## KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL



## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Report prepared in accordance with Part XI of the Planning and Development

Act 2000, as amended and Part 8 of the Planning and Development

Regulations 2001 as amended

Development proposed by, on behalf of, or in partnership with Local Authority

Report for submission to the members, prepared in accordance with Part XI, Section 179, Sub-section (3)(a) and (3)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

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Type of Development:	Residential – 28 no. residential units comprising of 21 no. houses and 7 no. apartments.
Part 8 Ref	P82025.02
Site Address	Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co.Kildare.
Development proposed by	Housing Department
Display period	Advertised in the Leinster Leader on 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025.  Public display period from 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 to 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2025.  Submissions/observations due by 1 May 2025
Submissions Observations Reports	<ul> <li>2 no. submission was received from Prescribed Bodies,</li> <li>4 no. reports were received from internal departments.</li> <li>2 no. submission received from a public representative.</li> <li>2 no. submissions received from members of the Public.</li> </ul>

## 1. Site Location & Context

The application site is located approximately 1.4km to the south-east of Naas town centre. Site access is proposed along Craddockstown Road (L-6043) which has been identified as Local Secondary Road.

The subject site is currently vacant and is bound by a housing estate to the north-east and east, an agricultural field to the south, a residential bungalow to the south-west, Craddockstown Road to the west, and a residential bungalow to the north-west.

The site is relatively flat but gently slopes down in a northerly direction with the highest point being the southern corner with an elevation of approximately 118.8 metres and the lowest point being the northern boundary with an elevation of approximately 117.5 metres.

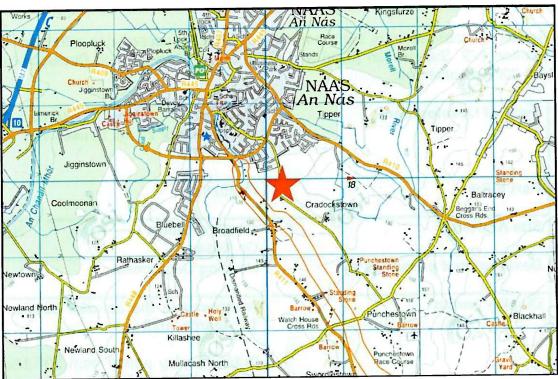


Fig 1: Site location map (subject site denoted with red star)



Fig 2: Aerial of site – Image from GIS (application site denoted in yellow)



Fig 3: Site Layout Plan submitted in support of the application.

## 2. Description of Development

The proposed development includes:

- 28 no. residential units. Including: 21 no. houses and 7 no. apartments comprising:
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- Renewable energy design measures for each housing unit which may be provided externally,
- Landscaping works including provision of (a) open space and kick about areas; (b) natural play features,
- Pedestrian and cycle connection to the adjacent Eustace Demesne estate,
- Associated site and infrastructural works including provision for (a) 1 no. ESB substation and switchroom; (b) car and bicycle parking; (c) public lighting; (d) bin storage; (e) temporary construction signage; (f) estate signage; and (g) varied site boundary treatment comprising walls and fencing, and
- all associated site development works, including removal of some existing vegetation from the site in advance of construction works.

## 2. Purpose of Scheme

"The proposal includes 28no residential units which will be social housing units and added to Kildare County Council housing stock. The units are required to deliver the housing stock as identified in the Kildare County Council Housing Action Plan and "Housing for All". The proposed units are distributed around the perimeter of the site, providing the residents with private outdoor space. A generous central green space is created as a shared amenity for residents. A 3 Story own door apartment block marks the entrance to the development, with 2 story semi-detached and terrace housing, and own door apartments spread across the rest of the site. Tenants for the units will be provided from the Kildare County Council Housing list."

## 4. Planning History

Part 8 application, P82017.005 granted for 74 no. residential units to the northeast of the development.

## 5. Supporting Documents

The proposal is accompanied by the required plans and particulars, in addition a number of documents have been included, namely:

- Application Form
- Newspaper Notice
- Site Notice
- AA EIA screening
- AA Report1
- EIA Report
- Privacy Statement
- Circulation List
- Cover Note and Design Statement
- Arch. Drawing
- Eng. Drawings
- Surface Water Calculations
- Foul Water Calculations
- Eng Planning Report
- Flood Risk Assessment Report
- Landscape Design Statement
- Landscape Drawings
- Landscape Works Maintenance
- M&E Drawings
- M&E Lighting Report
- Road Safety Audit Report
- Flood Risk Assessment Report
- Proposed Swept Path Analysis Layout
- Site Survey Information
- SuDs Matrix
- Site Investigation Report
- Bat Report
- Arboricultural report
- Archaeological Impact Assessment Report
- Uisce Eireann Confirmation of Feasibility
- Traffic and Transport Assessment
- Mammal Survey

#### 6. Referrals and Consultations

The referrals and consultation process are summarised and outlined in the 'Submissions Report' prepared by the Housing Department.

The following submissions have been received.

## Internal KCC Departments/Sections

- Transportation Department: No objection, subject to conditions.
- Parks Department: Further clarification requested. Addressed in Housing Department's report.
- Environment Department: Further clarification requested. Addressed in Housing Department's report.

Environmental Health Officer: No objection, subject to conditions.

### Prescribed Bodies:

- National Roads Office: No comment.
- Uisce Eireann: No objection, subject to conditions.

## Public submissions

2 no. public submissions were received.

### Public Representative

2 no. submission received.

## 7. Policy Context

## Relevent Government Policy

- Project Ireland 2040 National Planning Framework (NPF).
- Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2019-2031 (RSES) for the Eastern and Midland Regional Area.
- Urban Development and Building Heights-Guidelines for Planning Authorities, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (2018).
- Flood Management Guidelines, 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management, Guidelines for Planning Authorities November 2009.'
- Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (2018).
- Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, July 2023
- Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024):

The Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities set out policy and guidance in relation to the planning and development of urban and rural settlements, with a focus on sustainable residential development and the creation of compact settlements.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 34 of the Act when making a decision in relation to an application that includes a residential element or other elements covered by these guidelines, the planning authority is required to have regard to the policies and objectives of the Guidelines and to apply the specific planning policy requirements (SPPRs).

Section 3.3.3 – Key Towns and Large Towns (5,000+ population) It is considered that Naas would come under the above criteria. The most applicable settlement category in Section 3.3.3 to be 'Key Towns and Large Towns' (5,000+ population). The strategy for Key Towns and Large Towns is to support consolidation within and close to the existing built-up footprint. In order of priority the key principles for their development are,

- a) plan for an integrated and connected settlement
- b) strengthen town centres,

protect, restore and enhance historic fabric, character, amenity, natural heritage, biodiversity and environmental quality,

- realise opportunities for adaptation and reuse of existing buildings and for incremental backland, brownfield and infill development, and
- d) deliver sequential and sustainable urban extension at locations that are closest to the urban core and are integrated into, or can be integrated into, the existing builtup footprint of the settlement.

## Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029

Chapter 2 – Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy

Chapter 3 - Housing

Policy HO P9 to 'Promote the provision of social and affordable housing in accordance with the Council's Housing Strategy, Housing Need Demand Assessment and Government policy as outlined in the DHPLG Social Housing Strategy 2020

Chapter 5 – Sustainable Mobility and Transport

Chapter 10 – Community Infrastructure & Creative Places

- 10.8 Groups with Specific Design/Planning Needs
- 10.8.3 Older People
- 10.8.3.1 Age Friendly Kildare

Chapter 11- Built & Cultural Heritage

Chapter 12- Biodiversity & Green Infrastructure

Chapter 13 - Landscape, Recreation & Amenity

Chapter 14 – Urban Design, Placemaking and Regeneration

Chapter 15 – Development Management Standards

## Naas Local Area Plan 2021-2027

The subject site is zoned **C- New Residential** in the Naas Local Area Plan, 2021 – 2027 where it is an objective;

## "To provide for new residential development."

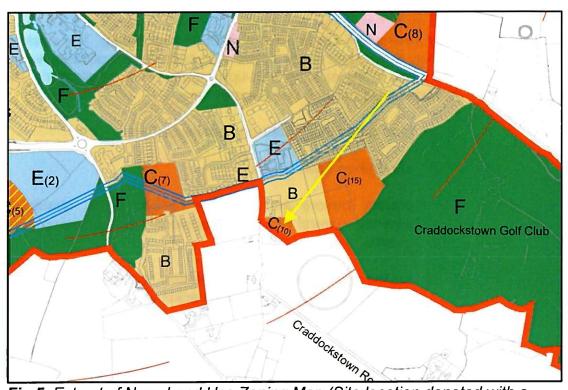


Fig 5: Extract of Naas Land Use Zoning Map (Site location denoted with a yellow arrow)

## 8. Built / Natural Heritage

Built Heritage	There are no Protected Structures within the application site boundary and there no protected Structures within 500 meters of the site.
Archaeological Heritage	There are no recorded monuments within the application site.  KD019-074: An Enclosure, is located approximately 420 meters to the south of the site.
Natural Heritage	Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA is located approximately 8.4 km to the east of the site.

## 9. Assessment

## **Proposed Development**

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  walls and fencing, and
- all associated site development works, including removal of some existing vegetation from the site in advance of construction works.

## **Environment and Biodiversity**

Several reports were prepared in order to assess the impact of the proposed development on the environment and biodiversity. Their find findings can be broadly summarised as followed:

## 1. EIA Screening Report

It is considered that the proposed residential development is a subthreshold type project which is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment, either by itself or in combination with other plans or projects, and that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report is not required in this instance. The conclusions are made under the assumption that good construction site practices and mitigation measure are implemented and will mitigate any risk of pollution to the receiving environment.

## 2. AA Screening Report

There will be no likely significant negative impacts caused to any European sites as a result of the proposed works. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is not required.

## 3. Badger Survey

There were no signs of badgers in November 2024 but given the adjoining agricultural lands, it is probable that badgers travel through the neighbouring lands and may occasionally enter the site. The impact is considered to be slight to negligible negative impact of permanent nature.

Mitigation of construction impacts – None required. Impacts of construction after mitigation - There will be no impacts upon badgers following development of the site.

## 4. Bat Survey Report

The bat roost potential assessment identified several trees and hedgerows with 'moderate' and 'high' bat roost potential, particularly along the west, southwest, and southeast boundaries.

## Recommendations:

- Establish a 5m dark buffer zone along retained treelines and hedgerows, maintaining light levels below 0.5 lux at ground level
- Conduct pre-felling surveys of trees with moderate or high bat roost potential during October-November, outside sensitive maternity and hibernation periods.
- Implement a carefully designed lighting strategy that adheres to best practice guidelines for bat conservation.
- Enhance habitats through native species planting and installation of bat boxes.
- Develop a detailed Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) to protect retained vegetation and wildlife during construction.

## Architectural & Archaeological Heritage

The site contains no recorded monuments, protected structures, and is not located within an identified zone of architectural potential.

An Archaeological Impact Assessment Report has been prepared for the proposed development. No archaeological structures, features or deposits were observed or excavated during the preparation of the report.

