

Áras Chill Dara,
Páirc Devoy,
An Nás,
25 June 2021

**Re: Review of the County Development Plan
Chief Executive's Report on Pre-Draft Plan Submissions and consideration of Directions
Special Meeting of Kildare County Council**

Dear Cathaoirleach and Members,

A special meeting of Kildare County Council is being held on the 29th June from 09:30am to 01:00pm to consider the Chief Executive's Report on submissions received in relation to the review of the County Development Plan (already circulated) and to consider any directions that may be appropriate regarding the preparation of the draft development plan.

Motions have been received in relation to a number of topics. Responses and recommendations have been prepared in relation to these topics and are set out in the following tables.

In accordance with Section 11 (4) (d) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) [The Act], the members are advised as follows;

'Following the consideration of a report under paragraph (c), the members of the planning authority ..., may issue directions to the ... [chief executive] regarding the preparation of the draft development plan, ... [and any such directions shall be strategic in nature, consistent with the draft core strategy, and shall take account of] the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or of any Minister of the Government, and the chief executive] shall comply with any such directions.'

It should be noted that in issuing directions, Section 11 (4)(f) of The Act states that Members shall be restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the Development Plan relates.

In the report that follows, the reader should note that any 'Directions' highlighted in green are agreed by the Executive in principle, those highlighted in amber are agreed with in part and those highlighted in red are not favourably considered by the Executive.

Codes of Conduct must be observed in making the Development Plan

In making and adopting the development plan, the elected council, acting in the interests of the common good and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, must, in accordance with the "Code of Conduct for Councillors" prepared under the Local Government Act 2001, carry out their duties in this regard in a transparent manner, must follow due process and must make their decisions based on relevant

considerations, while ignoring that which is irrelevant within the requirements of the statutory planning framework. Equally, local authority employees involved in the preparation of the development plan should perform their duties objectively, should have no vested interest in the contents of the plan and should be in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct for Employees (Source: Development Plans Guidelines issued by DOEHLG)

Yours faithfully,

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Eoghan Ryan
Director of Planning and Strategic Development

Chapter 2 – Core Strategy

Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive’s Response
1	<p>Support for the Chief Executive’s recommendation to “include policies / objectives on regeneration, consolidation and compact growth in all towns, particularly in Maynooth and Naas as the county’s identified Key Towns” and “to include objectives that take account of National Strategic Objective No. 1 of the NPF for compact growth and the Guiding Principles for infill and brownfield development as set out in Chapter 3 of the RSES and to include targets and implementation measures to encourage infill/ brownfield development” (both at P 24). An aspect of this objective should include continuous updating of the Vacant Sites Register, as also recommended by the Chief Executive’s report (at P 73).</p> <p>Regard should be had to the OPR’s submission regarding “Compact Growth and Zoning” which noted the importance of the guiding principles for infill and brownfield development, as set out in Chapter 3 of RSES (Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy 2019 – 2031) which refers to a database of brownfield sites, see P 39 of RSES).</p>	Cllr Colm Kenny	<p>It will be a Strategic Objective of the Kildare County Development Plan to promote compact growth. An objective to implement the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 with respect to the preparation and maintenance of a Vacant Site Register will be included in the Draft Plan.</p> <p>The OPR submission regarding ‘Compact Growth and Zoning’ will be taken into account in the drafting of the CDP, including as it relates to infill and brownfield development.</p>

	<p>Consider the possibility of a greenbelt surrounding Naas, which could encourage such infill.</p>		<p>Agreed. In order to prevent further urban sprawl and to promote compact growth with regard to our larger towns in particular, the Draft Plan will include an objective to identify and retain green belt separation areas between the development boundaries of the County's towns including, but not limited, to Naas/Newbridge and Maynooth/Celbridge/Leixlip/Kilcock in the interest of avoiding coalescence of settlements and to retain their distinctive character and identity.</p>
2	<p>That a more Distributed Development Planning strategy is developed for County Kildare taking pressure off our fast growth metropolitan areas in North Kildare and MASP driven growth projections with more even social and economic growth planning for the county, including the identification of Naas/Newbridge as a second well planned conurbation for significant growth, and a stated strategy to identify growth villages for positive suburban and rural growth, with industrial, employment and housing planning, green space protection, quality public transport connections and infrastructure planning to support these growth strategies.</p>	<p>Cllr Peter Hamilton</p>	<p>A review of the settlement strategy for County Kildare will be undertaken to inform the Draft Plan. This review will be informed by a series of assessments, Section 28 Guidelines and other relevant policy documents.</p> <p>The distribution of population throughout Kildare will be aligned with the NPF/RSES as it relates to the Settlement Hierarchy and the more recently published Housing Supply Target Methodology for Development Planning (DoHLGH, Dec 2020). It is of importance to note that these guidelines will inform the Housing Need Demand Assessment (HNDA) as part of Kildares Housing Strategy. This is a new feature of the planning system that will need a consistent population and housing demand basis from which to effectively estimate the housing needs of a local authority and prepare an associated housing strategy accordingly.</p> <p>With respect to the review of the Kildare Settlement Strategy RPOs 4.1 & RPO 4.2 are particularly relevant and read as follows;</p>

			<p><i>'RPO 4.1 - In preparing core strategies for development plans, local authorities shall determine the hierarchy of settlements in accordance with the hierarchy, guiding principles and typology of settlements in the RSES, within the population projections set out in the National Planning Framework to ensure that towns grow at a sustainable and appropriate level, by setting out a rationale for land proposed to be zoned for residential, employment and mixed-use development across the Region. Core strategies shall also be developed having regard to the infill/ brownfield targets set out in the National Planning Framework, National Policy Objectives 3a – 3c'.</i></p> <p><i>'RPO 4.2 – Infrastructure investment and priorities shall be aligned with the spatial planning strategy of the RSES. All residential and employment developments should be planned on a phased basis in collaboration with infrastructure providers so as to ensure adequate capacity for services (e.g. water supply, wastewater, transport, broadband) is available to match projected demand for services and that the assimilative capacity of the receiving environment is not exceeded'.</i></p> <p>It should also be noted that the RSES established a series of revised designations for settlements (Key Towns, Self-sustaining Growth Towns, Self-sustaining Towns etc), the characteristics for which are set out within the RSES.</p>
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			<p>As part of the preparation of the CDP, a land use survey of our small towns (apart from LAP towns), villages, rural settlements and nodes is currently being undertaken so that future development can be directed to each of these areas in a sustainable manner, taking account of existing or planned social, community or physical infrastructure in each area.</p>
3	<p>That a breakdown of Core strategy, identify the headroom for rural housing supply and that this figure be distributed through a quota system bi-annually. This will result in a more transparent and consistent approach and also be inordinately more efficient for the planning department.</p>	Fianna Fail	<p>As noted previously, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage published <i>'Housing Supply Target Methodology for Development Planning'</i> in December 2020 which identified an allocation of 18,425 households in Kildare to 2031. The preparation of the Core Strategy requires the provision of a coherent strategic policy direction within the development plan that must have internal and external policy consistency. The Draft Plan with particular reference to the Core strategy, including the population and housing projections, must therefore be consistent with the related policies and objectives of the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES) and the National Planning Framework as a core statutory requirement. In order to strengthen the relationship between national and regional population projections and their integration into the development planning process at local authority level, the Department commissioned ESRI to further develop work previously undertaken for the NPF. Accordingly, the Institute was tasked with providing a nationally integrated and standardised evidence base for local authorities to estimate overall housing demand. The resulting ESRI research paper is based on an updated econometric and</p>

			<p>demographic projection model, published by the Institute in December 2020 and will be the basis for the housing targets for the Draft Kildare County Development Plan. These figures will inform the preparation of the Housing Need Demand Assessment in accordance with NPO 37 of the NPF.</p> <p>With respect to proposal for the application of headroom to the rural housing element of the core strategy, it is acknowledged that 50% headroom was previously provided for in the Section 28 Guidelines on Development Plans (2007). However, it should be noted at this stage that the NPF roadmap is explicit in relation to the universal application of 'headroom' and states that scope for up to 25% may be considered to 2026 in counties where projected population growth is above the national average. Kildare is identified as being one of those counties where headroom of up to 25% is allowable, for the purposes of transitioning to the revised targets. This is further clarified in the RSES which states 'this may be supplemented by additional 25% headroom, applicable in the local authority areas that are projected to grow at or above the national average growth figure (page 5 of the NPF Roadmap). This further headroom may be applied regionally and locally, at RSES and city and county development plan stage.'</p> <p>In this regard, in accordance with the NPF (its Roadmap) and the RSES the 25% headroom was applied in the revised core strategy calculations set out in Variation No. 1 of the Kildare County</p>
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			<p>Development Plan 2017-2023 and no further headroom is permissible.</p> <p>Regarding the proposal for a quota system for rural housing provision, it should be noted that AIRO are currently preparing a rural housing report to inform the Draft Plan rural housing policies. This report with associated recommendations will provide an evidenced based assessment for the formulation of rural housing policies in accordance with national and regional policy and will be presented to the Elected Members in advance of the submission of the Draft Plan for their consideration. It should be noted however that the demand for rural housing is influenced by a number of ranging variables some of which are outside of the remit of a land use plan.</p>
4	That the Chief Executive addresses the percentage population allocation for Celbridge while rebalancing the percentage population allocation for towns in North Kildare, given that RSES have replaced the RPGs and there is no longer a requirement for Towns to be assigned a percentage population.	Cllr Ide Cussen	See response to number 2 above.
5	That Kildare County Council take into consideration the Government's announcement to extending the timelines for CDPs to allow new census data to be factored into the plan and the core strategy figures updated.	Fine Gael	<p>The Executive will consider all Government advice and comply with all Government directions as they relate to the preparation of the CDP.</p> <p>The members are advised however that any delay to the CDP process may impact on the roll-out of the LAP work programme.</p>
6	That the draft CDP will have regard to the policies and objectives of the CDPs/draft CDPs, as appropriate of all adjoining	Fine Gael	As part of the preparation of the CDP, regard will be had to the policies and objectives of neighbouring local authorities, as appropriate.

	counties where the administrative area development for settlements is part overseen and managed by different administrative areas.		Consultation with adjoining Local (Planning) Authorities will be undertaken at all stages of the plan preparation.
7	That the council ensures that the core strategy is practicable and accounts for new required infrastructure, particularly in relation to the required capacity of wastewater infrastructure, roads and bridges and the expected delivery of same, when setting any settlement population targets with the purpose of being consistent with the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy, in accordance with Section 10 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.	Fine Gael	Appendix 3 of the NPF sets out a methodology for a tiered approach to land zoning which is supportive only of zoning where lands are either serviced or serviceable during the lifetime of the CDP. When preparing the Settlement Strategy of the CDP, due regard will be had to Appendix 3 as well as a number of other factors including existing or proposed social and community infrastructure during the life of the Plan.
8	That the County Development plan considers the rebalancing of the population for the Leixlip and Celbridge MD. While accepting it is in the MASP area consideration needs to be taken of the geographical limitations and local character of the areas.	Fine Gael	See response to number 2 above.
Chapter 3 – Settlement Strategy			
Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive's Response
9	That the Council update the status of Clane and the updated Kildare County Settlement Hierarchy to be adopted within the CDP 2023-2029 & respectfully submit & request that the town of Clane be allocated its correct and deserved designation as a 'Self-Sustaining Town' as directed in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) 2021-	Cllr Daragh Fitzpatrick	See response to number 2 above. As part of the preparation of the CDP, the settlement hierarchy will be revised to take account of the settlement typologies and associated descriptions in Table 4.2 of the RSES which identifies the following settlement typologies as they relate to Kildare; Key Towns, Self-Sustaining

	2031 for the Eastern and Midland Regional Area (EMRA).		Growth Towns, Self-Sustaining Towns, Towns/Villages and Rural. The position of Clane in the hierarchy will therefore be considered having regard to RPOs 4.1 & 4.2 and Table 4.2 of the RSES. In designating settlements, the Draft Plan will take into account the town's potential to deliver housing however, it must also seek to balance national policy on the delivery of housing, the efficient use of existing transport and water services infrastructure with government policy that seeks to maximise access to and encourage the use of public transport.
10	That the Draft CDP contain commitments/objective that Newbridge be placed on highest tier on the settlement hierarchy outside the key towns on its own (to reflect its current population and predicted future population) and the fact that it's a rather large employment/economically active centre. And to reflect its position as the main town in the mid/ south of the county, and the funding it needs to attract for services, infrastructure and amenities.	Cllr Fiona McLoughlin Healy	The RSES identifies Key Towns in the Region and it is a function of the CDP to designate all other settlements in the hierarchy. The RSES also established a series of revised designations for settlements to be prescribed at CDP stage (Self-sustaining Growth Towns, Self-sustaining Towns etc), the characteristics for which are set out within the RSES. Newbridge is currently designated as a Self-sustaining Growth Town (ref; Variation No. 1 of the KCDP, June 2020) which is the highest tier within the scope of the CDP. See response to number 2 above.
Chapter 4 – Housing			
Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive's Response
- Options for one off housing including serviced sites and cluster-type development			
11	That the council outlines specific guidelines for lands that are to be chosen as serviced sites, in order to facilitate the provision of	Cllr Brian Dooley	It will be a priority of the Draft CDP to offer a sustainable alternative to the continuation of one off rural housing at the pace we have witnessed in

