

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this Kildare County Council (KCC) Public Consultation event, facilitated by its appointed design team. The purpose of this event is to present and showcase (indicative only) draft emerging Town Renewal Plans and Health Checks for the study areas of Allenwood, Robertstown, Cooleragh and Coill Dubh and Kilmeague.

The presented plans showcase identified opportunities to enhance and celebrate the unique identity of each village whilst also providing indicative strategies to future proof each settlement as a living, working and destination area in its own right, for decades to come. The presented indicative design strategies also provide preliminary design proposals to encourage climate change-oriented adaptability, encouraging low carbon infrastructure, and better, healthier movement between places via means other than the private car, thus encouraging a more climate resilient future.

The multi-disciplinary design team, led by Vincent Hannon Architects (VHA) welcome the opportunity to engage with residents, business operators and visitors of each area.

WHAT IS A TOWN RENEWAL PLAN?

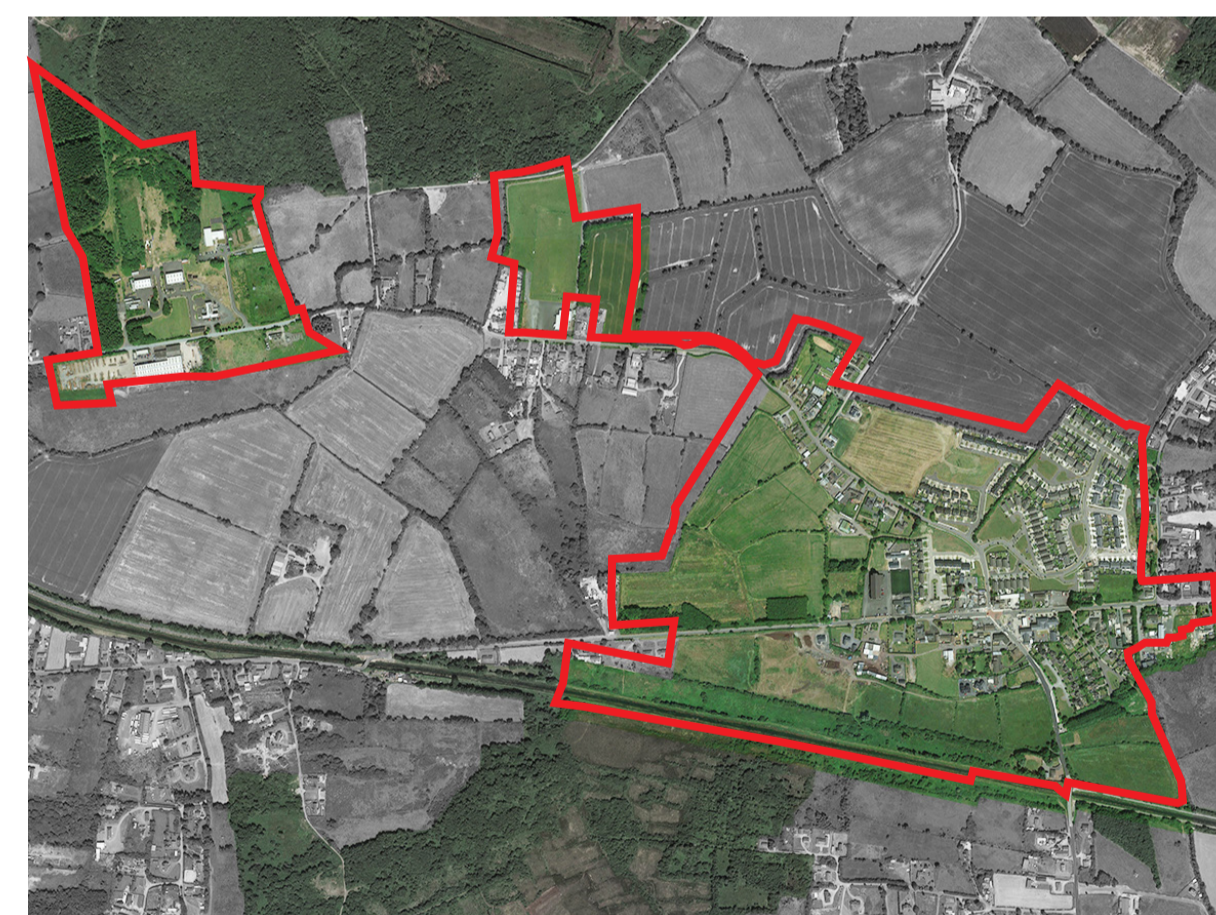
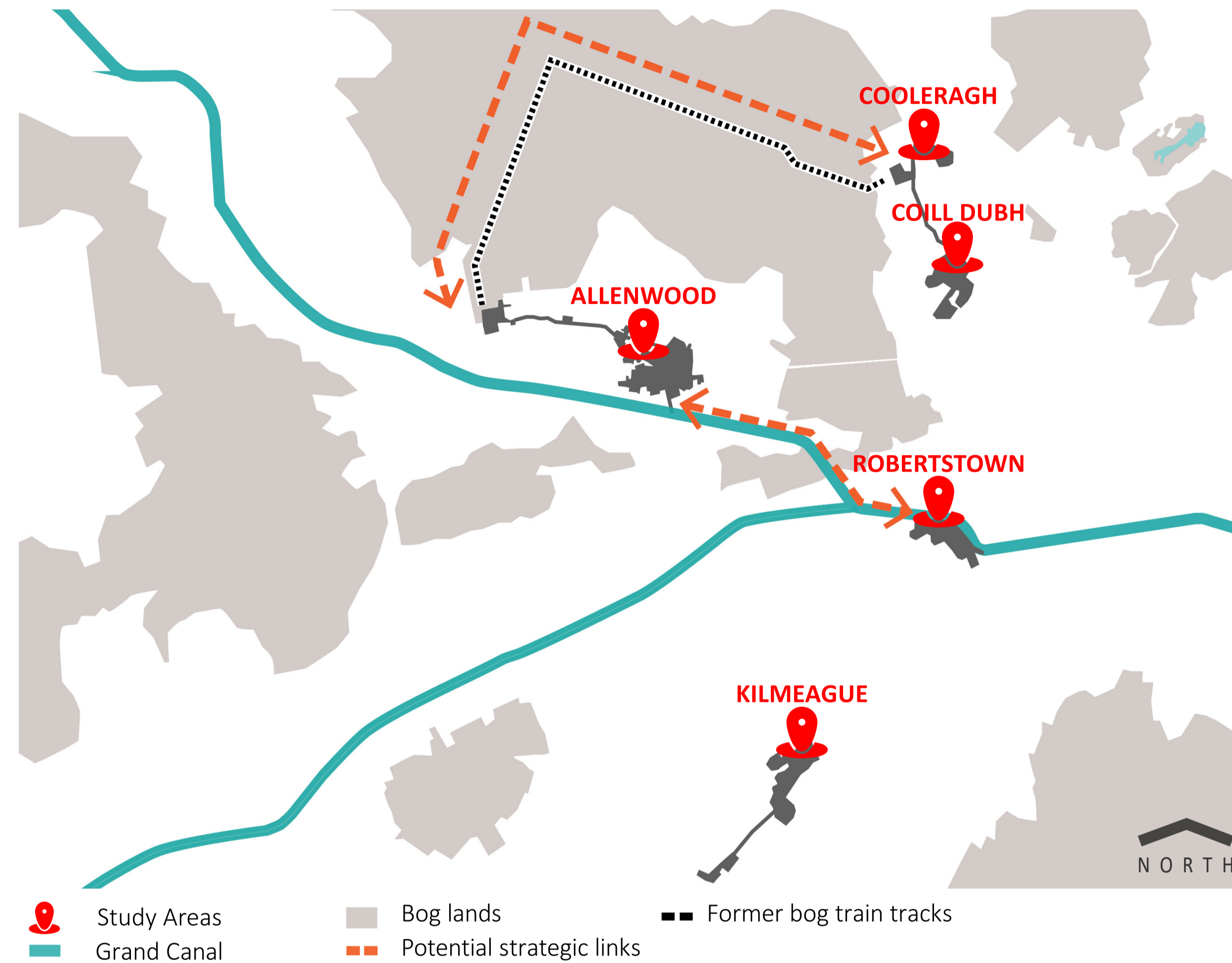
The Town and Village Renewal Plan focuses on development of outdoor projects such as public realm spaces, parks, playgrounds and green spaces. It also aims to invest in qualifying regeneration projects that assist in revitalising rural towns and villages, in line with the Town Centre First Policy.

