. • Small pockets of land throughout the town should be developed into pocket parks. • Active recreational facilities be explored along the Linear Park as currently the river is underutilised to facilitate canoe club, fishing club and much more. • A Master Plan for Lakeside Park should be completed to enable community consultation as soon as possible. <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A feasibility study should be carried out with a view to linking Newbridge to Pollardstown Fen Miltown Canal Feeder to Miltown to Lowtown Robertstown to Digby Bridge to Soldiers Island to Naas Harbour to Corbally and back to Newbridge creating a 50km amenity canal loop centred on Newbridge. • Identify at least two locations for a pedestrian/cyclist bridge across the River Liffey within the Local Area Plan Boundary. • Complete the Southern Relief Road (and 2nd Bridge) to extend to link up with the M7 Motorway. In order to create ease of access and egress to Newbridge the Plan should seek to examine an additional interchange / slipway via the Athgarvan Road to link up with the M7 Motorway. • Install a slip road onto the M7 motorway for ease of access to Newbridge as a key retail destination. • Extend and link the current cycle lanes to provide safe and secure segregated cycle options.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the possibility of facilitating two-way traffic along the southern section of Cutlery Road between Military Road and the entrance to the Tarmel Centre. • Re-design Military Road to create a green boulevard street as opposed to a link road around the town centre. • Develop corner developments at key junctions along with infill sites and vacant plots to encourage a new edge to perimeter blocks. • Increase the step back from the River Liffey to 150m in order to ensure a green corridor is maintained along the Linear Park and to provide protection to the pockets of semi-natural grass land and wetland that run along the margins of the Linear Park. Riverian margins need to be preserved. • The River Liffey should be designated a nature conservation area as it is the main core area of ecological importance within Newbridge. • Ensure biodiversity, conservation and or enhancement measures, as appropriate, are included in all proposals for new developments. • Protect sites such as Pollardstown Fen, Mouds Bog and the Curragh Plains. • Explore linking Newbridge to Pollardstown Fen, Milltown Canal Feeder to Milltown to Lowtown, Robertstown, Digby Bridge, Soldiers Island, Naas Harbour to Corbally and back to Newbridge as an amenity canal loop. • Encourage more sustainable energy sector incorporating power generation and energy efficiency in all sectors. • Link habitats with open spaces. • Provide a bus station near the train station and on Military Road. All bus shelter must be universally accessible. • Provide an orbital bus corridor around Newbridge. • Identify specific locations for primary care centres as part of the 10-minute settlement centre objective. • Facilitate the development of health centres, local clinics, nursing homes and residential home care units in close proximity to town centre.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify site for a new Day Care Centre to meet the needs of the growing population. • Deliver Community Gardens. <p><i>Economic Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All future industrial development should be located on the periphery of the town to reduce large traffic movements through town centre. • Ensure the provision of sufficient and suitable land is zoned for employment and innovative entrepreneurial initiatives. • Identify vacant commercial units and encourage their transition to potential economic / community infrastructure / residential units. • Identify a new site for a hotel in the town centre. <p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect all vernacular structures of historical, architectural, cultural and aesthetic merit which demonstrate the history of Newbridge and contribute to the character of the town. • Protect and preserve the remaining sections of the original barrack walls and cavalry barracks to include but not restricted to the Archway and all associated stonework on the Athgarvan Road and the internal structures pertaining to the original Cavalry Barracks within the Bord na Mona and Conleth's GAA Grounds. • The Reading and Recreational Barracks within the Bord na Mona buildings should be included in the Record of Protected Structures (RPS). • Identify a Heritage Hub as a way or promoting the heritage and the unique cultural and historical aspects of Newbridge. The O' Modhrain Memorial Hall on Cutlery Road, could be considered for this use. • Develop a heritage trail/ walk around Newbridge should be develop highlighting locations such as Town Hall, Cavalry Barracks, Bord na Mona, Watering Gates and other locations. • The LAP should as a priority continue the regeneration of the Town Hall area as a civic focal point linking to Georges St in the form of a designed plaza and pedestrian priority zone.

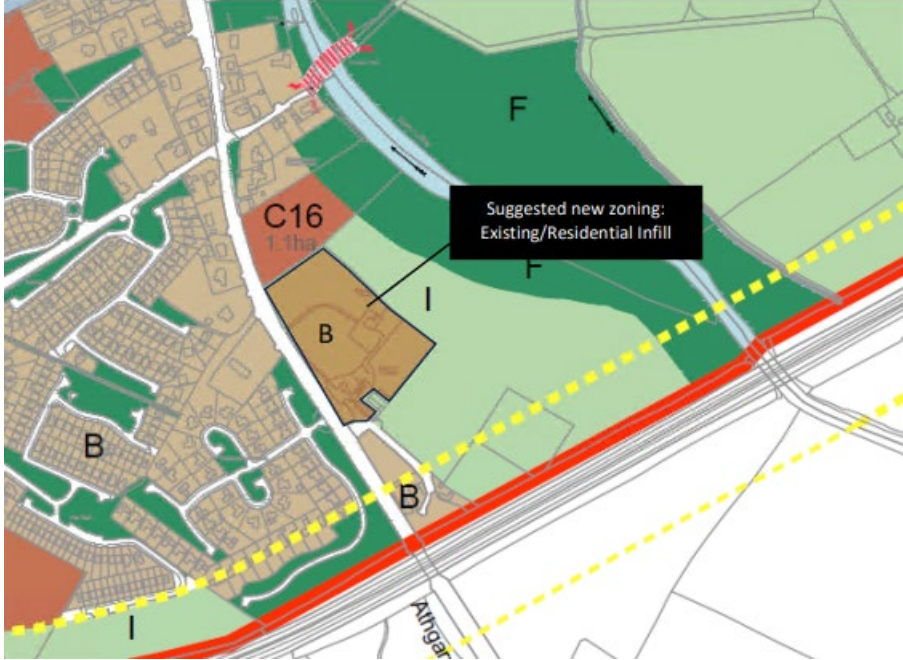
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the regeneration of the Town Hall as a civic centre of importance linking main street to Georges Street. • Redesign Market square as an urban green space framed by a new civic building to enclose the streetscape and square. • Improve the appearance of signage, lighting, environmental and landscaping of the town centre and surrounding streets. • All overhead cables in the Town Centre should be run underground. • Softer landscaping should form part of any upgrades to the urban realm such as the planting of appropriate trees. There should be a move away from planter boxes. • The Water Tower situated on Cutlery Road should be retained as a feature and landmark of the area. Inventive architectural and landscaping work would enrich and improve the visual look of this structure. <p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify sites for supportive living where there are underutilised back land sites capable of redevelopment particularly to the North and South of Military Road. • Lands around the train station be considered for residential and pockets of land in town centre be considered for town centre residential use. • Provide adequate accommodation for travellers in accordance with the Kildare County Council's Travellers Accommodation Programme. • Identify a site to provide for an additional cemetery for Newbridge. • Develop supported housing development similar to Ryans Field / McCauley Place. • This plan should support the need for housing including social and affordable housing requirements. In this regard cognisance should be given to the nature of the existing housing stock, the desirability of providing for mixed communities, the provision of a range of housing types and tenures, the need to provide a choice of housing, suitable for all age groups and persons at different stages of the life cycle and the need to cater for disability groups including the possibility of a Retirement Village.

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		<p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The contents of this submission are noted.</p> <p>The provision of the requisite levels of social infrastructure within Newbridge is an important consideration of this Plan. It is vital that any planned population growth be supported by adequate social infrastructure such as childcare, schools, neighbourhood centres and open space. Furthermore, access to such facilities is critical to achieving 10-minute settlements, a key objective of the CDP. Accordingly, the Plan will be accompanied by a Social Infrastructure Audit which will provide a detailed analysis with regard to the availability and capacity of the required social infrastructure over the lifetime of the Plan. The need for an additional secondary school was recorded during public consultation for both the County Development Plan and this Local Area Plan. Consultation with the Department of Education will be a key component in preparing a development strategy for the town including the designation of a site/sites for school facilities.</p> <p>In relation to open space and amenity, the plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for community purposes at appropriate locations, and it can include objectives to support multi-use Community Facilities. However, the delivery of projects such as swimming pools, youth facilities, family resource centres and sporting facilities are subject to funding and therefore beyond the scope of this plan. The proposals in this submission for facilities such as a public swimming pool at the Old Machinery Yard on Military Road, a playground at Lakeside Park, a Family Resource Centre Hub on the Northern side of the town and community sports hub in the vicinity along the Morrinstown Road/Milltown Road can be considered in the draft plan, in terms of zoning of land and supporting objectives. Furthermore, general requirements for a Youth Hub and a facility for Oglagh na hEireann can be also supported objectives. It should be noted where appropriate this Plan will support outdoor pursuits that capitalise on the River Liffey while ensuring habitats are safeguarded. It must also be noted it is not within the remit of this Plan to alter the management practices of community infrastructure.</p> <p>The suggested feasibility study refers to an area that extends beyond the boundary of the LAP however it should be noted objective TM O25 in the CDP supports conducting a feasibility study for part of this route. The concerns and proposals raised in this submission regarding active travel and road improvements are noted. An</p>


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		<p>Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p> <p>A Habitat Mapping Exercise will be undertaken to inform a Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy to protect and enhance the overall level of biodiversity within the Plan area. It is envisaged that the Plan will also contain provisions to require biodiversity net gain to encourage the development of natural habitats in the town and to promote increased levels of biodiversity carbon sequestration. The Plan will also include a Green and Blue Infrastructure Map, based on the Habitat Mapping Exercise which will illustrate 'Notable Green and Blue Infrastructure Routes'. This will be accompanied by a series of objectives providing for their protection and enhancement. It is anticipated that the River Liffey will form the core of the green and blue infrastructure network in Newbridge. The designation of areas for nature conservation (SACs / SPAs) is a matter for the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and is therefore beyond the scope of the LAP.</p> <p>The creation of an age friendly town will be a central consideration of the Plan. It is noted that an action contained in Chapter 10 of the Kildare County Development Plan seeks to emulate the model of supported housing at McAuley Place in Naas within each of the five municipal districts in Kildare, at appropriate and sustainable locations. This model of development can be supported by the Draft Plan.</p> <p>It is noted KCC are the competent authority for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment, and both will accompany this plan as the Special Areas of Conservation of Pollardstown Fen and Mounds Bog are in close proximity to Newbridge Town. KCC are currently undertaking an investigation of the potential/feasibility of the development of a community garden and allotments throughout the county as per Section 13.7.2 of the CDP. Initial survey work conducted by KCC in 2023 recorded 105 submissions seeking an</p>

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		<p>allotment or a community garden within Newbridge. This survey also determined 1.28ha was desired land area for allotments or community gardens use within Newbridge. This will inform the Plan.</p> <p>It is the Intention of the Plan to incorporate an economic development strategy for Newbridge which is consistent with the CDP especially in regard to the identified Naas to Newbridge Strategic Employment Zone and Naas-Newbridge Economic Cluster. A priority of the strategy will be to ensure that employment lands are developed in a plan-led, orderly and sequential manner. Furthermore, the Plan will seek to create the right jobs in the right places by placing a particular emphasis on achieving greater alignment between where people live and work, to reduce the need to travel and facilitating sustainable travel modes. From a town centre perspective, the plan will seek to identify Settlement Consolidation Sites where feasible to facilitate compact growth and ensure an appropriate mix of uses in the town centre. Hotel uses will be included in the zoning matrix.</p> <p>The built heritage of Newbridge is an important aspect of the town’s character. The addition of structures to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) cannot be considered through the Local Area Plan process. In accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), additions to or deletions from the RPS are carried out through the County Development Plan making process under Section 12 of the Act, or on a case-by-case basis under Section 54 of the same Act. It is a reserved function of Kildare County Council to amend the RPS. Objective AH 6 in the existing Newbridge Local Area 2013 – 2019 advocates for protecting the remaining sections of the original barrack walls and this objective can be updated and included in the Plan.</p> <p>A key priority of the Plan is to ensure Newbridge Town Centre is a vibrant and bustling hub to live, shop, work, visit, socialise and invest in. This Plan will contain objectives to promote and prioritise regeneration and the development of vacant buildings such as infill underutilised and brownfield sites, in particular those in the core retail area surrounding the Main Street. Proposals to improve the urban realm are noted and will be considered in the Plan A Town Renewal Masterplan for Newbridge is in the process of being prepared by the Special Projects and Public Realm Team in KCC. Key projects arising from the TRMP will be included in this Plan should the TRMP be finalised prior to the publication of the Draft LAP.</p> <p>As part of the preparation of Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment</p>

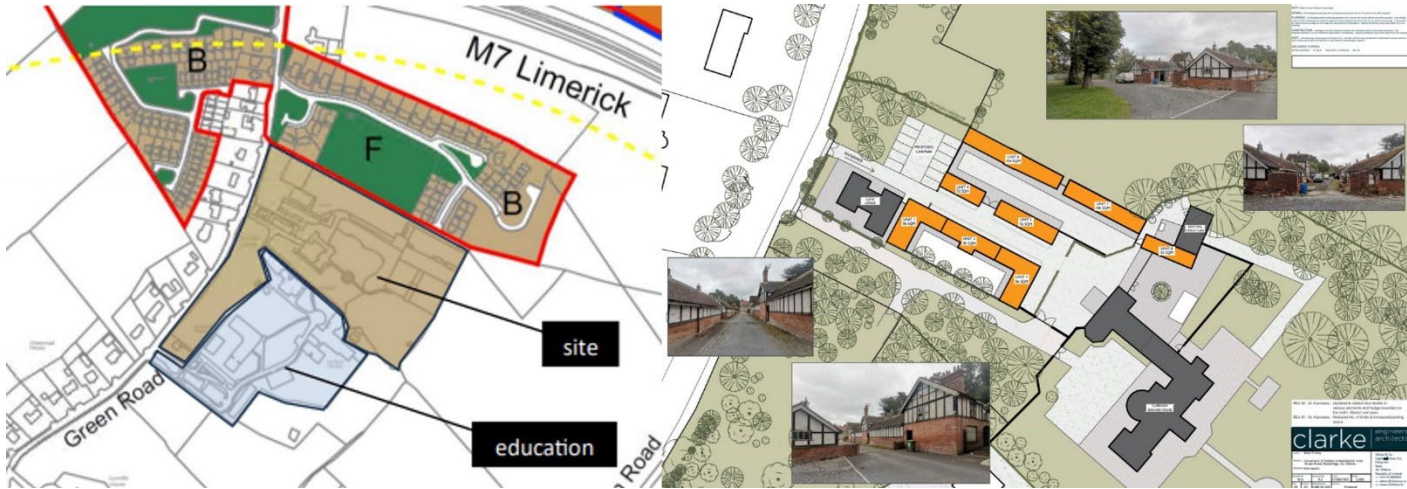
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		<p>and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period, in order to facilitate the growth the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). In relation to housing, the plan will support a range of housing types and tenures to address the needs outlined in this submission.</p>
30	John and Beatrice Dardis	<p>This submission is prepared by David Mulcahy on behalf of John and Beatrice Dardis concerning lands at Belmont House, Walshestown, Newbridge, W12 H728. This submission requests that the subject site be zoned B: Existing Residential/Infill (see except below), the site is currently zoned I: Agriculture in the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019. It outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of existing lands zoned B: Existing Residential and C: New Residential are now developed, and for this LAP to accommodate the compact growth set out in the NPF, RSES, CDP and a number of Section 28 Guidelines this brownfield site must be considered for residential development. • The subject site was previously zoned for low density residential development in 2003 Newbridge LAP. • Planning permission was previously refused for residential development on the adjoining lands due to infrastructure constraints however Osberstown WWTP has now been upgraded. • The site adjoins existing residential development to the north (Walshestown Meadows) and represent sequential development of the built up area. • There is an established access to the site (at two locations). • There is an established road and pedestrian connection back into Newbridge Town, however a new footpath on the east side of the Athgarvan Road would further improve connectivity. • The green infrastructure associated with the site under the current Newbridge LAP does not affect the proposed zoning objective. • The location of the site within an area identified for flood risk assessment is considered surprising given it is not located outside the flood risk area identified in OPW mapping. <p>Below is an outline of the site in question.</p>

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		 <p data-bbox="573 999 920 1031"><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p data-bbox="573 1054 2016 1241">The contents of the submission are noted. The subject site is located within the current LAP boundary and zoned for Agriculture. Existing zoning designations will be reviewed as part of the preparation of this Plan in order to facilitate the growth the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). The zoning of land will be considered having regard to many factors including the following:</p> <ul data-bbox="573 1254 1330 1364" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="573 1254 882 1281">• Identified flood risk. <li data-bbox="573 1294 1330 1321">• The site’s characteristics and location within the town. <li data-bbox="573 1334 1240 1361">• The nature and role of existing uses on the site.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 10-minute settlement concept. • Potential impacts on adjacent areas which could arise from changes to its zoning designation. • Current or planned developments within the surrounding area. <p>As part of the preparation of Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment, a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period.</p>
31	John and Beatrice Dardis	<p>This submission is prepared by Matt Barnes Architect on behalf of Thoval Properties concerning lands at Belmont House, Walshestown, Newbridge, W12 H728. This submission requests that the subject site be zoned for residential purposes (see except below), the site is currently zoned F: Open Space in the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019. It outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of existing lands zoned for residential purposes in the existing LAP have now been developed, and for this LAP to accommodate the compact growth within the existing footprint set out in the NPF, RSES, CDP and a number of Section 28 Guidelines this site must be considered for residential development. • Several sites located immediately to the north have been developed which are located further from the town centre and train station. Developing this site would combat sprawl. • The subject site is within a 10-minute walk of the train station and existing social infrastructure. • The submission put forward the case that this site would be a great location for Inter-Generational Housing which caters for a lower number of persons per household and would be designed to meet the needs of many different age groups. It adds that this medium density own door housing would be designed to be adaptable allowing for subdivision and extension over its lifetime. Furthermore, this type of housing would have reduced environmental impacts and reduce costs. A White Paper on Intergeneration Housing and summary of this white paper accompanies this submission.


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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Flood Risk Assessment also accompanies this submission outlining the site does not have any history or potential for flooding in the future. <p>Below is an outline of the site in question.</p>  <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The subject site is located within the current LAP boundary, immediately adjoining the railway line, and is zoned Open Space. Existing zoning designations will be reviewed as part of the preparation of this Plan in order to facilitate the growth the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). Any proposed zoning designations would be based (inter alia) on the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood risk. • The site’s characteristics and location within the town. • The nature and role of existing uses on the site. • The 10-minute settlement concept.

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32	Office of the Planning Regulator	See table above.
33	Sean Treacy	<p>This submission is prepared by David Mulcahy on behalf of Sean Treacy concerning lands at Curragh Grange House, Green Road, Newbridge. This submission requests that the subject site be zoned B: Existing Residential/Infill (see except below), the site is currently outside of the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019 area. It outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of existing lands zoned B: Existing Residential and C: New Residential are now developed, and for this LAP to accommodate the compact growth set out in the NPF, RSES, CDP and a number of Section 28 Guidelines this site must be considered for residential development. • While the site is outside the Newbridge LAP 2013-21 it contains long-established residential development. • Other lands south of the M7 have been zoned for Existing Residential/Infill and the proposed zoning represents sequential development as it adjoins lands zoned Existing Residential/Infill. • There are no known natural heritage constraints associated with the land apart from mature trees. • There is no flood risk associated with the lands.

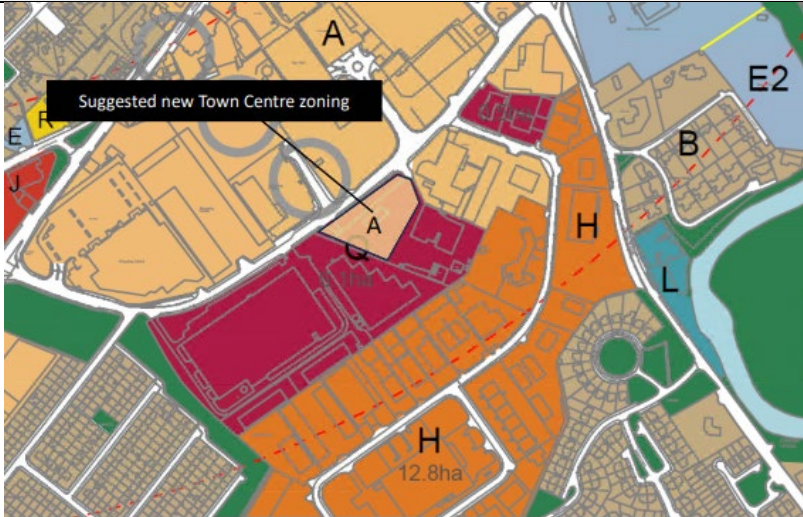
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site contains a large number of stables buildings/dwellings which are of heritage value and can be restored into dwellings accommodating smaller units. The submission is also accompanied by a potential site layout (see below). • There are established pedestrian connections from the site back into the town centre and to two nearby schools.  <p>Response to Issues Raised</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The location of the subject site outside of the current LAP boundary is noted. The extension of the LAP boundary and inclusion of new zoned lands will be considered on a case by case basis having regard to the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). Any proposed zoning designations would be considered having regard to (inter alia) the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site’s characteristics and location within the town. • The nature and role of existing uses on the site. • The 10-minute settlement concept.

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35	Pat O'Mahony	<p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p>This submission outlines the need for a retirement village in Newbridge in accordance with section 3.11.1 of the County Development Plan 2023 – 2029. It also describes two examples of successful retirement villages by the Sue Ryder Foundation in Dalkey and Carlow. It states the KCC owned former Patrician Brothers Monastery would be a great location for such a facility as it is central and close to many existing amenities.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The creation of an age friendly town will be a central consideration of the Plan. It is noted that an action contained in Chapter 10 of the Kildare County Development Plan seeks to emulate the model of supported housing at McAuley Place in Naas within each of the five municipal districts in Kildare, at appropriate and sustainable locations. Appropriate locations for such a land use will be considered and provided for in the land use zoning matrix included in the Draft Plan.</p>
36	Beans Land Limited	<p>This submission is prepared by David Mulcahy on behalf of Beans Land Limited concerning lands at Ballymany, Newbridge. This submission requests that the subject site be zoned C: New Residential and F: Open Space (see except below), the site is currently zoned I: Agriculture in the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019.</p> <p>It outlines:</p>

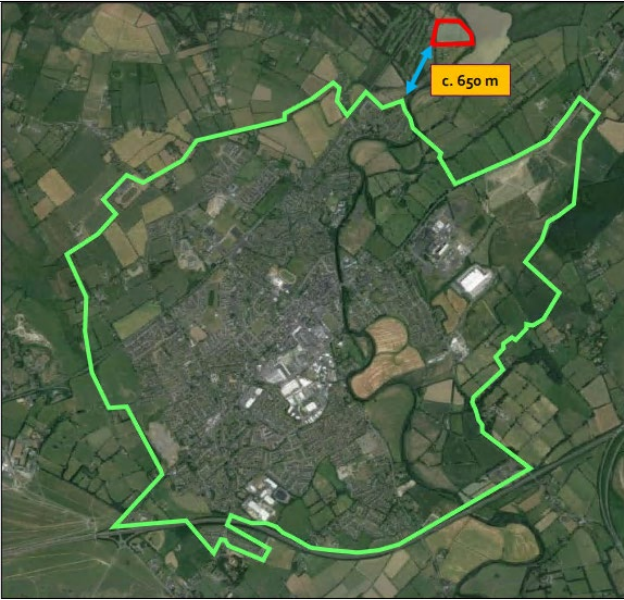
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of existing lands zoned for residential purposes in the existing LAP have now been developed, and this submission is accompanied by a high-level summary of planning applications on new residential zoned land in Newbridge. For this LAP to accommodate the compact growth within the existing footprint set out in the NPF, RSES, CDP and a number of Section 28 Guidelines this site must be considered for residential development. • The site is currently zoned Agricultural (with a minor amount of New Residential) which given its location to the town represents underutilisation of a site that could contribute to a compact urban settlement. • The site adjoins lands zoned New Residential which is under construction and therefore a New Residential zoning would represent sequential development of the town. The submission is accompanied with an interactive layout (see below). • There are two recorded monuments at the edge of the site. The Archaeological Impact Assessment accompanying this submission concluded that it is considered highly likely that one does not exist, and the other is not an archaeological monument. • There are no known natural heritage constraints associated with the land or flood risk as the mature tree line along Ballymany Road could be kept in situ. • The site is well serviced according to the Outline Services Report for Proposed Re-Zoning of Land at Ballymany, Newbridge. The submission as states it has significant road frontage to facilitate access. • There is established pedestrian connections from the site back into the town centre within a 15-minute walk. The site is also within close walking distance of an established neighbourhood centre. <p>Below is an outline of the site in question.</p>

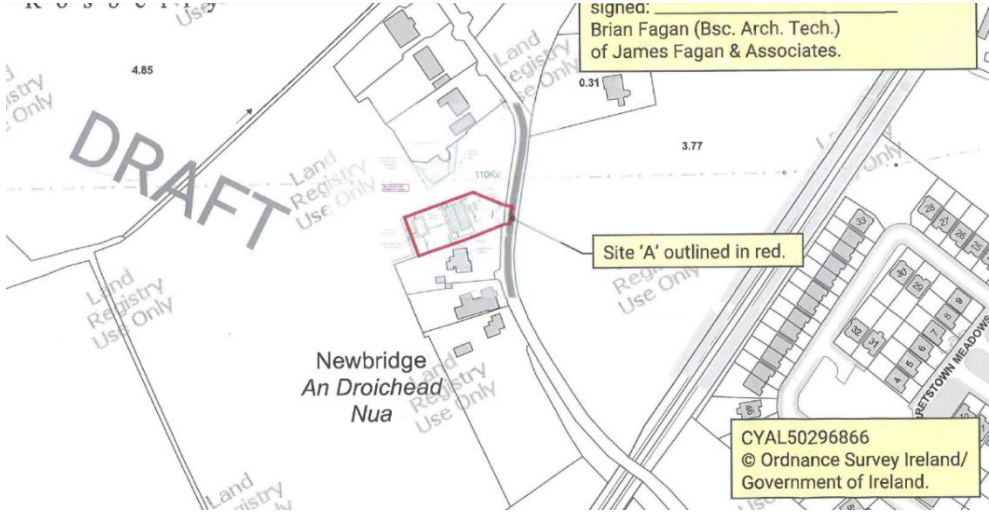
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		 <p>Response to Issues Raised</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The subject site is located within the current LAP boundary and is zoned for Agriculture. All proposed zoning designations will be reviewed as part of the preparation of this Plan. Any proposed zoning designations would be based (inter alia) on the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site’s characteristics and location within the town. • The nature and role of existing uses on the site. • The 10-minute settlement concept. • Potential impacts on adjacent areas which could arise from changes to its zoning designation. • Current or planned developments within the surrounding area. <p>As part of the preparation of Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment, a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period, in order to facilitate the growth the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the</p>

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		Development Plan Guidelines (2022). The lands to which this submission refer will be considered in the Settlement Capacity Audit.
37	Health Services Executives	See table above.
33	Uisce Éireann	See table above.
39	The Treacy Group	<p>This submission is prepared by David Mulcahy on behalf of The Treacy Group concerning lands at Former Schlötter Factory Site, Athgarvan Road, Newbridge. This submission requests that the subject site be zoned A: Town Centre (see except below), the site is currently zoned Q: Enterprise and Employment of the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019 area. It outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning permission has recently been granted (Reg. Ref. 22/918) for a laboratory south of the subject site. • The existing building on the site is in a poor state of disrepair and detracts from the visual amenity of the area. Especially as it adjoins the tourist attraction of Newbridge Silverware. • This brownfield site is currently underutilised and struggling to attract tenants. • The adjoining lands to the north-east are zoned Town Centre and there are established road and pedestrian connections into the Town Centre. • The access to the site is within the 50kph speed limit. • The proposed Town Centre zoning would better encourage an active frontage onto Athgarvan Road. <p>Below is an outline of the site in question.</p>

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		 <p data-bbox="573 810 922 842"><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p data-bbox="573 868 2029 1018">This request to rezone this site on the Athgarvan Road to land use zoning objective A: Town Centre is noted. The prominent location of the subject site south of the town centre is acknowledged. All proposed zoning designations will be reviewed as part of the preparation of this Plan, particularly with a view to preparing a regeneration strategy for the area, and consideration of Settlement Consolidation Sites.</p>
40	Breffni Group	<p data-bbox="573 1066 2029 1216">This submission is prepared by Thornton O'Connor on behalf of Breffni Group concerning lands at Tankardsgarden, Newbridge. This submission requests that the subject site be zoned C: New Residential and F: Open Space (see except below), the site is currently located outside of the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019 area. It outlines:</p> <ul data-bbox="573 1225 2029 1337" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="573 1225 1841 1257">• The subject site is only circa 650 metres from the existing settlement boundary of Newbridge. <li data-bbox="573 1267 2029 1337">• A preliminary assessment of infrastructure and service provision has been prepared by DBFL and is enclosed as Appendix A. This illustrates the site can be serviced with the lifetime of the Plan.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any potential flooding of the site can be overcome by design. A preliminary design with flood compensation works is detailed in Appendix B of this submission. • There are not enough sites zoned C: New Residential to accommodate the estimated allocation of population to Newbridge over the Plan period. Especially as an additional allocation will be required outside of the 1,061 units Kildare County Development Plan 2023– 2029, up unit 2031. • Other areas in Newbridge cannot accommodate further residential development as they are either at capacity, contain or adjoin incompatible uses, are hindered by natural features such as the River Liffey and Natura 2000 sites or are disconnected from the town by barriers such as the M7. The northeast of Newbridge is therefore the best location for planned residential growth. • Existing active equestrian lands should be zoned to reflect their land use. Doing this would mean the subject lands are sequential growth. <p>Below is an outline of the site in question.</p>

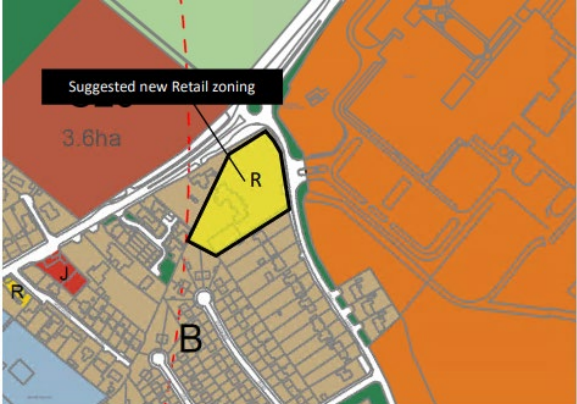
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		 <p data-bbox="577 890 922 927"><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p data-bbox="577 948 2033 1098">The contents of the submission are noted. The subject site is not contiguous with the current LAP boundary. The extension of the LAP boundary and inclusion of new zoned lands will be considered on a case by case basis having regard to the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022).</p> <p data-bbox="577 1118 2033 1310">As part of the preparation of Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment, a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period, in order to facilitate proper planning and sustainable development.</p>

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41	Helen Farrell	<p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p>This submission requests a change of zoning on lands at Roseberry from Agricultural (I) to Existing Residential/infill (B). The submission outlines that there are houses either side of the subject site which is also close to the existing railway line and the town centre. The submission also outlines a planning application was recently submitted for this subject site (reg ref 23055). Below is an outline of the site in question.</p>  <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>All existing zoning designations within Newbridge will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the Plan. Consideration of changing a site's zoning designation from 'I: Agriculture' to 'B: Existing Residential' will be based on the principles of compact growth and sequential development and the 10-minute settlement concept, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). Consideration would also have to be given to the impacts of infill developments in an area characterised by ribbon development on the outskirts of the</p>

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		town. There is also consideration of the established uses on the site, and current or planned developments within the surrounding area.
42	Christine Murray	<p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newbridge is an important centre in county Kildare. • Pedestrian plazas for public gathering and al fresco dining are needed. • A harmonised approach is required for street furniture, footpaths, junction design, shop fronts, signage and lighting to create a visually appealing and cohesive townscape in Newbridge. <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are healthcare deficits in Newbridge. <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is crucial not to assume that the need for physical transport infrastructure will decrease due to work-from-home trends. • More road space should be relocated to sustainable modes of transport. • A park and ride are required along the M7/N7 corridor. • Dutch style cycles are required on all roads. • More bus routes are required, especially bus routes from the town centre to Athgarvan, Kilcullen, Kildare Town and Newbridge Train Station. Additionally, there should be routes to key destinations such as Kildare Village, Maynooth, Tallaght IT/Hospital and Naas hospital. • Bus priority infrastructure is needed in Newbridge. More bus corridors are required for the 126 bus route. • Integrated ticketing is required across all services (train and bus) including the 90-minute fare. Fare discrepancy should also be examined. • Coaches should not be used for local bus travel. • DART+ should be extended to Newbridge.


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		<p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>A key priority of the Plan is to ensure Newbridge Town Centre is a vibrant and bustling hub to live, shop, work, visit, socialise and invest in. This Plan will contain objectives to promote and prioritise regeneration and the development of vacant buildings and infill underutilised and brownfield sites, particular those in the core retail area surrounding the Main Street. Proposals to improve the urban realm are noted and will be considered in the Plan.</p> <p>The specified lack of healthcare facilities is noted and this will be considered in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) that accompanies and informs this Plan. However, it is not a function of the local authority to deliver GP, medical and health facilities. The Local Area Plan can ensure that sufficient land is zoned for a particular purpose in appropriate locations.</p> <p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding public transport are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p>
43	Karen Farrell	<p><i>Climate Change and Movement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic at Ballymany roundabout is incredibly heavy which will only be exacerbated by further residential development. There is potential for an additional slip lane onto the M7, similar to those seen at Naas, should be discussed to allow traffic flow improvements. • Newly installed cycle lane has impinged on traffic movement in the town. These should be relocated with the possibility of them being incorporated into footpaths considered.

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		<p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New secondary schools are required. Potential sites off the Athgarvan Road should be considered. • The existing skatepark in the town should be expanded. • A public swimming pool is required. • The Linear Park should be expanded to allow for additional usage by clubs. • A potential location for a sports complex is at Ballymany beside horse racing Ireland. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding traffic and road improvements are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p> <p>The lack of specified social infrastructure referred to in this submission is noted. A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster funding applications. The Plan can include an objective to support improved access to the River for Clubs, subject to environmental assessments.</p>
44	Guru Pk	<i>Open Space and Amenities</i>

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		<p>There is need for an open playground for cricket and various recreational activities in Newbridge.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>This submission is noted. This specified lack of cricket facilities will be considered in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) that accompanies and informs this Plan.</p>
45	Hardale Financing Ltd.	<p>This submission is prepared by David Mulcahy on behalf of Hardale Financing Ltd. concerning lands at the Former Treacy’s Swimming Pool, Great Connell, Newbridge.</p> <p>This submission requests that the subject site be zoned either R: Retail or D Neighbourhood Centre (see except below), the site is currently zoned E: Existing Residential in the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019 area.</p> <p>It outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subject site represents an underutilised, brownfield site at the edge of Newbridge. • There are only two small areas zoned Retail/Commercial in the vicinity of the site serving a notably large residential area and employment population. • There is an established access to the site within the 50kph posted speed limit. • There is an established road and pedestrian connection back into Newbridge Town centre. <p>Below is an outline of the site in question.</p> 

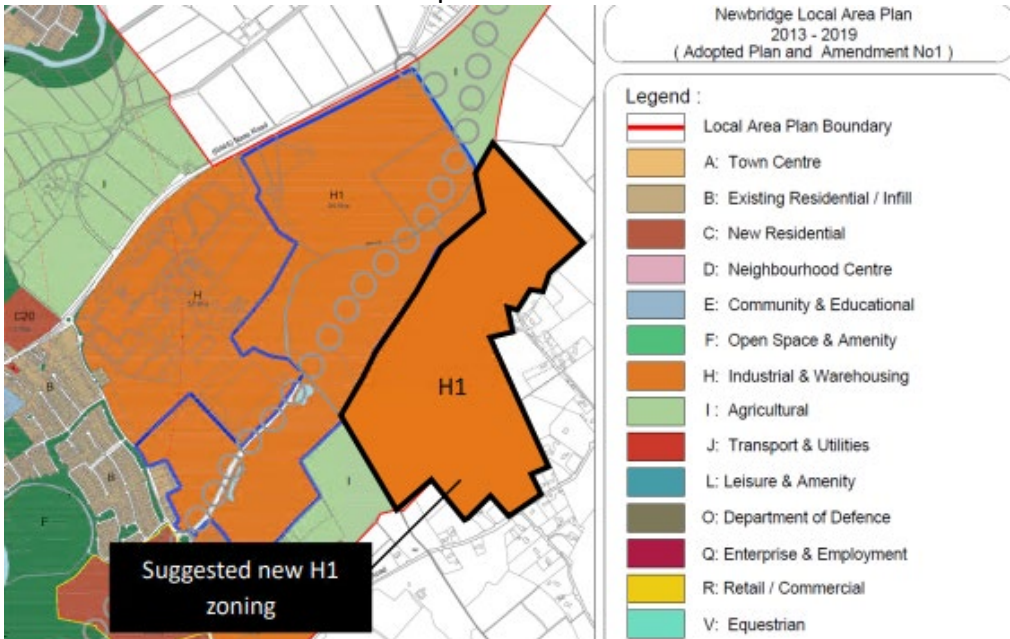
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		<p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>This submission is noted. Any potential change of zoning to R: Retail / Commercial or D: Neighbourhood Centre will have regard to the primacy of the town centre and overarching principles of sequential development outlined in the Retail Planning Guidelines. The Retail Planning Guidelines also state there should be a general presumption against large out-of-town retail centres. However, it is noted that in terms of the 10-minute town concept a zoning of this type in this location may cater for a local need.</p> <p>Existing zoning designations within Newbridge will be reviewed as part of the preparation of this Plan in order to facilitate the growth of the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). As part of the preparation of Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period. Any proposals to alter a zoning designation would be considered having regard to many factors including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified flood risk. • The site’s characteristics and location within the town. • The nature and role of existing uses on the site. • The 10-minute settlement concept. • Potential impacts on adjacent areas which could arise from changes to its zoning designation. • Current or planned developments within the surrounding area.
46	Guru Pk	<p><i>Open Space and Amenities</i></p> <p>Free family parking should be provided for the Liffey Linear Park. This would allow more people to use this park and benefit the patronage of local businesses.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p>

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		<p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding free family parking at the Liffey Linear Park are noted. The provision of free parking is beyond the remit of a Local Area Plan. The Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) being prepared to inform the local area plan will assess parking throughout the town and include recommendations on new car parking areas.</p>
47	Guru Pk	<p><i>Open Space and Amenities</i></p> <p>There is need for a dedicated kids’ playground in Rickardstown and the community should be involved in the design process.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The need for an additional playground is noted. The delivery of a public playground is an operational matter for KCC. However, a Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan which will look at the provision of playgrounds throughout Newbridge. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster funding applications.</p>
48	W.T.N.B Partnership	<p>This submission is prepared by David Mulcahy on behalf of W.T.N.B Partnership concerning lands at Walshestown, Newbridge. This submission requests that the subject site be zoned C: New Residential and F: Open Space (see except below), the site is currently zoned I: Agriculture the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019 area. It outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of existing lands zoned for residential purposes in the existing LAP have now been developed, and this submission is accompanied by a high-level summary of planning applications on new residential zoned land in Newbridge. For this LAP to accommodate the compact growth within the existing footprint set out in the NPF, RSES, CDP and a number of Section 28 Guidelines this site must be considered for residential development. • More homes are needed to address the housing crisis. • The subject site is well serviced and located just outside the flood risk area identified in OPW and CFRAMs mapping. This is outlined in the Engineering Infrastructure Report by Furey Consulting Engineers.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Bord Pleanála refused permission in 2008 (ref. PL.09.227560) for 106 dwellings on this site for one reason relating to the existing deficiency in the provision of sewerage facilities. This provision has since been resolved. • This site would have easy access to existing facilities and the town centre especially with the recent permission of the second bridge over the Liffey nearby. • An indicative layout by Mola Architecture of a 151-unit residential scheme accompanies this submission. This scheme would also provide a creche, a landscaped Liffey corridor walk, 20% Part V houses, a new public footpath along Athgarvan Road and new traffic calming measures along Athgarvan Road. <p>Below is an outline of the site in question.</p>  <p>Response to Issues Raised</p>

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		<p>The contents of the submission are noted. All proposed zoning designations will be reviewed as part of the preparation of this Plan. Any proposed zoning designations would be based (inter alia) on the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified flood risk. • The site’s characteristics and location within the town. • The nature and role of existing uses on the site. • The 10-minute settlement concept. • Potential impacts on adjacent areas which could arise from changes to its zoning designation. • Current or planned developments within the surrounding area. <p>As part of the preparation of Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment, a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period, in order to facilitate the growth the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). The lands to which this submission refer will be considered in the Settlement Capacity Audit.</p>
49	Shiva Kumar Veeramalla	<p><i>Social Infrastructure</i> A secondary school and children play area near Station Walk Newbridge along with the cycle track is required. Also, the GP should be extended.</p> <p><i>Climate Change and Movement</i> Public transport should be extended down Station Road and charges should be reduced for rail travel and a short hop zone be introduced.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p>

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		<p>This need for a secondary school is noted and acknowledged. This will be considered in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) that accompanies and informs this Plan, and consultation with the Department of Education will take place in this regard. Whilst it is not a function of local government to provide GP facilities, the LAP can ensure that sufficient land is zoned at appropriate locations to facilitate medical uses.</p> <p>Cycling facilities and access to public transport will be considered as part of the Area Based Transport Assessment that accompanies this Plan.</p>
50	Sheelagh Minihane (O Buachalla)	<p><i>Economic Development</i></p> <p>This submission is prepared by David Mulcahy on behalf of Sheelagh Minihane (O Buachalla) concerning lands at Great Connell, Newbridge. This submission requests that the subject site be zoned H: Industrial/Warehousing (see except below), the majority of the site is currently outside of the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019 area, while a small proportion site is zoned I: Agriculture.</p> <p>It outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed zoning would increase in land available to attract further large-scale industry into Newbridge and create additional employment. • South Dublin and Meath have significant areas near motorways zoned for industrial and warehouse use. • Zoning the subject site would strengthen the attractiveness of Newbridge and take advantage of the Edge City concept in Dublin fringes where warehouse/distribution land uses are now seeking to relocate out of. • An employment zoning in this location would provide much needed high-quality jobs. • The submission notes recent large-scale employers are developing premises near the subject site and the IDA business park and Toughers are running out of space. • Zoning these lands would strengthen the Strategic Economic Corridor between Newbridge and Naas promoted by the CDP and RSES. It would also help tie Toughers business park back into Newbridge. • This site has no recorded monuments or buildings on the NIAH, no flood risk according to floodinfo.ie. • There is currently no vehicular access to the subject lands via the NSORR which runs to the north of the site and links with the R445 and onto the motorway network. However, there is roundabout exit which could service this site with a 163-metre access road.