# Civil Engineering – Surface Water Drainage, Foul Water Drainage, Water Supply System and Flood Risk Assessment

A civil engineering report was prepared for the proposed development where Surface Water Drainage, Foul Water Drainage, Water Supply System and Flood Risk were assessed. The following was concluded.

## 1. Surface Water Drainage

All possible Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) mechanisms that could viably be used on this site have been explored. SuDS measures to be used on site include, permeable surfacing, tree pits, rain gardens, and soak away systems. The on-site surface water system is designed for a 1 in 100-year storm. A 30% increase in runoff due to global warming has also been included.

## 2. Foul Water Drainage

The foul drainage system for the development is a gravity feed system falling to an existing foul manhole on Eustace Demesne Drive Road north of the site. The main foul sewers in the proposed development are to consist of 150mm diameter uPVC pipe and 225mm diameter uPVC pipes with required fall designed throughout to minimise the risk of blockages and to aid maintenance. The development will not result in a significant increase in foul discharge from the site on the public system. A roughness coefficient(ks) of 0.6mm is applied to the design of all pipes. The existing 150mm diameter uPVC pipe in Eustace Demesne Drive Road to be upgraded to 225mm diameter uPVC pipe.

## 3. Water Supply System

There is an existing 100mm diameter water main on Eustace Demesne drive Road north of the site. The proposed 100mm HDPE looped watermain on site will connect into this main line.

## 4. Flood Risk Assessment

The risk of flooding was found to be minimal.

## **Transportation**

A Traffic and Transport Assessment was conducted for the proposed development. The following was found:

It can be concluded, based on the results of the analysis, that the proposed Social Housing development will not have a significant impact on the existing road network. However, the signalised 4-arm junction (Junction 1) is already at capacity, according to the conservative analysis undertaken, and upgrades might be required in the following years to accommodate the increase in traffic.

A general improvement of the existing infrastructure is necessary for part of the Craddockstown Road between the Craddockstown Road / Eustace Demesne Drive junction and the proposed site entrance. Adding footpaths and cycle track from the proposed site entrance up to the Junction 4 improved as a part of the Craddockstown Road Active Travel Scheme, will be beneficial for the safety of vulnerable users.

## Planning Assessment

#### Principle of Development

The subject site is zoned C - New Residential in the Naas Local Area Plan 2021 - 2027. It is considered that the principle of a greenfield residential scheme is acceptable at this location, which is in close proximity to the town centre.

## Density

The subject development is considered a Suburban/Urban Extension as defined in Section 3.3.3 of the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

The policy and objectives of this guideline document is 30 to 50 dwelling units per hectare. The proposed density of 32.6 dwelling units per hectare is considered appropriate and in-line with the guidelines.

## Housing Mix

The housing mix provides for a range of own door apartments and houses ranging from 1 to 5 bedrooms. It is considered that the proposed mix is appropriate and makes provision for people at different stages of their lives.

The proposed development provides 6 no. Universal Design housing units which is in excess of the 20% required under the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029. It is considered that the Housing Mix is acceptable.

## Housing Design and Standards

The vast majority of homes are 2-storey structures save for the apartment block located near the entrance which is a 3-storey structure. Overlooking appears to have been mitigated through design, and it is considered that the scale ties in well with the surrounding sites. The overall finish of the housing units is generally acceptable – however, it would be preferable for the finishes to reflect the finishes established in the housing development located directly to the north of the site (PPP development). A condition will be recommended. The housing units appear to meet the standards required in terms of private open space, room sizes and internal storage.

#### Lavout

The proposed housing blocks form a perimeter along the eastern, southern, and south-western boundaries and enclose a public open space in the centre. The internal road gains access from Craddockstown Road and runs in an easterly direction for approximately 70 meters before deviating in a south-easterly direction for approximately 40 metres. The proposed internal street tapers from 6 meters at the entrance down to 5.5 meters. The easterly leg of the street chicanes slightly. 33 parking bays are proposed at various positions along the internal road. This street is considered acceptable.

A proposed pedestrian and cyclist permeability link is proposed to the north and leads from the proposed development into the housing estate located to the north. There are concerns that this permeability link is not provided with passive surveillance from existing and proposed residential housing units.

The public open space, located in the centre of the development, is bisected by various pedestrian paths and same cross the internal road at approximately 3 no. locations. The proposed public open space is overlooked by all of the dwelling units in the development. The space also appears to be well designed to enable a range of uses, including leisure and play. The proposed public open space plays an important role in the development's Sustainable Drainage System as a number of swales and tree pits are proposed therein. The scale and layout of the proposed public open space is considered acceptable.

## Vehicular Access

Access into the development is gained from Craddockstown Road. The proposed access comprises of 2 no. lanes, measuring a total 6 meters in width. A pedestrian path leads along the proposed internal road from the development up to the intersection with Craddockstown Road. No pedestrian infrastructure has been proposed at the access along Craddockstown Road. This is a concern.

## Landscaping

Significant tree and hedgerow felling has been proposed along the proposed permeability link, the southern and south-western boundary, and the western boundary. 73 no. new trees have been proposed in the landscape design statement scattered throughout the site.

This scale of tree felling is considered unacceptable and is contrary to the findings of the Bat Survey, which identified several trees and hedgerows with 'moderate' and 'high' bat roost potential, particularly along the west, southwest, and southeast boundaries. Felling at the proposed scale will be contrary to policy **BI P4** of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029. **A condition** will be proposed to retain a 5-metre-wide buffer of hedgerow along the southern and south-western boundaries.

The landscape design statement has proposed several species of trees to be planted in the proposed development. Some species could not be located in Table 15.1 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029. **A condition** will be proposed to ensure compliance with the County Development Plan. The overall plan is considered acceptable.

#### **Boundary Treatment**

Brick and mortar boundary walls measuring 2 meters in height, have been proposed along the entire northern boundary (save for the break for the permeability link), brick and mortar boundary walls measuring 2.4 meters in height and have been proposed along the entire length of the southern boundary.

The proposed 2.4-metre-high wall along the southern and south-eastern boundary is considered excessive and unnecessary. A Half height x-block

and wired fence is proposed by the Parks Department to mitigate the impact of the boundary treatment on the existing hedgerow and to facilitate the 5-metre-wide buffer. **A condition** will be proposed in this regard.

#### 10. Conclusion

Having regard to:

- The provisions of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023–2029
- Naas Local Area Plan 2021-2027
- Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, July 2023
- Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024):
- Kildare County Council internal departmental reports
- Prescribed Body report
- The EIAR Screening Report,
- The AA Screening Report,
- Appendix 2 Submissions Report and the responses to the items/issues raised
- The location of the proposed development
- The nature, extent and design of the proposed development
- The recommendations set out below.

It is considered that the proposal would generally be in accordance with the provisions of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 –2029 and the Naas Local Area Plan 2021 - 2027 and would therefore be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

#### 11. Recommendation

It is recommended to the Mayor and Members of the Naas Municipal District that the proposed development be proceeded with, subject to the modifications set out below.

- 1. The proposed development shall be carried out in accordance with the plans and particulars placed on public display on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025, except where altered or amended by the following modifications.
- 2. The proposed external finishes of the proposed development and public realm palette of materials shall be similar to / complement those provided at the Eustace Demesne Housing Estate, located to the north-east of the site. These finishes shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to commencement of development.
- 3. Prior to the commencement of development, a pre-felling survey of trees with moderate or high bat roost potential shall be conducted during October–November, outside of sensitive maternity and hibernation periods, and submitted for the written agreement of the Planning Authority.

- 4. A suitable buffer along the southern and south-western boundary shall be provided to retain the existing hedgerow. A half height x-block and wired fence shall be provided to delineate the buffer. Prior to the commencement of development, details and plans of this buffer area and associated boundary treatment shall be submitted for the written agreement of the Planning Authority.
- 5. All Landscaping shall be carried out in accordance with the Landscape Design Statement, and the Part 8 Landscape Drawings, except as amended with the written agreement of the Parks Department of Kildare County Council. Only native trees, as identified in Table 15.1 of the Kildare County Council Development Plan 2023 – 2029, shall be permitted.
- 6. Final details regarding the requirements of the Parks Department of Kildare County Council, as identified in their submission and addressed by the Housing Department in its report on submissions (included as Appendix 2 of this report), shall be agreed with the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development.
- 7. Final details regarding the requirements of the Transportation Department of Kildare County Council, as identified in their submission and addressed by the Housing Department in its report on submissions (included as Appendix 2 of this report), shall be agreed with the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development.
- 8. Final details regarding the requirements of the Environmental Health Office of Kildare County Council, as identified in their submission and addressed by the Housing Department in its report on submissions (included as Appendix 2 of this report), shall be agreed with the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development.
- 9. Final details regarding the requirements of Uisce Éireann, as identified in their submission and addressed by the Housing Department in its report on submissions (included as Appendix 2 of this report), shall be agreed upon prior to the commencement of development.
- 10. Final details regarding the requirements of the Transportation Department of Kildare County Council, as identified in their submission and responded to by the Housing Department in its report on submissions, (included as Appendix 2 of this report), shall be agreed with the Planning Authority prior to commencement of development.
- 11. Final details regarding the requirements of Environment/Water Services Department and the Fire Service as identified in their submissions and responded to by the Housing Department in its report on submissions, (included as Appendix 2 of this Report), shall be agreed with the Planning Authority prior to commencement of development.

- 12. Details of the naming of the development shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development.
- 13. Site development works shall be confined to the hours of 07:00 to 18:00 Monday to Friday and 08:00 to 14:00 on Saturdays. No site development works shall take place outside of these hours, or on Sundays or Public Holidays. Any alteration to these times shall be subject to the prior written consent of the Planning Authority.

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## Appendix 1: AA Screening

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# APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING REPORT AND CONCLUSION STATEMENT

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Housing Department	
Craddocktown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare	
0.858Ha	
No	
Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA is located	
approximately 8.4 km to the east of the site.	
Description of the project/proposed development	

28 residential units

(B) Identification of Natura 2000 sites which may be impacted by the proposed development Yes/No If answer is yes, identify list name of Natura 2000 site likely to be impacted. 1 Impacts on sites *Is the development* designated for freshwater within a Special Area habitats or species. of Conservation whose qualifying Sites to consider: River interests include Barrow and Nore, Rye freshwater habitats Water/Carton Valley, and/or species, or in Pollardstown Fen, the catchment Ballynafagh lake (upstream or downstream) of same? NO 2 Impacts on sites Is the development designated for wetland within a Special Area habitats - bogs, fens, of Conservation marshes and heath. whose qualifying interests include Sites to consider: River wetland habitats

(bog, marsh, fen or

NO

Barrow and Nore, Rye

Water/Carton Valley,

	Pollardstown Fen, Mouds Bog, Ballynafagh Bog, Red Bog, Ballynafagh Lake	heath), or within 1 km of same?	
3	Impacts on designated terrestrial habitats. Sites to consider: River Barrow and Nore, Rye Water/Carton Valley, Pollardstown Fen, Ballynafagh Lake	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include woodlands, dunes or grasslands, or within 100m of same?	NO
4	Impacts on birds in SPAs Sites to consider:	Is the development within a Special Protection Area, or	
	Poulaphouca Reservoir	within 5 km of same?	NO

## Conclusion:

If the answer to all of the above is **No**, significant impacts can be ruled out for habitats and bird species.