WHAT IS A HEALTH CHECK PLAN?

The Health Check process aims to identify a range of potential improvements that could be conducted to enhance the character, amenities and the identity of a village or town and provide for the needs of its population. It is conducted through performing the various urban design analyses as mentioned opposite and aims to implement them to inform and develop proposals for the four villages.

It aims to target funding to facilitate further development of the plans for each respective study area. If successful in acquiring funding, KCC aims to bring the presented proposals to the next stages of design development and delivery.

STUDY AREA LOCATIONS



Allenwood



Coill Dubh and Cooleragh



Robertstown



Kilmeague

WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY?

The key objective of creating these indicative only plans is to deliver a new vision for the villages with pedestrian oriented public spaces, liveable streets and safer, better connected movement networks. Kildare County Council's primary goal is to also prioritise a sense of place and identity across each of the four study areas, to ensure safer pedestrian and cycle environments and to create more inclusive, sustainable and people friendly public realm.

Providing context and understanding, which in turn has informed the indicative design proposals, the project team have undertaken extensive analyses including information gathering, 2D and 3D analysis on a range of elements including:

- Land Use Survey
- Dereliction/Vacancy
- Socio-Demographic and Employment trends Overview
- Residential Market Overview
- Tourism and Leisure Overview
- Business / Shopper Audit
- Pedestrian Count Survey
- Walkability Survey
- Traffic Surveys and Audits
- Car Parking Survey
- Public Realm Audit
- SWOT Analyses

These analyses and findings have informed the Town Renewal Plans, and VHA welcome local community feedback to the draft plans.

Your inputs will help to better inform, from a local user perspective, the future proofing and enhancement of the character, identity and function of each study area, for all users, for generations to come.

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PROJECT TEAM:

