

KILMEAGUE (CILL MAODHÓG)

STREETSCAPE AND ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES



Cobblestone paving with paving setts



Kilmeague Church



Restored Phone Box

KILMEAGUE TODAY

Kilmeague (Cill Maodhóg) is located approximately 13km from Naas and 1.5km north of Allenwood. The village is characterised by unique streetscape and heritage features such as the cobblestone pavement, the telephone booth and architectural features such as the Harry Clarke designed stained glass windows in Kilmeague Church. Rural in character, primary retail activity is situated along Main Street. The closest school facility in the village of Allen is connected via the R415. The village has witnessed continuous growth since 2002 with a high proportion of new homes providing local authority housing.

CONSIDERATIONS



Pedestrian realm with potential for improvement



Potential to rationalise car-parking



Protect unique streetscape features



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Presence of vacancy and dereliction



Dominance of cars within village core



Over dominance of signage



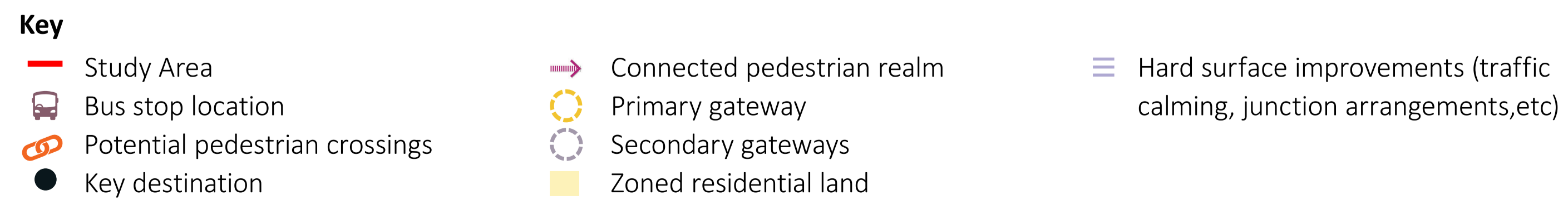
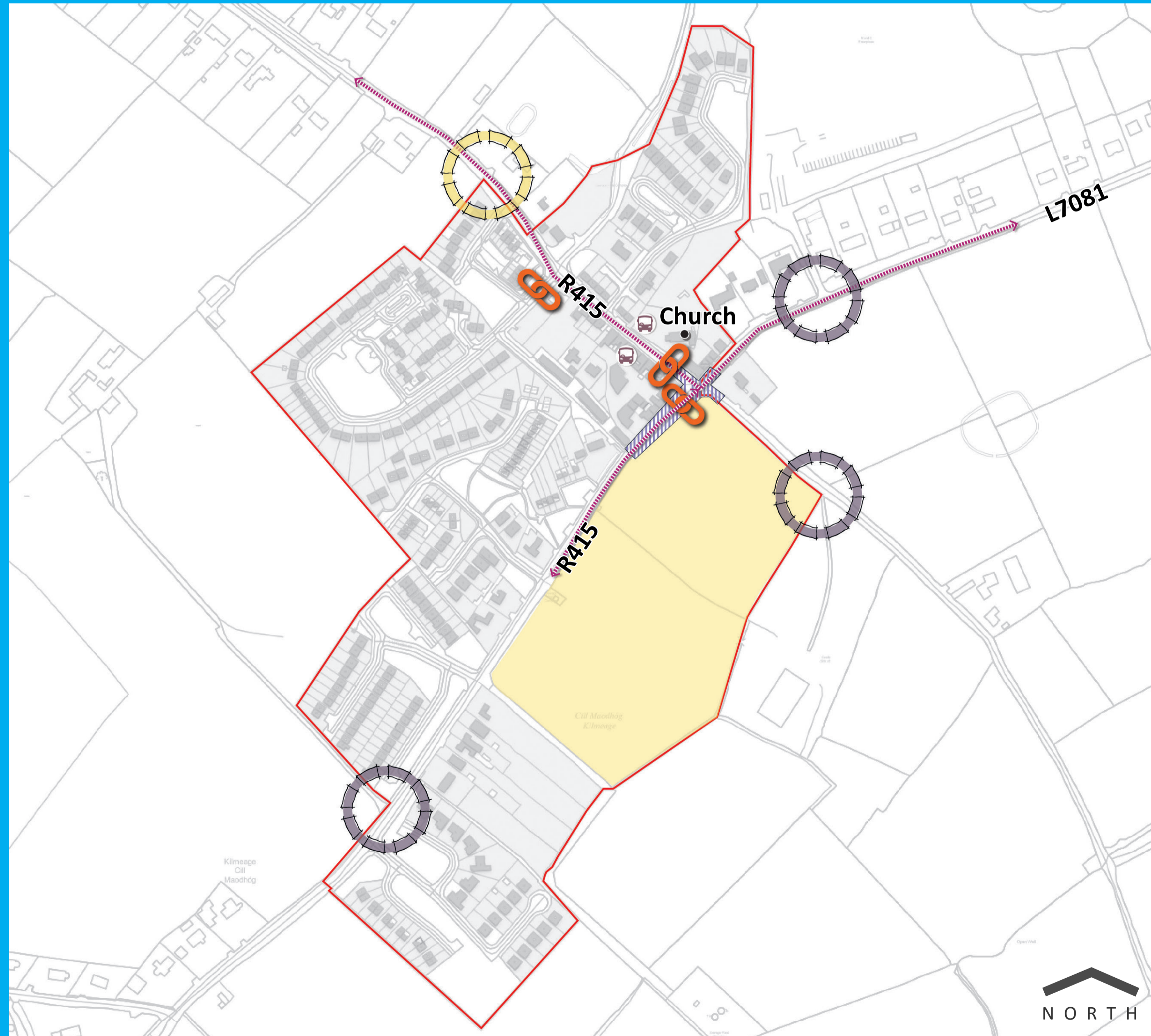
Potential to activate or develop under-utilised sites within village core



OPPORTUNITIES

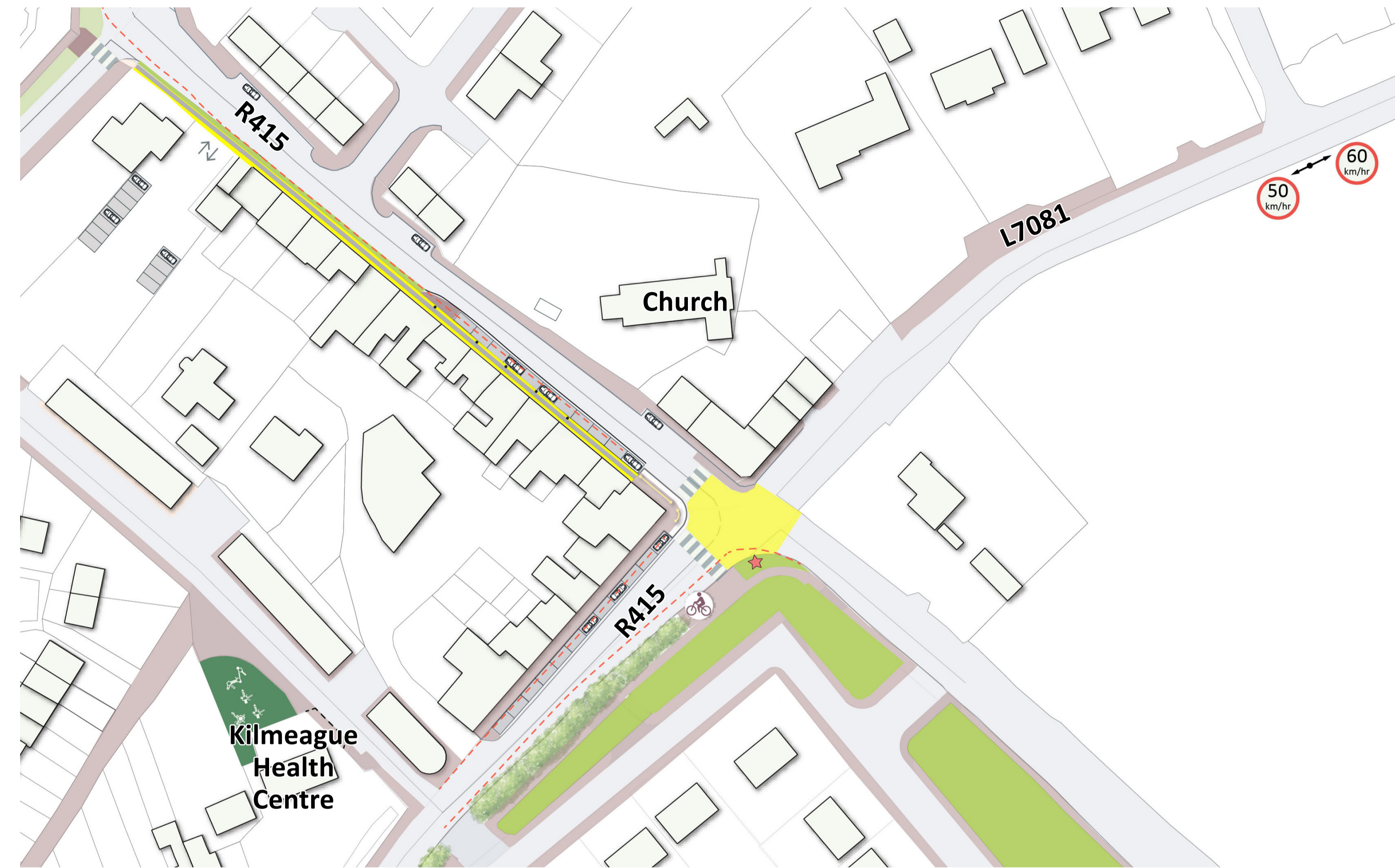
VISION

Celebrate the distinctive character of Kilmeague by introducing enhanced streetscape-oriented proposals that provide for a safer pedestrian realm within the village heart. Celebrate the rural character and sense of place in the wider landscape by guiding future developments to seamlessly stitch with and integrate into the built form and public realm fabric of the village.

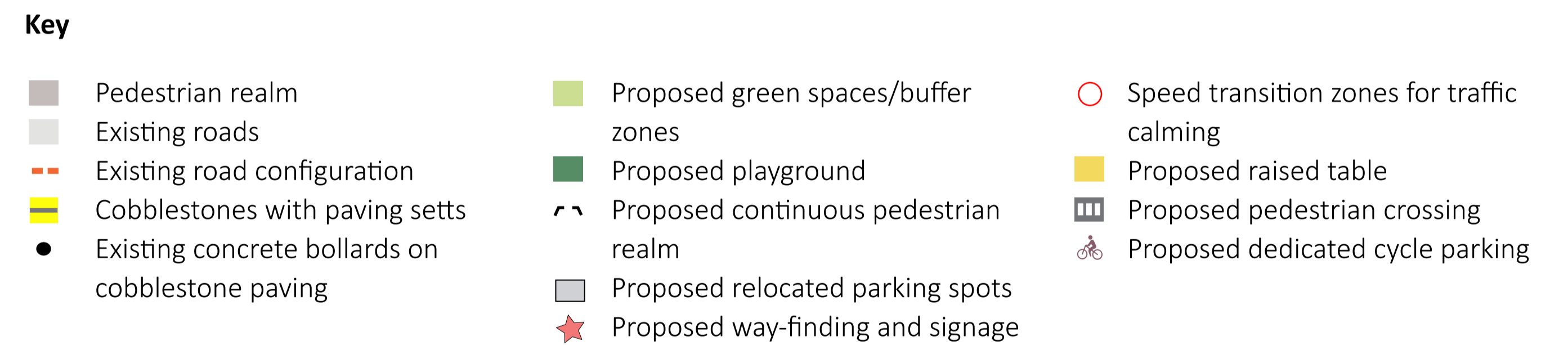


KILMEAGUE INDICATIVE PROPOSALS

PROJECT AREA PLAN



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

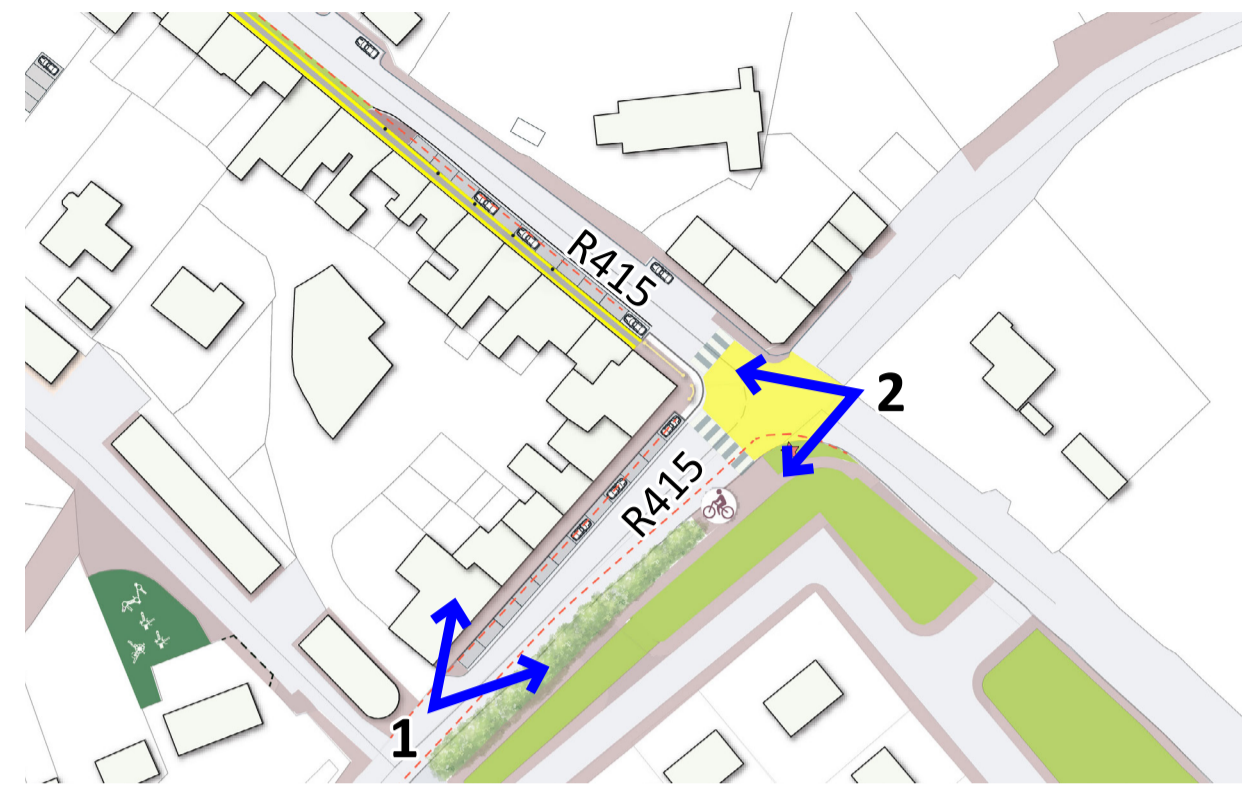


RECOMMENDATIONS

- Respond to the needs of the community through providing a dedicated playground in close proximity to the R415 and the residential settlements
- Enhance and create a pedestrian-oriented path connecting the R415 north to south from the cobblestones to the existing retail core of the village
- Provide dedicated cycle parking spaces on the proposed enhanced public realm on the R415(south) to encourage a modal shift in transport
- Preserve and protect the cobblestone pavement on the R415 through re-locating and rationalising informal car parking spaces.
- Rationalise the existing car parking on the R415(north) adjacent to the cobblestone pavement to a formal, safer arrangement
- Celebrate the identity of Kilmeague village through enhanced welcoming signage, high quality pedestrian realm, reduced traffic emissions and vehicle speeds
- Reduce carriageway widths on the R415 to prioritise safe pedestrian movement in the village core.

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PROJECT AREA 1: R415 REALIGNMENT



Location of Project area



BEFORE



AFTER

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Prioritise pedestrian movement in the village core through extending the existing footpaths on the R415(south) and creating an enhanced and safer pedestrian experience
- Further enhance the pedestrian movement along the retail shops on the R415 by providing high quality paving, planting, lighting and street furniture
- Encourage compact development of Kilmeague village core through providing new pedestrian infrastructure on future residential zoned lands on the R415
- Introduce new pedestrian crossing points in the Kilmeague village junction to curb vehicle speeds and ensure safe pedestrian movement
- Push for a modal shift to sustainable means of transport through providing dedicated cycle parking facilities and improved and safer footpaths on the proposed public realm spaces on the R415.

PROJECT AREA 2: KILMEAGUE JUNCTION



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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Celebrate and define entry and exit points into the village and ensure a safer and clear movement network through the village
- Provide vehicle calming measures such as signage, planting measures and a raised table in the Kilmeague junction to lower vehicle speeds entering the village core
- Retain existing hedging on the R415 and re-align the carriageway to prioritise pedestrian movement on either sides of the R415
- Reduce the dominance of vehicles in Kilmeague junction through rationalising car-parking spaces on the R415.