	<p>housing in rural Kildare, to meet the demand of the county's population, access for housing to suit different households needs and appropriate locations in our many small towns and villages that will support our rural schools, sports clubs and community groups. This will be essential in Kildare, as we have found that with the application of RH9 and RH10 more and more young families are finding it increasingly difficult to get planning for a rural once off build.</p>		<p>recent years, which, if continued would negatively impact on the Council's ability to meet its net zero carbon emissions by 2050.</p> <p>The Planning Department is currently preparing a Small Towns and Villages Strategy in accordance with the requirements of NPO 18b (National Planning Framework) which will form an integral part of the Draft Plan in terms of the provision of a viable and sustainable alternative to rural housing but also to build stronger rural communities through the invigoration of rural settlements across County Kildare.</p> <p>To inform this strategy a survey of the small towns (other than LAP towns), villages and rural settlements is currently being undertaken. As part of this process suitable sites are being identified for serviced sites should there be a requirement for additional housing allocations in certain areas arising from the outcome of the Housing Need Demand Assessment which is also being undertaken currently.</p> <p>The level of social, community and physical infrastructure will also be taken into account and will further assist in determining the most suitable areas for such development. Arising from the above and where sites are identified for serviced sites, specific objectives will be incorporated into the Plan in relation to the proper and sustainable development of same.</p>
12	<p>That the Council support and adopt the policy for serviced sites in appropriate locations within the town boundary of towns and</p>	<p>Cllr Daragh Fitzpatrick</p>	<p>See response to number 11 above.</p>

	villages to allow people to develop and build their own house. This policy will assist those who cannot obtain planning on one off-sites. Pilot projects including specific locations for these should be identified, developed and supported by the Council with key stakeholders across appropriate locations in County Kildare.		
13	That the draft County Dev Plan include guidelines for the provision of serviced sites across the full spectrum of settlements. These guidelines should give opportunity to meet demand for affordable rural once off in sustainable locations and within all the tiers of settlements as a means of addressing lack of supply for trading up and delivering balanced socio-economic demographics in all settlements.	Fianna Fail	See response to number 11 above.
14	That the Council identifies and provides suitable sites for serviced sites in small Towns & Villages to support rural communities.	Fine Gael	See response to number 11 above.
15	That the Council promote and facilitate the provision of family clusters in rural areas on family landholdings, including 'Backlands', for people living in rural Kildare who qualify under the rural housing criteria to support rural communities during the current shortage of housing supply.	Fine Gael	The Draft Plan will recognise that many people wish to live in rural areas in County Kildare, and also that in order to thrive, our local villages need people to live in them. For that reason, a rural design guideline to guide and facilitate the development of one off and cluster housing schemes to meet the needs of rural people is being prepared. These guidelines will provide practical advice on planning considerations when designing and developing houses in rural areas.

			<p>Any development in backland areas would be considered on a case by case basis having regard to the character and capacity of the receiving environment including but not limited to the established pattern of development in the particular area.</p> <p>The series of policies and objectives regarding rural housing will be formulated following the completion of the AIRO rural housing report, which will be submitted to the members for their consideration in advance of the Draft Plan.</p>
16	That a family or rural cluster is defined as no more than five houses on a single folio owned by the one individual for the purpose of family members only.	Fine Gael	<p>See response to number 15 above.</p> <p>Furthermore, the outcome of the AIRO work will assist in formulating policies and objectives as they relate to development of rural housing in Kildare. It is considered premature at this stage to determine the number that would be best associated with cluster-type developments. Depending on the characteristics of individual sites and the capacity of the receiving environment, a higher or lower number may be appropriate.</p>
17	That it be an objective of the Draft Plan that there will be development of clusters and serviced sites for those who conform to local need in each of the existing rural settlements. Consideration should be given to allowing a suitable and adequate number of such houses at these locations to maintain population numbers and facilities in the area.	Labour Party	See response to number 11 above.
- Rural Housing Policies			
18	That the policies to support rural housing be entirely reviewed and simplified and that the	Fianna Fail	All rural housing policies and objectives will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the Draft

	<p>consideration of rural housing begin with a positive presumption guided by relevant guidelines.</p>	<p>CDP in accordance with the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines (and any subsequent amendment to same), which states that it is important that development plans address the types of development described above in a positive and sustainable manner. It is critical that there is a balanced and reasonable approach taken in the formulation of these policies. In order to establish an evidence based approach, the Council has engaged the services of AIRO of NUI Maynooth to assist the CDP team in clearly understanding the quantum and geographical spread of rural housing in Co. Kildare over the years, particularly since the adoption of the current CDP from 2017, which will further assist in the formulation of appropriate policies and objectives that provide for a balance between rural and urban development and to align the Draft Plan with the requirements of the NPF and RSES including the identification of “Areas under Urban Influence” etc. This report with associated recommendations will provide an evidenced based assessment for the formulation of rural housing policies in accordance with national and regional policy and will be presented to the Elected Members in advance of the submission of the Draft Plan for their consideration of the CE Draft Plan.</p> <p>The Council is committed to a thorough review of all rural housing policies having regard to national and regional guidance and supporting evidence based documents. However it is premature at this stage to determine the precise policies and objectives that will emerge to inform the CDP at this stage of the CDP process.</p>
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19	That the rural housing policy be developed in a succinct unambivalent manner that underpins the principle of positive presumption as outlined in the planning act.	Fianna Fail	See response to item 18 above. The CDP will include policies and objectives that have regard to the ' <i>Sustainable Rural Housing – Guidelines for Planning Authorities</i> ' (published in 2005).
20	That the Council recognise the housing requirements of farming families and their need to remain attached to a rural area which outweighs and overrules policies RH 9 and RH 10	Fine Gael	<p>See response to number 18 above.</p> <p>The policies and objectives of the Draft will be informed by the NPF, RSES and S. 28 Guidelines including the <i>Sustainable Rural Housing – Guidelines for Planning Authorities</i>' (published in 2005) or as subsequently amended. In this regard, the policies and objectives of the Draft Plan will facilitate persons employed full-time in rural-based activity such as farming, horticulture, forestry, bloodstock or other rural-based activity in the area subject to the necessary environmental considerations.</p> <p>However, such employment must be intrinsically linked to the rural area with a functional need to reside permanently in the rural area close to their place of work, provided that they have never owned a house in a rural area¹.</p> <p>The principles of proper planning and sustainable development are reflected in policies RH 9 and RH 10 of the current CDP. All future development in the rural areas must have regard to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.</p>
21	That the council ensures that the consideration of ribbon development	Fine Gael	See response to number 18 above.

¹ Details of same to be refined on completion of the AIRO Rural Housing Report

	<p>depends on, inter alia, the type of rural area and circumstances of the applicant, having regard to Appendix 4 (Ribbon Development) of the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities.</p>		<p>The policies and objectives of the CDP will be informed by the 'Sustainable Rural Housing-Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (published in 2005) or as subsequently amended. Appendix 4 of these Guidelines recommends against the creation of ribbon development for a variety of reasons relating to road safety, future demands for the provision of public infrastructure and visual impacts.</p> <p>In accordance with the Guidelines and when considering proposals for one off housing a range of factors must be considered including the type of rural area, the circumstances of the applicant, the degree to which a proposal might be considered infill development, the degree to which existing ribbon development would be extended or whether distinct areas of ribbon development would coalesce as a result of the development.</p> <p>The CDP must therefore adopt a balanced approach with respect to rural housing whilst also being cognisant of the Council's climate change obligations to reduce its carbon footprint through the implementation of the policies and objectives of the CDP.</p>
22	<p>That the draft plan includes an objective that identifies appropriate housing density bands for one off rural housing for the entire county as part of rural housing policy RH9 and RH10.</p>	<p>Fine Gael</p>	<p>Policies RH 9 and RH10 of the current CDP will be reviewed in the context of the AIRO Rural Housing Report, the Housing Need Demand Assessment and the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with the EU SEA Directive. SEA is a systematic process for evaluating the environmental implications of a proposed policy, plan or programme and provides means for looking at cumulative effects and appropriately address</p>

			<p>them at the earliest stage of decision making alongside economic and social considerations. The policies and objectives of the CDP will be informed by the 'Sustainable Rural Housing- Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (published in 2005) or as subsequently amended.</p> <p>The CDP must adopt a balanced approach with respect to rural housing whilst also being cognisant of the Council's climate change obligations to reduce its carbon footprint through the implementation of the policies and objectives of the CDP.</p>
23	<p>That the council, having regard to Box 4 (Areas with clustered settlement patterns) in Appendix 3 (Development Plan Objectives and Issues) for Rural Areas within the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities, distinguish using maps and local plans, between infill development within areas that have a tradition of linear development over generations and new areas of ribbon development</p>	Fine Gael	<p>While '<i>The Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities</i>' (2005) remain in force and will be considered in the context of the preparation of the Draft Plan, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has advised that these Guidelines are soon to be updated to reflect the principles of both the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial Economic Strategy with respect to the sustainable growth of the countryside.</p> <p>It should also be noted that AIRO (NUI Maynooth) are currently preparing a rural housing report to inform the Draft Plan rural housing policies. This report along with its associated recommendations will provide an evidenced based assessment for the formulation of rural housing policies in accordance with national and regional policy and will be presented to the Elected Members in advance of the submission of the Draft Plan for their consideration.</p>

24	That the council should take an analytically based and plan led approach to sustaining and renewing established rural communities by monitoring development, population, economic and other trends in rural areas closely and ensure that the planning system is responding, having regard to the policy aims in Section 2.2 of the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities.	Fine Gael	<p>All rural housing policies and objectives will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the Draft CDP in accordance with the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines, which states that it is important that development plans address the types of development described above in a positive and sustainable manner. It is critical that there is a balanced and reasonable approach taken in the formulation of these policies. In order to establish an evidence based approach, the Council has engaged the services of AIRO of NUI Maynooth to assist the CDP team in clearly understanding the quantum and geographical spread of rural housing in Co. Kildare over the years, particularly since the adoption of the current CDP from 2017, which will further assist in the formulation of appropriate policies and objectives that provide for a balance between rural and urban development and to align the Draft Plan with the requirements of the NPF and RSES including the identification of “Areas under Urban Influence” etc. This report with associated recommendations will provide an evidenced based assessment for the formulation of rural housing policies in accordance with national and regional policy and will be presented to the Elected Members in advance of the submission of the Draft Plan for their consideration of the CEs Draft Plan.</p> <p>It should be note however that significant population decline has not occurred in rural areas in County Kildare.</p>
25	That the council analyses the physical circumstances of different types of rural areas, such as grasslands with peat soils,	Fine Gael	The policies and objectives of the CDP with respect to rural housing will be informed by the ‘Sustainable Rural Housing – Guidelines for Planning

	<p>and tailors the policies in the CDP to respond to these differing local circumstances, having regard to the policy aims in Section 2.1 of the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities.</p>		<p>Authorities' (2005) or any subsequent amendments. For clarity Section 2.1 of the aforementioned guidelines states that planning authorities should aim <i>'to support the following overarching policy objectives in their policies, practices and actions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>(i) The importance of encouraging development needed to sustain and renew established rural communities in both smaller rural towns and villages and wider countryside areas,</i> <i>(ii) The need to ensure that the planning system guides residential and other development to the right locations in rural areas in the interest of protecting natural and man-made assets in those areas, and</i> <i>(iii) The need to analyse the different types of economic, social and physical circumstances of different types of rural areas and to tailor planning policies to respond to these differing local circumstances.</i>
26	<p>That a social or economic reason to live in a rural area is categorised in the County Development Plan as follows.</p> <p>A. Social reason is a person who has grown up in a rural area with links to that area or within 5 kilometres of their family home.</p> <p>B. Economic reason is a person who derives their income from a rural area</p>	Fine Gael	<p>The policies and objectives of the Draft Plan pertaining to rural housing must comply with the requirements of the NPF, RSES and other relevant Section 28 Guidelines. It will facilitate, inter alia, persons employed full-time in rural-based activity such as farming, horticulture, forestry, bloodstock or other rural-based activity in the area subject to the necessary environmental considerations. However, such employment must be intrinsically linked to the rural area with a functional need to reside permanently in the rural area close to their place of work, provided that they have never owned</p>

	<p>C. and that urban generated residential development in a rural area is defined as an applicant not meeting the rural housing criteria.</p>		<p>a house in a rural area or that their housing need is not urban generated.</p> <p>The rural housing policies of the CDP will be informed by the work currently being undertaken by AIRO (NUI Maynooth). A presentation will be made by AIRO and a report issued on AIRO's work to the elected members in advance of the submission of the CE's Draft Plan.</p>
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- Settlement Strategy			
27	That the development plan supports a more Sustainable Rural Settlement Strategy to give people choosing a rural life positive choice and the opportunity to own an affordable home, supporting vibrant village communities, a high quality of life, local employment, support for remote working, attractive high streets that attract business and customers, and positive amenities and services, based on the compact growth 10-minute settlement model.	Cllr Peter Hamilton	A priority value of the Draft Plan will be to promote a balanced approach between urban and rural living being cognisant of our climate change commitments to reduce our carbon emissions. The Draft Plan will explore ways of offering more housing choice in more sustainable locations which are either serviced or plan to be serviced over the lifetime of the Plan e.g. serviced sites. The CDP will also include policies/objectives to promote vibrant town and village centres by encouraging further residential development in these serviced areas. Public realm improvements will also be identified and supported in the CDP. While the CDP can include overarching policies and objectives to support the 10-minute settlement model, the Local Area Plans play a particularly important role in precisely identifying suitable areas for residential areas that are within easy access of social, community and economic infrastructure. In order to do this, permeability within and through residential areas to facilitate walking and cycling at a minimum is key to shortening the journey times between such areas and required services.
- Specialist Accommodation			
28	That the CDP sets an objective to support the redevelopment of key town centre sites as elderly accommodation similar to the hugely successful McAuley Place, Naas.	Fianna Fail	The CDP will include objectives that support the development of sustainable town centre locations for all sectors of society including the elderly. The Draft Plan will acknowledge McAuley Place as a national exemplar model of housing for older people and will seek to identify further opportunities

			for the Council (and other appropriate bodies) to expand this supported housing market.
29	That it be an objective of the Plan that the Council commits to using council owned lands to build council houses and address the current housing crisis and furthermore that the Council takes a proactive approach in securing additional land for social housing. Furthermore, that it also be an objective of the plan to provide more age friendly and disability housing for the elderly and people with disabilities.	Labour Party	<p>NPO 37 of the NPF requires the preparation of a Housing Need Demand Assessment which will inform the CDP. The Housing Need Demand Assessment and Housing Strategy will address inter alia Social Housing requirements over the plan period and Specialist Provision to support independent living for people requiring more specialised types of housing or support needs, including accessible and wheelchair housing, housing for students, migrant workers, supported housing for the elderly and traveller accommodation and other housing typologies. The Housing Strategy will include a series of actions including land requirements etc which will inform all policies and objectives of the Draft Plan.</p> <p>The CDP, through its policies and objectives will thereby support independent housing at sustainable locations in close proximity to facilities and services. Ground floor units for independent living will be particularly encouraged.</p> <p>The Draft Plan will include policies and objectives that support the provision of both age friendly and disability/'accessible for all' housing.</p>
30	That the CDP sets an objective that every town have centrally located supported independent housing facilities for our elderly community near facilities and services and where high rise Town centre development is allowed that the Council ensure that ground	Fine Gael	See response to number 28 above.

	floor units are provided for age friendly or disability use.		
31	That the Council make provision for specialised residential development to cater for people who require assisted living and that all planning applications that are required to comply with part five legislation provide for one and two bedroomed units at ground floor level.	Fine Gael	See response to numbers 28, 29 and 30 above. Part V agreements are addressed through the development management process through negotiations with the Council Housing Department in line with the requirements at the time of the agreement.
- Co-Location			
32	<p>Policies that support the delivery of facilities for the care of children and elderly in optimum locations. The nature of these industries is such that the margins of profit will not command primary site location but the optimum location of same can be critical in quality of service to user. Proximity to town centre and amenities for care of the elderly facility can be transformative. Policies to promote the following should be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Co-location of facilities with appropriate activities (ii) Proximity to services (iii) Specific zoning on appropriate sites that removes any competition for site. 	Fianna Fail	The CDP will include policies/objectives that promote co-location of facilities (including childcare facilities and facilities for the elderly) at sustainable locations where they can avail of existing and planned social and community infrastructure, in particular. Planning Authorities require creche facilities where the threshold in a housing development is met for their mandatory provision, and may in some cases support the provision of a childcare facility at a particular locations (e.g at schools etc), however, the CDP cannot compel creche provision otherwise.
- Brownfield Development & Vacant Sites			
33	That an ambitious, innovative and flexible approach be taken to the development of brown field sites, rather than be prescriptive it should set out a vision for what we would like to achieve and be open to proposals.	Fianna Fail	In accordance with RPO 3.3 of the RSES, <i>'local authorities shall, in their core strategies, identify regeneration areas within existing urban settlements and set out specific objectives relating to the delivery of development on urban infill and</i>

			<p><i>brownfield regeneration sites in line with the Guiding Principles set out in the RSES...’.</i></p> <p>The CDP will include a number of overarching policies and objectives that are in accordance with RPO 3.3. The identification of brownfield/ regeneration sites would however be best addressed through the various Local Area Plans.</p>
34	That the Council pilot a town centre residential project where innovative re use of vacant space is realised.	Fianna Fail	The CDP will include a series of policies, objectives and actions that seek to address vacancy in our towns and villages.
35	Vacant /Derelict Buildings To include an objective in the Draft Plan to maintain and update County Kildare’s Vacant Site Register and enforcement procedures.	Labour Party	The CDP will include an objective to maintain and update County Kildare’s Vacant Site Register.
- Apartments			
36	That a radius within town centres be set for the development of apartments.	Fianna Fail	In identifying suitable sites for apartments, the CDP must have regard to Section 28 Guidelines (in accordance with the Planning and Development Act (2000) as amended). In this regard the CDP will include policies/objectives that are in accordance with the ‘Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments – Guidelines for Planning Authorities’, published in 2018. These Guidelines address a range of issues including suitable locations for apartment development and include a number of specific planning policy requirements (SPPRs). SPPRs take precedence over any conflicting policies and objectives of development plans, local area plans and strategic development zone planning schemes.
37	That the Council supports the construction of high-rise accommodation in suitable Towns	Fine Gael	The policies and objectives of the CDP will have regard to the ‘ <i>Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments – Guidelines for</i>

	and especially in areas close to Public Infrastructure		<p><i>Planning Authorities'</i> (2018) which promote apartment style accommodation in central and/or accessible urban locations (Section 2.4 refers). Furthermore, the policies and objectives of the CDP will also have regard to the '<i>Urban Development and Building Height Guidelines for Planning Authorities'</i> (2018). These Guidelines address a range of issues including suitable locations for apartment development and include a number of specific planning policy requirements (SPPRs). SPPRs take precedence over any conflicting policies and objectives of development plans, local area plans and strategic development zone planning schemes.</p> <p>It should also be noted that further to an elected members workshop on 25th May last, a position paper is currently being prepared for the elected members which will detail the various guidance documents that both the members and the executive must have regard to when considering proposals for higher buildings.</p>
- Housing Need Demand Assessment & Housing Strategy			
38	The draft plan includes an objective that all housing developments align to an agreed proportional social housing mix (social/affordable/private) to ensure that we develop sustainable and equitable communities.	Fine Gael	The Draft Plan will include an objective to encourage the establishment of sustainable residential communities by ensuring that a wide variety of housing and apartment types, sizes and tenures is provided throughout the County. Furthermore, developers shall be required to have regard to both the existing and permitted house types and tenures within the surrounding and adjoining neighbourhoods and/or district and clearly demonstrate how their proposed development will add to the housing mix of the area.

Chapter 5 – Economic Development & Enterprise

Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive’s Response
- Strategic Planning			
39	That the CDP delivers a strategic plan for the area between Newbridge and Naas encompassing the existing village plan for Ladytown (Ladytown Business Park) but expanding to examine economic and residential opportunities between both towns with the goal of creating a corridor of high value employment.	Fianna Fail	<p>The two elements to this Direction namely expanding both economic and residential opportunities at Ladytown, between Naas and Newbridge are noted and agreed.</p> <p>As part of the review of the Kildare CDP an analysis of the existing economic base throughout the county will be undertaken in collaboration with the LEO office, Enterprise Ireland and the IDA, particularly in relation to the extent of existing employment land and proposed additional employment land that must be provided for economic purposes to the end of the Plan period to 2029 and beyond. When a comprehensive analysis of the county has been undertaken, appropriate locations for suitable levels of economic expansion will be identified that have regard to the NPF and RSES and that also take into account policies relating to TII and the NTA.</p> <p>In relation to housing development, a Housing Needs Demand Assessment is currently being undertaken for the county which will inform the Settlement Hierarchy which itself must align with the NPF and RSES. This evidence base document along with survey work that is currently being undertaken with respect to towns and villages will inform the quantum and location of additional housing throughout the county having regard to the</p>

			<p>level of social, community and physical infrastructure that is either existing or planned in each area. The need to consider further additional areas for housing growth will be considered as part of the Plan making process.</p> <p>The Draft Plan will make provision for the preparation of a strategy for the lands between the settlements of Naas and Newbridge to promote compact growth and consolidation whilst also preventing the coalescence of these settlements.</p>
40	That the Council incorporate SDZ's into the County Development so that design can encourage people into our town centres rather than the focus being on roads & rail out of town.	Fine Gael	<p>A Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) is an area of land that is proposed to contain developments of economic or social importance to the State. The designation of a site as an SDZ is a decision of the Government, following a proposal by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. While there is no designated SDZ in County Kildare at this time, any such proposal would be considered on its merits by Kildare County Council, having regard to the characteristics of the areas and the ability of the receiving environment to absorb new development of the level proposed for the development of an SDZ</p>
- General Zoning / Employment			
41	That the Council facilitates the expansion of existing and new enterprise opportunities for SME's in urban and rural areas where appropriate and required and that the Council supports and expands the sequential zoning of commercial land in our towns and villages to increase the percentage of people living and working in County Kildare.	Fine Gael	<p>The Draft Plan will acknowledge that the development of rural enterprise and employment opportunities will be vital to sustaining the rural economy of County Kildare. However, the Draft Plan must balance this with the requirement to promote enterprise development at locations which would not undermine the attractiveness or viability of the County's towns and villages and/or serviced areas.</p>

			<p>The Draft Plan will include an objective to facilitate the development of SMEs at appropriate locations in urban/serviced rural areas in accordance with Government Policy “Our Rural Future; Rural Development Policy 2021-2025” (2021) and other relevant government agencies including the NTA and TII.</p>
42	That the plan includes policies that promote the use of enterprise and industrial zoning lands for maximum employment opportunity.	Fianna Fail	<p>The CDP will include a range of policies and objectives relating to the promotion of enterprise and employment opportunities throughout Kildare as well as through the zoning objectives relating to our small towns, villages and rural settlements. Furthermore, locations for enterprise and employment are and will continue to be specifically identified in the various Local Area Plans.</p>
43	That the CDP consider restrictions in key development sites for purposes that do not provide sustainable and significant employment including data centres or other future technological infrastructure that do not require direct employment	Fine Gael	<p>It is the role of the CDP to adopt a balanced approach with respect to all types of development in the county having regard to European, national and regional policies and legislation.</p> <p>With regard to data centres and technological infrastructure particularly, there is a role for the planning system to accommodate such facilities throughout the country as the demand for same reflects the demands of the population generally.</p> <p>Given the nature of e.g. data centres they are limited to considering areas that are well serviced and connected. This reduces the overall areas that can therefore be considered for such purposes. Notwithstanding same however any site identified for such infrastructure will need to be very carefully considered having regard to impacts it would have</p>

			<p>on neighbouring communities and on the surrounding landscape.</p> <p>Given our climate change commitments it would also be important that any such infrastructure would be powered as much as possible by supporting renewable sources of energy.</p>
44	That this Council prohibits the development of Data Centres within the county and restrict Battery Energy Storage Systems to lands that are zoned for industrial use.	Noel Connolly	<p>It is inappropriate for a county development plan (or local area plan) to restrict specific land uses in isolation of consideration of the receiving environment/landscape etc. It should be noted that when formulating policies and objectives with respect to data centres and other specialised industrial uses , regard must be had to, inter alia, the National Planning Framework, Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern Midlands Region and the Government Statement on 'The Role of Data Centres in Ireland's Enterprise Strategy'.</p> <p>Furthermore, the policies and objectives of the Draft County Development Plan will be subject to a series of environmental assessments including Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate assessment which in turn inform the plan.</p>
- Town Centres			
45	That innovative and ambitious policies to promote reuse of brownfield, backland and derelict sites within town centres be included.	Fianna Fail	The CDP will include a series of policies and objectives that promote the reuse of brownfield, backland and derelict sites at suitable, sustainable locations.
46	That the CDP continues to promote more outdoor activity in our urban areas such as outdoor dining, parklets and outdoor markets.	Fianna Fail	The CDP will include a series of policies and objectives to support outdoor activity and public realm improvements throughout Kildare which have

			become particularly important arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Tourism			
47	That the plan should include policies that actively promote and support the increase of bed night space for our tourism industry.	Fianna Fail	The Plan will include a range of policies and objectives that recognise our existing and support our future tourism industry which would include supporting additional accommodation at appropriate, sustainable locations.
48	Tourism Blueways/Greenways 1. To include in the Draft Plan the objective to support and develop tourist services and amenities along Blueways and Greenways while at the same time complementing the offering of nearby services centres.	Labour Party	The CDP will include policies and objectives to support and develop appropriate tourist services and amenities along Blueways and Greenways where such facilities would complement and not negatively impact the service offering of nearby service centres.
49	That tourism hubs are established large or small on all Greenways and Blueways within the County paying particular attention to cycle and pedestrian friendly support services and tourism enterprises to facilitate and promote Kildare as a tourist destination	Fine Gael	See response to submission number 48 above.
50	That the Council, as part of this County Development Plan, adopts a proposition by (* name withheld), for a new countywide tourist attraction which overlays a scaled solar system map on the county. The idea begins with the premise that Perpetual Motion (Naas Ball) represents the sun, and then assigns the various planets to points in the county where there would be models of the various planets, pro-rate scaled to match the Sun (Naas Ball).	Social Democrats	The CDP will include policies and objectives that support all tourist initiatives at appropriate, sustainable locations in consultation with all relevant stakeholders. The detail to which this direction relates is deemed too specific for this stage of the CDP and must be considered in the context of obligations under EU Habitats Directive, SEA regulations and other environmental assessments carried out to inform the CDP process.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mercury - Global Retail Park Roundabout, Monread Road. ● Venus - Centra, Monread Road ● Earth - Junction Monread Avenue and Monread Road. ● Mars - Aldi, Monread Road ● Jupiter - Lidl, Newbridge Rd Roundabout. ● Saturn - New Roundabout, Lidl Distribution Centre, R445 ● Uranus - Kildare Town Heritage Centre. Kildare ● Neptune – Fitzpatrick’s Garage, Dublin Road, Monasterevin <p>We propose that a new trail be created to give effect to this proposal, not least because it has the effect of encouraging visitors to travel through a considerable section of the county.</p> <p>Each model would need a plinth, around 1.5 metres tall, standardised so all eight planets are the same. On the plinth there would be a plaque with a small amount of information on it. The model of the planet itself would sit on the plinth.</p> <p>An App and website could also be developed with more information on the planets, their locations, with QR code on the plaque.</p> <p>The planets themselves could be made out of various materials, just need to be the correct</p>		
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	<p>scale and if possible, the correct appearance as well.</p> <p>This is not a new idea. It has been done in Sweden, New South Wales, Maine and in Illinois.</p>		
51	That this County Development Plan establishes a trail map scheme for all blueways greenways and heritage sites to maximise tourism potential in the county	Social Democrats	The CDP will incorporate a tourist map of our tourism assets in the county that will include blueways, greenways and key heritage sites.
52	<p>Our County Development plan must ensure we protect our key heritage sites and have a developed tourism plan to showcase our aforementioned heritage sites and promote them where possible. Our Greenways/Blueways are another great opportunity to develop and in the plan we need to show how we can link them up to our towns to bring benefit to the economy.</p> <p>Cycling – Ensure that sustainable travel with cycling is a key feature of the Development plan. This should include planning and the links of segregated cycleways both within and to all towns in Kildare.</p>	Fine Gael	<p>Developing a tourism plan is outside the scope of a CDP however the importance of the Greenways/ Blueways is acknowledged and the CDP will include a series of sensitively formulated policies and objectives to support the linking of these areas to the county's towns and villages.</p> <p>The CDP will include policies and objectives to support an improved cycle infrastructure across Kildare, particularly within our towns but also linking tourism and amenity areas where possible.</p>
Chapter 6 – Movement & Transport			
Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive's Response
- Sustainable Transport			
53	That the Chief Executives recommendation to include a series of objectives in the Draft plan to support the delivery of the electrification of the railway lines including Dart + West and South to all train stations in	Fine Gael	The CDP will include policies and objectives to support the delivery of the electrification of the railway lines including Dart + West and South and to investigate the feasibility of locating additional

	Kildare and include possible additional rail lines and train stations.		train stations at appropriate locations throughout the county, in consultation with Irish Rail.
54	Through engagement with Irish Rail, that objectives for the upgrade of railway stations and bridges within County be included in our CDP and potentially re location of stations where appropriate.	Fianna Fail	See response to number 53 above. In relation to any upgrading of bridges, regard will be had to the protected status of any such bridges.
55	That a Rail Corridor Development strategy is included in the County Development Plan, addressing potential locations for new stations and new positive settlements on the DART+ lines, working closely with the relevant national transport agencies. The plan should address infrastructure planning for water, waste and other services for this new settlement strategy, and support outline planning for future extension of the DART+ and commuter rail frequency beyond the current DART+ plans, supporting NPF objectives of sustainable mobility, and pre-draft consultation submissions to this effect.	Cllr Peter Hamilton	See response to number 53 above. In relation to the creation of any new settlements, the CDP must be fully aligned with both the NPF and RSES. Furthermore, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Planning issued a projected household supply target of 18,425 households for Kildare to 2031 (end date of the RSES). This figure must be allocated to the various towns and villages in the Settlement Hierarchy according to the level of existing and planned social, community, economic and physical infrastructure over the life of the CDP to 2029. While the identification of new settlements will be considered, in accordance with NSO 1 of the NPF regarding compact growth, it will be a county strategic development objective (CSDO) to consolidate existing settlements where possible before considering new locations for new communities. Of further note is the proposed allocation of up to 10,000 population to Maynooth, being located within the MASP area. The precise location and distribution of such a significant increase in population in Maynooth along with the associated necessary supporting infrastructure will be

			determined as part of the preparation of the Local Area Plan for Maynooth.
56	To include in the Draft Plan that it be an objective that the Athy/Waterford rail link be upgraded and the delivery of a second rail station in Maynooth	Labour Party	The CDP will include an objective to liaise with Irish Rail with respect to the upgrade of the Athy/Waterford rail link and, in conjunction with Irish Rail, to investigate the feasibility of a second rail station in Maynooth at an appropriate location.
57	Support for the Chief Executive's recommendation to "include in the Draft Plan a series of modal shift targets which will assist in measuring the outcomes of infrastructure measures promoting sustainable transport in the County" (at P 121). Such measures should include good quality cycling and walking infrastructure, to achieve a 15 Minute Town model for towns within the County, consisting of cycle lanes of adequate dimensions and reduced reliance on shared paths with pedestrians. This should be further supported by increased emphasis by planners on good quality cycling infrastructure and where possible, traffic calming measures to facilitate this modal shift.	Cllr Colm Kenny	<p>The CDP will include policies and objectives to support an improved walking and cycling infrastructure throughout the county.</p> <p>Furthermore, the CDP, through its policies and objectives will particularly encourage permeability within and through residential areas which would shorten the journey time for walkers and cyclists to supporting social, community and economic services and facilities thereby promoting the concept of the 15 minute town model.</p>
58	The Council as part of this County Development Plan adopts a concept known as the 15-minute town or village and is incorporated in a development management standard to recognise the same. This provides for the availability and access of all services and most common needs for all residents of an urban area within 15 minutes by any form of transport except by car.	Social Democrats	See response to number 57 above.
59	That the CDP sets an objective to require the preparation of an Intra-County Transport Plan	Fine Gael	The Draft Plan will include an objective to support the NTAs GDA Transport Strategy (and any

	for all Local Area Plans for Self-sustaining Growth Towns and Self-Sustaining Towns.		successor to same) and more significantly the NTAs Plans for Restructuring the Rural Transport Programme; Strengthening the Connections in Rural Ireland. In this regard, the Draft Plan will make provision for engagement with the NTA to progress an Intra-County Transport Plan in order to make movement between settlements in County Kildare as sustainable, practical and attractive as possible.
60	That the plan includes an objective to build on our intercounty transport network to create permeability across the County.	Fianna Fail	The Draft Plan will include an objective to support the NTAs GDA Transport Strategy (and any successor to same ²) as it relates to improvements/upgrades to the intercounty transport network.
61	Transport links -Policy and Planning on effective transport links across towns in Kildare working with the NTA, Bus Eireann, Dublin Bus & Irish Rail.	Fine Gael	It should be noted that while the Draft Plan supports the provision and upgrade of public transport services including Bus Connect, Dart + and other rail services, it is the responsibility of the service providers to maintain and deliver sustainable, efficient and effective connections between settlements throughout the county.
62	The Draft Plan should prioritise the needs of the elderly and vulnerable members of the community. The Chief Executive's recommendation to "include policies / objectives in the Draft Plan that acknowledge the role rural transport services can perform in providing for social and economic connectivity between small villages / rural areas and larger towns" (at P 120) and should be achieved through increased provision of rural transport links. Consideration to be given to using	Cllr Colm Kenny	The CDP will include objectives to support the provision and continued improvement of rural transport links. Accessibility for all members of society will be promoted through the policies and objectives of the CDP across all sectors of society including transport and housing.

² The NTAs Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area is currently under review.

	sustainable (i.e. electric vehicle) technology. New developments should be required to include the provision of housing for elderly and vulnerable members of the community. Accessibility should be prioritised and enhanced.		
63	That policy objectives for the assessment of public transport capacity be a requirement for large scale developments, as cited in the process for SHDs.	Padraig McEvoy	The CDP will include policies/objectives to require certain thresholds of development to undertake an assessment of the public transport capacity related to the area of the proposed development site.
64	That planning applications of large developments consider the impact on or connectivity to local sustainable transport in their submission.	Fianna Fail	See response to number 63 above.
65	That the CDP identify a framework for transport modal shift objectives to sustainable modes and provide for census analysis in LAPs to demonstrate the value of permeability for key populations, for example, school-going children and elderly groups, to reduce car dependencies.	Cllr Padraig McEvoy	<p>Kildare County Council will engage with the NTA and other relevant authorities to develop a framework for modal shift objectives with a view to establishing a monitoring programme to analyse and inform future targets and actions to influence people's travel behaviour and choices towards more sustainable options including by improving access to public transport facilities.</p> <p>The roll-out of the Local Transport Plans for mandatory LAP towns provides analysis to demonstrate the value of permeability/connectivity. However, further work is needed in terms of demonstrating the value of permeable communities. To this end, engagement is ongoing with the NTA with respect to a flagship permeability project in Kildare and the preparation of 'Guidelines for Permeability Connections' to be incorporated into the Plan.</p>
66	That the Council recognises the importance and delivery of park and ride facilities in close	Fine Gael	KCC has and will continue to engage with the NTA, TII and Irish Rail with respect to the provision of

	proximity to train stations and motor way interchanges to link up transportation hubs to reduce single occupancy vehicle movements throughout Kildare and towards Dublin in an attempt to promote and deliver a reduction of Kildare's carbon footprint, including planning for appropriate park and ride focus on light rail to Kilcock and down towards the Sallins line.		appropriate facilities to reduce carbon emissions and to promote the use of more sustainable modes of transport. Appropriate supporting policies and objectives will be incorporated into the CDP in this regard.
67	That the Council as part of this County Development Plan prioritises increased, and improved cycling infrastructure throughout the County. We would ask the Council to investigate in the lifetime of this plan that provides for a minimum of 20 pedestrianised streets in towns and villages in Kildare. The County Development Plan should also include an objective to facilitate the development of cycling and walking interconnect between community facilities and housing estates.	Social Democrats	<p>The CDP will include policies/objectives to support and promote improved walking and cycling infrastructure throughout the County including along our Greenways and Blueways. The CDP will also include policies/objectives to support and encourage permeability at appropriate locations including between residential areas and community facilities.</p> <p>The pedestrianisation of streets will be addressed at a local area plan level at appropriate locations which are informed by the formulation of local transport plans or equivalent. These assessments/plans will address the movement and transport function of particular settlements.</p>
68	That the CDP develop guidelines and criteria that supports the development of walking and cycling tracks parallel to railway lines.	Fianna Fail	The Draft Plan will include an objective to liaise with Irish Rail/CIE to investigate the feasibility of the development of segregated walking and cycle tracks parallel to railway lines to provide easy access to public transport hubs, subject to public safety.
69	The Council as part of the County Development Plan commits to the enhancement of cycle railways and movement of pedestrians by mapping where people transit to as part of their daily	Social Democrats	The Draft Plan will include a series of policies and objectives which will support the upgrade and/or maintenance/expansion of cycle ways and pedestrian links.

	movements (routes to school, work, transport, main street etc.).		However, the mapping of such routes at a County level is not a realistic output of the CDP. It should be noted that the CSO record this level of information through the POWSCAR (Place of Work, School or College) data.
70	That the plan be overtly ambitious in planning for safe cycle ways connecting every school in the county to as large a section of the local population as possible.	Fianna Fail	The CDP will include policies and objectives to support safe cycle ways between residential areas and schools in particular where possible and appropriate.
71	P 123 to include objectives for the delivery of supporting cycling infrastructure such as cycle park facilities and bike maintenance points with pumps at locations along cycleways.	Labour Party	The CDP will include policies and objectives related to improving cycling infrastructure which will be promoted and encouraged at suitable, sustainable locations throughout the county.
72	That the council as part of the County development plan prioritises the development of Grey Ways linking up Towns and villages through safe segregated cycling infrastructure.	Social Democrats	See response to number 71 above.
73	That the Kildare County Development Plan works with all relevant stakeholders to make Kildare a universally accessible County. The Plan should include objectives and measures that embrace but not limited to Dementia and Age Friendly, to ensure that Kildare County Council's Access Strategy is woven and stitched into each Chapter of our CDP.	Cllr Íde Cussen	The CDP will include policies and objectives that promote accessibility for all across all sectors of our society including, but not limited to, transport, housing, services, facilities and amenities.
74	That the Council, as part of this County Development Plan commits to implementing a County-Wide roll out of the 'School Streets' initiative within the lifetime of this plan.	Social Democrats	The CDP will include policies and objectives to support the 'School Streets' initiative in the vicinity of all schools throughout county Kildare.

- Parking			
75	An objective to remove non-residential car parking requirements in favour of incorporating active travel modes for town centre brownfield developments to enable high-density developments.	Fine Gael	The car parking standards in the current CDP are maximum standards, having regard to the need to balance demand for parking against the need to promote more sustainable forms of transport, to limit traffic congestion and to protect the quality of the public realm from the physical impact of parking. All development management standards will be reviewed in the context of current climate action obligations.
- Decarbonised Zones			
76	That the development plan supports an ambitious Decarbonised Zone and Low Carbon Town Strategy, with fast-follower towns identified to develop and learn from progress in the identified DZ town, and a low carbon town and village strategy applied to all Local Area Plans in the county in support of national climate action strategy.	Cllr Peter Hamilton	<p>The Council has nominated a Decarbonised Zone at Maynooth which would embrace the principles of a low carbon town and act as an exemplar for other towns and villages throughout Kildare.</p> <p>The CDP will include overarching policies and objectives to promote low carbon living for all areas of the county. The Local Area Plans will provide further direction in addressing the Council's climate change goals through the location of appropriate types of development at sustainable locations where journey times are shortened and modal shifts towards more sustainable modes of transport are encouraged.</p>
- Key Infrastructure			
77	That the 2nd bridge for Newbridge be included as a key infrastructure objective of County;	Fianna Fail	The CDP will include a specific objective to support and promote the delivery of a second bridge crossing in Newbridge

78	That all Tier 1 & 2 towns within County have an outer and inner relief route identified and protected.	Fianna Fail	The need for relief routes for higher order towns will be investigated and, where considered necessary and appropriate, lands will be reserved for such purposes as part of the either the CDP or LAP plan processes'
- Permeability			
79	That permeability which refers to existing housing estates be subject to a separate, ie additional layer of public consultation and that the permeability guidelines be developed as per Motion CLMD September 2017 which was referred to SPC.	Cllr Íde Cussen	The Draft Plan will include an objective requiring that any connectivity interventions/permeability routes identified in the Draft Plan(s) be progressed in the future. Each would be subject to a separate statutory procedure which includes detailed design and public consultation.
Chapter 7 – Infrastructure			
Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive's Response
80	That the core strategy of CDP recognise the vulnerability of the River Liffey as a source of water for the county with large populations within the region competing for this resource and consider focusing more ambitious targets for part of Kildare that is not Liffey dependent.	Fianna Fail	<p>Response from Irish Water: <i>'Irish Water are responsible for public water supply.</i></p> <p><i>Irish water has invested in the extension of the Barrow Water Supply Scheme Area which will reduce the dependence of Kildare on the River Liffey water supply. This project includes new mains, two new pumping stations and an upgrade of some existing network and allows us to provide more water from Srowland WTP to the Kildare area. The project is due to be completed by the end of 2021.</i></p> <p><i>The upcoming National Water Resources Plan, will look at balanced, sustainable water supply for the East & Midlands Region, which will include County</i></p>

		<p><i>Kildare. The Plan will look at the further integration of water supply sources for the region to maintain a balanced approach.'</i></p> <p>Matters with respect to Water Supply are contingent on Irish Water's capital programme over which KCC does not have direct control.</p> <p>As matters stand, the Liffey has reached its limits [with intakes at Ballymore and Leixlip] in terms of assimilative capacity and most of this water source is now being diverted to Dublin. Accordingly, Kildare in terms of drinking water, is being served increasingly from the Barrow, largely to replace Liffey water being diverted to Dublin. There are also the Monasterevin and Rathangan Wellfields. All in all, there is good connectivity between the 3 sources, the recent diversion of Barrow water to Naas [with effect from 22/6] as a recent example. The availability of drinking water has not been a barrier to development in the past and is unlikely to be so, at least in the medium term over the lifetime of the CDP and beyond. There is also the longer-term challenge for the entire GDA pending the delivery of the Shannon Scheme in circa 2030 which will be addressed by Irish Water in the coming years.</p> <p>The Barrow supply extension scheme provided the GDA with an additional 18 million litre per day enough to supply a 144,000 people and provided some kind of resilience and security for the region . It is currently one of the biggest water supply scheme in the GDA after the Shannon . The</p>
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			distribution input (daily water demand) for County Kildare is 84MLD . The barrow scheme can produce 38MLD and the wellfield 5MLD i.e more than 50% water supply serving County Kildare is not reliant on the Liffey. Please note that Irish water are addressing the water shortage under the water resource plan which the Water supply project (Shannon) is part of it. At present there are no water restrictions on development within the county. Kildare water daily demand constitute less than 10% from the overall supply within the Greater Dublin region .
81	That the council has regard to lack of wastewater infrastructure when making decisions to zone land in rural settlements, and that land should not be zoned if there is no reliable prospect of Irish Water providing wastewater infrastructure within the plan period or a reasonable time period thereafter, having regard to Section 4.16 (Water, Drainage and Roads Infrastructure) of the Development Plan Guidelines 2007.	Fine Gael	In accordance with Appendix 3 of the NPF, lands will be zoned only where they are either serviced or serviceable during the life of the CDP.
Chapter 8 – Energy & Communications			
Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive's Response
- Renewable Energy			
82	That this Council supports the setting back of industrial size wind turbines from homes to at least 10 times the height of the turbine (to the tip of the blade), and from towns, villages and Special Areas of Conservation by at least 2km.	Cllr Noel Connolly	A Wind Energy Strategy is currently being prepared which will inform the policies and objectives of the CDP. The Strategy will be informed by the ' <i>Wind Energy Development Guidelines</i> ' (2006) or any subsequent amendment.

83	That the draft Wind Energy Strategy will specify the maximum and minimum distances between turbines taking into account the location, spatial extent and cumulative effect both within and outside the county boundaries.	Fine Gael	See response to number 82 above.
84	Renewable Energy: That the council considers the requirement for solar energy in new build council/community facilities, EV Charging Points across the county & energy efficient rural lighting	Fine Gael	The CDP will include policies/objectives to support solar energy in all new build facilities, EV charging points and energy efficient rural lighting.
- Food Waste			
85	The draft plan includes an objective on local food waste management including centralised local/regional biogestors plants.	Fine Gael	To assist County Kildare move towards a Circular Economy in terms of waste planning and management, the CDP will promote the development of local and regional biodigesters subject to the prior grant of an Industrial Emissions License from the EPA.
- Supporting Infrastructure			
86	That the CDP ensure that future upgrades/new overhead cables installations in town centres are moved underground.	Fine Gael	The CDP will include policies/objectives to ensure that future upgrades/ new overhead cable installations in town centres are located underground.
Chapter 9 – Retail			
Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive's Response
- Town Centres			
87	That policies to support independent retail, protect unique identities of towns and revitalise town centres be included, such as, a policy to designate appropriate locations as franchise free zones.	Fianna Fail	The CDP will include policies to support retail generally at appropriate locations in our towns and villages. Given the nature of the CDP it may not always be possible to favour one type of retailer over another, be they independent or otherwise.

			The possibility of designating franchise free zones will be investigated and if/where appropriate will be identified in future local area plans (or piloted in one of our historic town centres). Policies and objectives will however be included to assist in the revitalisation of our town and village centres which have particularly suffered as a direct result of the Covid-19 pandemic.
88	That this county development plan puts real focus on sustainable town centres and that consideration be given to scaled retail and leisure along with the scale of housing development.	Fine Gael	<p>The CDP will include policies and objectives that promote sustainable communities and address climate change by encouraging a modal shift towards public modes of transport, cycling and walking and to support the required supporting infrastructure in that regard.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that the level of social and community infrastructure has not kept pace with the delivery of housing throughout Kildare. The CDP will include a policy/objective to support the rollout of 'Social Infrastructure Audits' for all towns in Kildare such as those which have already been undertaken for Leixlip, Athy and Naas. These SIAs identify, in detail, the level of existing social and community infrastructure and identify the gaps with regard to same. The CDP can then incorporate specific policies and objectives to support the provision of certain services/facilities and, through the Local Area Plan process, to zone lands accordingly for such purposes.</p>
89	<p>That the County Development Plan pursues Town-Centre First Principles.</p> <p>Reason: To reverse the trend of underused and vacant buildings and achieve vibrancy, vitality, viability and health of town centres, in</p>	Cllr Vanessa Liston	<p>See response to numbers 87 & 88 above.</p> <p>Furthermore, the CDP will include policies and objectives to address the current levels of vacancy in the towns and villages throughout the county in order to revitalise these settlements and to</p>

	a way that supports social and inter-generational connection, cultural and economic development, leisure that improves health and well-being, and protects our tangible and intangible heritage.		enhance the quality of life for the residents and visitors of these settlements.
- Retail			
90	That the plan identifies sustainable levels of retail space for various towns in the hierarchy and that the balance of retail be adhered to in implementing LAPs.	Fianna Fail	Table 6.1 of the RSES sets out the Retail Hierarchy for the Region. The quantum of retail space for the towns and villages throughout Kildare will be determined having regard to the RSES and also the Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2012 or any subsequent amendments which are supported by RPO 6.10 and RPO 6.11 of the RSES.
91	Acknowledging the power of multiples to deliver foot fall, which in turn can establish retail primacy to a location, that the zoning matrix give very specific direction for appropriate location of these developments in town centres and that CDP leaves no loopholes to ignore the sequential approach to development for these industries.	Fianna Fail	While the CDP will include policies/objectives that align with the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012 or any subsequent amended versions of same it is the role of the Local Area Plans to identify suitable locations for a range of land use zonings including retail which are further elaborated upon in the zoning matrices of each Plan. It would be inappropriate for any land use plan to distinguish the type of retailer that could/should not be accommodated on any site that is identified suitable for retail use.
92	In order to protect our town centres and main streets, large-scale mixed retail infrastructure should be discouraged outside of town centres in the CDP	Fine Gael	See response to numbers 90 & 91 above.

Chapter 10 – Rural Development			
Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive's Response
93	That a quota for quarrying activity in the county be established and future submissions be considered in the context of all extraction taking place within the county at that period.	Fianna Fail	<p>It is not considered appropriate to introduce a quota system as it relates to quarrying activity as to do so would interfere with market forces which are outside the remit of any land use plan.</p> <p>The CDP will however include a range of policies/objectives that promote the sustainable and orderly development of quarrying activity throughout the county which would also address appropriate uses for sites that have become exhausted and is being remediated from quarrying activity.</p>
94	That the Council supports the provision of farm shops on already active agricultural land, promoting farm to fork, eating local produce and to reduce food miles as a measure in reducing our County Kildare carbon footprint.	Fine Gael	The CDP will support the provision of appropriately sized farm shops at sustainable locations which would not undermine the viability of nearby town centres, have a negative impact on the rural character and amenity of the surrounding area and/or the local transport network.
Chapter 11 – Social Community & Cultural			
Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive's Response
- Reuse of Bord na Mona Site, Newbridge			
95	That the CDP sets an objective to work with Bord na Mona and relevant stakeholders in the delivery of a Research Institute on the St Conleth's site in Newbridge. The purpose of which will be to conduct R&D projects that target climate adaptation projects for the Agri/Marine/Environmental sector. It should	Fianna Fail	Generally, the redevelopment of town centre sites will be supported in the Draft Plan including lands such as the redevelopment of the Bord na Mona lands in Newbridge Town Centre. However specific proposals such as these will be subject to further consideration in the preparation of the Newbridge LAP and its supporting documents.

	include training centre to support Climate Adaptation.		
- Sports / Amenities			
96	That this Council support the provision of a municipal sports campus to include multi-sport playing pitches and a swimming pool within the Municipal District of Kildare-Newbridge.	Cllr Noel Connolly	The 'Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Strategy for County Kildare 2021-2031' is currently being prepared which will inform the CDP. Arising from the Strategy, a shortfall in the provision of open space and outdoor recreational facilities will be identified. Whilst the CDP can include a number of overarching policies and objectives to support the delivery of necessary, parallel social and community infrastructure to support the extent of existing and planned residential development, the Local Area Plans can identify suitable and sustainable locations to address the identified deficiencies across the county.
97	That the CDP recognise the growth of female participation in sport particularly within the GAA and in deference to same set an objective for a Ladies County Grounds to be delivered in conjunction with GAA.	Fianna Fail	It is not the function of a CDP to differentiate between women's and men's sports. Lands are identified, primarily through the Local Area Plan process for 'Open Space and Recreation' where sports facilities for all members of our society could be considered subject to location. It should be noted however that the Draft CDP will make provision through the inclusion of a series of objectives to support the delivery of a county sports ground to include facilities for minority sports.
98	That the council includes a high priority strategic objective to address the priority one settlements with no open space facilities identified in the Kildare Open Space Strategy 2011	Fine Gael	It should be noted that the Kildare Open Space Strategy 2011 will be superseded by the 'Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Strategy for County Kildare 2021-2031' which is currently being prepared which will inform the CDP and will form an appendix to same.

			A significant amount of research has been undertaken as part of this Strategy thus far in relation to identifying the quantum of existing types of amenity spaces throughout the county and the identification of open space requirements. This Strategy, when complete, will inform the Draft CDP with regard to the type, quantum and location of various types of amenity spaces which should be sufficient to meet the amenity requirements of our county over the short, medium and longer term.
99	Pg 146 Chief Executive report Objective to "investigate the feasibility of a regional swimming pool in North Kildare" is not strong enough. It needs to be an objective to pursue every possible avenue open to build the swimming pool.	Labour Party	See response to number 96 above.
- Community facilities			
100	That the plan includes an objective for the establishment of a home for an Arts & Crafts co-operative within the County.	Fianna Fail	The Draft Plan will include an objective to investigate the feasibility of the provision of an Arts & Crafts co-operative on Kildare County Council lands/within KCC owned buildings during the lifetime of the Plan.
101	That Kildare County Council include an objective to provide at least one natural or eco-friendly burial ground in the County over the duration of the CDP	Labour Party	The CDP will include an objective to explore the feasibility of providing a natural or eco-friendly burial ground in the County over the lifetime of the CDP and to improve existing burial grounds.
102	That the CDP contain an objective to consider an eco-friendly burial ground also include the possible provision of a crematoria	Fine Gael	See response to number 101 above.

	as well as improving and conserving existing burial grounds.		
103	The Council, as part of this County Development Plan, identifies sites in a minimum of 20 towns and villages for the development of working allotments, community gardens and community orchards.	Social Democrats	The CDP will include policies/objectives to support the development of working allotments, community gardens, community composting and community orchards throughout the county. It would be more appropriate that specific sites would be identified, where necessary, through the Local Area Plan process. Such sites should be situated at locations where they are fully accessible (preferably by sustainable modes of transport) and are adequately serviced. There are a range of zonings in the various LAPs currently that could support the development of the above types of community facilities
104	An objective on urban gardens/allotment to promote and take advantage of advanced hydroponic technology for alternative sustainable food growth.	Fine Gael	See response to number 103 above.
105	That the county development plan identifies locations and works toward the implementation of community composting facilities in our town and villages in an effort to combat food waste.	Social Democrats	See response to number 103 above.
106	That the Council as part of this County Development Plan adopts the community scorecard initiative - to examine the placement of youth and community services ensuring that families have sufficient resources (parks, playgrounds, libraries, schools etc.) within 10 minutes of their home.	Social Democrats	It is acknowledged that the level of social and community infrastructure has not kept pace with the level of residential development in particular in Kildare. To this end, Social Infrastructure Audits (SIAs) are being undertaken for each of our Local Area Plans (LAPs) including most recently, Leixlip, Naas and Athy. The purpose of the SIA is to

			<p>identify the existing level of social and community infrastructure available or planned in our towns and, to identify any shortfalls that are arising. The LAPs would then include policies and objectives to help address any identified shortfalls which should be provided at suitable locations. The CDP will include an objective to undertake a Social Infrastructure Audit for all of our LAP towns.</p> <p>Furthermore, the CDP, through its policies and objectives will particularly promote the concept of the 10-minute town where journey times are shortened between residential areas and supporting social, community and economic services through a series of measures related to well-designed permeability routes. These routes also have the advantage of creating good natural passive surveillance for nearby residents.</p>
107	As Kildare is now one of the few counties in Ireland that is building houses at a significant scale yet is the second lowest funded county per head of population can the plan identify a wish list of social and community developments that require national funding in our key, self-sustaining growth and self-sustaining towns.	Fine Gael	See response to number 106 above. While funding itself is outside the scope of the CDP the inclusion of policies and objectives can strengthen the case when applying for funding in the first instance.
108	Maynooth being categorised as a county key town with one of the country's fastest growing population, that the Council gives serious consideration to addressing the lack of basic community amenities such as a community centre, a swimming and amenity facility, a	Labour Party	See responses to 96 & 106 above.

	cultural and tourist information centre and a primary care centre.		
109	That the council considers the future availability of schools and public open spaces and that there is a reasonable expectation that these can be delivered in the lifespan of the plan when allocating land for development near rural settlements, having regard to Section 4.17 (Supporting Infrastructure and facilities) of the Development Plan Guidelines 2007.	Fine Gael	See responses to 96 & 106 above.
110	That the Community Crèche model be extended to the north of the county where there is continuous population growth and great demand for childcare places.	Labour Party	The Draft Plan will include an objective to support the provision of community creches, at appropriate locations in all settlements across County Kildare. It should be noted however, that while the CDP may support the provision of these type of facilities, the delivery, management and operation of same are outside of the remit of a land use plan.
111	That Kildare County Council develop and maintain childcare centres across the county, which can be used by community crèche organisations, or private providers if no community organisation expresses an interest. These would be located centrally and or near working hubs wherever possible	Labour Party	See response to number 110 above.
112	An objective of the Draft plan to be that social infrastructure and community such as community centres, parks, sports amenities and community gardens, be provided and aligned to catch up with the increase in housing and population in the county and	Labour Party	It is acknowledged that the level of social and community infrastructure has not kept pace with the level of residential development in particular in Kildare. To this end, Social Infrastructure Audits (SIAs) are being undertaken for each of our Local Area Plans (LAPs) including most recently, Leixlip, Naas and Athy. The purpose of the SIA is to

	thereby create a better quality of life for residents		identify the existing level of social and community infrastructure available or planned in our towns and, to identify any shortfalls that are arising. The LAPs would then include policies and objectives to help address any identified shortfalls which should be provided at suitable locations. The CDP will include an objective to undertake a Social Infrastructure Audit for all of our LAP towns.
Chapter 12 – Architectural & Archaeological Heritage			
Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive's Response
113	That the council in acknowledging that the RPS is a live document must strike a balance between the imperative to preserve outstanding structures of good architectural design that have a special interest and an acknowledgement that the life of a building has reached its limits and that the interests of the public and the property owner are served in a fair and reasonable manner.	Fine Gael	The RPS is under constant maintenance and review. Those structures that are currently listed on the RPS are considered to be of special interest from an architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical point of view. As part of the review of the CDP (which includes a review of the RPS) owners of structures are entitled to make a submission to request that a particular structure be considered for removal from the RPS. There is also a similar provision in the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the same purpose though being separate to the CDP plan making process (Section 55 refers). Any submissions received with respect to protected structures will be assessed on their merits and, further to an inspection of the subject property, a recommendation will be put to the members as to whether the structure should remain or be removed from the RPS for stated reasons, having regard to the above.
114	That the CDP include a policy to promote 'Adopt a Building' initiative where corporate	Fianna Fail	An objective to promote 'Adopt a Building' initiative will be included in the Draft Plan.

	sector can be facilitated in coming to the rescue of some of our at risk built heritage.		
Chapter 13 – Natural Heritage & Green Infrastructure			
Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive's Response
115	<p>Kildare Country Council (KCC) is invited to enter into discussions with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) to give consideration to designating the area of Harristown Common, Dunnstown, Naas as a Special Area of Conservation in view of the considerable biodiversity on the common.</p> <p>The area of Harristown Common is within the Liffey catchment and above a regionally important aquifer as classified by the Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI). GSI classifies the aquifer as "highly vulnerable".</p> <p>A recent site visit by an expert Ecologist reviewing a recent planning application in the area identified five red-listed breeding birds (Lapwing, Snipe, Meadow Pipit, Skylark and Yellowhammer) on the Common with several other experts identifying several Orchid species. At minimum, the Common should be zoned for biodiversity in view of the precarious population status of these species and with a view to contributing to the 30% target for nature and biodiversity agreed by the Government and at EU level in January 2021.</p>	Cllr Colm Kenny	<p>The designation of sites as 'Special Areas of Conservation' is outside the scope of the CDP.</p> <p>However, the CDP will include an objective to identify and map biodiversity sites of importance throughout the county during the lifetime of the CDP.</p> <p>Furthermore, the CDP will include a number of policies and objectives that protect and enhance areas that support features that have been specifically identified as being important for biodiversity purposes but also to require the inclusion of biodiversity enhancement measures as part of all future development proposals.'</p>
116	That the council look to extend the development of the Canal/River Barrow towpath from Athy to Maganey, within the	Cllr Brian Dooley	The CDP will include an objective to investigate the feasibility of extending the Canal/River Barrow towpath from Athy to Maganey, to link in with the Barrow Blueway.

	county bounds and in conjunction with the current Blueway development.		
Chapter 14 – Landscape, Recreation & Amenity			
Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive's Response
- Peatlands			
117	That the county development plan gives a clear statement of support to the vision and aim to establish a Midlands Peatlands National Park as a significant nature-based ecological and tourist amenity, generator of employment and midlands regeneration as part of an integrated plan for our reclaimed peatlands, and that the council works with agencies, bodies and civil society groups towards this aim through land use planning and other supports at its disposal, in support of pre-draft submissions and presentations to council and supporting national biodiversity, climate and just transition objectives.	Cllr Peter Hamilton	The CDP will include an objective to investigate the feasibility of developing a Midlands Peatlands National Park in consultation with Bord na Mona, local landowners and all other relevant stakeholders.
118	That the council includes in the CDP policies and objectives which support the consideration of designating a National Park for the peatlands area in the Midlands which includes the peatland areas of West Kildare, in order to be consistent with Regional Policy Objective 7.19 of the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy, and in line with recommendation 9 of the BOGLAND report concerning the Sustainable Management of Peatlands in Ireland.	Fine Gael	See response to number 117 above.

- Green Spaces & Forestry			
119	That the CDP contains objectives to protect green spaces within urban areas.	Fianna Fail	While the CDP can and will include objectives to protect green spaces within urban areas from inappropriate development, it is the role of the Local Area Plans to identify and protect green spaces within urban areas, through the zoning mechanisms and associated zoning objectives of the LAPs.
120	<p>That the County Development Plan develops significant, innovative and ambitious policies towards enabling the development of the natural environment in our urban areas and towns through landscape policies and urban greening.</p> <p>Reason: Given increased densification of our settlements and well as the future impacts of climate change and higher temperatures, that our urban areas will develop in a way that provides a rich and diverse natural environment, that strengthens climate resilience, maintains quality connection with the natural environment and protects and enhances public health and well-being.</p>	Cllr Vanessa Liston	The CDP will include policies and objectives that support the greening of our urban environments, including both our public and private spaces. The CDP team will work with the Parks Department to devise suitable and appropriate policies and objectives in this regard.
121	Draft Plan should include the active promotion of zoning lands around urban areas for the provision of woodlands and forests.	Labour Party	The CDP will include an objective to zone lands, including within and surrounding urban areas, for the planting of native woodlands. Such zonings will include Greenbelt, Strategic Open Space and Open Space and Amenity.
122	That the Open Space Recreation Strategy for County Kildare 2021- 2031 includes an objective to zone lands around towns and villages for community sports facilities.	Labour Party	The ' <i>Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Strategy</i> ' will address the provision of open space and sports/play facilities and will include recommendations on the standards of space and

			<p>types of facilities required per capita for towns and villages in the settlement hierarchy.</p> <p>The zoning of land for any purpose, including Open Space (for sporting and play facilities), will be set out for each town and village in the Small Towns and Villages Strategy.</p>
123	That the CDP zone enough sites in urban areas for inclusive recreational spaces for young adults and adequate land for natural green spaces.	Fine Gael	<p>See response to numbers 119-122 inclusive above.</p> <p>Whilst the CDP can and will include policies and objectives to support the recommendations of the '<i>Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Strategy</i>', it will be the role of the Local Area Plans to zone the identified quantum of recreational spaces for all citizens of the county, including young adults, and to include accompanying zoning objectives related to same.</p>
- Cycling & Walking			
124	That the Council as part of this County Development Plan commits to ensuring all parks have segregated cycling and walking infrastructure through parks, ensuring they are wide enough for both.	Social Democrats	<p>The CDP will include policies and objectives to support both cycling and walking infrastructure both to and within amenity spaces throughout the county. However, given the size of such spaces it will not always be possible to segregate cyclists from walkers. There are national examples including the Waterford Greenway where codes of practice are in place such that both users of these spaces respect each other without the need for extensive tracts of hard paving.</p>
- Amenity Spaces			
125	That a Feasibility Study be carried out to identify a suitable stretch of the River Liffey that runs through the Celbridge Leixlip Area	Cllr Íde Cussen	<p>The CDP will include an objective to investigate the feasibility of a public amenity space of sufficient width along the River Liffey.</p>

	in order to progress a Blueway/Greenway in this Municipal District as a public amenity. This requires amendment of existing policy 14.12.7 LV1 and LV2.		
126	That the council includes a strategic objective to connect the Grand Canal Greenway and the Barrow Blueway by supporting the delivery of trails and peatways through the Bog of Allen, in order to be consistent with Regional Policy Objectives 7.24 & 7.25 of the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy and National Policy Objective 22 of the National Planning Framework.	Fine Gael	Though not connected via the Bog of Allen, the Grand Canal Greenway and the Barrow Blueway are connected at Robertstown. The CDP will include a number of policies and objectives to support further connections between both amenity routes. Furthermore, the CDP will include a number of policies and objectives to support the development of walking routes along existing disused railway lines.
127	That the council includes a strategic objective to connect the Barrow Blueway with Portarlington Co Laois along the Mountmellick Grand Canal and Peatway linking South/West Kildare with our neighbouring counties of Laois/Offaly	Fine Gael	The CDP will include policies/objectives to investigate the feasibility of connecting the Barrow Blueway with Portarlington, Co. Laois along the Mountmellick Grand Canal and Peatway in consultation with Laois County Council and Waterways Ireland.
- Public Rights of Way			
128	That the CDP includes a list of Public Rights of Way and a list of Public Rights of Way to Places of Natural Beauty or a Recreational Utility and that the CDP set an objective of linking Public Rights of Ways to Greenways, Blueways and Peatways	Fine Gael	Section 10(2)(o) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) sets out a mandatory requirement that development plans 'shall include objectives for the preservation of public rights of way which give access to seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other place of natural beauty or recreational utility, where public rights of way shall be identified both by marking them on at least one of the maps forming part of the development plan and by indicating their location on a list appended to the development plan'. A review of all public rights of way will be undertaken as

			part of the Draft Plan preparation having regard to the Office of the Planning Regulators recent Case Study Paper titled “Public Rights of Way and the Local Authority Development Plan” June 2021 (Survey Report on the Operation of Section 10(2)(o) of the Planning Act).
129	That the council identify a process for inventorying and protecting public rights of way.	Cllr Padraig McEvoy	See response above. Furthermore, Section 14 of the Act provides a procedure for the inclusion of rights of way in a CDP which requires notification to be issued to all landowners and a mapping exercise to be carried out. In identifying ant processes, the Council will also have regard to the Office of the Planning Regulators recent Case Study Paper titled “Public Rights of Way and the Local Authority Development Plan” June 2021 (Survey Report on the Operation of Section 10(2)(o) of the Planning Act).
- Scenic routes & views			
130	That the council ensures that existing scenic routes and views are strongly protected in order to promote the sense of place and culture and the quality, character and distinctiveness of Kildare’s rural landscape which makes our rural areas authentic and attractive places to live, work and visit, in order to be consistent with National Policy Objective 14 of the National Planning Framework.	Fine Gael	All scenic routes and views will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the Draft CDP and amended as deemed necessary. In this regard it is considered appropriate to include additional views where appropriate, such as that to and from Dun Ailinne.

Chapter 15 – Urban Design			
Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive's Response
131	That the current CDP Objectives in respect of the Irish Language be amended to strengthen them for example: 15.3.2 doesn't align with the Shop Front Grant Scheme, and 17.4.12 isn't having the desired outcome	Ide Cussen	The CDP, through its policies and objectives, will support the use of the Irish language on shop fronts and require the use of the Irish language on all new directional signage and signage relating to naming of housing estates.
132	That the public realm team pilot a reuse/salvage project that supports principles of sustainability and good design.	Fianna Fail	The CDP, through its policies and objectives, will support the pilot a reuse/salvage project that supports principles of sustainability and good design.
133	An objective that pilots a partnership model (KCC/landowners/community) to regenerate a derelict town centre site to demonstrate how we can effectively and proactively adapt and reuse these buildings to reinvigorate a town centre (potential sites Cassidy Distillery Monasterevin).	Fine Gael	The CDP, through its policies and objectives, will support the establishment of a pilot partnership model to regenerate a derelict town centre site to demonstrate how we can effectively and proactively adapt and reuse these buildings to reinvigorate a town centre.
Chapter 16 – Rural Design			
Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive's Response
134	That all residential development up to two-storey in both urban and rural areas have a sufficient roof pitch to allow for the conversion of attic space at a later date to accommodate a growing family or a family working from home.	Fine Gael	While such a provision cannot be required by means of a development management standard, it will be encouraged through our urban and rural design policies.

Chapter 17 – Development Management

Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive’s Response
- Community Facility Matrices			
135	<p>That the development plan incorporates the use of a live matrix of essential services (example below), indicating baselines that must be demonstrated to exist in support of development proposals. This piece of work might be undertaken through LCDC having regard to the interagency nature of committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Primary Care Centres – 1 per 7,000-10,000 population in accordance with HSE standards; b. Childcare Facilities – 1 facility providing for 20 places per 70 dwellings in new residential areas in accordance with the Childcare Facilities Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2001) c. Schools – Department of Education and Skills standard that 11.5% of the population will require a primary school place and 7.5% will require a post primary school place. d. Community Centres – 1 large multifunctional centre of approximately 1,200sq m – 1,800 sq m per 9,000 population or smaller local community centres (350-650 sq m) as may be identified by the local authority to meet local need. Such 	Fianna Fail	<p>The CDP is a 6-year plan which is prepared and adopted over a 99-week period. The preparation and maintenance of a live matrix of essential services throughout County Kildare is not a realistic output of a County Development Plan.</p> <p>However, in order to ensure communities both new and existing are served with appropriate levels of community facilities and/or key services, Local Area Plans in County Kildare are supported and informed by Social Infrastructure Audit. These audits assess the availability and capacity of community infrastructure and where appropriate, identify expansion areas or new locations through land use zonings.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Social Infrastructure Audits are published with Draft Plans and as such may be used as a baseline for the LCDC to progress the delivery of necessary services/community infrastructure.</p>

	<p>local need may be determined by demographic, accessibility or other factors; and</p> <p>e. Public Open Space and Parks – 2.4 hectares per 1,000 population.</p>		
- Housing			
136	<p>Using an analysis of existing housing stock in each settlement, that relevant densities be set in zoning matrix to ensure a balanced delivery of housing typologies.</p>	Fianna Fail	<p>It is not the function of a land use zoning matrix to prescribe relevant densities.</p> <p>However, the Draft Plan will include an objective to encourage the establishment of sustainable residential communities by ensuring that a wide variety of housing and apartment types, sizes and tenures is provided throughout the County. Furthermore, developers shall be required to have regard to both the existing and permitted house types and tenures within the surrounding and adjoining neighbourhoods and/or district and clearly demonstrate how their proposed development will add to the housing mix of the area.</p>
137	<p>That housing standards be reviewed having regard to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifetime living • Intergenerational living • Shift in culture to working from home • Climate change • Practical household considerations, such as drying clothes and storage. • Achieving balanced socio-economic demographics and integrated communities 	Fianna Fail	<p>While the Plan will have regard to the '<i>Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas Guidelines</i>' it is acknowledged that the points raised are not all adequately dealt with in these Guidelines. It is intended therefore to incorporate specific policies and objectives in the CDP to address each of the items raised.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability and economy of long-term maintenance of both shared space and private space. 		
- Parking			
138	That the CDP examines the potential to zone sites to deliver a small number of exemplar low-cost developments by reducing parking and public open space requirements as much as possible. These sites should be located where they can be supported by sustainable transport modes and public parks in the immediate vicinity.	Fianna Fail	<p>Where proposed development sites are located in close proximity to sustainable transport modes/links and public parks, there may be merit in considering a reduction in parking and public open space requirements, however, this would be considered on a case by case basis and not through the designation of a specific land use zoning. Where such development proposals are brought forward, the developer must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority that there would be no resultant loss of parking and or/ amenity area to residents of adjoining areas, and that the residential amenity of the future residents would not be negatively impacted by such reductions.</p> <p>Whilst the principle of identifying sites as outlined may be established in the CDP, the specific identification of such sites may be more appropriately addressed through the Local Area Plan process'</p>
139	That the planning conditions for parking allocations be reviewed in line with both the current national climate change and transport policies.	Fianna Fail	A reduction in parking standards could be considered in town centres and where high quality public transport infrastructure is either in place or planned and/or where other initiatives such as car sharing or high quality greenway connections to rail stations can be practically delivered within the life of the CDP'
140	That an assessment of reasonable car parking needs for various town populations	Fianna Fail	See responses to 138 & 139 above.

	be established and recommendations on how best to deliver same be incorporated in plan and that this level of car parking facility be protected by the plan.		It should be noted that specific car parking standards and/or deviations based on a settlements population are most appropriately addressed in local area plans, where areas for new developments and/or town centres are located in close proximity to public transport services.
- Design Standards			
141	That all party boundary treatments be of a substantial hard-wearing structure (not wooden).	Fianna Fail	The CDP will include an objective to only permit block walls that are capped and plastered around the rear perimeter of sites in all future housing estates in particular, which should be supplemented with soft landscaping to encourage biodiversity. With respect to the front boundary treatments, traditional wrought iron fencing or modern equivalents of same which are supplemented with native planting and hedging will be required to the front of all residential properties in urban areas'.
142	That detailed practical policies that support the use of height in appropriate locations be included in the Plan. Policies that facilitate and promote high end downsizing units within convenient locations and spacious apartment living that will result in apartment living be one of choice rather than financial necessity.	Fianna Fail	While the CDP can include policies/objectives to promote higher buildings at appropriate locations, it is the role of the Local Area Plans to identify site specific locations within our larger towns in particular that can accommodate higher buildings having regard to the location of sensitive designations including Architectural Conservation Areas, protected structures, significant views etc. The Celbridge Local Area Plan as one such example has identified a number of 'Key Development Areas' within which specific areas for higher/landmark buildings have been identified. It should also be noted that further to a members workshop on 25 th May last, a position paper is currently being prepared which will detail the various guidance documents that both the

			members and the executive must have regard to when considering proposals for higher buildings.
143	That Kildare County Council implements a development management standard of a maximum height of four stories on housing/apartment developments, and should be considered only within a (500m)of a town centre and within a very short walking distance of established regular good transport links/cycling lanes. (can we strengthen this by being more specific)	Social Democrats	It would be more appropriate at Local Area Plan stage to identify locations where the height of buildings should be limited but also to identify suitable locations for higher buildings where there would be little negative impact on the surrounding area and where such buildings could in fact enhance an area and positively contribute to a sense of place such as gateway buildings to towns. A position paper is currently being prepared with respect to the planning considerations as they relate to building height which will be circulated to members over the coming months.
144	That the council as part of the County development plan adopt CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) reviews as a development management standard.	Social Democrats	The CDP will include development management standards that address crime prevention which take specific account of ' <i>Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design</i> '.
145	That a minimum requirement of 30% of roof covering is established for solar and pv panels on the roofs of new commercial buildings.	Fine Gael	The CDP will be informed by the 'Sustainable Energy Climate Action Plan' which is due to be published later this year. The SECAP will propose a series of measures and targets that the CDP must consider in order to address our climate change targets. Solar and PV panels will be considered as part of the overall measures in addressing climate change. The precise extent of same will be considered as part of the CDP.
- Childcare facilities			
146	That the Council requires that crèche facilities included in planning applications must be delivered in the first phase of any such phased development as a measure to	Labour Party	The CDP will include a policy/objective to require the delivery of creche facilities as part of the first phase of any phased development.

	address the current crisis in availability of childcare places in the county.		
147	That the zoning matrix is amended to ensure that all residentially zoned land capable of providing more than 70 units must include a crèche facility on site or in a local neighbourhood centre, notwithstanding whether the site is split by numerous planning application, and that any proposed application to remove or contravene this policy must go before the members of Kildare County Council.	Fine Gael	See response to number 146 above. Furthermore, in accordance with the Childcare Facilities: Guidelines for Planning Authorities One childcare facility is generally required to cater for 20 places in developments of 75 houses, including local authority and social housing schemes. The CDP shall reflect the above or any subsequent amendments to the Guidelines. The LAPs through their policies and objectives must be in accordance with the policies/objectives of the CDP in this regard.
148	That no LAPs be permitted to have a lower provision of childcare spaces per number of dwellings than are nationally recommended	Labour Party	All Local Area Plans are required to comply with national legislation, policy and Ministerial Guidelines. In accordance with the Childcare Facilities: Guidelines for Planning Authorities one childcare facility is generally required to cater for 20 places in developments of 75 houses, including local authority and social housing schemes. The CDP shall reflect the above or any subsequent amendments to the Guidelines. The LAPs through their policies and objectives must be in accordance with the policies/objectives of the CDP in this regard.
149	That Kildare County Council implements a development management standard that requires the construction of childcare facilities, public parks and community (resources such as theatres, hubs, centres) as specific planning conditions for housing developments of 30+ housing units and that they must be developed as part of phase one of any development rather than subsequent	Social Democrats	County Development Plans are required to comply with national legislation, policy and Ministerial Guidelines. Regarding the provision of creches, the Childcare Facilities: Guidelines for Planning Authorities one childcare facility is generally required to cater for 20 places in developments of 75 houses, including local authority and social housing schemes. The

	<p>phases as a condition of planning, or within the first 50% of houses.</p>		<p>CDP shall reflect the above or any subsequent amendments to the Guidelines. The CDP must comply with the hierarchy of plans and guidelines and it is therefore not appropriate to revise the requirement to 30+ units. It should be noted however that the development management standards in the Draft Plan will require the delivery of the childcare facility in the first phase of all new developments.</p> <p>To inform the Local Area Plans in County Kildare, Social Infrastructure Audits are carried out for which identify deficiencies in key services, inter alia, community centres, schools, public parks. In response the local area plans make provision, through land use zonings for new or extended facilities, which may be linked to the delivery of new developments through implementation phasing. However, this may not always be appropriate and cannot therefore be addressed as a general development management standard.</p> <p>See also response to 146 above.</p>
150	<p>The Council, as part of this County Development plan, introduces a 'No Fry Zone' which restricts the development of unhealthy take-away food within 400m of schools, or at the very least they are required to close during lunch times and for a period of 60 minutes after schools close. Additionally, all other existing retail selling food should provide a healthy eating policy for that time.</p>	Social Democrats	<p>The CDP will include policies and objectives to prohibit any proposed 'fast food' outlets in close proximity to schools. The precise distances shall be considered as part of the preparation of the Draft Plan and on advice from the HSE and other relevant agencies.</p>

Miscellaneous			
Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive's Response
151	<p>That the County Development Plan implements policies and principles to promote participation and co-production in the planning process including adopting the Gunning Principles for public consultations. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · that consultation must be at a time when proposals are still at a formative stage; · that the proposer must give sufficient reasons for any proposal to permit of intelligent consideration and response; · that adequate time is given for consideration and response; and · that the product of consultation is conscientiously taken into account when finalising the decision. <p>Reason: To ensure plans are developed in a way that effectively engages all voices in the development of inclusive, transformative and just planning outcomes and builds capacity and trust in the planning process thereby creating enabling relationships and trust for further engagement.</p>	Cllr Vanessa Liston	<p>While extensive consultation will be undertaken over the period of preparing the Draft Plan including focussed workshops, stakeholder engagement and other innovative forms of consultation will be exploited, the inclusion of policies and principles to promote participation and co-production in the planning process are merited but not appropriate to a land use plan. Furthermore, the planning process is timebound by processes set out in statute and therefore the conferring of adequate time for consideration and response is not within the remit of the County Development Plan.</p>
152	<p>That the CDP adopt a core principle of delivering a plan that is fit for purpose and creates a development environment that is both effective and efficient.</p>	Fianna Fail	<p>The CDP, through its policies, objectives and targets will deliver a plan that is fit for purpose and that accords with the planning legislative framework as well as European, National and Regional guidelines with respect to plan making.</p>

153	<p>That this plan set healthy living and working ratio objectives for the County.</p> <p>In determining these ratios, it is important that real ratios are considered not simply the employment level versus the population as it can often represent a false figure where we have commuting workers into the County as well as out. Data on distance to work/ time travel for our working population needs to be the marker.</p>	Fianna Fail	<p>While the Draft Plan can certainly support the promotion and delivery of self-sustaining healthy living and working settlements through a series of policies, objectives and actions, it is not considered appropriate for a land use plan to determine ratios to that effect. The Draft Plan will seek to identify key employment areas at locations which are proximate to public transport services and essential social infrastructure. The policies and objectives will also seek to develop a framework for modal shift objectives with a view to establishing a monitoring programme to analyse and inform future targets and actions to influence people's travel behaviour and choices towards more sustainable options including by improving access to public transport facilities.</p> <p>Data on distance to work/time travel for the Countys working population is recorded through the CSO Census and is published through data known as POWSCAR (Places of Work, School or College Census of Anonymised Records). This information will inform the modal shift targets which will be included in the Draft Plan.</p>
154	<p>That the County Development Plan is developed with a focus on spatial justice and ensuring its pursuit and achievement through the lifetime of the plan.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure that our future development is based on the principles of social justice and ensure that there is fair and equitable distribution of socially valued resources and opportunities to use them for</p>	Cllr Vanessa Liston	<p>Spatial justice will be considered throughout the plan making process in the formulation of all policies, objectives and actions in the Draft Plan and the '<i>Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Strategy</i>' being prepared to inform the CDP. The NPF is clear in its strategic objectives around Access to Quality Childcare, Education and Health Services and also Strengthened Rural Economies and Communities. Such objectives will underpin the future development</p>

	all persons and communities in Kildare.		strategy for County Kildare, to provide a high-quality living environment for all residents.
155	<p>That the County Development Plan include a statement of cross-cutting focus values that includes the well-being, inclusion and development of children and young-people in policies and through the planning process.</p> <p>Reason: A lens on children and young persons can lead to transformative outcomes and benefits through planning for young people as well as families and wider communities.</p>	Cllr Vanessa Liston	<p>The Draft Plan will set out a series of priority values, goals and cross-cutting values in the format of CSDO's (County Strategic Development Objectives) which will underpin the future development strategy for County Kildare, to provide a high-quality living environment for all residents. These CSDO's will be focussed on the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Critical to this is the continued provision and enhancement of facilities and amenities for children and young people, such as childcare, schools, playgrounds, parks and sportsgrounds.</p>
Zoning			
Direction No.	Direction	Received from	Chief Executive's Response
156	<p>That the council support a proposed development concerning lands in private ownership of (* name withheld) (3.78hectares) Abbeylands, Castledermot, Co. Kildare. The submission seeks to 'swap' the Council lands currently identified for housing in (* name withheld) with (* name withheld) lands which are considered more suitable for this land use. The owner is committed to and in partnership with the GAA, School and Run Dermot to also develop the remaining amenity open space for a football pitch and run track, in line with the town plan walkway. All these facilities are all urgently required by all parties named.</p>	Cllr Brian Dooley	<p>In accordance with Section 11(2)(b)(bc) of the Act, a submission (or part of a submission) that refers to requests or proposals for zoning of particular land for any purpose shall not be considered at this stage. However, such submissions have been considered more generally where sites put forward for certain land</p>

Appendix 1 –

Directions that are considered to be outside the scope of a County Development Plan.

Chapter 4 - Housing			
1	That the council consider the sourcing of land for housing across all settlements in County Kildare.	Labour Party	
2	That the County plan considers the role of the council as a landbank-owner both for community facilities and for housing as we build sustainable communities rather than relying on developer-led considerations. That this be done not just in the context of within estates but also in the town centres to ensure viable parklands and amenities for communities. The explosion in population Kildare over the last 30 years has left a dearth of community facilities that the councils are now playing catch up to. Growth towns such as Celbridge, Leixlip, Maynooth along with smaller areas like Straffan need to ensure that local GAA, Rugby and soccer clubs have the required space available to them.	Fine Gael	
3	That the Council identifies all land in its ownership suitable for residential development to deliver social, affordable and serviced sites in urban and rural towns and villages to accommodate the housing needs of Kildare residents.	Fine Gael	

4	That the Council publishes as part of this County Development Plan, a strategic objective for planning and developing public housing, committing to build units and publish all lands within its ownership available for housing development.	Social Democrats	
5	That the council endeavour to put in place a high level of service with regard to planning clinics, which includes site meetings to tease out points of detail on sensitive sites in rural areas and offering advice to applicants where a refusal of planning permission has issued, on matters that the applicants could address to facilitate an alternative proposal, having regard to Section 4.2 (Improving Services to Applicants) of the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities.	Fine Gael	<p>The purpose of pre planning meetings as set out under Section 247 is to provide advice to applicants on policies and objectives as set out in relevant statutory plans. From a Health and Safety perspective and to allow Planners have access to GIS and other relevant information which allows appropriate advice to applicants, site meetings are not appropriate. Site meetings negate the ability to record minutes which is a statutory requirement and would increase the time it takes to hold a meeting as it would need all appropriate personnel attend site.</p> <p>Pre-planning meetings as set out in Section 247 are not an assessment of a proposed planning application and cannot be relied upon as a determination. This is only achieved through the formal planning application process. Where a refusal of planning permission issues, the recourse is appeal to ABP and not by way of a Section 247 Preplanning meeting.</p>
Chapter 5 - Economic Development & Enterprise			
6	The Council as part of the County Development Plan enhances their vacant sites team to tackle empty retail units. Focus on main streets and where businesses are closed for a year, allowing a pop-up business to establish.	Social Democrats	This would require a dedicated team/resource such as an active land management team. Pop-up businesses would be permitted subject to planning permission.

7	That the Council recognises Kilcock as the only town in North Kildare as not having the benefit of industrial/commercial park and that the provision of same is vital to the expansion of current and delivery of new enterprise for Kilcock.	Fine Gael	
8	That Kildare County Council, through the Local Enterprise Office establish an Employment Taskforce to identify and actively pursue employment opportunities for self-sustaining Growth Towns and Self-Sustaining Towns to ensure these towns maximise the benefit of employment zoned lands and don't just become a place to commute from but also a place to live, work and socialise.	Fine Gael	The establishment of an Employment Taskforce is outside the scope of the CDP.
Chapter 6 – Movement & Transport			
9	Naas; Permeability - that the Council engage much more with the local communities affected, seeking their opinions/concerns before any final decisions are made.	Labour Party	Issues relating to specific permeability measures in Naas are more appropriately addressed through the Elected Members consideration of the Draft Naas Local Area Plan and associated reports. It should be noted however, that the final design details of permeability interventions shall be subject to ecological assessment, where applicable, and undergo appropriate public consultation.
10	Naas; That the location of the proposed "Gallops Avenue" be changed to a more suitable wider orbital route away from built up residential areas in the town.	Labour Party	Given the specific, non-strategic nature of this motion it is not considered appropriate to address this particular issue at this time. Notwithstanding same, it is considered that this item be more more appropriately considered as part of the Draft Naas Local Area Plan process.
11	Naas; That the "Millbridge Street" project is not acceptable, since it includes a vehicular	Labour Party	Issues relating to specific transport measures in Naas are more appropriately addressed through

	bridge over the Canal, which will impact adversely on a unique scenic area of natural/built heritage; it will create traffic problems on the Sallins Road and create road safety issues for residents in the Millbridge area.		the Elected Members consideration of the Draft Naas Local Area Plan and associated reports.
Chapter 8 – Energy & Communications			
12	That the council's carbon emissions be monitored, recorded, and published annually over the course of the plan, to verify that targets mentioned in the plan are being met.	Labour Party	The CDP will include a series of targets relating to the various policies and objectives throughout the CDP which will have regard to the emerging 'Sustainable Energy Climate Action Plan' which is due to be published later this year. The monitoring, recording and publication of carbon emissions is outside the scope of the CDP.
13	That the CDP draft energy strategy shall incorporate appropriate policies for the administration of any community benefit/dividend accruing from renewable energy development through the LCDC or other appropriate vehicle.	Fine Gael	
Chapter 9 – Retail			
14	That an objective be included to select a town within County to pilot a project of high levels of co-operation within the independent retail sector to improve the function of town centres.	Fianna Fail	This is outside the remit of a land use plan; however, the proposal will be redirected to the Local Enterprise Office for their consideration.
Chapter 11 – Social, Community & Cultural			
15	That the Council exploits the tourism potential for the historic town of Maynooth in partnership with St Patrick's College Maynooth, the OPW and Waterways Ireland.	Labour Party	This is outside the scope of the CDP. However, these opportunities will be sensitively addressed during the preparation of the Maynooth Local Area Plan.
16	That the previous practice of monthly meetings between the department of education and Kildare County Council	Fianna Fail	The Planning Department has various levels of engagement with the Department of Education, including direct engagement between the Director

	<p>relevant officials (planning, roads and housing) recommence as soon as possible. That through this engagement a review of polices to guide and support school delivery be established within CDP and that this regular engagement with department ensure that schedule of delivery for school places be actively supported and monitored. That the Mayor of County be included in this committee as members representative.</p>		<p>of Planning and the Principal Officer in charge of the provision of new schools; our Forward Planning Section would engage with the Department's Forward Planning Team; and one of our Senior Executive Planners is the key point of contact with the Site Acquisition Team and the School Delivery Team. Depending on what stage we are at in the school delivery process, different levels of engagement may be warranted. The Director has contacted the Principal Officer with a view to regularising these meetings, but monthly meetings are not required and given the varied technical and commercial considerations it is not considered appropriate for an elected member representative to attend. Furthermore, the Department of Education have advised that due to the level of work commitments associated with addressing school requirements across the country the Department is not at this time in a position to commit to regular monthly meetings with Kildare County Council.</p>
17	<p>That the CDP sets an objective that all new primary school developments allow for the building of a crèche within the same site and occurs at the same time.</p>	Fine Gael	<p>Planning Authorities require creche facilities where the threshold in a housing development is met for their mandatory provision, and may in some cases support the provision of a childcare facility at a particular locations (e.g at schools etc), however, the CDP cannot compel creche provision otherwise.</p>
18	<p>That the community participatory budget be trialled within Kildare County Council on one project in each town/village annually.</p>	Social Democrats	<p>The issue of budgets is outside the scope of the CDP. However, may be an issue which can be discussed with the LCDC.</p>
Chapter 12 – Architectural & Archaeological Heritage			

19	Regeneration - Castle Quarter - Naas. That the Council recognise the historical importance of this area in any developments undertaken and ensure that they are in keeping with accepted preservation guidelines /requirements.	Labour Party	Issues relating to specific regeneration objectives in Naas are more appropriately addressed through the Elected Members consideration of the Draft Naas Local Area Plan and associated reports.
Chapter 15 – Urban Design			
20	That the Council implement the suggested Neighbourhood Centre policy in all LAP's and identifies and zones appropriate areas of land for neighbourhood centres in towns and villages to accommodate but not limited to the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Shop • Launderette • Butchers • Salon/Barbers • Crèche • Cafe/Restaurant • Plus three additional units for retail. 	Fine Gael	This is an issue which is more appropriately addressed in specific settlements subject to LAPs. Land Use Zonings and objectives for Neighbourhood centres are already included in a number of our LAPs and will continue to be promoted as part of the preparation of all future LAPs at sustainable locations where such facilities are in close proximity to residential areas and where walking and cycling are encouraged between residential areas and such neighbourhood facilities.
Chapter 17 – Development Management Standards			
21	That a policy to guide the delivery of Part V development require that any off-site delivery be made within the school catchment area for the original development.	Fianna Fail	Part V agreements are addressed through the development management process through negotiations with the Council Housing Department in line with the requirements at the time of the agreement.
22	That the Council amends the development contributions scheme to ensure monies are spent within the community equitably and that towns are developed in terms of	Social Democrats	Amendments to the development contributions scheme cannot be considered through the County Development Plan. However, this motion is timely as a review of the Development Contribution Scheme will be undertaken in Q3 of 2021 as which

	community resources in line with current and projected population growth.		stage the issue of distribution of monies collected etc can be addressed.
23	That every settlement scheduled for a LAP through the lifetime of plan, also be designated a senior planner/ architect who should oversee all planning applications to ensure a consistent approach in line with objectives of LAP is being applied that will enable a more strategic cohesive development of our key towns where a strong sense of place should be apparent. This approach should also include regular inter department team meetings to review progress of objectives of LAP.	Fianna Fail	The issue of allocating resources is outside the scope of the CDP.