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		<p data-bbox="573 276 1120 308">Below is an outline of the site in question.</p>  <p data-bbox="573 970 922 1002"><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p data-bbox="573 1026 2018 1273">The request to zone the subject lands H: Industry and Warehousing is noted. The extension of the plan boundary and inclusion of new zoned land will be considered on a case by case basis having regard to the principles of compact and sequential growth as set out in the National Planning Framework and in the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022). Furthermore, the Plan will seek to create the right jobs in the right places by placing a particular emphasis on achieving greater alignment between where people live and work, to reduce the need to travel and facilitating sustainable travel modes. A targeted jobs ratio, included as part of the Economic Development Strategy of the Plan, will assist in determining the quantum of lands required to be zoned for employment purposes.</p> <p data-bbox="573 1297 1962 1367">In this regard, a number of supporting studies including an Area Based Transport Assessment, a Social Infrastructure Audit and a Settlement Capacity Audit (i.e. Infrastructure Assessment) are being prepared to</p>

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		<p>inform the preferred development strategy that will be contained in the Plan. In conjunction with the various assessments outlined above, the zoning of employment lands must adhere to relevant national and regional spatial policy and Ministerial Guidelines issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.</p> <p>This subject site will be included in the Settlement Capacity Audit to determine its suitability for employment use in comparison to other potential lands within Newbridge.</p>
51	Cormac O'Shea	<p><i>Open Space and Amenities</i></p> <p>Newbridge requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A public swimming pool. • A public tennis court. • A public gym that has indoor basketball, volleyball and badminton facilities. • Improved athletics track. • Improved lighting between the Gables and the park proper (the strip of path that runs close to the river has zero lighting). • Improvements to the surface of the "boardwalk" from the park to the Gables as it is slippery underfoot. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The lack of specified social infrastructure referred to in this submission is noted. A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster funding applications.</p>

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		Street Lighting and road surface improvements are an operational matter for KCC.
52	Cormac O'Shea	<p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bike lane bollards on Main Street are in a state of disrepair and should be removed. • The council should institute a walking bus or cycling bus to alleviate school traffic. <p><i>Home and Communities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Patrician Monastery should be made into a McAuley House (Naas) type amenity for the elderly. It could have meeting rooms, a cafe, classrooms and garden allotments out the back. A bus service to and from should be provided. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding traffic and cycle lanes are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p> <p>The creation of an age friendly town will be a central consideration of the Plan. It is noted that an action contained in Chapter 10 of the Kildare County Development Plan seeks to emulate the model of supported housing at McAuley Place in Naas within each of the five municipal districts in Kildare, at appropriate and sustainable locations.</p>
53	Naveen Kumar Akkireddy	<p><i>Open Space and Amenities</i></p> <p>There is huge interest in cricket in Newbridge and an outdoor pitch and indoor practise facilities are required. This submission also contains a photo of an indoor practise facility.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p>

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		This specified lack of cricket facilities will be considered in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) that accompanies and informs this Plan.
54	Cormac O'Shea	<p><i>Town Centre</i> Main Street needs a lot of investment as there is a lot of vacancy and begging. There may be an opportunity for an e-working hub in Sean Keegan's hardware shop.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The Plan will incorporate a range of regeneration provisions to tackle vacancy issues and promote alternative uses such as dedicated remote working hubs in the town centre. Begging and anti-social behaviour is not a matter than can be dealt with through a land use plan.</p>
55	Porkizhi Jothi	<p><i>Open Space and Amenities</i> There are not enough public parks in Newbridge especially when considering the population growth in the town.</p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i> More GP practises are needed and possibly a 24-hour medical service.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The specified lack of parks is noted and this will be considered in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) that accompanies and informs this Plan. The provision of medical facilities is not a function of Local Government; however the LAP can ensure that sufficient land is zoned for such uses as appropriate locations throughout the town.</p>
56	Ronan Maher	<p><i>Home and Communities</i> Housing should only be encouraged close to the centre of Newbridge and not further sprawl outwards. Newbridge should not expand beyond the bounds of the M7. Lands currently zoned H for industrial and warehousing be re-zoned C for new Residential. Portions of this land should also be zoned F for open space and</p>

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		<p>amenity. All new developments not already within ten minutes of a business that provides groceries include space for a neighbourhood shop which is not setback from the streetscape and has parking to the rear. Furthermore, all new developments should come with protected, segregated cycling infrastructure to ensure greater accessibility.</p> <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <p>There is a lack of open space in Newbridge. New open urban spaces should be created, including turning surface carparks be converted to green urban plazas. In particular the car park on the site of the old Water tower. Cutlery Road should also be pedestrianised. Several new playgrounds are also required. Allotments and community gardens are also required.</p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>The old Council Machinery Yard should be used as a site for a new indoor swimming pool. That facilities be constructed along the Liffey to accommodate water sports clubs. A performance space and youth café be constructed in the centre of town.</p> <p><i>Climate Change and Movement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main street cycle lanes should be extended in both directions to create a contiguous protected cycle lane from Buckey’s Cross to the M7 Roundabout on the Curragh. • That all schools, the train station and post office be connected to the town centre by a continuous, segregated cycle lane. The pedestrianisation of Cutlery Road along the length of the whitewater building. • An orbital town bus service be provided to better link people to services and discourage car journeys. • More indoor bike storage, e-bike charging and a bike repair café be provided. • All public buildings be installed with solar panels.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All surface carparks not converted to parks be covered with solar panels with special consideration given to the vast car park at Newbridge Train station. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>KCC understand the importance of combating sprawl by supporting Compact Growth and densification in Newbridge, in line with the objectives of the NPF, RSES and SPPR Guidelines. A sequential approach to land use zoning will be used and review of zoned land in Newbridge. This approach will be underpinned by a by inter alia an infrastructure assessment for the town in accordance with NPO 72 a-c and Appendix 3 of the NPF and section 4.5.2, Settlement Capacity Audit, of the Development Plan, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022).</p> <p>The reference to the need for more open spaces, playgrounds and allotments is noted. These will be considered in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) that accompanies and informs this Plan. The SIA will determine the needs of the residential population of the town with regard to the provision of recreational and amenities infrastructure, including open space. The SIA will also address the provision of neighbourhood centres in Newbridge having regard to the 10 minute settlement principle. The plan can ensure that land is zoned in the appropriate location, for uses such as a swimming pool, however the delivery of a swimming pool is beyond the remit of a LAP.</p> <p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding cycle lanes, cycle storage, car parking and road improvements are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p> <p>The Plan can include objectives to support the provision of solar panels on public buildings and at other appropriate locations.</p>

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57	Holy Family Secondary School CSPE, Politics and Society Classes-- Second year CSPE Class – 4 Groups	<p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>Positives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a lot of clubs and sports clubs. • There are lots of facilities. • Seven primary schools. • Good skatepark. • Many festivals. • A big park. • The Gardaí and Fire service provide a good service. <p>Negatives and suggested improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of schools especially in the Curragh. • The addition of a bigger library where the one is now for a bigger variety of books. • The addition of a swimming pool south of Newbridge Hotspurs. • The addition of a public swimming pool in Newbridge because the closest one is in Naas. • The addition of an indoor playground for little kids based in the place where a toy shop was demolished near Home Store. • The addition of a trampoline park. • The addition of a swimming pool since Gables is getting removed and that was the only swimming pool we had in town. • Not a lot to do for children/teenagers. • The addition of an ice rink.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are only four secondary schools in the town and more choice is needed so that more students won't have to leave the town. • A waterpark is required for tourism and economic impacts for the town and the Curragh is identified as the perfect spot. • Lack of a hospital within Newbridge. • A GP office in Kilbelin is required as there is a large residential area there. • More secondary schools are needed in Belin Woods and Roseberry. <p><i>Housing and Communities</i></p> <p>Positives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are lots of houses and housing estates to accommodate a large population and this accommodation is family friendly. • There are good communities. • Estates are close to the town centre making it easier to places such as work and school. <p>Negatives and suggested improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime and issues with bad areas which must be improved before more people are brought into Newbridge. • Gardaí not tackling drug dealing. • Abandoned houses need refurbishment and should be used to accommodate homeless people. • More nice houses are required. • There is not enough housing. • Lots of homeless in Newbridge. <p><i>Climate Action and Movement – Transport</i></p>

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		<p>Positives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good transport services such as train station, taxi ranks and bus stops. <p>Negatives and suggested improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fix the hole on the bridge (left hand side of the bridge when coming from town side). • There is a lot of traffic especially in the morning and evening times when children are getting dropped and picked up from school and when people are going and coming to and from work. • More public transportation like more bus routes which will help traffic and pollution in the environment. • Traffic caused by all the schools being bunched in one place and there is only one main road to get out of Newbridge. • Any new mixed secondary school should be not close to housing areas as there are multiple primary schools and a load of new housing estates being built making roads busy. • Constant construction on road causes traffic. • More schools are required to be located near houses to cut down on parents driving kids to school. • More bus routes are need from outside of the town centre. • Parking is expensive. <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <p>Positives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newbridge has a big park. <p>Negatives and suggested improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green area in estates should not be dug up and more trees should be added. • The addition of a playground in the Liffey Park for kids that is closer to estates.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The addition of a skatepark in the Liffey Park for teenagers closer than the one at Tesco and Woodie's. • Nature should be better preserved. • The river Liffey should be cleaned up. • There are not a lot of green areas to go on a walk or bring your dog to. • A park is required around the area of Crostanstown since there are 3 primary schools there. <p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <p>Positives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a good variety of shops, restaurants and amenities in Newbridge Town Centre. <p>Negatives and suggested improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bins are currently overflowing and litter is falling bin trucks, and rubbish is blowing around the road. More bins are therefore needed. • Littering this could be improved by increasing fines and getting volunteers to help. • Newbridge needs to get more multi-purpose bins which have 3 sections for recycling general waste and compost around the main street in the town. • Older vacant shops should be reused. • A greater variety of specialist shops are required. • Solar panels are required on the rooves of large retailers. • A replacement McDonalds and buffet restaurant is required. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The detailed submission is welcomed.</p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p>


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		<p>A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a broad range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure in the areas of education (post primary schools), childcare, health (hospitals), open space, social and community, arts and cultural facilities, faith facilities and neighbourhood centres. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations (for uses such as a swimming pool) and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster funding applications. It is considered appropriate that the plan would include objectives around the provision of facilities for teenagers.</p> <p><i>Housing and Communities</i></p> <p>Creating the environment for high quality liveable communities is a priority. Central to this is the incorporation of a comprehensive suite of measures to support, promote and ensure an appropriate mix of types and tenures to meet the long-term needs of the population of the town, including older people and people with disabilities. This plan will ensure any lands that are identified as suitable for residential purposes must be serviced or serviceable during the lifetime of the Plan both in terms of physical and social infrastructure. It should be noted that policing and housing are not within the remit of this land use plan.</p> <p><i>Climate Action and Movement – Transport</i></p> <p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding traffic, public transport, parking and road improvements are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives. It should be noted that</p>

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		<p>potholes and general maintenance is not within the remit of this land use plans, but an operational matter for KCC.</p> <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <p>The comments regarding the lack of parks, playgrounds, skateparks and management of existing green space is noted. The Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will determine the needs of the residential population of the town with regard to the provision of recreational and amenities infrastructure, including open space. It is intended that the outputs of the SIA will be crucial in informing the Plan on the need for particular types of open space. Management of open spaces is an operational matter for KCC, outside of the remit of this land use plan. Furthermore, the provision of facilities such as ice rinks and indoor soft play areas are market-led and outside of the remit of this land use plan but can be supported by zoning objectives in appropriate locations.</p> <p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <p>A key priority of the Plan is to ensure Newbridge Town Centre is a vibrant and bustling hub to live, shop, work, visit, socialise and invest in. This Plan will contain objectives to promote and prioritise regeneration and the development of vacant buildings and infill, underutilised and brownfield sites, particularly those in the core retail area surrounding the Main Street. A Town Renewal Masterplan for Newbridge Town Centre is in the process of being prepared and will accompany this Plan. Management of litter is an operational matter for KCC and is outside of the remit of this land use plan. Similarly, the policing of anti-social behaviour is an operation matter for the Garda Síochana. Furthermore, this land use plan cannot determine the end users of buildings. The Plan will include provisions to support local renewable energy production, domestic micro-generation and low-emission technology along with supporting grid infrastructure and energy efficiency measures, in keeping with national and regional policy.</p>
57	Holy Family Secondary	<i>Town Centre</i>

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	<p>School CSPE, Politics and Society Classes-- Third year CSPE Class – 7 Groups</p>	<p>Positives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a shopping centre in the centre of the town, which is walking distance from homes. • The shopping, restaurants and coffee shops in Newbridge town centre attaches visitors from throughout Ireland. • There are plenty of primary schools, sufficient for the young population at its current growth rate. • Plenty of healthcare facilities. • There are numerous supermarkets that are affordable for the local community, especially during the cost-of-living crisis. • There are a good variety of shops in the town centre. <p>Negatives and suggested improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More greenery is needed around the town centre, to improve its image for tourists and locals. • Businesses should be encouraged to paint their shops to make the town look more appealing. • The streets are currently dirty due to littering. There should be more access to recycling bins around the town to tackle the litter problem. • Violence and anti-social behaviour often occur in the town centre. The number of gardai, security guards and CCTV cameras should therefore be increased in the town centre. • More bike stands and a bike rental facility are required in town centre. • There is not a large variety of restaurants; they mainly serve traditional Irish food or fast food. • There are many vacant buildings which could be converted into restaurants or cafes. • Not enough specialist shops. <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p>

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		<p>Positives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are plenty of primary schools. • There are many facilities in Newbridge. <p>Negatives and suggested improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lack of secondary schools has caused teenagers to commute far away from the town. It is suggested the best location for a new secondary school would be in the Kilbelin area to allow for more walking to school and less parents dropping off to schools. • A new mixed secondary school is required and Ballymany as there is a primary school near there and it is located close to many housing estates. • There should be a pay as you go swimming pool. • There is a lack of facilities for the elderly such as a swimming pool. There used to be two swimming pools which are now both closed, one of which near Pfizer could be redeveloped as a nursing home. <p><i>Climate Action and Movement— Transport</i></p> <p>Positives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is good efficient public transport, like the train and the bus which is within walking distance of the town. • There is excessive traffic from school drop offs. <p>Negatives and suggested improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a traffic problem from all the new houses being built. • Roads are not wide enough.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A footpath going from the Walshestown Abbey housing estate to Athgarvan would encourage students to walk to school. • Another ramp onto the M7 from the Walshestown Abbey housing estate should be constructed to decrease traffic going through the town. • Cycle lanes in the town centre should be removed as minimal people use them. • More electric car charging points are needed in the town centre. <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <p>Positives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park beside the river Liffey is a great facility for families. • There are many sports clubs in Newbridge. We have GAA, soccer, hockey, basketball, rugby, gymnastics and athletic clubs in Newbridge. <p>Negatives and suggested improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a sincere lack of sports facilities available to U17's, E.G: Swimming pools and gyms. • More all-weather pitches for GAA and soccer are required for the winter months. • Gym and running track facilities are required. • Basketball and tennis courts are needed. • A sports complex should be developed out on the Milltown Road, a short drive away from Newbridge.

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		 <p data-bbox="571 695 898 724"><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p data-bbox="571 759 801 788">Positives include:</p> <ul data-bbox="571 823 1962 900" style="list-style-type: none"> • There are many activities in the town that bring the community together like the Yarn Bomb and the St. Patrick's Day parade. <p data-bbox="571 951 1200 979">Negatives and suggested improvements include:</p> <ul data-bbox="571 1015 2011 1219" style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need for more nursing homes and housing for the elderly. Milltown Road would be a good location for a nursing home. • More housing estates and apartments are required to address the housing crisis. Fields in Great Southern would be a location for residential accommodation. • Street lighting around Newbridge needs to be improved. <p data-bbox="571 1310 920 1339"><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p data-bbox="571 1350 1379 1378">These responses are welcomed and will inform the Draft Plan.</p>

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		<p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <p>A key priority of the Plan is to ensure Newbridge Town Centre is a vibrant and bustling hub to live, shop, work, visit, socialise and invest in. This Plan will contain policies, objectives and strategies to promote and prioritise planting, regeneration and the development of vacant buildings and infill underutilised and brownfield sites, particular those in the core retail area surrounding the Main Street. A Town Renewal Masterplan for Newbridge Town Centre is in the process of being prepared and will accompany this Plan. Management of litter is an operational matter for KCC and is outside of the remit of this land use plan. Furthermore, this land use plan cannot determine the end users of buildings. With regard to the development of a bike rental scheme and more bike stands, it is intended that the Newbridge Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) will include consider a bike rental scheme for the town and recommend a number of area for bike stands. These can then be integrated into this Plan by objectives. Kildare County Council established the Shop Front Improvement, Universal Accessibility and Age Friendly Grant as part of its Retail Support Scheme to financially assist and support independent business owners to improve the appearance of their shop fronts or commercial properties.</p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a broad range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure in the areas of education, childcare, health, open space, social and community, arts and cultural facilities, faith facilities and neighbourhood centres.</p> <p>It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster funding applications.</p>

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		<p><i>Climate Action and Movement – Transport</i></p> <p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding traffic, public transport, parking and road improvements are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p> <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <p>The comments regarding the lack of parks, playgrounds, skateparks and management of existing green space is noted. The Plan will be accompanied by a Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) which will determine the needs of the residential population of the town with regard to the provision of recreational and amenities infrastructure, including open space. The Plan can provide objectives to support a wide range of sporting facilities, including a multi-use sports hub.</p> <p><i>Housing and Communities</i></p> <p>Creating the environment for high quality liveable communities is a priority. Central to this is the incorporation of a comprehensive suite of measures to support, promote and ensure an appropriate mix of types and tenures to meet the long-term needs of the population of the town, including older people and people with disabilities. It should be noted that policing is not within the remit of this land use plan.</p>

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57	Holy Family Secondary School CSPE, Politics and Society Classes-- TY Politics – 2 classes in 19 groups	<p><i>Town centre</i></p> <p>Positives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presence of a good variety of shops, restaurants and facilities in the centre of Newbridge. <p>Negatives and suggested improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough gardaí to combat antisocial behaviour, drug use and the high crime level. • More bikes lanes are needed, and roads need to be widened. • More lighting is needed to discourage antisocial behaviour and blown bulbs need to be replaced. • More colour is needed in the public realm. Artwork could be used to liven up blank walls. • More seating with shelter is needed. • Paths are uneven and need to be fixed. • Litter in the town centre is an issue which must be addressed by adding bins and helping tidy towns. Leaf litter should also be removed. • Newbridge requires more specialist and unique restaurants. Areas for food trucks should also be provided. • An art gallery would be beneficial. • More specialist shops are required. • More plants are required to improve the aesthetic of the town centre. • More effort should be put into decorating Newbridge for important dates like Christmas. A Christmas market would also be welcomed. • Abandoned buildings should be regenerated for new uses. • Local businesses should be allowed to rent vacant premises. • More entertainment is needed. • A lack of public toilets. • More crossings are required for the main street.