No further assessment in relation to habitats or birds is required. If the answer is **Yes** refer to the relevant sections of **C**.

	IING CONCLUSION STATEMENT vant category for project assessed by ticking box.
1	AA is not required because the project is directly connected with/necessary to the conservation management of the site
2	No potential significant affects/AA is not xrequired
3	Significant effects are certain, likely or uncertain. Seek a Natura Impact Statement Reject proposal. (Reject if potentially damaging/inappropriate)
	falls into relevant category above (based on
	above tables)
	d to the scale and nature of the proposed works, it is not
considered th	at there will be any impact on the nearest SAC.
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# **APPENDIX 2**

# SUBMISSIONS REPORT PREPARED BY HOUSING SECTION

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# Part 8 Housing Report

Including submissions received

Proposed Development at Craddockstown, Naas, Co. Kildare P82025.02

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## 1. Executive Summary

#### 1.1 Overview

The following report relates to the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) - Part 8 planning process for the Proposed Residential Development at Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare.

It should be noted that a Part 8 (Ref. P82025.02) was launched for the development on 18th of March 2025. Submissions received in connection with the Part 8 process have been included and considered in the submissions report prepared in connection with Part 8 Ref. P82025.02 and included at Appendix A.

As per the Regulations, public consultation commenced on the 18th March 2025 and plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for inspection from 18th March 2025 until 17th of April 2025 (both dates inclusive). The closing date for submissions and observations was the 1st of May 2025.

#### 1.2 Submissions and Reports Received

2 submissions were received from the public representatives, 2 submissions were received from the prescribed bodies, 4 reports/comments were received from internal departments within KCC and 2 submissions was received from members of the public:

- **Public Representatives** 
  - 1. Anne Breen
  - 2. Bill Clear
- Kildare County Council Internal Sections:
  - 1. Parks
  - 2. Environment
  - 3. Roads
  - 4. National Roads Office
- Prescribed Bodies: 2
  - 1. Irish Water (Uisce Eireann)
  - 2. Environment Health Service
- Public Submissions: 2
  - 1. James & Susan Woods
  - 2. Liam Kenny

Details of those who made a submission including a response to those submissions are set out in the Submissions Report at Appendix A.

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## 2. Scheme Description

#### 2.1 Introduction

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  walls and fencing; and
- all associated site development works, including removal of some existing vegetation from the site in advance of construction works.

The site is located at Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare. The proposed site area is 0.858ha. When complete, it will provide a range of accommodation and outdoor spaces in a new residential location in Naas. Extensive workshops haven been held with internal departments and local representatives who are supportive of the proposal.

The project details are contained in the proposed development drawings and reports issued by the Kildare County Councils Housing Capital Team in conjunction with Lead Consultant, Hayes Higgins Partnership – C&S Engineer, PSDP. RMDA Landscape Architect

The proposed development satisfies the current Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritages specifications and Kildare County Councils housing standards as expressed through the Kildare Development Plan 2023-2029 and Naas Local Area Plan 2021 – 2027.

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#### 2.2 Purpose of Scheme

The proposal includes 28no residential units which will be social housing units and added to Kildare County Council housing stock. The units are required to deliver the housing stock as identified in the Kildare County Council Housing Action Plan and "Housing for All". The proposed units are distributed around the perimeter of the site, providing the residents with private outdoor space. A generous central green space is created as a shared amenity for residents. A 3 Story own door apartment block marks the entrance to the development, with 2 story semi-detached and terrace housing, and own door apartments spread across the rest of the site. Tenants for the units will be provided from the Kildare County Council Housing list.

## 3. Compliance with Planning

## 3.1 Kildare County Development Plan (2023-2029)

Policy Context - HO P1

It is the policy of the Council:

- Have regard to the DHLGH Guidelines on:
- Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities Best Practice
- Guidelines for Delivering Homes and Sustaining Community (2007);
- Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for Apartments (2020);
- Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (2009);
- Urban Design Manual: A Best Practice Guide (2009);
- Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines Planning Authorities (2018)
- Housing Options for our Aging Population (2020) and Age Friendly Principles and Guidelines for the Planning Authority (2021);
- Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) (2019).

The Housing Department has had regard to the DHLGH Guidelines set out above in preparing this Part 8 for the proposed development.

Strategic Context - HO P2

Accord with the provisions of the National Planning Framework 2018, the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midland Region 2019 (including the Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan) and the Ministerial Circular relating to Structural Housing Demand in Ireland and Housing Supply Targets, and the associated Section 28 Guidelines: Housing Supply Target Methodology for Development Planning (2020) and make provision for the scale of population growth and housing supply targets outlined in these plans and guidelines.

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The proposed development accords with the framework, strategy, Ministerial Circular, and guidelines described above.

Housing Strategy - HO P3

Implement, in conjunction with the Housing Section, the Housing Strategy and Housing Need Demand Assessment (HNDA) to meet the projected population, changing household size and housing needs, including social and affordable housing requirements for County Kildare over the lifetime of the County Development Plan.

The Housing Department has had regard to the Housing Strategy and the Housing Need Demand Assessment in the design of proposed development. The proposed split of unit types is suitable to address local need and based on the requirements in the Naas MD area.

HO 01

To secure the implementation of the Kildare County Housing Strategy in accordance with the provisions of national legislation and relevant policies and standards.

The Housing Department has had regard to the Kildare County Housing Strategy in the design of proposed development.

**Housing Supply** 

HO P4

Ensure that sufficient zoned land continues to be available at appropriate locations to fulfil the housing requirements of the county.

The site is zoned: "New Residential". This land will fulfil the housing requirements of the county by the building of 28no mixed type housing.

#### HO 02

Ensure that sufficient land is zoned at appropriate locations in compliance with the Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy of the Development Plan, in order to meet the likely future housing demands identified in the Housing Strategy and HNDA.

The site is zoned: "New Residential". This land will fulfil the housing requirements of the county by the building of 28no mixed type housing.

**Residential Densities** 

HO<sub>P5</sub>

Promote residential densities appropriate to its location and surrounding context.

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The proposed density is 33 units per hectare, in a mix of 1,2 and 3-storey units. This density is considered appropriate for an outer suburban/Greenfield site in larger towns.

#### **HO 04**

Ensure appropriate densities are achieved in accordance with the Core Strategy in Chapter 2 of this Plan, and in accordance with the principles set out in Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Urban Development (Cities, Towns and Villages), DEHLG, 2009, Urban Design Manual: A Best Practice Guide, DEHLG, 2009; Urban Development and Building Height Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2018); and with reference to Circular Letter NRUP 02/2021 (April 2021)

The proposed development is designed in accordance with the above guidance where appropriate.

#### **HO 05**

Encourage increased densities that contribute to the enhancement of a town or village by reinforcing street patterns or assisting in redevelopment of backlands and centrally located brownfield sites

The site proposes a development of a greenfield site in the outer suburban lands of Naas Town. With permeability connections through to an existing residential development.

**Promoting Existing Residential Amenity** 

#### HO 06

Ensure a balance between protection of existing residential amenities, the established character of the area and the need to provide for the sustainable residential development is achieved in all new developments.

The scheme is adding to the existing fabric of the area. Consideration has been given to the scale and materiality of the proposal, following a number of consultations with the KCC planning department.

Regeneration, Compact Growth and Densification

#### **HO P6**

Promote and support residential consolidation and sustainable intensification and regeneration through the consideration of applications for infill development, backland development, re use/adaptation of existing housing stock and the use of upper floors, subject to the provision of good quality accommodation.

#### N/A

#### **HO 07**

Promote, where appropriate and sensitive to the characteristics of the receiving environment, increased residential density as part of the Council's development management function and in accordance with the Sustainable Residential

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Development in Urban Areas –Guidelines for Planning Authorities and the accompanying Urban Design Manual, DEHLG, May 2009.

This development proposes a density of 33 units in a mix of scale and typology, which is in line with the above guidance and appropriate for the site location.

#### **HO 08**

Support new housing provision over the Plan period to deliver compact and sustainable growth in the towns and villages in the County, and supporting urban renewal, infill and brownfield site development and regeneration, to strengthen the roles and viability of the towns and villages, including the requirement that at least 30% of all new homes in settlements be delivered within the existing built up footprint. **N/A** 

#### HO 09

Promote the transformation of key brownfield sites and identified regeneration areas into successful socially integrated neighbourhoods and promote area regeneration in parts of the urban centres which require physical improvement and enhancement in terms of quality of life, housing and employment opportunities.

#### N/A

#### **HO 010**

That the future development of institutional land be cognisant of the historical and cultural importance of the land including through, inter alia, the quantitative and qualitative provision of open space required under Section 15.6.6 (Chapter 15 – Development Management Standards) and the sensitive reuse of Protected Structures within the site.

#### N/A

#### HO 011

Support the revitalisation of the social and physical fabric of town and village centres by:

- a) Resisting, and where the opportunity arises, reversing the loss of residential use on upper floors.
- b) Supporting the use of the upper floors of existing town and village centre buildings for appropriate uses, including residential.

## N/A

#### HO 012

Support and promote the renovation and re-use of obsolete, vacant and derelict homes, through the following measures:

(i) Encourage the redevelopment and reuse, including energy retrofitting, of the existing housing stock.

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(ii) Support Government programmes and incentives to bring empty homes into use through various means, including potential expansion of the Town and Village Renewal Scheme as referred

to in the Government's Rural Development Policy 2021-2025.

- (iii) Maximise the effective use of local authority housing stock and minimise local authority housing stock vacancy, including through effective refurbishment and retrofitting of older stock where appropriate.
- (iv) Promote the conversion of vacant properties into new social and affordable homes through schemes including the Repair and Leasing Scheme and the Buy and Renew Scheme. Kildare County Council will endeavour to promote these schemes and encourage owners of vacant properties to avail of these schemes, directly or in co-operation with Approved Housing Bodies.

#### N/A

#### **HO 013**

Promote the design and delivery of environmentally sustainable and energy efficient housing, including through the refurbishment and upgrading of existing stock.

The proposed 28no. Housing units will be constructed to compliant Part L standard with a minimum of A2 BER rating, combining high standards of insulation with sustainable energy efficient heating and ventilation systems.

## HO 014

Continue to work with developers and residents of private residential developments, where possible, to address public safety and environmental/infrastructural issues within unfinished housing estates N/A

#### Mix of Dwelling Types

#### **HO P7**

Encourage the establishment of sustainable residential communities by ensuring a wide variety of housing typologies and tenures is provided throughout the county

The housing mix provides for a range of housing ranging for 1 to 4 bed, including 6no Universal design apartments. The location of the site makes it suitable for right-sizing and age friendly development. The proposed number of UD housing units is in line of the 20% required by KCC.

