

# COILL DUBH (BLACK WOOD) AND COOLERAGH (AN CUIL FHIARACH)

# VISION

## HISTORY AND EVOLUTION

### 1810 - 1935

Hundreds of workers flocked to turf camps in the surrounding villages to work in the bog lands surrounding Coill Dubh

### 1837-1842

Frank Gibney designed 160 houses to accommodate Bord Na Móna workers. This unique settlement is recognised for its unique heritage value and identity.

### 1999 - 2008

Expansion of residential areas and amenity development along with an 83% increase in population

### TODAY

Decrease in amenity activity and discontinuation of the golf course and GAA clubhouse but a need for planned residential growth has been recognised in the latest County Development Plan.

## TODAY

Coill Dubh (meaning Black Wood) and Cooleragh (An Cuil Fhiarach) are two settlements located in close proximity to each other, connected via the L1019.

The northern settlement of Cooleragh is characterised by the presence of established and emerging residential developments, a Church, and remnants of a former ESB Bog rain tracks, which once linked with the former power station at Allenwood.

Coill Dubh's identity and character are defined by the Frank Gibney settlement, outlining residential areas, and well established community facilities including the Community Centre, School, Credit Union, GAA club and AFC grounds.



Frank Gibney estates in Coill Dubh



Potential for enhanced pedestrian realm



Church

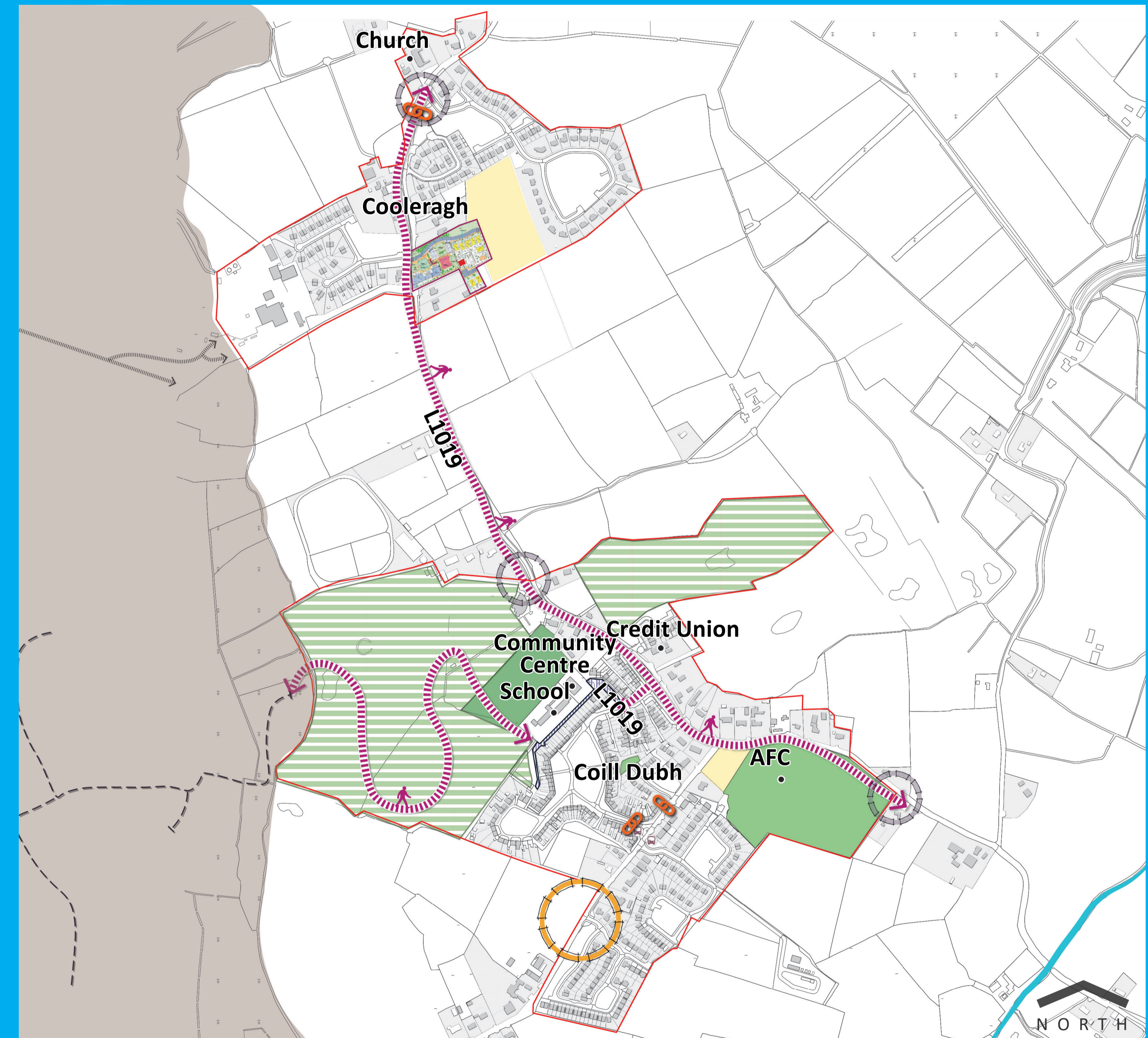


Community Centre



Potential for enhanced public realm

To cohesively connect both village areas, creating destination spaces and safer pedestrian-oriented infrastructure within and between each study area. To celebrate the unique and distinctive assets of each area, including but not limited to the Frank Gibney estate, by way of providing opportunities that future proof the communities.



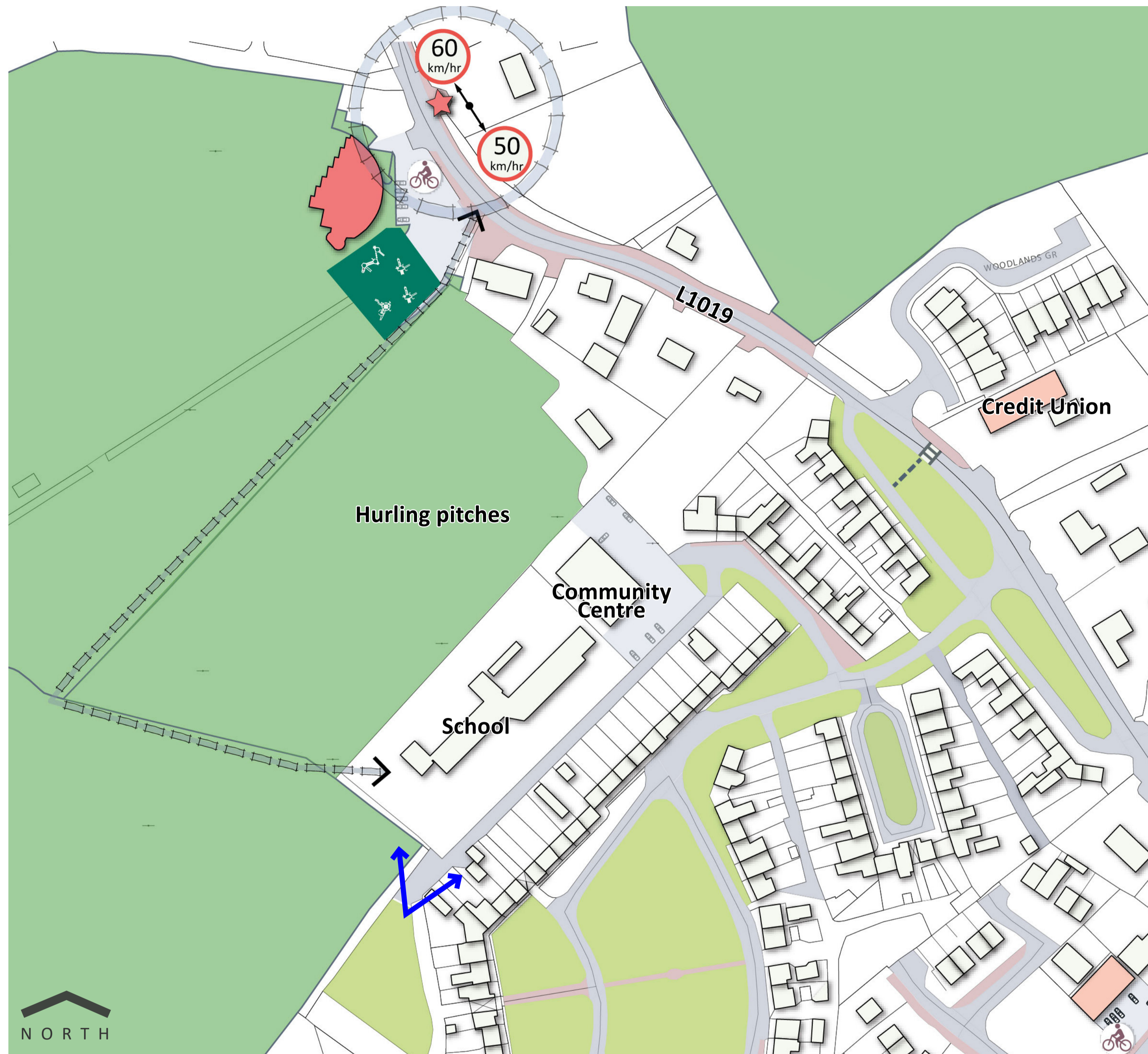
### Key

- Study Area
- Grand Canal
- Bus stop location
- Existing pedestrian crossings
- Potential pedestrian crossings
- Key destinations
- Existing consented planning applications
- Zoned residential lands
- Active amenity zoned lands
- Connected pedestrian realm
- Hard surface public realm
- Green space, amenity opportunities
- Primary gateways
- Secondary gateways



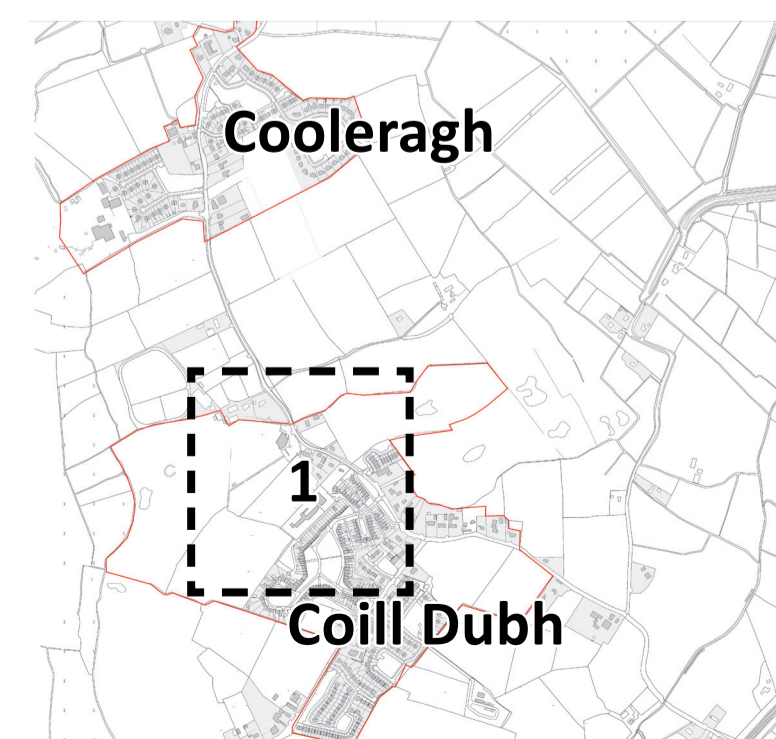
# COILL DUBH AND COOLERAGH INDICATIVE PROPOSALS

## PROJECT AREA 1: COILL DUBH



Draft indicative design proposal (subject to further discussions with third party land owners, and design development, as appropriate)

- Key**
- Pedestrian realm
  - Existing roads
  - Zoned amenity lands
  - Proposed playground
  - Existing green space
  - Key destinations
  - Existing retail
  - Potential for community/amenity use
  - Secondary gateways
  - Proposed signage
  - Proposed speed transition zones
  - Proposed pedestrian crossing
  - Trail from pedestrian crossing
  - Proposed dedicated cycle parking
  - Proposed view point



Location of Project area 1



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### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Respond to Council policy objectives, providing a dedicated playground area adjacent to the GAA grounds
- Create opportunities to re-vitalise derelict properties such as the former GAA club building for community use
- Create a safer laneway and enhanced public realm experience adjacent to Coill Dubh National school by providing high quality paving, urban planting, seating and street furniture
- Enhance the existing pedestrian realm by connecting the retail areas and the Credit Union to the existing residential area and Community Centre through providing a pedestrian crossing point along the L1019
- Consider an alternative and safer vehicular access route to the school through the GAA grounds.

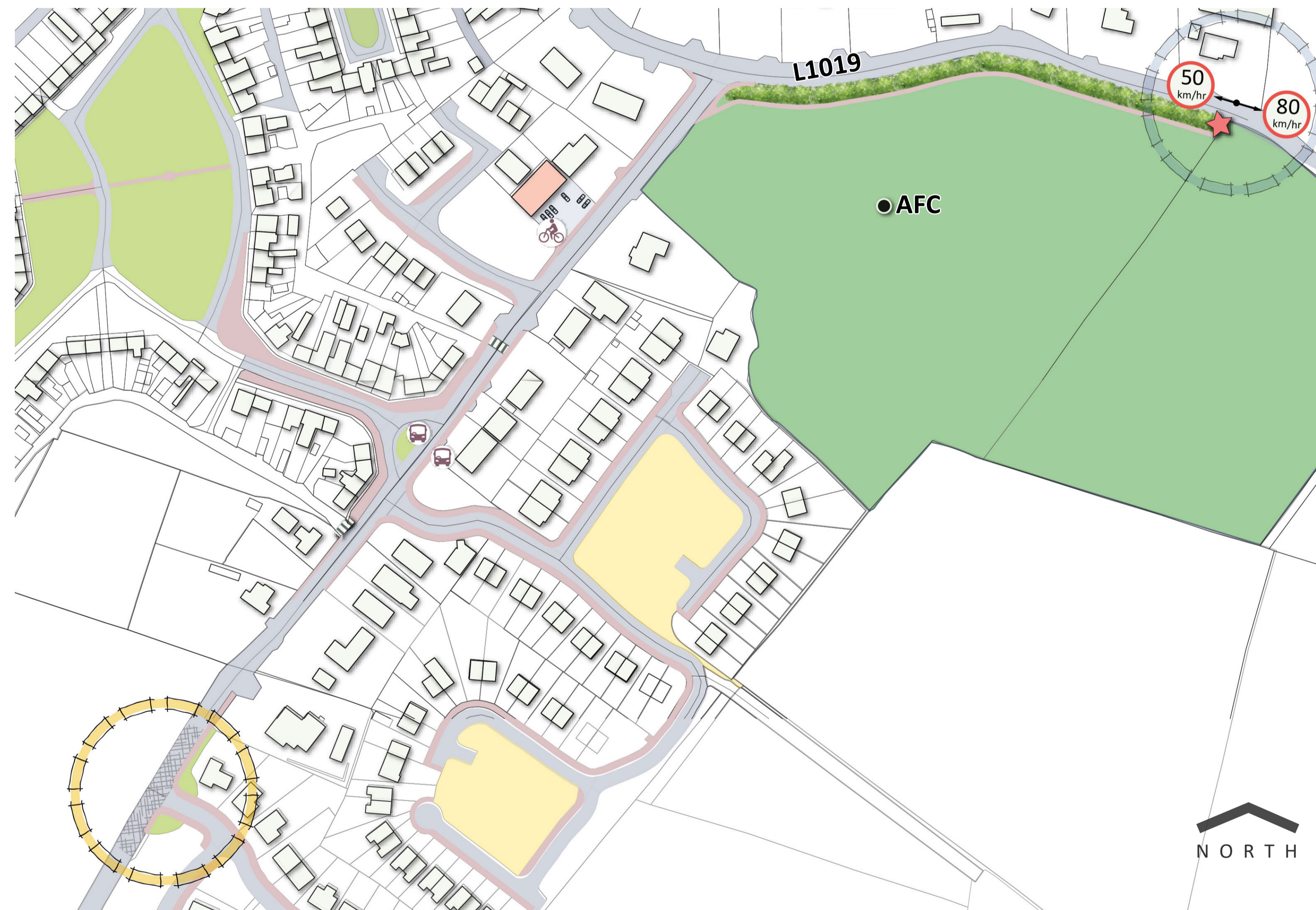


# COILL DUBH AND COOLERAGH INDICATIVE PROPOSALS

## PROJECT AREA 2: COILL DUBH

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Respond to Council policy objectives, providing a dedicated playground area adjacent to the GAA grounds.
- Create opportunities to re-vitalise derelict properties such as the former GAA club building for community use.
- Create a safer laneway and enhanced public realm experience adjacent to Coill Dubh National school by providing high quality paving, urban planting, seating and street furniture.
- Enhance the existing pedestrian realm by connecting the retail areas and the Credit Union to the existing residential area and Community Centre through providing a pedestrian crossing point along the L1019.
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- Key**
- Pedestrian realm
  - Existing roads
  - Zoned amenity lands
  - Existing green space
  - Zoned future residential lands
  - Key destination
  - Existing retail
  - Primary gateway
  - Secondary gateway
  - Proposed signage location
  - Proposed speed transition zones
  - Proposed pedestrian crossing
  - Proposed dedicated cycle parking
  - Traffic calming zone

## PROJECT AREA 3: COOLERAGH

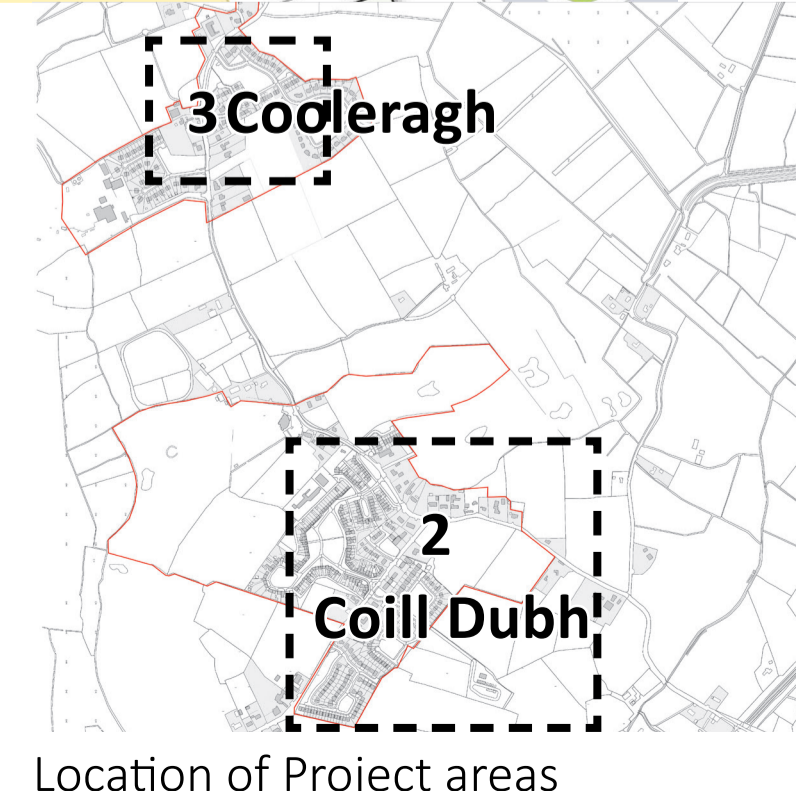
### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Identify and highlight residential zoned lands for future-proofing and compact development.
- Provide a pedestrian crossing along Church View Crescent to ensure safe pedestrian passage to the Church from the existing residential areas.
- Define and celebrate entry / exit points into the village and provide clear signage to signal lowering of traffic speeds.



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Location of Project areas