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		<p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>Positives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are five primary schools. • There is a library. • The Riverbank Theatre. <p>Negatives and suggested improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The population of Newbridge has grown a lot in recent years and there is not enough social infrastructure to cope with this increased population. • More indoor soft play areas are required. • A hospital or an accident and emergency centre is required. • Not enough space in schools of the population. • More secondary schools are required and these should be mixed. • The Greyhound stadium would be a good location for a secondary school. • More gyms are required. • A new secondary school should be located at Ballymany. • A new primary school should be located to the southwest of Newbridge. • More GPs are required. • A new public swimming pool is required. <p><i>Climate and Movement</i></p> <p>Positives include:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is train station and bus stops close to the town centre. <p>Negatives and suggested improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding in older estates such as Dara park. • More bike lanes are required. • More public transport is required like a LUAS. • Traffic is very bad at school times because of their location, frequent road works and lack of public transport alternatives. • More public transport is needed and more bus stops. • Cycling and walking infrastructure is low quality and dangerous option for children and their families. Also, it is not accessible to buggy and wheelchair users as there are many uneven and broken surfaces. • More solar panels should be used in Newbridge and people should be made better aware of any grants. • Public transport should be made cheaper for local routes and routes into Dublin. • Many False Widow Spiders have been spotted which are a harmful invasive species. • More efforts should be put into restoring native flora and fauna. Replacing should only be done with native trees. • Another bridge is required. Two one-way bridges over the River Livey may alleviate traffic. • Walking to schools days should be encouraged with prizes to reduce CO2 emissions. <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <p>Positives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good park in the centre of Newbridge. • The new skate park.

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		<p>Negatives and suggested improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More multi use astro turf pitches are required. • Any new school must have a large amount of open space around them. • The Liffey Park required streetlights so it can be used later in the evening. Such as fairy lights on the fairy trail. • The Liffey Park should be expanded to the other side of the river using a small pedestrian bridge. • Fencing should be put alongside the boardwalk in the Liffey Park. • More football pitches are needed. • More playgrounds are required in newer estates and generally around the town. • More amenities are required for teenagers. Not just a skate park. • Another park should be added in estates such as Ballymany and Moorefield. • More planning should be used in open spaces to give them more colour. • Paths in open spaces could be wider to allow for two way pedestrian traffic. • More basketball courts and tennis courts are required. • Dog parks are required. <p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p>Positives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of housing estates. <p>Negatives and suggested improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of homeless people. • There are too many housing estates with no nearby social infrastructure like schools or playgrounds.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing prices are too high for first time buyers. More apartments are needed. • Too many housing estates. <p><i>Economic Development</i></p> <p>Positives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great shopping areas. <p>Negatives and suggested improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More supported is needed for local businesses. • Another hotel is required. • More industrial estates are needed for new industries. • More employment is needed to stop people having to commute large distances. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>These responses are welcomed and will inform the Draft Plan.</p> <p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <p>A key priority of the Plan is to ensure Newbridge Town Centre is a vibrant and bustling hub to live, shop, work, visit, socialise and invest in. This Plan will contain policies, objectives and strategies to promote and prioritise planting, regeneration and the development of vacant buildings and infill underutilised and brownfield sites, particular those in the core retail area surrounding the Main Street. Appropriate urban street art will be supported in optimum locations. A Town Renewal Masterplan for Newbridge Town Centre is in the process of being prepared and will accompany this Plan. This document will reexamine public spaces in the town with an emphasis on urban design, spaces for outdoor markets will be examined. Management of litter and repair of</p>

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		<p>roads and footpaths is an operational matter for KCC and is outside of the remit of this land use plan. Furthermore, this land use plan cannot determine the end users of buildings.</p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>These specified lack facilities and services will be considered in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) that accompanies and informs this Plan. The SIA will determine the needs of the residential population of the town with regard to the provision of recreational and amenities infrastructure, including open space. It is intended that the outputs of the SIA will be crucial in informing the Plan on the need for particular types of facilities such as schools and open spaces.</p> <p><i>Climate and Movement</i></p> <p>In relation to the submissions query related to flooding, the Plan will be informed by Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) which will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of The Planning System and Flood Risk Assessment Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009) and published alongside the Plan. The Plan will seek to ensure that development in flood risk areas is avoided entirely or is 'water-compatible,' as per the Flood Risk Guidelines. Such locations will be recognised and preserved in the Plan, to the maximum extent possible, as essential green infrastructure that provides a natural defence against flood risk. A map which integrates the Land Use Zoning Objective Map with the Newbridge Flood Risk Assessment Zone (including Flood Zones A and B) will also be included as part of the Plan.</p> <p>In relation to the submissions concerns regarding lack of public transport and existing poor cycle and pedestrian infrastructure, an Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives. It should be noted ricing to public transport is outside of the remit of this land use plan. Furthermore, the idea put forward by the</p>

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		<p>submission regarding walking to school days is welcomed but an operational matter for schools and outside the scope of this Plan.</p> <p>The Plan will include provisions to support local renewable energy production, domestic micro-generation and low-emission technology along with supporting grid infrastructure and energy efficiency measures, in keeping with national and regional policy.</p> <p>Habitat Mapping will be carried out to inform a Blue and Green Infrastructure Strategy for the purposes of protecting and enhancing the overall level of biodiversity within the Plan area. It is envisaged that the Plan will also contain provisions to require biodiversity net gain on specific sites to encourage the development of natural habitats in the town and to promote increased levels of biodiversity carbon sequestration. The Plan will also implement action BI A29 in the CDP which requires LAPs to increase tree canopy coverage by 30% is a minimum. Section 12.12 of the CDP refers to Invasive Species which support measures for the prevention and/or eradication of invasive species and the control of noxious weeds.</p> <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <p>The comments regarding the lack of parks, playgrounds, sports pitches and management of existing green space are noted. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a broad range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure in the areas of education, childcare, health, open space, social and community, arts and cultural facilities, faith facilities and neighbourhood centres. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster funding applications.</p> <p><i>Housing and Communities</i></p>

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		<p>Creating the environment for high quality liveable communities is a priority. Central to this is the incorporation of a comprehensive suite of measures to support, promote and ensure an appropriate mix of types and tenures to meet the long-term needs of the population of the town, including older people and people with disabilities.</p> <p><i>Economic Development</i></p> <p>The comments with regard to economic development and employment growth in the town to curtail commuting are noted. It is the intention of the Plan to incorporate an economic development strategy for the town which is consistent with the CDP especially in regard to the identified Naas to Newbridge Strategic Employment Zone and Naas-Newbridge Economic Cluster and a focus on town centre regeneration. A review of tourist accommodation will also be a consideration of this Plan.</p>
58	Deirdre Lane	<p><i>Town centre</i></p> <p>This Plan must bear in mind the need of senior citizens and deploy dementia informed layouts. Dementia affects the way people interact with and in spaces, and many people with memory loss and typical ways of interacting with the built environment difficult or impossible. This submission asks that KCC identifies strategies and best practices to incorporate dementia-friendly approaches in planning for transportation, housing, public space, urban fabric, and social services.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>It is envisaged that the Plan will seek to deliver liveable communities by ensuring compliance with the principles of people-centred urban design providing increased opportunities for active travel, physical activities, and social interaction, through the development of compact neighbourhoods which feature high quality pedestrian and cyclist connectivity, accessible to a range of local services, amenities and open spaces. The creation of an age friendly town will be a central consideration of the Plan. It is noted that an action contained in Chapter 10 of the Kildare County Development Plan seeks to emulate the model of supported housing at McAuley Place in Naas within each of the five municipal districts in Kildare, at appropriate and sustainable locations.</p>

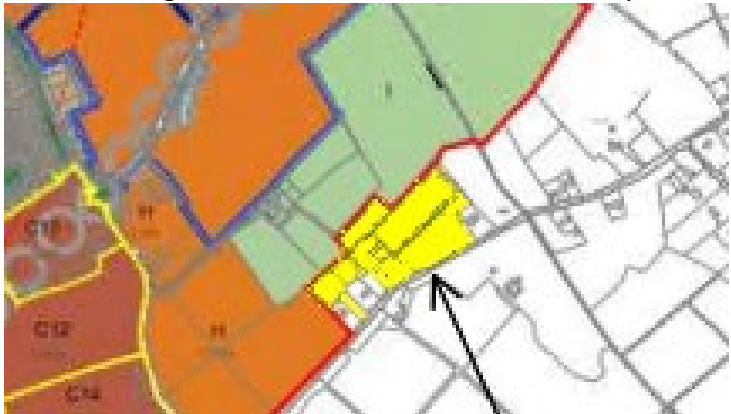
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59	Deaglán de Paor	<p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <p>There are relatively limited open spaces & amenity / recreational facilities available to the community in Newbridge. The Plan must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and improve the quality and quantity of existing public open spaces and recreational facilities. • Provide for additional open spaces and maintain and improve amenity lands / parklands and recreational facilities. • Provide for additional sports facilities. • Provide for a new a new public leisure centre which includes a swimming pool. • Protect the biodiversity of the River Liffey and its riparian buffer and the island upstream for of St. Conleth’s Bridge. <p>This could be achieved by.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCC purchasing land on the on the opposite side of the River Liffey adjoining Liffey Linear Park. This would double the size of the existing park. • Providing a pedestrian bridge from the Liffey Linear Park across the River Liffey to open up these lands for amenity use. • Creating pocket parks with seating, low maintenance and biodiversity in mind. • Adding more facilities for children and young people. Especially in relation to non-sporting facilities like youth clubs. • The creation of Multi-Use Recreation and Sports Hub / Resource Centre within 10 / 15 min walk from the town centre which contains a public swimming pool and many other outdoor and indoor sporting facilities. • Facilities for scouting and guiding groups. • Additional playgrounds in new and old housing estates and adjoining any new facilities. • A pedestrian / cyclist bridge over the Walshestown with the public road (L2028) at Great Connell. • The Liffey Valley Park Plan, prepared for the Newbridge area by the Councils Parks section in 2011, needs to be retained as an objective for completion in the 2025/31 Local Area Plan.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and investigate increasing a setback for biodiversity and passive recreation from the River Liffey. • Developing a greenway from Newbridge to Corbally Harbour and Naas as per CPD objective LR 060. • Better manage existing verges and greenspace surrounding infrastructure to be more pollinator friendly. • Retain and protect native hedgerows and treelines throughout the town. • Prohibition on use of glyphosate-based weed control. • Carry out a survey of trees within Newbridge and ensure significant clusters of mature trees are formally protected. • Map tree canopy coverage and incorporate the 30% increase in tree canopy coverage within the urban area of Newbridge – as required by the CDP Action BI A29. <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council should introduce and implement a policy in relation to how council owned spaces are managed to improve biodiversity and water quality levels. • The Plan should take on board lessons learned from initiatives taken in the Maynooth Decarbonisation Zone as part of the Climate Action Plan. • KCC should upgrade all public lighting to energy-efficient light-emitting diode (LED) lights or equivalent, while ensuring the lumen levels and spectral range are maintained or reduced/controlled to avoid effects to biodiversity, wildlife and having due regard for the impact the spectrum of light used will have on nocturnal species such as bats. • KCC must have regard to adjoining Natura 2000 sites and the River Liffey. It noted the CDP Objective LR 024 which supports formal protection of the Liffey Valley. <p>The Plan should contain the following objectives to ensure less people in Newbridge are dependent on their car for transportation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To construct a bridge underpass under St. Conleth’s Bridge thus alleviating the need for school going children / parents to cross a very busy main road (R445).

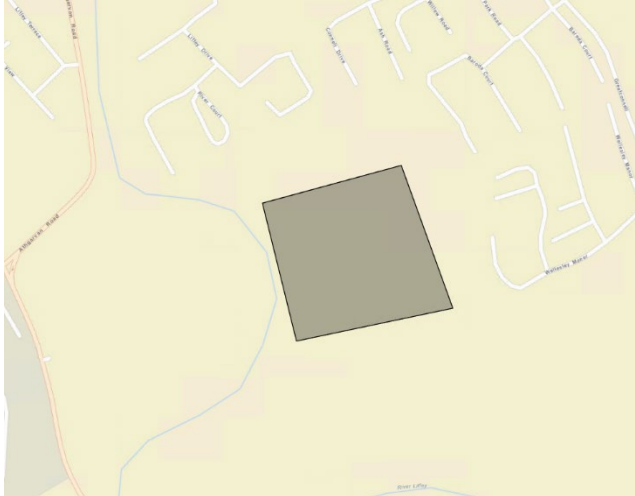
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To construct a pedestrian boardwalk along the riverbank from St. Conleth’s Bridge along the Liffey to lands owned by Newbridge College (some seating on this boardwalk should be considered also); (This has the potential to facilitate widening Friary Road (overlooked by Canning Place / Rowan Terrace), providing a safer route to / from school and a platform from which the views and prospects of the Liffey could be enjoyed by many. The addition of protruding “fishing” platforms along the route would facilitate an area for leisure which would be accessible to all including persons with mobility / wheelchair transport requirements / needs.) • To design, fund and create safe walking / cycling routes to The Curragh Plains, Pollardstown Fen, Corbally Harbour and Towpath, Mouds Bog / Roseberry; • To design, fund and create safe walking / cycling routes linking the town centre with residential, commercial, industrial & amenity lands – these “loops” if well designed, will, in turn, link those lands with each other. (Something along the lines of the now defunct Slí na Sláinte concept but more comprehensive and with greatly enhanced connectivity). <p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All electricity, telephone, TV, broadband & assorted cables / services should be put underground. • Visual clutter such as signage should be reduced. • Historic street furniture should be preserved. • Scenic views of the River Liffey should be preserved. • There are quite a number of underutilised, vacant and derelict buildings in the town. Any future retail development should be within these buildings in the town centre rather than in big box developments outside the town. • In order to attract further economic investment & foster local economic development / entrepreneurship & employment potential, limiting retail development would be a shortsighted policy. <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a lack of schools, healthcare, childcare and meeting venues in Newbridge. <p><i>Home and Communities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plan should define what services are required at minimum for new residential developments such as childcare facilities or availability of broadband. • Residential developments should contain a limited level of retail or medical services to cater for the community. • It should be considered how any development will connect into wider networks such as the green network of hedgerows or cycle network. • Encourage living over the shop. <p>All Objectives and Policies contained in the County Development Plan 2023– 2029 which reference or apply to the area encompassed by the Newbridge Local Area Plan must be included in the body of the Draft Plan as they are critical to the success and authority of the Local Area Plan.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The references in the submission to limited open space, amenity and recreational facilities (including sports facilities / hub, leisure centre, pool, playgrounds) are noted. A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a broad range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure in the areas of <i>inter alia</i> open space, social and community, arts and cultural facilities, schools, healthcare and childcare. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses (such as swimming pool, leisure centres) at appropriate locations and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster funding applications.</p>

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		<p>Habitat Mapping will be carried out to inform a Blue and Green Infrastructure Strategy for the Plan area, with a view to protecting and enhancing the overall level of biodiversity in Newbridge. It is envisaged that the Plan will also contain provisions to require biodiversity net gain to encourage the development of natural habitats in the town and to promote increased levels of biodiversity carbon sequestration. The Plan will also implement action BI A29 in the CDP which requires LAPs to increase tree canopy coverage by 30% is a minimum. This Plan will have regard to the Biodiversity Action Plan for Newbridge 2021 – 2025. The Plan will also have regard to the Liffey Valley Park Plan.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that Planning Authorities have a critical role in effecting meaningful climate action at a local level, particularly within settlements, through the Local Area Plan process. In this regard and aligning with the need to transition to a low carbon model of development, it is considered that climate action represents a key opportunity when planning for the future development of the town. Accordingly, the Plan will include provisions to support inclusive and comprehensive climate action required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, insofar as its remit extends.</p> <p>An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p> <p>A key priority of the Plan is to ensure Newbridge Town Centre is a vibrant and bustling hub to live, shop, work, visit, socialise and invest in. This Plan will contain objectives to promote and prioritise regeneration and the development of vacant buildings and infill underutilised and brownfield sites, particular those in the core retail area surrounding the Main Street. Consideration can be given to including policies supporting an appropriate palette of street furniture and signage in the town centre.</p>

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		<p>The LAP will be accompanied by a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA). The LAP will be prepared to align with the policies and objective of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029.</p> <p>Matters raised in this submission regarding management of verges, prohibition of glyphosate-based weed control and public lighting are operational issues for KCC and not within the remit of a land use plan.</p>
60	Michael Dunne	<p>This submission requests a change of zoning on lands currently zoned Agricultural (I) to a residential zoning which allows for a cluster of rural housing for family members. This site adjoins an area zoned for Industrial and Warehousing. Below is an outline of the site in question.</p>  <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. All proposed zoning designations will be reviewed as part of the preparation of this Plan.</p> <p>Any proposed zoning designations would be based (inter alia) on the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site's characteristics and location within the town.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature and role of existing uses on the site. • The 10-minute settlement concept. • Potential impacts on adjacent areas which could arise from changes to its zoning designation. • Current or planned developments within the surrounding area. <p>As part of the preparation of Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment, a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period, in order to facilitate the growth the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). The lands to which this submission refer will be considered in the Settlement Capacity Audit.</p>
61	Richard Kelly	<p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <p>There are numerous sites that are in need of regeneration within the town centre area. The design briefs from the current Plan 2013-2019 (although well intended) have largely failed to deliver any meaningful development or regeneration opportunities. As such, the new LAP should encompass a masterplan for the town centre areas with two key focus areas, that being the full stretch of Military Road including Machinery Yard and Treacy Group owned lands and the second area being Cutlery Road through Bord Na Mona lands to Town Centre car park outside the St. Conleth's Park. Kildare County Council should see how its development levies and rates can be better utilised to promote such development. Currently the public realm appears tired and grubby, recent paving works on Cutlery Road, Henry Street and Eyre Street lack any real change or imagination.</p> <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <p>The following measures are required in Newbridge to improve traffic issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A second bridge must be built in the early stages of the Plan.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When second bridge is completed, Main Street and Edward Street needs to be removed as a through route through the town and become a green and sustainable transport corridor only. • As part of ABTA process, consideration should be given for one-way systems in significant parts of the town centre. <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <p>The lack of open spaces/ sporting facilities in the town is major issue which many sports clubs have highlighted. As such, a site close to the River Liffey currently zoned open space and amenity should be designated as a special open space and amenity zone with provision for a campus style development incorporating facilities for a number of different sports and a swimming pool. Access to this site could be accommodated via the new relief road through Great Connell and perhaps via a pedestrian and cycle bridge through Liffey Linear Park. Extract below indicates the location of the site in question.</p>  <p>Newbridge also requires new playgrounds as it has a very young population and its existing playground is over 20 years old.</p>

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		<p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>A youth centre incorporating a range of potential uses should be an objective of this plan. Any secondary school site should be close to public transport in the town centre rather than an edge of town site. Any Social Infrastructure Audit done in advance of the Draft LAP should be cognisant that the town's population is approximately 26,000-27,000 people, 2022 census stated over 24,300 but in the last 18 months or so, 1000 houses have been completed and with average house occupancy size in Ireland in 2022 at 2.74 people per household, this equates to potentially an extra 2,700 people in our population.</p> <p><i>Economic Development</i></p> <p>Economic development should not come at a cost to the citizens of the town. To ensure there is community gain, any development proposed in this area should contain within its zoning matrix, the imposition of special development levies to fund infrastructure investment in Newbridge. Additional land should be zoned for economically productive sectors in that Northeastern section of the town. Newbridge should not be dependent on one particular economic sector and cater for a broad range of jobs.</p> <p><i>Home and Communities</i></p> <p>The current industrial estate in Newbridge near the town centre should transition into high density housing in line with the NPFs policy for compact growth. There are significant brownfield sites in town centre which could accommodate a significant number of housing units aligned with mixed uses at ground floor. Any new LRD/ SHD developments should also include the provision of a community centre/ facility and not just a creche. Focus should be on developing infill and brownfield sites and planning objectives should be cognisant of that. The review of the National Planning Framework has commenced and its likely to see a revision of the housing need/ assessment for Kildare as a whole and Newbridge, this plan should be cognisant of this and be flexible to allow for an increased provision of housing in the town.</p>

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		<p>The council should look to zone the area around Newbridge Train Station as a special Transport Orientated Development (TOD) zone. Its proximity to sustainable transport and its mere 800 metres to the town centre is ideal for the 10-minute settlement idea. Such a zone could include the car parks on either side and its pitches at Newbridge Town.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <p>A key priority of the Plan is to ensure Newbridge Town Centre is a vibrant and bustling hub to live, shop, work, visit, socialise and invest in. This Plan will contain objectives to promote and prioritise regeneration and the development of vacant buildings and infill underutilised and brownfield sites, particularly those in the core retail area surrounding the Main Street. It is considered appropriate that the plan would include measures to address land uses, vacancy and dereliction in the general area of Military Road, Cutlery Road and Athgarvan Road, in the context of Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024) and the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022). Furthermore, Settlement Consolidation Sites will be considered where appropriate having regard to the provisions of the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022).</p> <p>A Town Renewal Masterplan (TRMP) for Newbridge is in the process of being prepared by the Special Projects and Public Realm Team in KCC. Key projects arising from the TRMP will be included in this Plan should the TRMP be finalised prior to the publication of the Draft LAP.</p> <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <p>An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in</p>

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		<p>relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including one-way systems and new bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives. It should be noted the recently approved bridge over the River Liffey will be developer-led.</p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure and Open Space</i></p> <p>The specified lack of facilities including schools, open spaces, sports facilities and youth centres will be considered in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) that accompanies and informs this Plan. A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a broad range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure in the areas of <i>inter alia</i> open space, social and community, arts and cultural facilities, schools, healthcare and childcare. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses (such as a swimming pool) at appropriate locations and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster funding applications. Furthermore, existing and projected population figures will take into account census 2022 figures and up to date housing completion figures at the time the SIA is prepared.</p> <p><i>Economic Development</i></p> <p>The comments from the submission with regard to economic development and employment growth in the town are noted. It is the intention of the Plan to incorporate an economic development strategy for the town which is consistent with the CDP especially in regard to the identified Naas to Newbridge Strategic Employment Zone and Naas-Newbridge Economic Cluster. A priority of the strategy will be to ensure that employment lands are developed in a plan-led, orderly and sequential manner. Furthermore, the Plan will seek to create the right jobs in the right places by placing a particular emphasis on achieving greater alignment between where people live and work, to reduce the need to travel and facilitating sustainable travel modes.</p> <p><i>Home and Communities</i></p>

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		<p>The submissions comments regarding the industrial estate in Newbridge near the town centre transitioning into high density housing in line with the NPFs policy for compact growth. KCC understand the importance of combating sprawl by supporting Compact Growth and densification in Newbridge, in line with the objectives of the NPF, RSES and SPPR Guidelines. A sequential approach to land use zoning will be used and review of zoned land in Newbridge. This approach will be underpinned by a by inter alia an infrastructure assessment for the town in accordance with NPO 72 a-c and Appendix 3 of the NPF and section 4.5.2, Settlement Capacity Audit, of the Development Plan, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022).</p> <p>This Settlement Capacity Audit will ensure any lands that are identified as suitable for residential purposes must be serviced or serviceable during the lifetime of the Plan both in terms of physical and social infrastructure. KCC also commits to support the utilisation of existing vacant buildings, brownfield/infill sites, and derelict and underutilised sites.</p> <p>To ensure compact growth and to provide for a transition to low carbon development, lands within close proximity of the train station will be considered when preparing the development strategy. Transport Orientated Development seeks to maximise the provision of housing, employment, public services and leisure space in close proximity to high quality transport services, including BusConnects, DART, Luas and MetroLink in Dublin. Consideration will be given to the appropriateness of a TOD surrounding the train station during the preparation of the plan, however the identification / designation of TODs is a matter for the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.</p>
62	Milan Orlovic	<p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longer term planning is needed to improve the appearance of housing estates and have more facilities for young persons (13 to 26 year olds) who see Newbridge as a dormitory town. • More adolescent cafes are required. • A new secondary school is required on the south side of Newbridge. <p><i>Economic Development</i></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial units should be relocated from the centre of town. <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The idea of ‘trackless trains’ should be used in Newbridge connecting the railway station, shopping centres, parks and various places of interest. It could become a major attraction and reduce the number of cars in the town centre. • Crossroads such as Lumville Cross required better lighting. • A pedestrian/bicycle route between Newbridge Industrial Estate (TRM) and Dunnes Stores is desired. <p>Open space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every estate should have one public multipurpose sports court 25 x 12m, tarmac, markings, metal baskets and goals, netting around, a few benches or two-tiered stands. • A large multipurpose sports centre with several free sports courts is required. • More benches and litter bins are required. Benches should have memorial plaques on them. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The reference in the submission to the need for facilities for young persons, adolescent cafes, a new secondary school, playing and sports facilities are noted. A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a broad range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure in the areas of <i>inter alia</i> open space, sports facilities and schools. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. The Planning Department will continue to liaise with the Department of Education regarding the provision of a new post-primary school within the town.</p>

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		<p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding cycle and pedestrian route improvements are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p>
63	Kildare Local Transport Link	<p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <p>The submission commends KCC vision in the CSD to increase the number of people walking, cycling and using public transport. It advocates road space re-allocation to better favour sustainable transport modes and provide an alternative to private car usage. Schemes such as Park and Ride facilities, bike sharing and the reduction of on street parking to permit holders would be supported. Also, the concept of 10 Minute Town is supported and should be developed to ensure KCC addresses its Climate Action targets.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The comments in this submission advocating road space re-allocation to better favour sustainable transport modes and provide an alternative to private car usage and schemes such as Park and Ride facilities, bike sharing and the reduction of on street parking to permit holders are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p>

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64	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage	See table above
65	Aston Ltd.	<p>This submission is prepared by Declan Brassil and Company on behalf of Aston Ltd. concerning lands at Great Connell, Newbridge. It states that Aston Ltd. have been instrumental in delivery of the Great Connell Road to R445 section of the NSOOR, through a number of permissions, alongside a range of employment generating uses. Aston Ltd, has recently secured permission for the final section of the NSOOR from Great Connell Road to Kilbelin, incorporating a bridge crossing on the River Liffey which will significantly improve traffic flow and enhance pedestrian and cycle facilities. In addition, the permission includes the provision of a River Park of approximately 9.2 ha as a multi-use recreational amenity.</p> <p>Aston has also sought permission for a Strategic Housing Development comprising 569 residential dwellings and supporting commercial development on zoned and serviced lands in Great Connell.</p> <p>It outlines the NPF, RSES and CDP identify Newbridge for continued compact self-sustaining growth. It also notes that Newbridge has been earmarked for high quality and employment and Great Connell is part of a 'Strategic Economic Zone'.</p> <p><i>Homes and Communities</i> This submission outlines that the Plan should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentrate on providing new residential development within 10 minutes' walk of the town centre to reduce car dependency and ensure a wide range of social infrastructure is within close proximity. <p><i>Open Space</i> This submission outlines that the Plan should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue the creation of a linear park along the eastern side of the River Liffey, including a pedestrian and cycle river crossing to the town centre, to enhance the towns green infrastructure, improve biodiversity and maximise the opportunity for recreational amenity and connectivity through the provision of attractive walking and cycle routes.

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		<p><i>Economic Development</i></p> <p>This submission outlines that the Plan should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate opportunities for attracting industry and enterprise to the east of the town, capitalising on the significant infrastructure investment in the form of the NSOOR, harness the strategic attributes of the area for mobile and international investment, and continue to provide an attractive environment for global and national enterprises. <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <p>This submission outlines that the Plan should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserve a corridor for a northern orbital route to provide a further crossing of the River Liffey and facilitate connectivity between the R445 and the train station. The provision of a northern orbital route will facilitate further cycle and pedestrian links, as incorporated into the NSOOR, and link strategic employment lands to high-capacity public transport links. • Include an objective to provide an access and strategic road link to service existing and potential future zoned employment generating lands. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>This submission is noted. KCC understand the importance of combating sprawl by supporting Compact Growth and densification in Newbridge, in line with the objectives of the NPF, RSES and SPPR Guidelines. A sequential approach to land use zoning will be used when reviewing zoned land in Newbridge. This approach will be underpinned by a by inter alia an infrastructure assessment for the town in accordance with NPO 72 a-c and Appendix 3 of the NPF and section 4.5.2, Settlement Capacity Audit, of the Development Plan, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022).</p> <p>As part of the preparation of Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period, in order to facilitate the growth the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles of</p>

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		<p>compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). The lands to which this submission refer will be considered in the Settlement Capacity Audit. Furthermore, a Habitats Survey will be prepared to inform a Blue and Green Infrastructure Strategy for the Plan Area.</p> <p>In accordance with UD O3 of the County Development Plan 2023-2027, all LAPs are required to incorporate policies and objectives that will assist with the '10-minute settlement' concept and this will be the case with Newbridge.</p> <p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding a reservation of a corridor for a northern orbital route are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p> <p>It is the intention of the Plan to incorporate an economic development strategy for the town which is consistent with the CDP especially in regard to the identified Naas to Newbridge Strategic Employment Zone and Naas-Newbridge Economic Cluster. A priority of the strategy will be to ensure that employment lands are developed in a plan-led, orderly and sequential manner. Furthermore, the Plan will seek to create the right jobs in the right places by placing a particular emphasis on achieving greater alignment between where people live and work, to reduce the need to travel and facilitating sustainable travel modes.</p>
66	Great Connell Murphy Investments Ltd. (GCMIL) and	This submission is prepared by Declan Brassil and Company on behalf of Great Connell Murphy Investments Ltd. (GCMIL) and Murphy International Ltd. (MIL) concerning lands at Great Connell, Newbridge.


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	Murphy International Ltd. (MIL)	<p>It states, Great Connell Murphy Investments Ltd. (GCMIL) and Murphy International Ltd. (MIL) have been instrumental in delivery of the Great Connell Road to R445 section of the NSOOR, through a number of permissions, alongside a range of employment generating uses.</p> <p>It outlines the NPF, RSES and CDP identify Newbridge for continued compact self-sustaining growth. It also notes that Newbridge has been earmarked for high quality and employment and Great Connell is part of a 'Strategic Economic Zone'.</p> <p><i>Homes and Communities</i> This submission outlines that the Plan should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentrate on providing new residential development within 10 minutes' walk of the town centre to reduce car dependency and ensure a wide range of social infrastructure is within close proximity. <p><i>Open Space</i> This submission outlines that the Plan should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue the creation of a linear park along the eastern side of the River Liffey, including a pedestrian and cycle river crossing to the town centre, to enhance the towns green infrastructure, improve biodiversity and maximise the opportunity for recreational amenity and connectivity through the provision of attractive walking and cycle routes. <p><i>Economic Development</i> This submission outlines that the Plan should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate opportunities for attracting industry and enterprise to the east of the town, capitalising on the significant infrastructure investment in the form of the NSOOR, harness the strategic attributes of the area for mobile and international investment, and continue to provide an attractive environment for global and national enterprises. <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i> This submission outlines that the Plan should:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reservation of a corridor for a northern orbital route to provide a further crossing of the River Liffey and facilitate connectivity between the R445 and the train station. The provision of a northern orbital route will facilitate further cycle and pedestrian links, as incorporated into the NSOOR, and link strategic employment lands to high-capacity public transport links. • Include an objective to provide an access and strategic road link to service existing and potential future zoned employment generating lands. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The contents of this submission are noted. This Plan will have regard to recent permission for the bridge section of the NSOOR, noting this is a developer led piece of infrastructure. KCC understand the importance of combating sprawl by supporting Compact Growth and densification in Newbridge, in line with the objectives of the NPF, RSES and SPPR Guidelines.</p> <p>As part of the preparation of Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period, in order to facilitate the growth the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). The lands to which this submission refer will be considered in the Settlement Capacity Audit.</p> <p>In accordance with UD O3 of the County Development Plan 2023-2027, all LAPs are required to incorporate policies and objectives that will assist with the '10-minute settlement' concept and this will be the case with Newbridge.</p> <p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding a reservation of a corridor for a northern orbital route are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA</p>

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		<p>will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p> <p>It is the intention of the Plan to incorporate an economic development strategy for the town which is consistent with the CDP especially in regard to the identified Naas to Newbridge Strategic Employment Zone and Naas-Newbridge Economic Cluster. A priority of the strategy will be to ensure that employment lands are developed in a plan-led, orderly and sequential manner. Furthermore, the Plan will seek to create the right jobs in the right places by placing a particular emphasis on achieving greater alignment between where people live and work, to reduce the need to travel and facilitating sustainable travel modes.</p>
67	Ballymore Group	<p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p>This submission is prepared by John Spain Associates on behalf of Ballymore Group concerning lands at Old Connell, Newbridge. This submission requests that the subject lands zoned C20: New Residential remain zoned C: New Residential.</p> <p>It outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newbridge is identified as a ‘Self-Sustaining Growth Town’ and note the CDP’s allocation of population is only up until 2028 therefore up to date census material should be used to calculate the number of homes required over the life of this Plan as the NPF is out of date. Headroom and a lower person per household of 2.4 persons should also be used as part of any calculation. • The quantum of land zoned should also be in accordance with the principles of compact sequential growth on Tier 1 serviced sites in close proximity to employment, schools and services/amenities located in the town centre. In this respect, the promotion of Tier 1 residential zoned lands that have not yet been developed and/or granted planning permission must be a key consideration in the preparation of this Plan. • The prioritisation of sites in close proximity to the existing town centre/employment lands and/or residential areas for the delivery of housing should also be considered in line with national, regional and county requirements.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is noted that in previously prepared Local Area Plans in the Kildare region such as Naas, Leixlip and Athy, Kildare County Council have implemented an instrument known as a Sustainable Planning and Infrastructural Assessment (SPIA) to determine the best residentially zoned sites to deliver housing over the course of the plan period. This assessment would be welcomed for Newbridge. • It is noted the subject site is shown as an ‘Existing Sports Facility’ in the map extract of the vision for Newbridge in the Issues Paper for the draft LAP 2025. It is respectfully submitted that these recently acquired lands at Old Connell by Ballymore have not been in use as a sports facility (relating to Newbridge College) and are appropriately zoned C New Residential as a Tier 1 residential site in the now-expired Newbridge LAP. This zoning should therefore remain. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The LAP will be prepared to align with the Core Strategy of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029. It is noted that Table 2.8 of the CDP allocates growth to Newbridge to Q4 2028. For the Newbridge LAP, additional annualised growth will be provided for the entire LAP plan period, i.e. 2025-2031. Consideration will be given to additional provision, if appropriate, as provided for in Section 4.4 of the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022).</p> <p>On the issue of the household occupancy size, it is noted that the town has an average occupancy size of 2.93 people per private household, higher than the recorded national average of 2.74 (Census 2022). It should be noted the national average has only fell by 0.1% since the last census in 2011. The Kildare County Development Plan (CDP) 2023-2029 sets an average occupancy target in the county at 2.75 over the life of the Plan. The Plan will be required to comply with this target for lands in Newbridge. A reduction in the unit occupancy rate towards an average of 2.75 is considered to be both an appropriate and realistic target for the town over the life of the Plan.</p> <p>As part of the preparation of Plan, a number of evidence-based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period, in order to facilitate the growth of the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles</p>

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		<p>of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022).</p> <p>Any proposals to alter a zoning designation would be considered having regard to many factors including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified flood risk. • The site’s characteristics and location within the town. • The nature and role of existing uses on the site. • The 10-minute settlement concept. • Potential impacts on adjacent areas which could arise from changes to its zoning designation. • Current or planned developments within the surrounding area. <p>The depiction of the subject land in the concept drawing in the Issues Paper is noted. This concept map does not wholly reflect the current zonings of lands in Newbridge but rather their broad historic use and was prepared for discussion purposes only.</p>
68	James Kelly	<p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p>This submission is on behalf of James Kelly concerning lands at Rickardstown, Newbridge. submission requests that the subject site be zoned C: New Residential (see except below), the site is currently zoned I: Agriculture in the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019 area.</p> <p>It outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjoining lands to the south at Station Walk are currently being developed for housing. • Growth targets in the CDP for Newbridge do not use the most up to date census data. • Developing these lands would be a sequential extension to an existing residential use. • There is access off the R416 Milltown Road and opportunities for permeability onto Station Walk. • The subject site is within walking distance of the Train Station, schools, sports grounds, church and local retail outlets. • Water supply, wastewater and storm water services area located on adjacent lands under construction. • CFRAM and PFRA indicate that there are no flood risks on this site.

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		<p data-bbox="573 280 1120 312">Below is an outline of the site in question.</p>  <p data-bbox="573 935 922 967"><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p data-bbox="573 991 2007 1137">The contents of the submission are noted. All proposed zoning designations will be reviewed as part of the preparation of this Plan. This Plan will use the most up to date census data in respect of including a population profile. The population and housing targets proposed in the Plan are required to align with the provisions of core strategy of the CDP which align with the RSES and NPF.</p> <p data-bbox="573 1185 1798 1217">Any proposed zoning designations would be based (inter alia) on the following considerations:</p> <ul data-bbox="573 1230 1834 1377" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="573 1230 1330 1262">• The site’s characteristics and location within the town. <li data-bbox="573 1270 1240 1302">• The nature and role of existing uses on the site. <li data-bbox="573 1310 1084 1342">• The 10-minute settlement concept. <li data-bbox="573 1350 1834 1382">• Potential impacts on adjacent areas which could arise from changes to its zoning designation.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current or planned developments within the surrounding area. <p>As part of the preparation of Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment, a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period, in order to facilitate the growth the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). The lands to which this submission refer will be considered in the Settlement Capacity Audit.</p>
69	Land Development Agency	<p><i>Home and Communities</i></p> <p>The LDA is committed to the concept of compact growth and brownfield development and the Land Development Agency (LDA) will play a key role in the provision of affordable housing on private as well as public lands. The LDA is committed to the delivery of quality cost rental homes at scale.</p> <p>The LDA welcome the approach under the sustainable compact growth guidelines for proposed revised housing standards aimed at delivering a wider range of housing and particularly low-rise, mid-density typologies. The LDA supports the focus on supporting the role of the Town Centre in a compact fashion. In this regard, the LDA will be reviewing the potential suitability of publicly owned lands within the Plan area for the provision of affordable housing, within the coming months.</p> <p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <p>The LDA welcomes the Planning Authority’s support for the town centre, which is in line with the policy as set out in the National Planning Framework (NPF) and ‘Town Centre First – A Policy Approach for Irish Towns’ (DHLGH and DRCD, February 2022). In this regard, the LDA would draw the Council’s attention to Action 9 Town Centre First Policy Document which sets out the commitment of the LDA “to support the Town Centre First Objectives in the developments they are involved with in town with a population of over 10,000”. It is considered that this objective should be reflected in the Local Area Plan.</p>

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		<p><i>Climate and Movement</i></p> <p>The LDA welcomes the proposed policy approach to reduce and minimise car parking based on location and access to services by public transport, walking and cycling. The LDA supports policies to transition to low-carbon developments.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. The role of the Land Development Agency (LDA) in increasing the supply of housing in the State is acknowledged. Accordingly, it is intended that the Plan will include a specific objective which seeks to support the work of the LDA and other relevant state agencies with regard to the potential development of sites for residential housing in Newbridge. The draft plan will also align with the recently published Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024). It is envisaged that the Plan will include a range of provisions to facilitate active land management to transition to low-carbon development, with particular emphasis on the delivery of residential development at sustainable densities on appropriate lands within the town centre, and in close proximity to public transport, in keeping with national and regional policy.</p>
70	Arun B	<p><i>Open Space and Amenities</i></p> <p>There is huge interest in cricket in Newbridge and an outdoor pitch and indoor practise facilities in a multi-use sports complex are required.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>This specified lack of cricket facilities is noted. A multi-use sports complex will be considered in the Social Infrastructure Audit that will be prepared to inform the plan.</p>
71	Glenveagh	<p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p>This submission is prepared by McCutcheon Halley on behalf of Glenveagh Homes Ltd.</p> <p>It outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The preparation of the Newbridge Local Area Plan is premature pending the review of the National Planning Framework, the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and the subsequent amendments of the Kildare