#### **HO 015**

- a) Require that new residential developments provide for a wide variety of housing types, sizes and tenures.
- b) Specify target housing mixes, as appropriate, for certain sites and settlements as part of the Local Area Plan process.
- c) Require the submission of a 'Statement of Housing Mix' with all applications for 10 or more residential units.

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d) Require that all new residential developments in excess of 5 residential units provide for a minimum of 20% universally designed units in accordance with the requirements of 'Building for Everyone: A Universal Design Approach' published by the National Disability Centre for Excellence in Universal Design. Further detail in respect of unit mix is set out in Chapter 15: Development Management Standards

The housing mix (28no total) provides for own door apartments of 1 bedroom units, including 9no Universal design apartments. The location of the site makes it suitable for right-sizing and age friendly development. The proposed number of UD housing units is in line with the 20% required by KCC. The proposed housing mix meets local housing need.

#### **HO 016**

Promote the provision of high-quality apartments within sustainable neighbourhoods by achieving suitable levels of amenity within individual apartments, and within each apartment development, and ensuring that suitable social infrastructure and other support facilities are available in the neighbourhood. Apartment development must be designed in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2, 15.3 and 15.4 (Chapter 15), where relevant, to ensure a high standard of amenity for future residents. Apartments designed in line with above. The central location of the site allows for high level of social infrastructure, local amenities and public transport within walking distance. All houses/apartments are own door and have generous private open spaces. Attractive shared open spaces have also been designed as part of the development.

#### HO 017

Require new apartment developments to comply with the Specific Planning Policy Requirements and standards set out in the Apartment Guidelines for Planning Authorities (Department of Housing, Environment and Local Government, 2020), where relevant particularly in relation to paragraph 3.8(a) of same which requires that the majority of all apartments in any proposed scheme of 10 or more apartments shall exceed the minimum floor area standard for any combination of the relevant 1, 2 or 3 bedroom unit types, by a minimum of 10% (any studio apartments must be included in the total, but are not calculable as units that exceed the minimum by at least 10%) The proposal is in compliance with the above policy requirements

#### **HO 018**

Support high-quality design in new housing and to promote housing that is attractive, safe, and adaptable to the needs of existing and future households. Kildare County Council will support innovative construction methods to deliver sustainable and adaptable housing.

Proposed mix of housing ensures the site delivers a range of unit types suitable for the site location and adaptable for future use.

HO 019

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Support housing design that contributes to climate resilience and climate mitigation, including innovative low carbon construction methods and the reduction of embodied energy in newly built homes, in line with Goal 3 of the Kildare County Council Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019 – 2024. New dwellings will be constructed to achieve BER A2 in line with Part L requirements of the Building Regulations.

#### **Specialist Provision**

#### **HO P8**

Ensure that groups with specialist housing needs, such as the elderly, people with disabilities, the homeless, Travellers, those in need of emergency accommodation including those fleeing domestic violence, are accommodated in a way suitable to each of their specific needs.

The development provides 6 no UD specific ground floor housing suitable for elderly or disabled users and provides an attractive proposal for right-sizing.

#### **Older Persons HO 020**

Support the delivery of housing options to meet the needs of older people and support older people to live independently in active retirement, where possible. The development provides 6no UD specific ground floor housing suitable for elderly or disabled users, and provides an attractive proposal for right-sizing.

#### **HO 021**

Meet the needs of older persons and people with a disability by requiring the provision of alternative accommodation, such as age-appropriate homes, independent and assisted living units, day care facilities< nursing homes and specialised care units (eg dementia specific units) to meet the needs of older people and to facilitate the provision of a range of housing options for elderly persons in central, convenient and easily accessible locations, integrating such housing with mainstream housing through the designation of specific land uses at appropriate and optimised strategic locations in mandatory Local Area Plans in County Kildare.

The development provides 6no UD specific ground floor housing suitable for elderly or disabled users and provides an attractive proposal for right-sizing.

#### **HO 022**

Support the provision of specific purpose-built accommodation, including assisted living units and lifetime housing and adaptation of existing properties, which will include opportunities for 'downsizing' or 'right sizing' within communities.

The development provides 6no UD specific ground floor housing suitable for elderly or disabled users and provides an attractive proposal for right-sizing.

#### **HO 023**

Promote co-location of facilities (including childcare facilities and facilities for the elderly) at sustainable locations where they can avail of existing and

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planned social and community infrastructure, in particular, and to examine a range of community facilities and to encourage meanwhile use in some cases. The proposal is located on the outer suburb of Naas Town, within walking distance of a range of amenities and community facilities.

#### HO 024

Support the implementation of the Kildare Age Friendly County Strategy 2019-2021 (and any subsequent strategy), promoting the delivery of Lifetime Homes and to support the provision of housing that is adaptable for an ageing population. The Council will also support and promote, in a timely manner, the delivery of specialist accommodation appropriate to the specific needs and wishes of older people in cooperation with the voluntary sector, AHBs, the HSE, and other relevant bodies.

The development provides 6no UD specific ground floor housing suitable for elderly or disabled users and provides an attractive proposal for right-sizing.

#### **HO 025**

Engage and develop strategies with the Approved Housing Bodies with responsibility for housing for older people to develop accommodation in town centres more suited to those with reduced mobility.

The development provides 6no UD specific ground floor housing suitable for elderly or disabled users and provides an attractive proposal for right-sizing.

#### HO A1

Promote Mc Auley Place, Naas as a national exemplar model of housing for older persons and will seek to identify further opportunities in towns in each MD throughout the County for the Council and other appropriate bodies to expand this supported housing market

The site location and proposed housing mix makes the proposal suitable for right-sizing.

The development provides 6no UD specific ground floor housing suitable for elderly or disabled users and provides an attractive proposal for right-sizing.

## HO A2

Undertake and evidence based qualitative assessment to establish the demand for age specific housing options, including right sizing in County Kildare.

The site location and proposed housing mix makes the proposal suitable for right-sizing.

## **People with Disabilities**

#### **HO 026**

Support access for people with disabilities, to the appropriate range of housing and related support services, delivered in an integrated, timely and sustainable

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manner, which promotes equality of opportunity, individual choice and independent living

The site location and proposed housing mix makes the proposal suitable for right-sizing.

The development provides 6no UD specific ground floor housing suitable for elderly or disabled users, and provides an attractive proposal for right-sizing.

#### **HO 027**

Support and direct funding into the provision of specific purpose-built accommodation, including assisted/ supported living units, lifetime housing, and adaptation of existing properties in a manner that would not cause any undue delay to the delivery of same.

The site location and proposed housing mix makes the proposal suitable for right-sizing.

The development provides 6no UD specific ground floor housing suitable for elderly or disabled users and provides an attractive proposal for right-sizing.

#### **HO 028**

Support and provide housing that meets the diverse needs of disabled people and to implement the County Kildare Access Strategy - A Universal Access Approach 2020-2022 (and any subsequent reviews and plans). The Council will support and promote the principles of Universal Design in new and refurbished housing and in community buildings in the County.

The site location and proposed housing mix makes the proposal suitable for right-sizing.

The development provides 6no UD specific ground floor housing suitable for elderly or disabled users and provides an attractive proposal for right-sizing.

#### **HO A3**

Ensure that all Kildare County Council new build housing stock is in compliance with Part M of the Building Regulations.

Proposal will comply with Part M regulations for Dwellings.

### **HO A4**

In line with the Objectives and Actions in respect of Accessible Housing contained in the 'County Kildare Access Strategy – A Universal Access Approach 2020-2022', to ensure, measure and monitor that 10% of acquired housing stock meets the needs of those with a disability and 12% of Kildare County Council new builds are universally designed and have regard to any revised actions in updated versions of the Access Strategy.

The site location and proposed housing mix makes the proposal suitable for right-sizing.

The development provides 6no UD specific ground floor housing suitable for elderly or disabled users and provides an attractive proposal for right-sizing.

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Monitor the number of housing acquisitions and new builds and ensure that they meet the needs of those with a disability.

#### N/A

#### **HO A6**

Promote Ballymore Eustace as a national exemplar model of an age friendly, climate-friendly village and seek to facilitate and support this model for other settlements within County Kildare.

#### N/a

#### **Homeless**

#### **HO 029**

Support means of preventing homelessness and provide tangible and timely pathways out of homelessness for households, working in co-operation with public and voluntary bodies and actively seeking solutions for same.

The units will be tenanted from the Kildare County Council housing list.

#### **Travellers**

#### **HO 030**

Support the delivery of the Kildare County Council Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 - 2024 (and any superseding programmes agreed by the Council) in accordance with the principles of proper planning and sustainable development.

#### N/A

#### **HO 031**

Implement the delivery targets, of the Kildare County Council Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 (and any superseding programmes agreed by the Council) and to meet the delivery targets as a minimum, including to identify and develop sites for Traveller specific housing and to provide accommodation appropriate to the identified needs of members of the Traveller community.

#### N/A

#### **HO 032**

Ensure that Traveller accommodation is located in proximity to key services including education, community, health, recreation and public transport facilities, and to support those communities in accessing Council services in their widest provision (including arts and culture).

## N/A

#### **HO 033**

Support the implementation of the recommendations of the Irish Human Rights & equality Commission Review on the provision of Traveller accommodation in Co Kildare.

#### N/A

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#### **HO 034**

Recognise the separate identity, culture, tradition and history of the Travelling people in order to reduce the levels of disadvantage that Travellers experience, consistent with UN Sustainable Development Goal No. 10 - 'Reduced Inequalities'

N/A

### **International Protection Applicants**

#### **HO 035**

Continue to work with Central Government and relevant State Agencies to support the provision of housing for International Protection Applicants (asylum seekers/ refugees) in County Kildare, and to support those communities in accessing Council services in their widest provision (including arts and culture.). N/A

#### **Third Level Students**

#### **HO 036**

Support the provision of purpose-built student accommodation in appropriate locations and of appropriate design (including adequate communal facilities and external communal space), to meet demand for student housing in accordance with the National Student Accommodation Strategy.

N/A.

#### **HO 037**

Support increased supply of student accommodation in Maynooth, Kilcock, Leixlip and Celbridge to meet the anticipated student accommodation demand generated by Maynooth University. Applications for change of use from student housing to any other form of housing will be resisted without adequate demonstration that an over-provision of student housing exists.

N/A.

## **Domestic Violence Refuge**

## **HO 038**

To proactively facilitate and support Túsla, the Child and Family Agency, service providers and other relevant agencies in the provision of domestic violence refuges within each Municipal District in the county.

N/A

Social, Affordable and Cost Rental Housing

#### **HO P9**

Promote the provision of social and affordable housing in accordance with the Council's Housing Strategy, Housing Need Demand Assessment and Government policy as outlined in the DHPLG Social Housing Strategy 2020 and to ensure, where applicable:

(a) That 20% of

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(i) lands zoned for residential use, or for a mixture of residential and other uses, in respect of which permission for the development of 5 or more houses is granted, and

(ii) any land which is not zoned for residential use, or for a mixture of residential and other uses, but in respect of which permission for the development of 5 or more houses is granted, shall be reserved for the provision of social housing, affordable housing and cost rental housing; with at least half the 20% to be used for social housing support, and the remainder to be used for affordable housing, which can be affordable purchase, cost rental or both, social housing, or a combination of affordable and social housing, in accordance with the Affordable Housing Act 2021 and Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

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b) Where permission was granted between 3 September 2021 and 31 July 2026, Kildare County Council will require that 10% of lands zoned for residential use, or for a mixture of residential and other uses, in respect of which permission for the development of 5 or more

Or

(houses is granted, shall be reserved for the provision of social housing, in accordance with the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 and Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

(c) Where Part V provision on planning applications is being accepted off site, that the units offered be located within a 5km catchment of the area. planning permission was granted before 1 August 2021,

or

(ii) where land was purchased between 1 September 2015 and 31 July 2021 in respect of which new planning  $\,$ 

The proposed development is for 100% social housing units.

## **HO P10**

Support the provision of new student accommodation at suitable locations. Where sites are developed for student accommodation, the portion of the site relating to this will be exempt from the social and affordable housing requirements of Section 96(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

The proposed development does not provide for purpose-built student housing.

## **HO 039**

Meet the county's housing need for social housing provisions that a range of mechanisms, including Part V of the Planning Development Act 2000 (as amended), a social housing building programme, acquisition, Repair and Lease Scheme, the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) scheme, the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and the utilisation of existing housing stock The proposed development is for 100% social housing units.

HO 040

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Support the Government's affordable housing initiatives, including the Affordable Purchase Scheme and First Home / Share Equity Scheme, introduced by the Affordable Housing Act 2021

The proposed development is for 100% social housing units.

#### HO 041

Support local authorities, approved housing bodies and other sectoral agencies in the provision of a greater diversity of housing type and tenure, including social and affordable housing, new models of cost rental and affordable homeownership and co-operative housing

The proposed development is for 100% social housing units.

#### **HO 042**

Support and, where feasible, work in partnership with the Land Development Agency (LDA) in the provision of social and affordable housing in County Kildare.

The proposed development is for 100% social housing units.

Sustainable Rural Housing

HO O43-O59 HP P11-P27

HO A7-A9

N/A this is an urban project.

**Access and Entrances** 

HP P28-P32

N/A

Flood Risk Management

#### **HO P33**

Require that site specific flood risk assessments are carried out where required, in accordance with the requirements of The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

Flood Risk Assessment carried out and included in the P8 documents. No flood risk indicated

#### 3.2 Naas Local Area Plan (2021-2027)

6.3 Residential Development

HCO1.1

Support new residential development and infill development that occurs in tandem with the delivery of supporting physical and social infrastructure.

The proposed development is providing permeability connections through an existing residential development.

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#### HCO1.2

Support approved housing bodies and other sectoral agencies in the provision of a greater diversity of housing type and tenure, including social and affordable housing and exploring new models at low-cost rental and affordable homeownership.

]The plan proposes a development in the town of Naas, supporting different housing types from 1-4 bedrooms including 6 UD units. Typologies as required by the housing needs demand assessment for Naas MD

#### HCO1.3

Encourage the appropriate redevelopment of brownfield and infill sites for residential uses within the footprint of the existing built-up area.

#### N/A

#### HCO1.4

Manage the provision of one-off housing on lands zoned as I: Agricultural. Limited one-off housing may be permitted in this zone subject to compliance with Chapter 4, Rural Housing Policy of the County Development Plan 2017-2023 (as varied) or any subsequent development plan subject to compliance with all other normal siting and design considerations.

# N/A

# HC01.5

Promote the sustainable development of vacant residential and regeneration sites in Naas, through the application of the provisions of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 (as amended), Vacant Site Levy, on Residential Land and Regeneration Land.

# N/A

#### HC01.6

Continue to pursue potential funding avenues and apply for funding under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund and other available funds to realise the vision for Naas Town Centre.

# N/A

# HC01.7

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Require all Strategic Housing Development applications, or applications for 100 residential units or more, to include an assessment of how the development connects to high-capacity sustainable transport services and measures proposed to improve this.

# N/A

#### HC01.8

Require all new housing developments to deliver safe areas for children to play as part of the public open space provision, in accordance with standards for new developments set out in the Kildare County Development Plan.

Landscaping works include provision of (a) open space and kick about areas; (b) natural play features

6.4 Residential Density, Mix and Design

#### HCO2.1

Require that a good mix of housing types and sizes is provided in all new residential areas and in appropriate brownfield/infill areas, to meet the needs of the population of Naas, including the provision of appropriate supported housing and longer-term residential care solutions designed for older people and/or people with disabilities. All planning applications on lands zoned C: New Residential or C: New Residential Phase 2 shall be accompanied by a Housing Mix Statement illustrating compliance with this objective.

The site location and proposed housing mix makes the proposal suitable for right-sizing.

The development provides 6no UD specific ground floor housing suitable for elderly or disabled users and provides an attractive proposal for right-sizing. Unit mix is in line with the requirements of the Housing Needs Demands assessment for Naas MD.

### HCO2.2

Seek to provide Traveller Specific Accommodation at appropriate locations close to key services, including education, community, health, recreation and public transport facilities in accordance with the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024.

# N/A

# HCO2.3

Require that residential schemes in close proximity to Naas' heavily trafficked roads and streets are designed and constructed to minimise noise disturbance. A suitably qualified acoustic specialist shall be engaged in the development design process, paying particular attention to the Kildare Noise Action Plan 2019-2023

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(or any subsequent plan) and the EPA 'Environment and Wellbeing' Maps22. An Acoustic Design Statement, including proposals for postconstruction noise monitoring, clearly demonstrating that significant adverse noise impacts will be avoided shall be submitted with development applications.

#### N/A

#### HC02.4

To apply a 10% social housing requirement, pursuant to Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to all sites that are zoned solely for residential use or for a mixture of residential and other uses (save where the development is exempt from the provisions of Part V).

This development is 100% social housing.

## HCO2.5

Promote high levels of energy conservation, energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources in existing buildings, including retro fitting of energy efficiency in traditional buildings. All new buildings will be required to achieve the Nearly Zero-Energy Buildings (NZEB) standard in line with the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD).

The development is compliant with the above.

#### HCO2.6

Support the objectives set out in Kildare Age Friendly County Strategy 2019–2021 and any subsequent strategy, regarding the implementation of Age Friendly principles in the planning, design and delivery of physical infrastructure, public realm works, business and commercial premises.

The development provides 6no UD specific ground floor housing which are also suitable for older people.

# 4. Statutory Procedures

# 4.1 Statutory Procedures – Notices

The proposed scheme was advertised and displayed in accordance with Part 8 requirements. An advertisement for the scheme was placed in the Leinster Leader, which was published on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2025, the display period was 18<sup>th</sup> of March until the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 (both dates inclusive). A Site notice was placed at the entrance to the site and was maintained on site for 4 weeks. Details of the advertisement and notices contained the following:

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DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 179 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000, AS AMENDED AND NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART 8, ARTICLE 81 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, 2001, AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of Part XI of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and in accordance with the requirements of Part 8, Article 81 and Article 83 of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001(as amended) that Kildare County Council proposes a residential development on a site at Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare

The proposed development includes:

- 28 no. residential units. Including: 21 no. houses and 7 no. apartments comprising:
- o 7 no. one bed units
- o 14 no. two bed units
- o 6 no. three bed units
- o 1 no. five bed unit including sensory room
- Renewable energy design measures for each housing unit which may be provided externally
- Landscaping works including provision of (a) open space and kick about areas; (b) natural play features.
- Pedestrian and cycle connection to the adjacent Eustace Demesne estate
- Associated site and infrastructural works including provision for (a) 1 no. ESB substation and switchroom; (b) car and bicycle parking; (c) public lighting; (d) bin storage; (e) temporary construction signage; (f) estate signage; and (g) varied site boundary treatment comprising walls and fencing; and
- all associated site development works, including removal of some existing vegetation from the site in advance of construction works.

The proposal has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), and the relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and the European Communities (Bird and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 – 2015. Kildare County Council has determined that the proposed development individually or incombination with other plans or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on a European site and an Appropriate Assessment (AA) is not required.

The proposal has also undergone screening for Environmental Impact Assessment under the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU and the relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and the Planning and

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Development Regulations 2001, as amended. Having regard to the provisions of the legislation, the nature and scale of the proposed development, the information provided in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Regulations, and having regard to the scale, nature and location of the proposed impacts, the potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures and the results of the any other relevant assessments of the effects on the environment, Kildare County Council has determined that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required.

In accordance with Section 120(3) of the Planning and Development Regulations (as amended) any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of publication of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development Part 8 Ref No. P82025.02 including the AA and EIA Screening Reports and a record of the main reasons and considerations supporting the determination not to require an EIA and AA will be available for inspection and/or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at Public Display Area, Level 1, Kildare County Council, Devoy Park, Naas Co Kildare, W91 X77F on each day during which the said offices are open for the transaction of business (excluding Bank Holidays) for a period beginning on 20/03/2025 and ending on 17/04/2025 during office hours. Plans and particulars of the proposed development including the AA and EIA Screening Reports and a record of the main reasons and considerations supporting the determination not to require an EIA and AA will also be available online at

# https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/browse

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made in writing to Siobhan Barry, Administrative Officer, Housing Capital Team, Level 5, Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas Co Kildare, W91 X77F or online via

# https://consult.kildarecoco.ie.

Submissions must be made no later than 4.30pm on 01/05/2025 Submissions should be titled "Proposed Residential Development at Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co Kildare".

All comments, including the names of those making comments submitted to the Council in regard to the scheme as outlined above, will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented at a meeting of the elected members. Accordingly, they will also be included in the minutes of that meeting and may appear in the public domain.

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Please note that the data collected from this consultation will be shared by Kildare County Council with their Consultants. Any information which you submit via Kildare County Council's website will be treated with the highest standards of security and confidentiality, strictly in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Please refer to the Privacy Statement included with the plans and particulars of the proposed development and to the Kildare County Council Consultation Portal Privacy Policy

#### 4.2 Circulation List

Members: Kildare - Naas Municipal District -

- Councillor Anne Breen abreen@kildarecoco.ie
- Councillor Fintan Brett- fbrett@kildarecoco.ie
- Councillor Bill Clear- billclearindependent@gmail.com
- Councillor Ger Dunne- gmdunne@kildarecoco.ie
- Councillor Carmel Kelly—<u>carmelkelly@sallins.org</u>
- Councillor Seamie Moore- <u>seamusmoore78@gmail.com</u>
- Councillor Evie Sammon- eviesammonfg@gmail.com

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- Planning Department: Gabriel Conlon, Senior Executive Officer, Elaine Donohoe, Exec. Planner
- Water Services Section: Ibrahim Fathalla, A/Senior Engineer
- Area Engineer, Naas, Yasir Khan, Municipal District Engineer
- Community Environmental, Parks Section: Simon Wallace, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Carmel O'Grady, Exec. Parks Superintendent
- Heritage Officer: Meabh Boylan, Biodiversity Officer.
- Strategic Projects & Public Realm Team: Pamela Pender, A/Senior Executive Architect.
- Fire Service: Niall O'Riordan. A/Chief Fire Officer, Chanel Ryan,
   Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer,
- National Roads Office: Marie Whelan, Senior Executive Engineer
- Roads + Transportation: George Willoughby, Sen. Exec. Engineer
- National Office for Environmental Health: Environmental Health Officer
- Building Control Liam McNeela
- Environment Section: Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer
- Housing Section: Siobhan Scully, Senior Executive Officer

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Economic Community & Cultural Development: Paula O'Brien,
 Senior Executive Officer

## Prescribed Bodies:

- An Taisce, Tailors Hall, Back Lane, Dublin 8. D08XZA3 planningreferrals@antaisce.org
- Health Service Executive, National Office for Environmental Health, Floor 2, Oak House, Limetree Avenue, Millennium Park, Naas, Co. Kildare W91 KDC2 environmental.health@hse.ie
- Inland Fisheries Ireland, 3044 Lake Drive, City West Business Campus, Dublin 24 info@fisheriesireland.ie
- Uisce Eireann, Colville House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1, planning@water.ie
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate St, Dublin 8 <u>landuseplanning@tii.ie</u>
- Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Pavilion A, Grattan Business Centre, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, Co.Laois, FOl@agriculture.gov.ie
- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage -Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, referrals@npws.gov.ie
- Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media -Room 303, 23 Kildare Street, Dublin 2, Referrals@npws.gov.ie
- Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications -29-31 Adelaide Rd, Saint Kevin's, Dublin, D02 X285 planningnotifications@decc.gov.ie
- The Heritage Council Áras na hOidhreachta, Church Lane, Kilkenny, R95 X264, mail@heritagecouncil.ie
- Environmental Protection Agency, Richview, Clonskeagh Road,
   Dublin 14. D14 YR62., Info@epa.ie
- Iarnrod Eireann (Irish Rail), Iarnród Éireann HQ, Connolly Station, Amien Street, Dublin 1, property.dept@cie.ie CC Joe Walsh Irish Rail, joe.walsh@irishrail.ie

## 4.3 Submissions Received

Refer to the Submissions Report at Appendix A setting out the submissions received and the Housing Departments comments on those submissions.

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# 5. Recommendation

Kildare County Council is of the view that the proposed Social Housing development at **Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare** is acceptable, appropriate and in keeping with the proper planning and sustainable development for the area and complies with the policies and objectives set out in the Kildare County Development Plan (2023- 2029).

It is recommended that the proposed development proceeds to detailed design and construction.

Prepared by:

Alex Dutczak, MRIAI

**Executive Architect** 

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Name	Address	Observation	Date	Ack	Housing Department Response
Prescribed Bodies					
National Roads Office		Hi Conor, We have assessed the Part 8 in terms of the National Road Network only and have no comments to make on this development. We wish you the best with Part 8. Kind regards Marie	15/04/2025	15/24/2025	Noted
Uisce Eireann		No Objection in Principle Uisce Éireann's Assessment/Observation(s): The applicant has engaged with Uisce	16/04/2025	16/04/2025	Submission noted. Proposal will meet the above requirements.
		Éireann via a Pre-Connection Enquiry and			the design and build contractor prior to



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connection for both water and wastewater Note that the existing PPP development adjacent to the site is to be upgraded by connections. further notes in relation to both water and Confirmation of Feasibility (COF) has been issued to the applicant advising The COF Uisce Éireann can confirm that a

wastewater connections that the proposals infrastructure has capacity and integrity to and/or wastewater collection network and adhere to the standards and conditions set enter into a Connection Agreement(s) with to connect to Uisce Éireann infrastructure stage the applicant has to provide written conditioned as follows; The applicant shall cater for the additional demand from the Development. Uisce Éireann respectfully connection(s) to the public water supply is via a private infrastructure. Please be infrastructure and have received a legal advised that at connection application permission to connect to and that the Uisce Éireann to provide for a service confirmation from the owner of the requests any grant of permission be out in that agreement. Craddockstown - P2025.02

Uisce Éireann's Standard Condition(s):

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1. Construction Management Plan 07/04/2025 I recommend that a comprehensive Construction Management Plan (CMP) plan is drafted and implemented to ensure that any adverse impacts from construction and or demolition on the	07/04/2025
environment and health are reduced and that any temporary emissions during the construction and or demolition phases are controlled to prevent nuisance or adverse health effects. The plan should take into account all of the following: Waste Management, Staff welfare facilities, Pest Control Management, Dust impacts, Excessive noise and emissions to Surface/Ground Water.  (a) Noise  The following measures shall be taken to prevent nuisance from noise at construction and or demolition sites: The	
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deliveries of materials, plant or machinery morning or after 7.00p.m. in the evening. be carried on outside daytime hours, this businesses in areas which are likely to be vicinity, shall take place on site between If there is any occasion when work must works should be notified in advance e.g. which would reasonably be expected to the hours of 7.00p.m. and 8.00a.m. No shall take place before 8.00a.m. in the Sundays or Bank Holidays. No activity, sites shall be restricted to 8.00a.m. to 7.00p.m., Monday to Friday, and 8.00 affected by noise from the proposed cause annoyance to residents in the in letter or leaflet or advertisement. activities shall take place in site on a.m. to 2.00p.m. on Saturdays. No department, local residents and

shall be taken to prevent nuisance from (b) Air-Quality The following measures air pollution at construction and or demolition sites:

Site must be secured to prevent access by No outdoor burning shall occur on site.

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be dampened during dry windy conditions of water spray to suppress dust, vi) proper and to prevent nuisance to persons in the paved or hard stand access for trucks and surfaces and entrances to the site should temporary wheel-wash facility should be skips, ii) covering slack heaps, iii) netting pavement damping and sweeping, v) use erected around construction activities to nuisance due to carelessness. During any installed close to the location of the site airborne pollutants arising from the site vehicles to and from the site to prevent dirt and dust from the site being carried trucks departing from the site. Exposed entrance to prevent the dragging of silt and mud onto the local road surface by construction phase, all necessary steps Protective hoarding screens should be locality. This shall include i) covering vandals who may cause air pollution from the site on to public roads etc. of scaffolding, iv) regular road and shall be taken to contain dust and demolition works and during the reduce dustblow from the site A

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particulates and other pollutants from the controlled within the redevelopment area in the interest of controlling fugitive dust. measures should be active on equipment types of stone finishing is taking place as on site should be properly maintained to other similar building materials that may nuisance. Bulk fine sized aggregates and significant fine particulate emissions can suspension of silt from the road surface machinery should be switched off when Vehicles and plant machinery operating to prevent high levels of dust being resuspended from the construction area. Any spillage of material from vehicles be generated which may cause a local used for drilling or pavement cutting, grinding of block surfaces and similar easily become airborne by the wind exhaust-pipes. All site vehicles and stockpiles. Truck speeds should be should not be stored in uncovered departing from the site should be promptly removed to prevent reby passing vehicles. Dust control prevent excessive emissions of

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		not in use- no idling. In the interests of		
-		both public health and the environment		
		the above guidelines should be included		
		in the work policy of those undertaking all		
		large and small building projects. These		
		details must be made known to all		
		developers, contractors and sub-		
		contractors.		
		2Ventilation		2) Noted – A detailed design shall be submitted
		All internal areas of the proposed		by the design and build contractor in
		development are to be suitably ventilated	 	accordance with Building Regulations for
		in accordance with the requirements of		Ventilation
		Technical Guidance Document F of the		
		Building Regulations 2019. Where		
		mechanical extract ventilation is	_	
		provided, listed minimum number of air		
		changes per hour are: WCs - 3 air changes	 	
		per hour Bathroom/ensuite – 6 to 10 air		
		changes per hour		
	_	3. External Lighting		
		To prevent light pollution and the		
		creation of a nuisance:		

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designed to minimise potential glare and properties in close proximity to the site. light spillage in particular to residential Any external lighting system shall be

3) Noted - A lighting design is included in the

Part 8 pack

 All external lighting shall be of a type that ensures deflection of lighting downwards. 4. Waste/Refuse Facilities & Pest Control

the area should be located so that is does not cause nuisance by way of smell, noise or attraction of vermin or animals to any facilities must be pest proof and secure, sufficient and include recycling facilities Please ensure that the proposed refuse refer to the Sustainable Urban Housing: area or neighbouring area. Also, please **Design Standards for New Apartments** Government & Heritage 2022, notably and waste segregation. Such storage sections 4.8 and 4.9 regarding refuse Planning Guidelines issued by the storage facilities are suitable and Department of Housing, Local

dedicated bin store which shall be maintained by the residents of that unit as shown on 4) Noted – All units will have their own Drawing 23052-KCC-XX-XX-DR-A-1001.

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Roads Department	The t	The Kildare County Council Transport, Mobility & Open Spaces Department wish to confirm that we have no objection to the proposed development as outlined in the Part 8 subject to the following conditions:	02/04/2025 02/04/2025	02/04/2025	
		1. A Consulting Engineer shall be employed by KCC to carry out the final detailed design of the works, to prepare tender documents and drawings, to assist in the procurement of a Contractor and to assist in the supervision of the works on site.			1) Noted
		2. A detailed design for the proposed works shall be			2) Noted – The design and build contractor will submit a detailed design for agreement with planning and Roads prior to construction.

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3) Noted - the design and build contractor will provide a detailed design for approval. Authority for approval. Details of Planning Authority, KCC Housing management of the works shall pavement materials which shall road users and vulnerable road users , shared cycle/ footpath trafficking and suitable for all be agreed in writing with the be robust and durable under Dept, KCC Roads and MD submitted to the Planning dimensions shall include The detailed design with commencement of the the design and traffic Sections prior to the development. 'n

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at the entrance to the site shall be

provided strictly in accordance

with DMURS, facilities for

vulnerable road users

arrangements where lines of sight

facility, cycle parking, parking

bays (2.5m \* 5m), access

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4) Noted – Paving materials will be confirmed by the design and build contractor	5) Noted - There are 07 disabled Parking		6)Noted — All areas are designed in accordance with DMURS
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(pedestrians and cyclists) accessing the site, drainage and outfall arrangements, public lighting, signage and road markings.	4. Paving materials shall have slip resistance in both wet and dry conditions, slip resistance testing using a Pendulum Tester shall be carried out,	<ol><li>Access and facilities for disabled persons shall be provided.</li></ol>	6. Roads, footpaths, turning areas and corner radii at junctions shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the DMURS standards within the development, new footpaths shall tie into existing footpaths.

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7) Noted – All public lighting shall be in accordance with the KCC public lighting policy.	8)Noted – A root management plan will be submitted by the design and build contractor.	9) Noted
7. Public lighting shall be in accordance with the KCC Public Lighting Policy document. Public lighting columns shall be positioned at the back of footpaths and not be impeded by landscaping. Public lighting shall be provided within the development and at the entrance to the proposed development.	8. A root management plan shall be submitted to ensure that roots do not interfere and damage shared surfaces, paths, cycle tracks and roads.	<ol> <li>The proposed landscaping shall not interfere with public lighting, sight visibility and should not damage infrastructure where a</li> </ol>

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Storm water runoff attenuation to disposed of for the application space and not under trafficked areas.... A KCC SUDS Guidance be located under public open site shall comply with SUDS. Document has now been published. provided into existing residential development

to the north of the site.

14) Noted. Permeability links are to be

14. Perneability link shall be provided 3m minimum width for vrus..... A and level and cross section and a draft KCC Permeability Guidance permeability links for vulnerable surveillance, public lighting, line Demesne Estate with design for including the adjacent Eustace developments where possible road users to include passive Document has now been to adjoining lands and published.

15) Noted – A stage 2 audit will be carried out and recommendations incorporated in detailed design.

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approved and certified Auditor for be carried out by an independent 15. A Stage 2 Road Safety Audit shall the proposed development and RSA recommendations shall be the infrastructure works. The incorporated into the detailed design.

16) Noted – A stage 3 audit will be carried out

after completion of works.

approved and certified Auditor on be carried out by an independent 16. A Stage 3 Road Safety Audit shall the completed works including incorporated into the detailed operational for the proposed the public lighting being fully implementation of the RSA infrastructure works. The recommendations shall be development and the

17)Noted - Sightlines shall be in compliance with DMURS.

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17. Vehicular access to the site will be off the Craddockstown Road where the sight visibility at this access shall be in compliance with the DMURS standards.

18) Bicycles parking spaces will be provided in accordance with the KCC Development plan.

18. Parking and cycle spaces shall be provided accordance with the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 and electric charging points shall be provided with details to be agreed beforehand by the Planning Authority, KCC Housing Dept and KCC Roads Sections.

The EV Charger shall be compatible with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's Triple E Register. Elevation details to be indicated at scales of 1:25.

20) Noted – All new footpaths will be in compliance with the minimum standards.

19) KCC development plan Objective TM 0117 only calls for infrastructure for the future to be

provided. Eg. Ducting to all parking spaces,

this is what is being provided.

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21) Noted.	22) Noted	
20. New footpaths shall be a minimum of 2m in width and tie into existing footpaths, shared surfaces for pedestrians and cyclists shall be a minimum of 3m in width and the internal roads access shall be a minimum of 5.5m in width	21. Prior to the commencement of development, a licence from the Planning Authority is required for the erection of fencing / hoarding on the public footpath network pursuant to Section 254 of the Planning And Development Act 2000, as amended.	22. All works involving the opening of public roads or footpaths shall be carried out under a Road Opening Licence submitted to the Municipal District Area Office

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			23) The site is not located within an area that EPA noise maps indicate as being impacted by Road or Rail Noise under the Round 4 National Noise Modelling. We feel that acoustic noise assessment is not required.
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through the MRL system to ensure the following items are assessed:	a) Contractors' experience and competency to carry out such works.	<ul><li>b) Compliance with the Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads (The Purple book, 2017 edition).</li></ul>	c) Compliance with Chapter 8 of Traffic Management Guidelines including a general assessment of traffic impacts within the local area. d) Relevant Insurance's to carry out such works.
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23. An Acoustic Noise Assessment		
shall be carried out on the		
proposed development and an		
Acoustic Design Statement shall		
be issued which shall contain		
noise amelioration / mitigation		
measures (as required) and a		
concluding statement for the		
overall development indicating		
full compliance with the Kildare		
County Council Third Noise Action		
Plan 2019 – 2023 and the British		
Standards BS 8233:2014 and shall		
take into account the noise from		
the adjacent railway line		
24. A Construction Traffic		24) Noted – A Construction Management Plan
Management Plan shall be		will be submitted by the design and build
submitted before the works		contractor.
commence to be agreed with the		
Planning Authority, KCC Housing		
Dept, KCC Roads and Naas MD		
Sections which shall include the		
following:		

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•	All haul routes to and from the	
	site.	
•	Delivery times for plant and	
- Ge	materials and waste collection	
	shall have consideration to	
272	morning and evening peak school	
	times in the area and peak traffic	
	neriods.	

Location of the construction	compound, use of cranes, parking	and storage areas during the	construction phase. (This is in the
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amenity of properties in the area). interest of the residential amenity interest of the existing residential accordance with the Department construction phase shall be 08.00 Parking facilities for construction hours to 18.00 hours Monday to staff which should be within the of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) Traffic Signs Manual for Friday and 0.800 hours to 14.00 Hours of operation during the site and not on the public road permitted on the Sundays and public holidays. (This is in the hours Saturday with no work Relevant construction site of properties in the area). the overall development. warning signs shall be in and footpath.



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	26) Noted																					
Policy Street Lighting Technical Specification June 2019.	26. Surface water runoff to be	collected and disposed of at the	vehicular entrance and not	discharged onto the public road	network. Finished ground levels	and falls to be indicated on a	drawing. Surface water to be	collected, attenuated and	disposed of to a suitable outfall	with petrol interceptors to be	installed to protect the existing	outfalls and water courses. This	should be in accordance with the	Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage	Study (GDSDS) and the	recommendations pertaining to	Sustainable Urban Drainage	Systems (SUDs) where permeable	paving/ porous asphalt would be	accepted in parking areas. The	Applicant is requested to consider	the provision in the design
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maintenance. The Applicant could consider natural measures such as suitably constrained tree pits and refer to the KCC SUDSW Guidance Features (SUDS) that are more Sustainable Urban Drainage beneficial for ecology and Document.

street parking, dedicated charging Triple E Register. Elevation details 27. Where private parking associated with units is being supplied as on metered basis, with access to the residents through a swipe card or charging point being available to compatible with the Sustainable PIN number registration facility. to be indicated at scales of 1:25. should be provided adjacent to Energy Authority of Ireland's parking spaces. The charging points should operate on a The EV Chargers should be points for use by residents

(Ducting to all parking spaces). All spaces are

accordance with the development plan. future installation will be provided in

public in this development there is no on

curtilage parking.

27) KCC development plan dose not require the supply of EV chargers. Infrastructure for

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Parks	1. Specifically, the roadside	14/04/2025	14/04/2025	14/04/2025 1) It is necessary to remove the hedgerow at
Department	hedgerow is proposed for			the site entrance to provide the access point
	removal, along with the hedgerow			and also to provide the necessary sightlines
	along the southern and south-			for cars entering and existing the
	western boundaries. In addition,			development.
<i>S</i>	trees located to the north, within			
	an adjoining property, are			
	indicated for removal. It is noted			The Trees to be removed close to the
	that the owner of the			permeability link to Eustace Demesne were
	neighbouring property has lodged			requested by the homeowner. We have
_	an objection. Clarification is			proposed constructing a wall here to provide
	required regarding the ownership			privacy to the homeowner once the trees are
	and proposed removal of these			removed. Across the entire site only 26 trees
	trees. Should these trees be			are to be removed as can be found in the
	retained, the proposed use of			arboricultural report.
	block wall boundary treatments in			
	their vicinity is likely to negatively			
	impact root zones and would be			
	inappropriate.			2) KCC Dovolommont also states
				open space must be enclosed by high quality
	2. The rear boundaries of Houses 4			boundary treatment. This will be erected as
	to 13 are shown to include a block			close as possible to the boundary so as not to
	wall, while the existing hedgerow			leave a "no mans" land behind the wall.

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removed or significantly cut back.

Further detail is required on how

partial removal may affect the

remaining vegetation and

in this location is proposed to be

whether this approach will result

in the creation of unmanaged or

inaccessible areas ("no man's

3. No boundary treatment has been indicated for the northern side of the site entrance. This omission should be addressed through the submission of a revised boundary treatment plan.

4) SuDS/rain garden areas will be grassed with

gentle slopes and no planting within. This will

reduce the future maintenance. Planted areas

will only be hedge planting to open space and

in areas of private curtilage.

4. With regard to proposed planting, some areas intended for shrub planting may require amendment or reduction due to anticipated maintenance constraints.

Additionally, it should be clarified that certain planting zones are

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purposes and that situations don't arise where these are removed or would hamper the function of the functions rather than ornamental designated for SuDS/rain garden impacted in the future which drainage system.

The footpath appears to tie into a required on the design and safety bend in the adjacent estate road, is is unclear as whether the area connection at the site entrance. Concerns also remain regarding would have sufficient passive surveillance. Clarification is the proposed pedestrian of this connection. 'n

removal of a significant volume of The submitted plans indicate the regarding the proposed removal trees and hedgerows across the site. Further detail is required of trees located within 6

granted for this site for 3 units which also used this access point. The new permeability link is in accordance with the following objectives in 5) Pedestrian link point has been provided for Demesne Estate. There was previous a Part 8 by the construction of the adjoining Eustace document from Kildare County Council. The the CDP TM 020, TM 021 & TM 031 and the recently published Permeability Guidance ink is overlooked by units #10-17.

and cycle access point which will ensure plenty will be as wide as possible within the confines expected that this will be the main pedestrian of movements through this area and prevent The opening of the wall to Eustace Demesne overlooking as possible onto this area. It is of the redline so as to create as much loitering or antisocial behaviour.

We can propose a stepped access gate where the link joins onto the bend of the road.

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received. In addition, clarification

existing hedgerow to the rear of

is required in respect of the

particularly in light of objections

neighbouring properties,

	There is provision for lighting in this area so
<u> </u>	the link will be well lit and passively surveyed
	space.
	6) Hedgerow cut back to boundary. Block wall
	boundary is preferred as the rear boundary
	wall to properties as indicated in the CDP. The
	final boundary treatment and interaction with
	this hedgerow will be subject to detailed
	design . Trees and hedging will be retained as
	much as possible

entrance of the site. It is not possible to retain the visibility splay. (only vehicular entrance to the trees and the hedgerow here as it affects For roadside hedgerow located to the

Further detail is also requested on

clarification as to whether any

the roadside hedgerow, with

portion of this feature can be

retained as part of the final

with the provisions of the County

Development Plan.

man's land" areas, in accordance

unmanaged or inaccessible "no

coexist without creating

The applicant shall demonstrate

block wall boundary treatment.

nteraction with the proposed

Houses 4-13, specifically its

how the wall and hedgerow will

removed in favour of grass wildflower mix and 7) All planting in public areas has been hedges.

Low density shrub planting will be located to private curtilage of units.

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7. The proposed landscape design

consideration for long-term should be reviewed with

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maintenance responsibilities. A		
revised plan should clearly outline		
planting proposals, with species	_	
selection and layout reflecting the		
fact that future maintenance will		
not be undertaken by the local		
authority.		

low maintenance and there will be only grass

to SuDS areas.

tender specification. Wildflower mix will be We can reduce the density of planting in

8) 2m dry dash proposed wall along northern

boundary line.

of the vehicular entrance. Revised consistency with the remainder of indicated along the northern side detail for this boundary, ensuring No boundary treatment has been plans should include appropriate the site. ∞

9) Refer to point 5

As previously noted, the proposed point, which currently opens onto permeability link will serve as the primary pedestrian route through required to confirm that this link Concerns also remain regarding the site. Further information is the location of the link's exit will be a secure, well-lit, and passively supervised space. 6

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	area.  Noted, we will introduce access to each area.  Noted, we will liase with play specialist for list of items and spec sheets (spraoi linn).  Seating will include back and arm rest.	Design and Build contractor will submit details on proposed play area and equipment prior to commencement.  Requirements of the KCC Parks department will be included in tender documents.	
a bend in the road within the adjoining estate. The design and safety of this connection must be reviewed and revised accordingly.	10. Detailed specification of the type of play equipment to be installed is required. All play areas shall be designed to provide a variety of natural play opportunities and provide for universal access.	Any proposed structures or items should not contain swings, nets, ropes, or movable parts. The path network must link to play areas. Some seating must be accessible and age-friendly with bound surfacing beneath.	Play areas in this proposed development shall essentially be natural spaces with landscaping and natural features e.g., logs, mounding, boulders, sensory planting which minimise the use of play equipment. Safety surface

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					_
	Matting that conforms to				
	European Standards. Proposed		_		
	play items containing wood such				
	as Robinia shall conform to				
	European Standards.				
	The applicant shall be requested				
	to submit and agree with Kildare				
	County Council all details for the				
	design, choice of equipment,		_		
-	safety surfacing, along with				
	specifications and proof that all				- 6
	equipment conforms to Current				
	European Standards EN 1176-1-11				
	and EN 1177 Playground				
	equipment and surfacing. Post				
	installation certification by the				
	Royal Society for the Prevention				
	of Accidents will also be a				
	requirement.				
Environment	1. The provided Hayes Higgins Partnership	27/03/2025 27/03/2025	27/03/2025	1) Integration of SuDS and Sub-Catchment	_
Department	"Civil Engineering services report" refers			Approach We would like to confirm that the	
	to the use of tree pits and rain gardens as			proposed surface water drainage strategy is	
	proposed Sustainable Drainage Systems			consistent with the principles set out in Section	_
	(SuDS) measures however the provided			7.4.6 of the Kildare Sustainable Drainage Design	

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Design Guidance Document. Please revise Surface Water Drainage layout to include underground storage systems as defined demonstrates a "pipe to tank" approach additional SuDS features such as swales, surface water drainage layout drawings which would not be in line with the sub catchment approach outlined in Section drainage network. The proposed layout detention basins with low flow channel Design Guidance Document. The layout SuDS measures integrate as part of the 7.4.6 of Kildare's Sustainable Drainage design etc in developing the above sub should demonstrate how all proposed within Kildare's Sustaonable Drainage catchment approach and removal of incorporated into the surface water do not show how these have been

soakaways in the rear gardens of each dwelling, catchments to maximise treatment and storage hydraulic calculations submitted demonstrate a main soakaway located in the large green area and rain gardens have not been considered but effectively creating functional sub-catchments Engineering Services Report. We note also that these will contribute positively. The layout and features, as outlined in the Hayes Higgins Civil nydrologically effective and spatially efficient, across the site. This configuration aligns with Guidance Document. The design includes: A capacity", as cited in the Kildare Sustainable underground storage tanks, favoring natural purpose of run-off calculations, the tree pits "distributed SuDS approach", which is both (10m x 10m x 1.5m), collecting runoff from natural infiltration of surface run off in this permeable paving is being utilised to allow Drainage Design Guidance Document. The roads and shared paved areas; Individual area. This has been suitable sized. For the infiltration through localised attenuation sized to accommodate the full roof area, the guidance to "divide the site into subsolution adopted avoids the need for

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overall surface water drainage and

landscaping plan



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		considering the site's infiltration capacity.
_		Therefore, we respectfully consider that the
	2. Only clean uncontaminated surface	requirements of Section 7.4.6 have been met
	water from the development shall be	
	discharged to the surface water system.	2 Drainage System Separation There is a full
	Only foul sewage and soiled water from	separation of foul and surface water on the
	the development shall be discharged to	site. No connection to the public surface water
	the foul system.	system is proposed, all surface water to be
		dealt with on site. All foul and soiled water will
-		be conveyed through a separate foul drainage
		system, in compliance with Irish standards. This
•		separation is clearly represented in the
		submitted drawing 24D024_03_Rev P -
		Proposed Drainage Layout, which shows two
		distinct networks for foul and surface water
	3. The proposed surface water drainage	drainage.
	system shall be designed and constructed	
	in compliance with the requirements of	3 Hydraulic Design Compliance The surface
	the Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage	water drainage system has been designed: In
	Study and Kildare County Council's	accordance with BS EN 752, as well as the
	Sustainable Drainage Design Guidance	Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study
	Document to restrict-attenuate surface	(GDSDS) and Kildare's SuDS Guidance. To
_	water discharge flows from the proposed	accommodate a 1 in 100-year storm event, with
	development to prevent pollution and	a +30% climate change allowance, as
	maintain the quality of adjacent ground	recommended. Using site-specific MET Éireann
	waters and watercourses. The system	rainfall data to support accurate infiltration and
	shall cater for the 1 in 100 year storm	storage sizing. The design uses infiltration

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event (or as otherwise agreed in writing) and with an allowance of +30% in order to

cater for "climate change".

systems (soakaways) to manage runoff volumes, which aligns with sustainable water management principles and avoids reliance on underground tanks. We will ensure that this approach is more clearly articulated in revised drawings and calculations to fully demonstrate compliance with the guidance. For clarity, we attach surface water drainage design extract from planning report and Appendix C and G relating to surface water design.

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	The provision of the pedestrian passageway is in accordance with the KCC development plan in relation to permeability as can be found in Chapter 15 section 15.4.5 & KCC Permeability Guidance document.  2) As per the KCC development plan minimum distance to the side of a dwelling is 2.3 metres from the side wall as can be found in Chapter 15- section 15.2.2 The current site design proposes a boundary wall 2m high along the proposes a boundary wall 2m high along the providing a wall of 2 metres between the two sites which will minimise overlooking.  The proposed 3 storey apartment block is 17.6m from the proposed new boundary wall. The recently published Sustainable Communities and Compact Settlement
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	29/04/2025
Best regards, Cllr Anne Breen NMD/ KCC	1) The proposed passageway between the new development and Eustace Demesne should be realinged so the footpath is not adjacent to the existing house on craddockstown road. A 10 foot wall should be erected along the boundary. similar passageways have led to anti-social behaviour and this elderly couple will be adversely effected.  2) The location of the three-storey apartment block, which will overlook our property. No overerlooking balconys or windows should be included.  3) A footpath on the craddockstown road should be included in this development.
	CIIr Bill Clear

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Given the increased traffic particularly

during the construction stage.

elevation at first floor and the second floor of **Guidelines recommends a minimum distance** the Type A Triplex blocks are windows into a of 16m from overlooking windows SSPR 1 stairwell. These are not windows into the The windows indicated on the northern private living space so we believe that overlooking will not be an issue. 3. The proposed pedestrian and cycle link between the new development and the Eustace Demesne estate has been carefully planned to enhance local connectivity and accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS). This connection aims to improve access for both existing and future residents, while supporting healthy and promote sustainable transport modes, environmentally conscious travel options.

	1) The provision of the pedestrian passageway	is in accordance with the KCC development	plan in relation to permeability as can be	
	Dear Ms Barry, My wife and I wish to	object to the proposed passageway at the	back of our property as illustrated in the	various site drawings. This passageway is
Submissions	James & Susan	Woods		

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	planned between the new development	found in Chapter 15section 15.4.5 & KCC
	and the existing development, i.e.,	Permeability Guidance document
	Eustace Demesne.	
	1) We are concerned that this	
	passageway will lead to anti-social	2) As per the KCC development plan minimum
	behaviour and dumping as has happened	distance to the side of a dwelling is 2.3 metres
	in other, similar passageways. We believe	from the side wall as can be found in Chapter
	that a number of such passageways have	15- section 15.2.2 The current site design
	been closed off in other areas as a result	proposes a boundary wall 2m high along the
	of such behaviour.	providing a wall of 2 metres between the two
		sites which will minimise overlooking.
	2) We also wish to object to the location	
	of the three storey apartment building	The proposed 3 storey apartment block is
	which will overlook our property.	17.6m from the proposed new boundary wall.
		The recently published Sustainable
	3) In relation to "planning" there is no	Communities and Compact Settlement
	cognisance of the inevitable development	Guidelines recommends a minimum distance
-	further up the road since Ballymore	of 16m from overlooking windows SSPR 1
	Homes have purchased approximately	
	20+ acres for housing and this will cause	The Windows Indicated on the northern
	the consequent need for road widening	elevation at first floor and the second floor of
	and the provision of footpaths and cycle	the Type A Triplex blocks are windows into a
	lanes. The location of the 3-storey	stairwell. These are not windows into the
	building, if proceeded with, may well be a	private living space so we believe that
	major issue.	overlooking will not be an issue.

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4) The proposed pedestrian and cycle link between the new development and the Eustace Demesne estate has been carefully planned to enhance local connectivity and promote sustainable transport modes, in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS). This connection aims to improve access for both existing and future residents, while supporting healthy and environmentally conscious travel options.

5) A further item which might cause some

and not what would, most likely, become

a location for anti-social behaviour, etc.

road/footpath/cycle lanes development

be provided by proper

proposed development next to us should

4) Given all that, the access for the

Surely planning should take account of

what is known to be inevitable in the

foreseeable future?

"flat top traffic calming ramp..." as shown

problems is the planned location of the

Drawing. We feel that might cause some

on Sheet 2 and refers to Road Details

problem for larger vehicles, trucks, etc.,

south, in line with the southern corner of

would be better placed further to the

turning onto our property. We feel it

the development site — at the junction

with Joe Osborne's site.

5) Regarding the raised traffic feature referenced, this is a flat-topped traffic calming ramp, designed and required by Kildare County Council Roads Department in full compliance with both KCC and DMURS standards. Its function is to slow down vehicles in key areas, thereby improving road

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Road Details — shows this raised platform

between two footpaths. Sheet 2 has

6) The drawing on Sheet 16 — Proposed

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1	hatching in red along the road, stretching from part of Osborne's property and culminating in front of part of Eustace Demesne. We have no idea what is implied by this. Is it road realignment or			safety for all users. The geometry of the ramp has been designed to accommodate larger vehicles, including service and emergency vehicles, without operational issues. We do not envisage any access issues for this private
	the provision of a footpath.			residence site however to allay any concerns we can adjust the location of the ramp northwards.
				6) The red hatching on Sheet 16 represents a visibility splay study, which demonstrates that the design allows clear sightlines for drivers at junctions, an essential safety measure intended to reduce the risk of accidents
Liam Kenny	A number of the reports especially those relating to Road Safety and Archaeological Assessment were particularly informative.	17/04/2025	17/04/2025 Noted	Noted
	The permeability link is good facet of the design.			
	Consideration might be given to the naming of the estate - a variant on the neighbouring Eustace Demense (and the			

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equivalent as Gaeilge) would be	appropriate given that the terrain where	the houses will be built was once the	associated with this distinguished family.	

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