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		<p>County Development Plan 2023-2029 and should be paused until these reviews and amendments have been completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NPF baseline is technically flawed. Relying on the dataset from one Census to inform the baseline population projection for a plan with a 20+ year horizon is not a robust approach and does not account for a sufficiently wide set of growth and contraction differentials. Examining the data from a similarly long timeframe is more appropriate for a national strategic plan. As the population projections set out in the County Development Plan are derived from the RSES and in turn the NPF, it follows that they too are well below the growth trajectory. • The zoning of residential land in the Local Area Plan should provide enough land to meet the housing needs for the workforce of the major employment lands, ensuring that current and future economic investment in the area is supported and creating vibrant urban areas for people to work and reside. Lack of housing will dissuade future employers from investing in Newbridge. • An Average Household Size (AHS) of 2.3 persons is recommended which is reflective of future requirements and moves away from the inflated figure currently being used, which is a direct consequence of the current housing crisis. • The zoning of land in the Local Area Plan should align with Census 2022 and there should be no de-zoning or reallocation of zoned land in order to meet current and future housing requirements in Newbridge. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>At the outset, there is a fundamental and legal obligation on Kildare County Council to ensure that a local area plan is consistent with the higher level plans in the planning hierarchy, i.e. the National Planning Framework (NPF), the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) and the County Development Plan (CDP). The Newbridge Local Area Plan 2013-2019 was adopted over 11 years ago and it currently does not align with the planning policy hierarchy. Since 2019, the NPF was established, the RSES approved by EMRA and a new Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 adopted by Kildare County Council. It would be negligent to further halt the preparation of a new LAP for Newbridge, a self-sustaining growth town, until such time as a further review</p>


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		<p>of the NPF, RSES and CDP takes place which could take a number of years. This would be an injustice to the communities of Newbridge.</p> <p>The population and housing targets proposed in the Plan will be required to align with the provisions of the core strategy of the CDP which align with the RSES and NPF. Census 2022 recorded a population of 24,366 persons in the Built-Up Area of Newbridge, which tallies with the 2021 estimated population for the town included in Table 2.8 of the CDP (which estimated 24,059 persons in 2021). The zoning of residential lands within the plan area will be devised having regard to <i>inter alia</i> allocated core strategy growth, which will be annualised for the LAP period, and to the provisions of the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024). A local area plan process is not the appropriate forum to challenge alleged flaws in NFP baseline figures. Additional provision will be considered if appropriate in accordance with the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022).</p> <p>On the issue of the household occupancy size, Census 2022 records an average household occupancy of 2.93 people per private household in Newbridge, higher than the recorded national average of 2.74. The Kildare County Development Plan (CDP) 2023-2029 sets an average occupancy size for the county at 2.75 persons. Therefore, an occupancy rate of 2.3 persons per household is not considered appropriate in Newbridge. To align with the CDP, an occupancy rate of 2.75 persons per unit will be used as the baseline.</p> <p>As part of the preparation of Plan, a number of evidence-based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform zoning recommendations and the most suitable locations for development in the plan period. The SIA will have regard to the 2022 CSO population profile of Newbridge.</p>
72	Paul McNulty	<p><i>Climate Change and Movement</i></p> <p>Traffic in Newbridge is a significant issue and buses stopping on the main street can be an issue. The submission suggests a new bus interchange to cater for 2-3 buses on either side of the road is developed at a suitable site such as in front of Tesco beside McDonalds and at the train station to link up with train services.</p>

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		<p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding traffic and a bus interchange are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p>
73	Paddy O’Grady	<p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p>This submission wishes consultation for his landholdings located at Hawkfield (folio:2595.2) and Roseberry (folio no:6818 and folio:2638).</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>These lands are located at a significant distance beyond the current LAP boundary and beyond the Built-Up Area of Newbridge as defined by the CSO. The northern most plots are considered unsuitable for inclusion in the LAP. The southernmost plot can be considered in the Settlement Capacity Audit to ascertain whether this warrants further consideration.</p>
74	Newbridge Access Group	<p>This submission advocates active participation of disabled people and families and asks for measures to identify and eliminate obstacles and barriers to accessibility.</p> <p><i>Climate and Movement</i></p> <p>The Disability Access Group supports and encourages the inclusion of safe, secure, segregated cycle lanes so to ensure that we do not bring vulnerable pedestrians into conflict with cyclists, e-cyclists and e-scooter users and keep cyclists safe. The submission outlines that there have been examples of local planning regarding cycling lanes which have had ill-conceived and recommend that the local authority engage with as many disability and older persons organisations as possible before plans are made for future cycle lanes.</p>

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		<p>Bus shelters need to adequately accommodate wheelchair or other mobility aids and should have bus timetables which are easily read and interpreted.</p> <p>The submission outlines the completion of the second bridge would divert some traffic from the town centre and consideration should be made to a pedestrian bridge with a surface which is not slippery.</p> <p>All developments should have strict adherence to the principles of Universal Design / Universal Access for All and embed the Principles of Accessibility and Inclusion.</p> <p>The voices of disabled people need to be heard in the promotion and development of climate action measures.</p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>It is imperative that the Social Infrastructure deficit in Newbridge is addressed comprehensively in this plan to allow for sustainable orderly growth of the town. Provision must be made for inclusive community sporting infrastructure to include a swimming pool together with the provision of a community centre to provide opportunities for community groups to meet and to encourage social interaction in the town.</p> <p>Adequate provision at preschool, primary and second level must be provided to address the educational needs of all students. This provision to include both physical infrastructure and allied resources so that the educational needs of all students, irrespective of their abilities are fully and comprehensively met thereby allowing each child to achieve their full potential.</p> <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <p>Any future planning for parks should include a segregated dog exercise section which is wheelchair accessible. Parks Department need to survey all playground and play areas so that sufficient accessible play opportunities are available for our increasing population. Additional space to be allocated in existing and new neighbourhoods for Community Garden neighbourhoods. These need to be resourced to make them accessible through universal design principles.</p>

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		<p data-bbox="573 280 898 308"><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p data-bbox="573 344 2011 459">Newbridge Disability Access Group calls on the prioritisation of disabled people in relations to the allocation of accessible social housing. Ensure and monitor that 10% of acquired housing stock and 12% of KCC new builds are suitable for disabled people.</p> <p data-bbox="573 496 920 523"><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p data-bbox="573 552 2011 810">On the issue of movement and transport, it should be noted that as part of the preparation of the Plan an Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being progressed. A critical part of this work is to identify current deficiencies in the pedestrian and cycling network in Newbridge while having regard to vulnerable road users and the Universal Design Principles. The outputs of the ABTA will include both a walking strategy and a cycling strategy which will seek to create a comprehensive high-quality active movement network in the town, including enhancements to both cycling and pedestrian provision, in order to initiate a permanent shift away from private car use.</p> <p data-bbox="573 839 1944 986">A key element of the Plan will be to seek to implement universal accessibility with regard to all transport infrastructure in the town, in accordance with the principles of people-centred urban design and healthy placemaking. It is envisaged that the Plan will incorporate a range of provisions both through overarching objectives and specific measures to support universal movement throughout the town.</p> <p data-bbox="573 1015 2011 1321">The lack of specified social infrastructure referred to in this submission is noted. A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations (e.g. such as a swimming pool) and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster funding applications.</p>

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		<p>KCC are currently undertaking an investigation of the potential/feasibility of the development of a community garden and allotments throughout the county as per Section 13.7.2 of the CDP. Initial survey work conducted by KCC in 2023 recorded 105 submissions seeking an allotment or a community garden within Newbridge. This survey also determined 1.28ha was desired land area for allotments or community gardens use within Newbridge. This will inform the Plan.</p> <p>The allocation of social housing is an operational matter for Kildare County Council. It is an action of the County Kildare Access Strategy - A Universal Access Approach 2020 - 2022 that 10% of acquired housing stock meets the needs of those with a disability (dependent on market availability) and 12% of KCC new builds are suitable for those with a disability as per objective HOA4 in the CDP.</p>
75	Godolphin Ireland Limited	<p>This submission is prepared by RPS on behalf of Godolphin Ireland Limited concerning lands at Old Connell Stud, Newbridge (see except below). Godolphin is a global thoroughbred breeding operation and horseracing business that operates numerous stud farms in addition to the Old Connell Stud in Newbridge. The Old Connell Stud is proud to be a major employer for Newbridge, Naas and the wider area.</p> <p>This submission requests that the subject site be zoned H: Industrial/Warehousing and/or C: New Residential the majority of the site is currently outside of the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019 area, while a small proportion site is zoned I: Agriculture.</p> <p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p>It outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The southern proportion of subject lands are located a short walk away from many social infrastructure facilities and the town centre, facilitating 10-minute neighbourhoods. • The northern portion of the lands adjoining the River Liffey could provide high quality amenity space for future residents. <p><i>Economic Development</i></p> <p>It outlines:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subject lands are located within an area identified as the Sallins-Naas-Newbridge as an economic cluster which is a strategic economic and employment corridor. These also adjoin the IDA lands and therefore could provide some employment uses. • The possibility of some of these lands being highly suitable for employment and / or residential uses is clear and indeed would be consistent with Objectives RE O26 and RE O34 from the Development Plan, and the objectives of the RSES for EMRA. • The subject lands are very well served by bus routes and has good access to the national motorway network. There is also the strategic benefit of linking the land bank to Newbridge Train Station which would enable the Strategic Employment Corridor between Naas and Newbridge to become multimodal. <p>Below is an outline of the site in question.</p> 

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		<p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. It is noted that the majority of the lands to which this submission relates are located outside the current LAP boundary. As part of the preparation of Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment, a Social Infrastructure Assessment and a Habitats Survey (to inform a Blue and Green Infrastructure Strategy) which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period, in order to facilitate growth of the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). The lands to which this submission refer will be considered in the Settlement Capacity Audit.</p> <p>All existing zoning designations within Newbridge will be reviewed as part of the preparation of this Plan. Any proposals to alter a zoning designation would be considered having regard to (inter alia) the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site’s characteristics and location within the town. • The nature and role of existing uses on the site. • The 10-minute settlement concept. • Potential impacts on adjacent areas which could arise from changes to its zoning designation. • Current or planned developments within the surrounding area.
76	Newbridge Family Resource Centre (NFRC)	<p>The vision of the NFRC is to create a better life for individual, families and communities in Newbridge. The NFRC is all-inclusive and serves the whole community young or old, whether advantaged, disadvantaged or extremely disadvantaged. The submission outlines the existing campus has been heavily invested in and is an important community facility.</p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NFRC supports the 10-minute settlement concept but outlines that to realise this concept in Newbridge more family resource centres are required additional hubs are needed to the west, south and north of the town centre. • Community childcare spaces should be provided in any new developments to pay back economic gain for the builders. • More spaces are required for youth facilities. • Vacant buildings should be encouraged to be used for community gain. • A public swimming pool is required. • A multi-use sports campus is required to accommodate sports such as volleyball, hockey and gymnastics. • Identify and support the locations for primary care centres within the town. • Redesign the current cycle lanes to provide safer options for cyclist, pedestrians and drivers. <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of a school link bus service to NFRC would accommodate afterschool and childcare, increasing accessibility, connectivity and permeability. • Bus depot to facilitate all public transport to remove from the main street. <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A masterplan should be developed for the Lakeside Park to create an open community facility for children, young people and families. • The sites of Pollardstown Fen, Mouds Bog and the Curragh Plains should be protected. • The plan has a key objective to provide social and affordable housing on its lands to meet the needs of our growing population. <p><i>Town Centre</i></p>

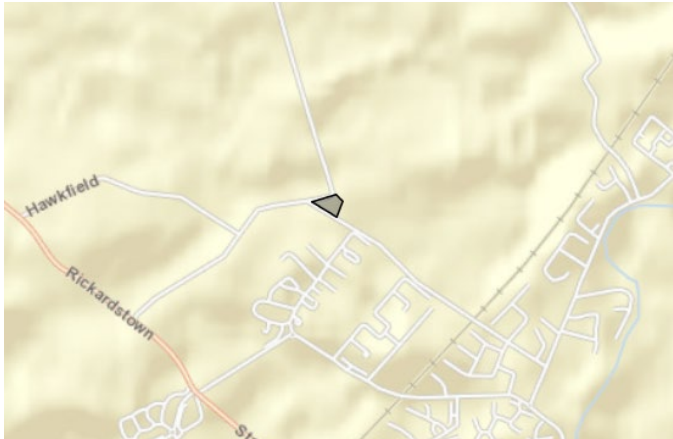
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The main town centre should have a redevelopment with a public realm space to promote a healthy community with space and facilities for public use. Suggested design with one way system and pedestrianised areas within the main street. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>This submission is noted and consultation with the Newbridge Family Resource Centre (NFRC) is welcomed.</p> <p>The reference to the need for additional family resource centres throughout Newbridge is noted, as well as references to a need for more youth facilities, a swimming pool, a multi-sports campus and primary care centres. A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a broad range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure in the areas of education, childcare, health, open space, social and community, arts and cultural facilities, faith facilities and neighbourhood centres. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster funding applications.</p> <p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding the need for a bus depot and quality bus, walking and cycling routes are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives. An objective supporting the development of a masterplan for the Lakeside Park will also be included in the Plan.</p>

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		<p>Both a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) will be prepared to accompany this plan.</p> <p>A key priority of the Plan is to ensure Newbridge Town Centre is a vibrant and bustling hub to live, shop, work, visit, socialise and invest in. This Plan will contain objectives to promote and prioritise regeneration and the development of vacant buildings and infill underutilised and brownfield sites, particular those in the core retail area surrounding the Main Street. A Town Renewal Masterplan for Newbridge is in the process of being prepared by the Special Projects and Public Realm Team in KCC. Key projects arising from the TRMP will be included in this Plan should the TRMP be finalised prior to the publication of the Draft LAP.</p>
77	Newbridge Tidy Towns	<p><i>Open space and amenity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Newbridge Local Area Plan should incorporate this 30% minimum tree canopy coverage within the urban area of Newbridge as per the action in the CDP. • The Plan should develop pocket parks / additional green space development in the town centre and enhancement of existing green spaces – including quality ongoing maintenance of these and improved plant selection (to consider biodiversity and climate change objectives) in public realm green areas, shrubberies and on roundabouts. • The Plan should support these proposals from the KCC Liffey Valley Linear Park plan and should actively pursue the expansion of recreational open space along the River Liffey and particularly in the area of the Liffey Linear Park on both banks of the river. • It should also pursue the extension of the Newbridge Liffey Linear Park through the acquisition of the lands designated amenity and open space on the North bank of the River Liffey across the river from the current park and opposite the area known as The Strand. Appropriate pedestrian connectivity should be provided via a new footbridge from the existing Liffey Linear Park.


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		<p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Biodiversity Action Plan for Newbridge 2021-2025 outlines a number of objectives which should be incorporated into the new LAP, including the development of a bee highway on Naas Road. • It is unclear why the River Liffey has not been designated as a Special Area of Conservation like the River Barrow and Nore in the CDP. Furthermore, it is also unclear the part of the River Liffey which passes through Newbridge is not classed as a Natural Heritage Area unlike other parts of the River Liffey. This should be corrected by this Plan. • A 120-metre minimum setback distance should be incorporated into this Plan from the River Liffey in line with section 12.10.1 Riparian Zones of the CDP. • There should be a commitment to a boardwalk from St. Conleth’s Bridge to Newbridge College and an underpass under the Bridge itself, with the objective of connecting lands at Newbridge College with Linear Park and providing safer, off-road links to the local schools and reducing pedestrian congestion at the crossings on the busy junction at the Bridge. • The LAP should also include a plan to connect Newbridge and the Liffey Linear Park with Corbally, via Great Connell, via a footbridge in the vicinity of Connell Ford. • There should be locations identified for additional pedestrian crossings along the River to improve permeability and connectivity to the town centre, especially schools, and diverting people from the busy junction at the single existing crossing point of St. Conleth’s Bridge. • There should be improved connectivity to the Curragh, Pollardstown Fen and Mouds Bog/Roseberry for leisure activities using sustainable modes. • The Plan should be tested in terms of their Climate impact and measures to address Climate Action goals should be prioritised throughout. The goals of the Decarbonisation Zone of Maynooth should be reflected in the Plan, in particular to air quality objectives and the impact of traffic congestion in the Town Centre and around schools.

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		<p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any large residential developments should be accessible and navigable by appropriate footpaths, pedestrian access and crossings, cycle lanes. <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plan should ensure that sufficient lands are appropriately zoned for Community use and that lands already zoned in this sense are protected and retained for that purpose. Special objectives for the development of facilities such as playgrounds, teen spaces, and sports & leisure facilities should be included as part of the land zoning process. <p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following should be added to the Record of Protected Structures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Barrack Gate Arch and walls, and all associated stoneworks on Athgarvan Road (at Ryston). ○ Structures pertaining to the original Cavalry Barracks within Bord na Mona and St. Conleth's GAA grounds. ○ The Watering Gates and all associated walls on Athgarvan Road. ○ All structures and buildings on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). • Furthermore, the Plan should support the maintenance and enhancement of Protected Structures. Public understanding of these historic structures should also be improved. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The Plan will seek to implement action BI A29 in the CDP which requires LAPs to increase tree canopy coverage by 30%. A Habitat Mapping Exercise will be undertaken for the plan area which will inform a Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy for the plan. It is anticipated that the River Liffey will form the core of the green and blue infrastructure network in Newbridge. Pedestrian connectivity across the Liffey will be considered through the</p>

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		<p>Area Based Transport Assessment (see note below). Consideration will also be given to enlarging the public park element in the Liffey Valley Linear Park plan.</p> <p>The Plan will have regard to the Biodiversity Action Plan for Newbridge 2021 – 2025. It should be noted that Special Areas of Conservation are selected and designated under the EU Habitats Directive and are habitats of European Importance. Furthermore, Natural Heritage Areas are designated by the National Parks and Wildlife Service for their significance for wildlife and habitats. Any designation is outside of the remit of this Plan. Setbacks from the River Liffey will be in accordance with CDP standards.</p> <p>The proposals raised in this submission regarding walking and cycling routes are noted, in particular the request for new connections over the river. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p> <p>National Strategic Outcome No. 8 of the NPF is to transition to a Low Carbon and Climate Resilient Society. The Plan will seek to facilitate this NSO through the prevention of urban sprawl and the promotion of compact growth, by facilitating the 10 minute settlement principle, active travel measures and protecting green and blue infrastructure. Decarbonising measures will be considered where appropriate.</p> <p>This issues raised in relation to playground, teen spaces, sports and leisure facilities are noted, and these will be considered in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) that accompanies and informs this Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations and it</p>

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		<p>can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster funding applications.</p> <p>The addition of structures to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) cannot be considered through the Local Area Plan process. In accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), additions to or deletions from the RPS are carried out through the County Development Plan making process under Section 12 of the Act, or on a case-by-case basis under Section 54 of the same Act. It is a reserved function of Kildare County Council to amend the RPS. However, the Plan can include objectives acknowledging the importance of heritage assets in the town such as the Barrack Gate Arch and walls, and all associated stoneworks on Athgarvan Road (at Ryston), structures pertaining to the original Cavalry Barracks within Bord na Mona and St. Conleth's GAA grounds and the Watering Gates and all associated walls on Athgarvan Road.</p>
78	Gerry Quirke	<p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p>This submission seeks information around the rezoning in Roseberry Newbridge for the purpose of housing development. It outlines the Newbridge LAP 2003 zoned this area B: Existing Residential/Infill, while the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019 de-zoned this site. The submission wishes to know the rationale behind this. Below is an outline of the site in question.</p> 


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		<p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. This site is currently zoned 'I: Agriculture' in the current LAP, but was zoned C: New Residential in the Newbridge Local Area Plan 2003. All proposed zoning designations will be reviewed as part of the preparation of this Plan. Any proposed zoning designations would be based (inter alia) on the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site's characteristics and location within the town. • The nature and role of existing uses on the site. • The 10-minute settlement concept. • Potential impacts on adjacent areas which could arise from changes to its zoning designation. • Current or planned developments within the surrounding area. • The zoning of previous LAPs . <p>As part of the preparation of Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment, a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period, in order to facilitate the growth the town in a sustainable manner in keeping with the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022).</p>
79	Angela Kerns	<p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p>This submission wishes to get some information around the rezoning in Roseberry Newbridge for the purpose of housing development. It outlines that the Newbridge LAP 2003 zoned this area B: Existing Residential/Infill, while the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019 dezoned this site. Rezoning it for residential purposes would help meet the rising demands of the housing in Newbridge.</p> <p>Below is an outline of the site in question.</p>

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		 <p>Response to Issues Raised</p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. This site is currently zoned 'I: Agriculture' in the current LAP but was zoned C: New Residential in the Newbridge Local Area Plan 2003. All proposed zoning designations will be reviewed as part of the preparation of this Plan. Any proposed zoning designations would be based (inter alia) on the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site's characteristics and location within the town. • The nature and role of existing uses on the site. • The 10-minute settlement concept. • Potential impacts on adjacent areas which could arise from changes to its zoning designation. • Current or planned developments within the surrounding area. <p>The zoning of previous LAPs .</p> <p>As part of the preparation of Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment, a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period, in order to facilitate the growth the town in a sustainable manner</p>

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		in keeping with the principles of compact growth and sequential development, as set out in the NPF and in the Development Plan Guidelines (2022).
80	Electricity Supply Board (ESB)	See table above.
81	Councillor Noel Heavey	<p><i>Homes and Community</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The former monastery on Naas Road called Liffey Lodge should be used as a community centre with a third of its floorspace allocated for the use of young persons aged between 13 and 19 years old. • The plot of land between Rosconnell, the rail line, Sex’s bridge and Mooney’s bridge should be zoned Community Education. <p><i>Climate Change and Movement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pedestrian cycleway should be provided between The Heights, College Farm and the overflow carpark of Newbridge Rail Station. • A centre of Excellence for Climate change should be located to the rear of the Bord na Mona Headquarters. • A multi-storey carpark should be considered in St. Conleth’s Square. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>Liffey Lodge was acquired by Kildare County Council in 2022. The long term use of the building has yet to be determined. The suggested use of this building as a community centre with youth facility is noted. The grounds of Liffey Lodge are currently zoned Community and Education under which a community centre would be permitted in principle. Existing zoning designations, including at Liffey Lodge and the plot of land at Rosconnell, will be reviewed when preparing the Draft Plan.</p> <p>The proposals raised in this submission regarding cycleways and multi-storey parking are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active</p>


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		<p>modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads. These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p> <p>Comments relating to a centre of excellence for climate change within Bord na Mona's lands are noted. The plan can include objectives to support such a use should it be brought forward.</p>
82	David Anderson	<p><i>Climate Action and Moment</i></p> <p>There is need for a local bus service to connect residents to Newbridge Train Station. The 126-bus route only caters to those living in the middle of the town.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan, which will bring forward measures to <i>inter alia</i> improve access to public transport. Public bus services are regulated by the National Transport Authority (NTA) while CIE operate most bus services in Ireland. Therefore, whilst the implementation of a new or improved local bus service in Newbridge may be outside the scope of a LAP and more an operational matter for CIE, the LAP can support additional services and ensure improved access to bus stops are provided throughout the town.</p>
83	Barretstown Meadows Residents Association	<p><i>Climate Action and Moment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be a pedestrian crossing at the entrance of the Barretstown Meadows estate. • The 50km speed limit should be extended on the Barretstown Road past the entrance to the Barretstown Meadows estate. • Safer routes should be put in place for children walking and cycling to school from Barretstown Meadows, including segregated cycle lanes, reducing speed limits and assigning school wardens. • A local bus service should better connect housing estates to the town centre and train station. • Transport links to other towns and third level institutions should also be reviewed. <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate sites should be identified to provide additional primary and secondary schools. • More sports facilities are required for sports clubs. • A new leisure centre with a swimming pool is required. • More playgrounds are required and a Youth Hub for teenagers. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The concerns raised in this submission regarding traffic, cycle and pedestrian routes, bus routes and road improvements are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives.</p> <p>The reference to schools, sports facilities, leisure centre, playgrounds and youth hub are noted. A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster funding applications.</p>
84	Treacy Group	<p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p>This submission is prepared by Clarke Engineers and Architects on behalf of Treacy Group Limited concerning lands at Ballymany, Newbridge (see except below). This submission requests that the subject site (1ha) be zoned C: New Residential. The majority of the site is currently outside of the Newbridge LAP 2013 – 2019 area, while a small proportion site is zoned C: New Residential. It outlines:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is partially zoned C: New Residential and is only circa 1 hectare in size. • The site has an objective for a ring road going through it. • The site adjoins other residential developments that are either built out or under construction. • The site is well located within easy access to a variety of public transport services. • The site is serviced and not associated with any flood risk. <p>Below is an outline of the site in question.</p>  <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>It is noted that the site to which this submission refers is mostly located outside the current LAP boundary. The extension of the plan boundary and inclusion of new zoned land will be considered on a case by case basis having regard to the principles of compact and sequential growth as set out in the National Planning Framework and in the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022).</p>

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		As part of the preparation of Plan, a number of evidence based reports will be prepared to inform the future growth strategy for the plan area, including a Settlement Capacity Audit, an Area Based Transport Assessment, a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and a Social Infrastructure Assessment which will inform the most suitable locations for development in the plan period. The lands to which this submission refer will be considered in the Settlement Capacity Audit.
85	Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications	See table above.
86	C. Fox	<p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sprawl must be curtailed by developing vacant sites close to the town centre, such as Modhrain Hall, the old Ryston swimming pool, the block of flats at the corner of Cutlery Rd/Athgarvan Rd and the old Newbridge Metals site. • More neighbourhood centres are required to achieve 10-minute settlements, especially in Roseberry. • Elderly housing should be as close to the town centre or neighbourhood centres as possible. • More lighting is required to increase passive security. <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More active travel measures are required to achieve 10-minute settlements. Particularly in terms of footpaths and cycle lanes. KCC have a poor track record in this regard when it comes to the cycle lane trial in Main Street. • All grants should be used for sustainable transport. <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p>


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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is not enough social infrastructure such as sport facilities, GPs and schools to cater for the rising population of Newbridge. • Any new school should be located as far away from the bridge as possible and be linked by quality active travel measures. Walshestown is an ideal location. • Creative hubs and games rooms are required for children and teenagers. • Designated graffiti walls should also be supplied. <p><i>Economic Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry and warehousing close to the town centre could be relocated to industrial estates east of the town and between Great Connell and Toughers. These lands close to the town centre should be redeveloped to combat sprawl. • Smaller industrial units should also be allowed in Greater Connell. • Carparking for new retail developments should be contained within the footprint of the building. • KCC should set up places like the ‘Creative Hub’ in Wexford where artist and others are given workspace but also a retail unit to be able to sell their products. <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing playground in Newbridge at K-Leisure is too small and old. A large new playground is required in Newbridge. • More benches are required in parks. • More playgrounds, skateparks and basketball courts are required. • The field between Rosconnell and the train track has been unused. This is zoned F for ‘Open Space & Amenity’. This could be used for a playground and sports pitches. <p>The submission outlines several areas where new open spaces can be located:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A river walkway from the bridge down to Newbridge College should be created.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A river walkway should also be created from the bridge on the east side of the Liffey down past the old Patrician Monastery and up to the proposed Adston housing development at Great Connell. This would also link to Chapel Lane. • There should also be a mini park/walkway along the Liffey in front of Raymond’s Court in Roseberry. • Ideally a greenway should be created to link Newbridge with Athgarvan and beyond. • A blue/greenway could be created from Newbridge to Pollardstown, Scarletstown and on through Milltown along the Grand Canal to Ballyteige, Robertstown, Sallins, Naas and on to Corbally Harbour. • A site needs to be identified that could encompass multiple outdoor and indoor sports, including a 25-metre swimming pool, similar to the K-Leisure facility in Naas. This submission identifies an area next to the Great Connell SHD for this facility, an excerpt of a potential layout is below. 

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		<p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>KCC understand the importance of combating sprawl by supporting compact growth and densification in Newbridge, in line with the objectives of the NPF, RSES, CDP and Section 28 Guidelines. A sequential approach to land use zoning will be used. KCC also commits to support the utilisation of existing vacant buildings, brownfield/infill sites, and derelict and underutilised sites which is a noted issue in the Town Centre. In accordance with UD O3 of the County Development Plan 2023-2027, all LAPs are required to incorporate policies and objectives that will assist with the '10-minute settlement' concept and this will be the case with Newbridge. Walking and cycling measures will be considered through the Area Based Transport Assessment.</p> <p>The reference to sports facilities, GPs, schools, hubs, playground, skateparks, basketball courts and games rooms are noted. A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster funding applications.</p> <p>In relation to existing industrial lands located close to the town centre, consideration will be given to Settlement Consolidation Sites, in the context of the Development Plan Guidelines (2022). It intended that the Plan will incorporate an economic development strategy for the town which is consistent with the CDP especially in regard to the identified Naas to Newbridge Strategic Employment Zone.</p> <p>The suggested river walkways, locations for new open spaces and the suggested layout for a Sports Facility at Great Connell, are noted. A Habitat Survey will be conducted for the plan area to inform a Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy, which in turn will be accompanied by a series of objectives providing for their protection and enhancement. It is anticipated that the River Liffey will form the core of the green and blue infrastructure network in Newbridge. A site for a Sports Facility can be considered through the SIA.</p>

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87	Sarsfields GAA Club	<p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <p>Due to the location and rapidly growing numbers Sarsfields GAA Club require more playing areas. They request the lands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated I, between Morristown Rd and Milltown Rd be rezoned Recreation/sport. • Designated C6 (small portion), currently a derelict site to be rezoned Recreation/sport. Designated C11, behind Scoil na Naoimh Uilig School to be rezoned Recreation/sport. • Designated F, between Ross Connell and Rail Line to be rezoned Recreation/sport. • Designated I, between Sexes Rd and Rail Line to be rezoned Recreation/sport. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>This specified need for additional playing fields are noted and will be considered in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) that accompanies and informs this Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a range of social infrastructure, including sports facilities, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure. The Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for open space at appropriate locations.</p>
88	National Asset Management Agency (NAMA)	<p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <p>The Core Strategy figures for growth in Newbridge in the CDP are noted however regard should be given to Census 2022 results and to Section 4.4.3 of the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities, which states:</p> <p><i>In providing housing sites for development within settlements, it may be necessary to zone more serviced land and sites for residential (or a mixture of residential and other uses), than would equate to meeting precisely the projected housing demand for that settlement. This approach recognises that a degree of choice in development sites to be provided locally is desirable to avoid restricting the supply of new housing development through inactivity on a particular landholding or site. In making provision for housing within settlements in the core strategy of a development plan, in certain instances a planning authority may therefore provide zoned</i></p>

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		<p><i>residential sites in addition to those required to meet the settlement housing supply target. This means that a planning authority, after identifying the site/land requirements to meet the housing supply target for that settlement, may also identify additional sites/lands to ensure sufficient choice for development potential is safeguarded.'</i></p> <p>A significant number of sites zoned for residential purposes in the current LAP have now been developed. A sequential assessment of land for residential development must be undertaken. Serviced sites within and on the edge of the built-up edge of town centres are to be prioritised and developed in advance of sites further away in line with Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The contents of the submission are noted. In devising an appropriate development strategy for Newbridge, regard will be had to <i>inter alia</i> the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022). To achieve compact growth, a sequential approach to land use zoning will be used, which will be underpinned by a Settlement Capacity Audit (SCA) for the town in accordance with NPO 72 a-c, Appendix 3 of the NPF and section 4.5.2, Settlement Capacity Audit, of the Development Plan, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022). This Settlement Capacity Audit will determine which lands are serviced or serviceable during the lifetime of the Plan for residential. Additional Housing Provision, as per Section 4.4.3 of the foregoing Guidelines, will also be considered if appropriate in Newbridge.</p>
89	B Loughlin	<p>This submission was prepared by Kieran Rush Consult Ltd. on behalf of B. Loughlin. The submission refers to 26 hectares of land and requests that the subject site be zoned H: Industrial and Warehousing. It is currently used for agricultural purposes and is located just outside the LAP boundary. It puts forward a case that the adjoining Littleconnel and Ladytown Industrial estates are nearly full and that an employment zoning on the subject site would be in line with the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 objectives and actions requiring the development of a Naas-Newbridge Economic Cluster.</p> <p>Below is an outline of the site in question.</p>

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		 <p data-bbox="577 831 920 863"><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p data-bbox="577 887 2033 1153">It is noted that the site to which this submission refers is located outside the current LAP boundary and that it is located between the zoned land at Ladytown Environs, as contained in Volume 2 of the CDP, and the zoned land of the Newbridge LAP 2013-2019. The extension of the plan boundary and inclusion of new zoned land will be considered on a case by case basis having regard to the principles of compact and sequential growth as set out in the National Planning Framework and in the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022). The County Development Plan objectives regarding the identified Naas to Newbridge Strategic Employment Zone and Naas-Newbridge Economic Cluster are particularly relevant also.</p> <p data-bbox="577 1217 2033 1366">The determination of the location and quantum of employment lands to be included in the Plan will be decided on an evidence-led basis having consideration to an enterprise and employment strategy for Newbridge, and the availability and capacity of the receiving environment with respect to both services and transport infrastructure. In this regard, a number of supporting studies including an Area Based Transport Assessment, a</p>

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		<p>Social Infrastructure Audit and a Settlement Capacity Audit (i.e. Infrastructure Assessment) are being prepared to inform the preferred development strategy that will be contained in the Plan. In conjunction with the various assessments outlined above, the zoning of employment lands must adhere to relevant national, regional and county policy and Ministerial Guidelines issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.</p> <p>This subject site will be included in the Settlement Capacity Audit to determine its suitability for employment use in comparison to other potential lands within Newbridge.</p>
90	Newbridge Community Development	<p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>There is a general dearth of community facilities and space for their development in Newbridge, whether that be facilities for young people, community space for groups to meet and work. There is an over reliance on the private sector to meet those needs, including provision of other arts and leisure facilities. The town continues to grow apace, helping to meet severe housing needs, site to key industrial developments in the county, but is suffering from a substantial gap in social and environmental infrastructure.</p> <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <p>The submission supports active transport infrastructure both within and between our towns and villages and a modal shift away from the car. Safer routes to schools and a more pedestrian-friendly environment would also be welcomed. KCC are urged to consider the designation of Transport Orientated Development (TOD) zones at or close to public transport nodes. In the case of Newbridge suitable areas would include the surrounds of the train station and its car parks and Main Street as a central bus corridor. The submission would welcome the development of safe cycling and walking links for residents and tourists between the town and popular amenities such as The Curragh Plains, Pollardstown Fen, Canal bank walks at both Milltown and Corbally Harbour.</p>

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		<p>Better cycling connectivity between Newbridge and Athgarvan would also be welcomed.</p> <p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <p>A Town Manager is required for Newbridge to proactively manage the town centre and resource partner groups such as business groups, other community groups and Town Teams. Meanwhile uses are required for vacant buildings to showcase initiatives of community groups, artists or social enterprises. Public realm should also be improved for pedestrians and a programme of entertainment of cultural events to attract tourists.</p> <p>An objective protecting and promoting the Sligh Dala at Great Connell, via Connell Ford and beyond should be added. As well as its links with Dun Ailline, Kilcullen and The Curragh. Furthermore, protections are sought for what is left of the Barracks structure in Newbridge - Barrack Gate Athgarvan Road, The Watering Gates and walls in the vicinity, Bord na Mona HQ building. These should be included in the Record of Protected Structures.</p> <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <p>The Plan should consider the objectives outlined in the Biodiversity Action Plan for Newbridge and ensure that these are incorporated where appropriate. There should also be stronger protection for the existing trees and hedgerows in lands zoned for residential and industrial development, rather than simply replying on replacement as a matter of principle. Replacement cannot fully compensate for the natural assets lost.</p> <p>A linear park should be developed from Tankardsgarden to Walshestown. The existing Linear Park should be extended to meet the growing needs of the town both to the north and east across the river using a pedestrian bridge. Green space should be provided in compensation for areas being redeveloped. Lands at Ballymannny should be considered for the development of sports facilities.</p> <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <p>Development Levies and special development contributions must be ringfenced to deliver specific essential infrastructure and community facilities. Community gain must be proportionate to the size of the development.</p>

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		<p>Newbridge in particular badly needs lands centrally located allocated to the development of public leisure facilities. Lands should be zoned and a specific objective for this purpose attached. Lands at Ryston, in the vicinity of the existing Sports & Social Centre (former KCC pool and car park site), should be considered for this purpose and steps taken to ensure they are brought into public ownership for the development of same.</p> <p>The Land Use Matrix associated with the Newbridge LAP should be updated to ensure that the true spirit of the Zoning classification is properly upheld and protected. For example, it is not appropriate that Residential Dwellings should be Open for Consideration under Zoning Classification E - Community & Education.</p> <p>There is a significant gap in terms of the provision of youth facilities in Newbridge. A site is required for a Youth Cultural Centre for Newbridge.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>These issues raised regarding youth facilities and community space are noted. Whilst a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, it can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations, such as youth and community spaces, and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise. Such objectives may in turn bolster funding applications to the relevant bodies.</p> <p>The concerns raised regarding improving pedestrian and cycling in Newbridge and environs is noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process for the town. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including active modes (walking and cycling), public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads. These measures will be brought into the Plan as specific development objectives. Transport Orientated Development seeks to maximise the provision of housing, employment, public services and leisure space in close proximity to high quality transport services, including BusConnects, DART, Luas and MetroLink in Dublin. Consideration will be given to the appropriateness of a TOD</p>

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		<p>surrounding the train station during the preparation of the plan, however the identification / designation of TODs is a matter for the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.</p> <p>Management of business groups and other community teams in the town is an operational matter and outside of the scope of this land use plan. A LAP cannot require vacant units to be occupied, however it can include objectives to facilitate appropriate uses. The plan will support public realm improvements and include projects from the Town Renewal Masterplan should that be finalised prior to the publication of the Draft Plan. The plan can identify walking routes through the town to the surrounding countryside.</p> <p>The addition of structures to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) cannot be considered through the Local Area Plan process. In accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), additions to or deletions from the RPS are carried out through the County Development Plan making process under Section 12 of the Act, or on a case-by-case basis under Section 54 of the same Act. It is a reserved function of Kildare County Council to amend the RPS. The Plan can however include objectives acknowledging the importance of heritage assets to the town such as The Barrack Arch and Watering Gates and Sligh Dala at Great Connell.</p> <p>The Local Newbridge Biodiversity Action Plan 2021-2025 will be acknowledged in the Plan. Furthermore, a Habitat Mapping exercise will be carried out to inform a Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy for the proposed plan. This strategy will seek to protect and enhance the overall level of biodiversity within the Plan area, including trees and hedgerows of value. The Plan will also include Green and Blue Infrastructure Routes which will be accompanied by a series of objectives providing for their protection and enhancement. It is anticipated that the River Liffey will form the core of the green and blue infrastructure network in Newbridge. The Plan will also seek to align with Inland Fisheries Ireland's Urban Watercourses Planning Guide (2020) with regard to development within riparian areas.</p> <p>In relation to sports facilities, youth facilities and social infrastructure, a Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of</p>

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		<p>recommendations regarding future provision. The plan can include objectives to support a range of community uses, such as a Youth Cultural Centre, within the plan area.</p> <p>Development (levies) Contributions are managed under the Development Contribution Scheme, which is prepared in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and approved by the Elected Members of the County Council. It is beyond the remit of this land use plan to amend the Scheme. The zoning matrix will be reviewed in preparing this plan, however in some circumstances dwellings should be open for consideration on lands zoned 'Community' particularly if they meet a group/special needs housing demand.</p>
91	Newbridge Athletic Club	<p><i>Open space and Amenity</i></p> <p>The submission states the club is currently situated on the grounds of St. Conleth's Community College, who have provided Newbridge AC with facilities over the past number of decades. However, due to membership expansion over the years, the ability of the club to cater for increased numbers is restricted without further development.</p> <p>Modern facilities are key to athletics development at all levels. Delivering on club amenities will facilitate and encourage both participation and high-performance athletics standards and increase membership. Future modern facilities development can be done in partnership in the development of a multi-purpose sports hub for the town.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>This submission is noted. This issue regarding facilities for athletics is noted and will be considered in the Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) that accompanies and informs this Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a range of social infrastructure, including sports facilities, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision. The Plan can ensure that sufficient land is zoned at appropriate locations for a range of open space and sporting uses.</p>
92	Siobhan Parker	<p><i>Homes and Community</i></p> <p>The submission wishes for better housing options for older persons in terms of downsizing, supported living and nursing home care. This Plan should develop a model for housing that favours supported living or downsizing</p>

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		<p>rather than relying on nursing homes. Any application for such housing at Ryston Sports and Social Club should consider the loss of recreational green space and the context of this new LAP. The Holy Family Convent should consider an option for supported living / downsizing and nursing care, using McCaulay Place in Naas town as an example.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The creation of an age friendly town will be a central consideration of the Plan. It is noted that an action contained in Chapter 10 of the Kildare County Development Plan seeks to emulate the model of supported housing at McAuley Place in Naas within each of the five municipal districts in Kildare, at appropriate and sustainable locations. This will be considered in Newbridge, in addition to multi-generation housing models.</p>
93	County Kildare Chamber	<p><i>Homes and Communities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There needs to be a commitment in the Plan to look at the centre of the town through mixed development including housing, lands around the train station to also be considered for residential, small enterprise incubation hubs, Work from Home hubs etc., • The Plan will need to support choice, affordability, and sustainability. This means addressing barriers such as building costs, unit density and unit types being driven by actual data rather than historical demand. Flexibility in planning permissions allowing for the development of multi-use buildings rather than single use. • Newbridge is targeted for an additional 1,061 new homes to be built between 2023 and 2028 under the CDP. However, it is requested that the number of new homes for the LAP be expanded to include the additional three years of the LAP period which will run from 2025 - 2031. It is submitted that, the number of new homes required has been under-estimated and should be addressed in the Plan. • Residential housing in both town and suburbs needs 'Inclusion' as a key element. An initiative development like McAuley Place could be replicated in Newbridge very easily, particularly to the North and South of Military Road. <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration should be given to the application of the '15 Minute City' model, as outlined in the County Development Plan 2024-2030. • Kildare County Council should electrify its fleet and add the stipulation for all service providers, that they subcontract to, to have a fully electric fleet. • Needs more detail around Climate Action, as well as pedestrian and cycle modes of transport for a growing community. • The submission particularly highlights the need for traffic calming and a one-way system within the town. • Inclusion of provision for the second river crossing/bridge for Newbridge to be included within this plan. The completion of the Southern Relief Road (and 2nd Bridge) to extend to link up with the M7 Motorway. • That a site-specific location be identified at the Train Station for the provision of a main bus depot. <p><i>Social Infrastructure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plan should provide for adequate primary and secondary level schools to address the educational needs of all students in the Newbridge area. • That a site-specific location for a secondary school be identified within this Plan, to accommodate planned for population increases. • That it becomes an objective of this plan that all future school and pre-schools be co-located to reduce traffic movement, encourage permeability, and allow for the sharing of facilities. <p><i>Open Space and Amenity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That land be identified for the provision of a community sports hub with Newbridge to provide additional recreational opportunities for existing sports clubs. • That the land that was previously the site of the old swimming pool at the Ryston be de-zoned and rezoned F, Open Space and Amenities • That the plan identifies a site-specific objective for a playground at Lakeside Park and other locations.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That land be identified for the provision of a swimming pool for community use. <p><i>Economic Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It should be an objective of this plan to strategically position all forthcoming industrial applications on the outskirts of the town, aiming to minimise substantial traffic flow through the town centre. • The Plan should strive to designate ample and appropriate land for employment opportunities and innovative entrepreneurial endeavours. It should also identify vacant commercial units, promoting their transformation/ rezoning into potential economic, community, or residential spaces. • There is a need to pinpoint a suitable location for a town centre hotel, acknowledging the demand for overnight accommodation in Newbridge and Kildare more generally as a close location to Dublin. <p><i>Town Centre</i></p> <p>This submission requests the inclusion of the Barrack Arch and wall and the Watering Gates and wall in the Record of Protected Structures.</p> <p>Both are described in as significant features in the town’s history. The submission also notes that these structures were previously on the record of protected structures, and it is unclear why they were removed in the first place.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The plan will address the importance of the town centre in Newbridge and will seek to consolidate the town centre by promoting compact growth and facilitating a mix of appropriate land uses. Residential density is prescribed by the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024). The core strategy allocation for Newbridge will be annualised to align with the period of the LAP. Additional Provision will also be considered if appropriate, as provided for in the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022).</p> <p>Mixed use developments will be important to ensuring a vibrant town centre. It is envisaged that the Plan will seek to deliver liveable communities by ensuring compliance with the principles of people-centred urban design</p>

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		<p>providing a sustainable housing mix, increased opportunities for active travel, physical activities, and social interaction, through the development of compact neighbourhoods which feature high quality pedestrian and cyclist connectivity, accessible to a range of local services, amenities and open spaces.</p> <p>Issues relating to social inclusion and the creation of an age friendly town will be a central consideration of the Plan. It is noted that an action contained in Chapter 10 of the Kildare County Development Plan seeks to emulate the model of supported housing at McAuley Place in Naas within each of the five municipal districts in Kildare, at appropriate and sustainable locations. ‘Step-down’ opportunities will also be facilitated in the Plan.</p> <p>In accordance with UD O3 of the County Development Plan 2023-2027, all LAPs are required to incorporate policies and objectives that will assist with the ‘10-minute settlement’ concept and this will be the case with Newbridge. The electrification of KCC fleets is an operational matter for the Council. The issues raised relating to walking, cycling, traffic calming, one way systems, a second bridge, southern relief road and bus hub are all noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process and to improve access to more sustainable means of mobility. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including walking, cycling, public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as development objectives.</p> <p>The issues raised pertaining to schools, pre-schools, community sports hub, playground and swimming pool are all noted. A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise.</p> <p>It is the intention of the Plan to incorporate an economic development strategy for the town which is consistent with the CDP especially in regard to the identified Naas to Newbridge Strategic Employment Zone (Section</p>

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		<p>2.13.1 of CDP) and Naas-Newbridge Economic Cluster. A priority of the strategy will be to ensure that employment lands are developed in a plan-led, orderly and sequential manner. Hotel use will be included in the zoning matrix and will be permitted in principle and open for consideration at many locations to facilitate a developer-led approach.</p> <p>The addition of structures to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) cannot be considered through the Local Area Plan process. In accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), additions to or deletions from the RPS are carried out through the County Development Plan making process under Section 12 of the Act, or on a case by case basis under Section 54 of the same Act. It is a reserved function of Kildare County Council to amend the RPS. The Plan can include objectives acknowledging the importance of heritage assets to the town such as The Barrack Arch and Watering Gates.</p>
94	Martin Heydon	<p><i>Social Infrastructure</i> Newbridge requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new primary and secondary schools and provision for special needs education to ensure Newbridge can adequately address the diverse educational needs of its student population. • A new modern playground. This playground should be strategically located to be easily accessible to families throughout the town, ideally integrated within the vicinity of educational institutions for convenience for parents. • Additional leisure and sporting facilities including a swimming pool and leisure centre for a growing town with a young population. • Health facilities, including comprehensive health centres, local clinics, nursing homes, and residential care units, within easy access of the town centre. <p><i>Housing and Community</i> Newbridge requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on the identification and redevelopment of underutilised lands, for supportive living arrangements for older residents or those with specific needs. This includes extending residential opportunities around the

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		<p>train station and within the town centre, guided by the principle of compact, radial growth from the town centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of diverse housing options, including social and affordable housing, this should include a mix of housing types and tenures to cater to all age groups, life stages, and individuals with disabilities. • Support for community-centric initiatives by facilitating the development of a Family Resource Centre Hub in the northern part of Newbridge, and by ensuring that arts, cultural facilities, and public spaces like the Riverbank Arts Theatre are accessible and serve as focal points for community engagement. <p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i> Newbridge requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The construction of a second bridge in Newbridge as a key infrastructure project. This new bridge is crucial to alleviate current traffic congestion, particularly during peak hours, and to provide an alternative route that enhances connectivity across the town. • Appropriate links from all parts of town to the train station to serve the commuting population of Newbridge. The objective is to provide a reliable and efficient public transport option that encourages residents to opt for trains over personal vehicles, where possible. • A town bus service in Newbridge which provides a convenient and affordable transport option for all residents. • A main bus depot near the train station to facilitate the removal of buses from the main street. • Propose the expansion and connection of existing cycle lanes to promote safer, more efficient cycling routes throughout the town. • Investigate the potential for two-way traffic along the top of Cutlery Road, close to the water tower, in an aim to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion in the town centre. <p><i>Economic Development</i> Newbridge requires:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A robust economic link between Newbridge and the adjacent Naas corridor, recognising it as a Strategic Economic Zone. • Adequate zoning of land for businesses, designating areas specifically for innovative initiatives and startups, and zoning should be flexible enough to accommodate a diverse range of business types, from tech startups to artisan workshops. • Additional work hub spaces to reduce commute times. <p><i>Town Centre</i> Newbridge requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The refurbishment of town centre buildings which are not currently in use. • All streets off the main street including Eyre Street are enhanced by public realm facilities and increased lighting. • The creation of a heritage trail or walk around Newbridge, highlighting key historical locations such as the Town Hall, Cavalry Barracks, Bord na Móna, Watering Gates, and others including links to St Brigid and her legacy from Newbridge to the Curragh. <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The comments raised in this submission in relation to schools, playgrounds, leisure / sporting facilities and health facilities are noted. A Social Infrastructure Audit (SIA) will be prepared to inform the Plan. The SIA will include an assessment of the existing provision of a range of social infrastructure, an estimation of the future demand to facilitate the planned growth of the town and a suite of recommendations regarding future provision of social infrastructure. It should be noted that a Local Area Plan is a land use plan and is not accompanied by a budget, however the Plan can ensure sufficient land is zoned for particular uses at appropriate locations and it can support the provision of a range of community services should funding opportunities arise.</p> <p>The delivery of a swimming pool is subject to many factors. It may be developer-led or developed by a multi-agency partnership which would involve securing funding, site selection and obtaining planning permission. A</p>

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		<p>Local Area Plan is a land use plan and it is not resourced financially to deliver projects. However, a Local Area Plan can ensure that sufficient land is zoned at the right location to facilitate a particular use, such as a swimming pool, should the resources become available for an agency or developer to deliver it. The SIA will also include an assessment of playgrounds and sports facilities.</p> <p>The plan will address vacant and underutilised lands within the town centre and identify where appropriate Settlement Consolidation Site(s) in the context of the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022) to promote compact growth and achieve housing delivery in mixed use schemes. The plan will support cultural facilities and community facilities.</p> <p>The issues raised regarding a second bridge, train station, bus service/depot, cycle lanes and traffic are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process and to improve access to more sustainable means of mobility. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including walking, cycling, public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport, parking and roads (including bridges). These measures will be brought into the Plan as development objectives.</p> <p>It is the intention of the Plan to incorporate an economic development strategy for the town which is consistent with the CDP especially in regard to the identified Naas to Newbridge Strategic Employment Zone and Naas-Newbridge Economic Cluster (CDP objective RE O34 and Action RE A3). A priority of the strategy will be to ensure that employment lands are developed in a plan-led, orderly and sequential manner. Furthermore, the Plan will seek to create the right jobs in the right places by placing a particular emphasis on achieving greater alignment between where people live and work, to reduce the need to travel and facilitating sustainable travel modes.</p> <p>Town centre regeneration will be an important focus of the Plan, as will it's built and cultural heritage. Key projects from the Town Renewal Masterplan will be embedded into the Plan, should it be finalised prior to the publication of the Draft Plan. The plan can support the heritage trail within Newbridge town centre. Public</p>

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		realm improvements are subject to funding being secured, however the plan can include policies to support these.
95	County Kildare Archaeological Society	<p>This submission requests the inclusion of the Barrack Arch and wall and the Watering Gates and wall in the Record of Protected Structures. Both are described as significant features in the town's history. The submission also notes that these structures were previously on the record of protected structures, and it is unclear why they were removed in the first place.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p> <p>The addition of structures to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) cannot be considered through the Local Area Plan process. In accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), additions to or deletions from the RPS are carried out through the County Development Plan making process under Section 12 of the Act, or on a case-by-case basis under Section 54 of the same Act. It is a reserved function of Kildare County Council to amend the RPS. The Plan can include objectives acknowledging the importance of heritage assets to the town such as The Barrack Arch and Watering Gates.</p>
96	David Moore	<p><i>Climate Action and Movement</i></p> <p>This submission proposes an orbital transport bus circling Newbridge but taking in towns such Athgarvan, Rathangan, Morristown and the surrounding areas. The central drop-off point would be Newbridge Train station. It also proposes several cycle ways and pedestrian links and additional signing.</p> <p>Gardaí should have an increased visible presence during peak hours.</p> <p>The submission suggests that a group that meets twice a year to monitor the progress of the local area plan. The group should consist of local representatives, resident associations, and other organisations.</p> <p><u>Response to Issues Raised</u></p>

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		<p>The issues raised in the submission relating to an orbital bus route connecting with surrounding towns and villages, cycle ways and pedestrian links are noted. An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) is being prepared to inform the local area plan. The purpose of the ABTA is to place the integration of land use and transport planning at the centre of the plan-making process and to improve access to more sustainable means of mobility. The assessment will examine existing infrastructure in the town for all modes of transport, including walking, cycling, public transport and private vehicles. The ABTA will identify the necessary measures required to improve sustainable movement throughout the town, and to facilitate planned growth, in relation to walking, cycling, public transport (including bus hubs), parking and roads. These measures will be brought into the Plan as development objectives.</p> <p>An LAP has no function regarding the role of An Garda Síochána.</p> <p>An Implementation Chapter will be included in the Plan. A County Development Plan Implementation Team was established to monitor the delivery of all objectives of the Plan. The monitoring of many Key Performance Indicators (such as house completions, developed commercial floorspace and the progression of settlement consolidation sites) will be carried out for the entire County, include Newbridge.</p>

Notice of Pre-Draft Public Consultation for proposed Newbridge Local Area Plan 2025 - 2031

In accordance with Section 20 (1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Kildare County Council propose to prepare a Local Area Plan for the Newbridge area. A Local Area Plan is a statutory document that sets out the land use strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of an area.

To stimulate discussion and encourage public participation at this stage in this process, an Issues Paper has been prepared which sets out the key planning issues pertaining to Newbridge. A copy of the Issues Paper is available at the following locations to download and/or inspect from **Tuesday 10th October to Tuesday 28th November 2023** (7 weeks) inclusive:

- Online at: <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/browse>
- Newbridge Library, Athgarvan Road, Piercetown, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.
- Planning Department, Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Council staff from Kildare County Council will be available to answer general queries and provide guidance on the pre-draft consultation and plan-making process at a 'drop-in' event in the Newbridge Town Hall, Main Street from **2.30pm to 6.30pm on Thursday 9th of November 2023**.

Kildare County Council now invites submissions from interested parties in relation to the Issues Paper before **4pm on Tuesday 28th November 2023**. Your name and address should be stated in your submission, and where relevant, the body or organisation represented. Children or groups or associations representing the interests of children are welcome to make submissions. Please make your submission in **one** of the following ways **only** (Late submissions, e-mail or faxed submissions will not be accepted):

- Online at <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/browse>; or
- In writing to:
 - Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co. Kildare

A report will be prepared on submissions received and will include the names of those who made submissions. This report will be published on our websites. Details of your privacy entitlements and obligations under GDPR can be read here:

www.kildarecoco.ie/YourCouncil/GovernanceandCompliance/DataProtection/

To encourage younger people to engage in the process, Kildare County Council is also hosting an Art Competition entitled 'Life in Newbridge' for young people of school going age (4 – 19 years of age). Entrants are invited to submit their artistic impression of any aspect of their life in Newbridge. All details are published on <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/browse>;

This is your opportunity to have a say in the future development of your area. We look forward to hearing from you. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 4pm Tuesday 28th November 2023.**

Signed:

Alan Dunney
Director of Service
Planning, Enterprise, Economic Development and Emergency Services
Kildare County Council

Appendix B: Images of Pre-draft Public Consultation Event

Figure A: Photos of the Pre-draft Consultation Event



Figure B: Comments and Feedback Written by Members of the Public at the Pre-draft Consultation Event

YOUR IDEAS

Reuse derelict areas. **OPEN TOILETS AT NEWBRIDGE TRAIN STATION**
 Community centre
 Youth space

to plant more softest
 And help the 33/99 Bee species
 get out of extinction

Wall murals instead of eye sores, youth club projects.
 Zone Great Connell passing for open space

Return Cutlers Road to dual direction traffic.

Improve foot paths for those with mobility issues.

More disabled parking spaces
 Places for the youth to go to
 Open Air Theatre space

NEWBRIDGE: STRENGTHS

Shopping, Park. **MORE DOCTORS MORE CHECKS AND PLAYGROUNDS FOR KIDS**
 Good community spirit
 linear park
 Good sports facilities

Twinning with Bad Lippspringe (Germany)
 - Learning lessons
 - Climate change.

NEWBRIDGE: OPPORTUNITIES

Shared Sports facility especially between schools + clubs.
 indoor and outdoor.

Orbital bus route/service Youth space
 Park n Ride facility on match days.

Tourism
 New Hotel in Town Centre

NEWBRIDGE: WEAKNESSES

Recreational facilities for Sports Clubs.
 Traveller specific accommodation. **No Community centre**
No Youth space
 Traveller community building for organisation KTA.
 Addiction Service provisions - **Safe Injection Centre**

Public Swimming pool. **Overdeveloped causing major social issues**
Poor transport for walking areas

LINEAR PARK NOT LARGE ENOUGH
not enough disabled places (etc. schools)

NEWBRIDGE: THREATS

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ✓
MORE GARAGE/ENFORCEMENT

Not enough street lighting.
 Car Dependence
 Traffic

YOUR COMMENTS

What is your vision for Newbridge's Future?

MORE SPORTS FACILITIES
↓
AND SWIMMING POOL

Mobility + Accessibility (Issues)

EXTEND LINEAR PARK FROM THE OTHER SIDE TO RING ROAD

Remove cycle lanes from main streets

Cycle lanes on Main Street are making road travel difficult + more dangerous than before. Move lanes to outside of car spaces (eg Colbridge) or more cycle lanes to 1 side of the street only + parking on the other side

MAKE THE TOWN A 1 Way System
TRAFFIC ONLY FROM MAIN STREET OUT OF TOWN

YOUR COMMENTS

What is your vision for Newbridge's Future?

THE CHANGE TO ~~THE~~ THE MAIN STREET HAS MADE IT EXTREMELY DANGEROUS FOR PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS THE ROAD AS YOU ARE BLINDSIDED BY PARKED VEHICLES ALSO BUSES ARE TURNING OFF AT SHIRT COLLETS BRIDGE TO AVOID THE MAIN STREET AND BUSES FROM THE CURRAGH ARE TURNING OFF AT JUMPS STORES PLEASE REINTERGRATE A DISABILITY SPACE AT PROPOSED PLAY PARKS.

Promote more wildlife imitations in the area.

Review our main street park to the former school!!
 Footpaths in Newbridge are very old and not up to date. Many developments are built on top of these paths and with little provision. Streets should have proper drop off/pick up points!

Be happy in Newbridge it's great!!
 Don't fear! From last year I have been in 100% of the town and I don't know a single person who doesn't love it!

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More schools + Primary school

Centre of excellence for Education - More teachers.
 Safe routes to/from school -
 - pedestrian crossings,
 - cycle lanes
 - trolley people
 - buses

Another school on the site of the old school

Another Hotel for tourism + jobs where the current Council park is.
 NEED SWIMMING POOL, TENNIS COURT ETC

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What is your vision for Newbridge's Future?

fully inclusive community!

Where needs of all members of the community are developed with infrastructure.

make natural forests in Newbridge/Kildare

A free flowing, inclusive society, ie better accessibility. Solutions especially in Main Street and surrounding parking.

a fully inclusive, sustainable community with a good transport/recreational infrastructure and community/civic facilities.

More schools
 More green spaces
 More parking spaces
 More shops
 More cycle lanes
 More public transport
 More dog friendly areas
 More green spaces for people
 More sports facilities
 More community centres