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# Proposed Variation No. 6 (Sallins Settlement Plan) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied)

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening

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# 1. Introduction

Kildare County Council (KCC) published the Kildare County Development Plan (CDP) 2023-2029 in January 2023. The CDP is the key strategy document which structures the proper planning and sustainable development of land-use across County Kildare over the six-year statutory time period of the plan.

KCC proposes the introduction of the Sallins Settlement Plan as Proposed Variation No. 6 to the CDP. The purpose of Proposed Variation No. 6, the subject of this SEA Screening, is to incorporate a land use plan for the town of Sallins into Volume 2 of the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied). This will ensure that a planning framework is in place for Sallins, in the form of a ‘Settlement Plan.’

Arup has been commissioned by KCC to undertake a SEA Screening of Proposed Variation No. 6 (Sallins Settlement Plan) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied) (hereafter referred to as the ‘Proposed Variation No. 6’ and ‘the CDP’).

## 2. Proposed Variation No. 6 (Sallins Settlement Plan) to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied)

The CDP consists of two volumes. Volume 2: Settlement Plans provides a coherent planning framework for settlements of various sizes across the county. In order to develop thriving areas where people want to live, the overall objective of Volume 2: Settlement Plans is to;

1. Support the sustainable growth of our towns, villages and settlements.
2. Support appropriate local employment opportunities and economic activity.
3. Build on each areas unique character and natural assets.

Sallins is designated as a Small Town in Volume 2 of the CDP. The other towns with this designation include: Castledermot, Derrinturn, Kilcullen, Kill, Prosperous, and Rathangan. The Sallins Local Area Plan 2016-2022 is the most recent spatial framework for development locations and land use in Sallins.

In 2024, the Planning and Development Act 2024 was published. The Planning and Development Act 2024, enacted on October 17, 2024, significantly reforms Ireland’s planning system. It introduces a plan-led approach, aiming for greater consistency and clarity in planning at all levels. Key changes include longer-term Development Plans, the introduction of Urban and Priority Area Plans, and the establishment of Urban Development Zones. Consequently, the Planning and Development Act 2024 no longer makes provisions for the development of Local Area Plans.

As there is no longer a legislative provision for local area plans under the Planning and Development Act 2024, the planning framework for Sallins will be upheld by way of a Proposed Variation No. 6 to the CDP. Thus, Proposed Variation No. 6 aims to incorporate Sallins into Volume 2 of the CDP in the form of a ‘Settlement Plan’.

## 3. SEA Screening

### 3.1 Legislative Overview

Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment, (also known as the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive), requires that an environmental assessment is carried out of certain plans and programmes which are likely to have significant effects on the environment.

In Ireland, the SEA Directive has been transposed into national legislation through two separate regulations, as follows:

- S.I. No. 435 of 2004 European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011 European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 and S.I. No. 463 of 2025 European Union (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2025.
- S.I. No. 456 of 2025 European Union (Land Use Planning-Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2025.

As the relevant plan relates to a Proposed Variation No. 6 to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied), S.I. No. 456 of 2025, as amended, is the applicable legislation.

Under S.I. No. 456 of 2025, the definition of ‘plan’ has the meaning assigned to it in section 198(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2024, included as follows:

“*plan*” means—

- (a) *National Planning Framework or a revision to a National Planning Framework,*
- (b) *National Planning Statement, an amendment to a National Planning Statement or a revocation of a National Planning Statement,*
- (c) *a revocation of guidelines issued by the Minister under section 28 of the Act of 2000 and continued in force by virtue of section 27,*
- (d) *a regional spatial and economic strategy or a revision to a regional spatial and economic strategy,*
- (e) *an amendment to a regional spatial and economic strategy as provided for in subsection (2) of section 37,*
- (f) *a development plan or a variation of a development plan,*
- (g) *an amendment to a development plan as provided for in subsection (2) of section 62,*
- (h) *an urban area plan, an amendment to an urban area plan or a revocation of an urban area plan,*
- (i) *a priority area plan, an amendment to a priority area plan or a revocation of a priority area plan,*
- (j) *a coordinated area plan, an amendment to a coordinated area plan or a revocation of a coordinated area plan other than a revocation in accordance with subsection (3) of section 77,*
- (k) *a direction in respect of a regional spatial and economic strategy as provided for in section 40,*
- (l) *an order under subsection (3) of section 68,*
- (m) *a direction in respect of a development plan as provided for in section 65,*
- (n) *a direction in respect of an urban area plan, a priority area plan or a coordinated area plan as provided for in section 80, and*
- (o) *an urgent direction in respect of a development plan as provided for in section 67;’*

For the purposes of this SEA Screening report ‘plan’ is defined as part (f) above ‘*a development plan or a variation of a development plan,*’.

Thus, KCC, as the planning authority is required to determine whether Proposed Variation No. 6 to the CDP needs to be subject to SEA. This process is referred to as ‘SEA Screening’.

### **3.2 SEA Screening Methodology**

SEA Screening is the process for determining whether a particular plan, or variation to a CDP, other than those for which SEA is mandatory, would be likely to have significant environmental effects, and would thus

warrant SEA. Such a determination is required to take account of relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2, ‘Criteria for Determining Whether a Plan is Likely to Have Significant Effects on the Environment’ of the SEA Regulations, as amended, and submissions or observations from relevant environmental authorities. The criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment set out in Schedule 2 of the SEA Regulations is outlined below:

1. The characteristics of the plan having regard, in particular, to:
  - The degree to which the plan sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources;
  - The degree to which the plan influences other plans, including those in a hierarchy;
  - The relevance of the plan for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development;
  - Environmental problems relevant to the plan; and
  - The relevance of the plan for the implementation of European Union legislation on the environment (e.g. plans linked to waste-management or water protection).
2. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to:
  - The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects;
  - The cumulative nature of the effects, – the transboundary nature of the effects;
  - The risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accidents);
  - The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected);
  - The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:
    - a. Special natural characteristics or cultural heritage
    - b. Exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values
    - c. Intensive land-use.
  - The effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, European Union or international protection status.

## 4. SEA Screening of Proposed Variation No. 6

The SEA screening of Proposed Variation No. 6 to the CDP was conducted in the context of Schedule 2 of S.I. No. 456 of 2025. The assessment of Proposed Variation No. 6 considered the potential for additional significant environmental effects on the basis of implementing the provisions set out therein. Proposed Variation No. 6 does not alter the overarching CDP principles and provisions, settlement hierarchy or the underlying environmental protection provisions that the SEA relied upon. Therefore, it is not expected to generate new or intensified effects.

Table 1 sets out the criteria for determining whether a development plan (or as it relates to this Screening, a variation to a development plan) is likely to have significant effects on the environment set out in Schedule 2 of the SEA Regulations. A response to each of the individual criterion, as they pertain to Proposed Variation No. 6 to the CDP, is also included.

**Table 1 Criteria for Determining Whether a Plan is Likely to have Significant Effects on the Environment**

Schedule 2 Criteria for Determining Whether a Plan is Likely to have Significant Effects on the Environment	
1. The characteristics of the plan having regard, in particular, to:	
The degree to which the plan sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources	<p>Proposed Variation No. 6 involves incorporating the Sallins Settlement Plan into Volume 2 of the CDP. Sallins is a historic canal and railway town located in north County Kildare, approximately 3km north of Naas and 30km southwest of Dublin. Sallins has experienced rapid population growth since 1996 when the railway station reopened. Sallins has a population of 6,269 people within the CSO defined Built-up Area (BUA) (see Map V2B-10.2 (Implementation)).</p> <p>As shown in Appendix A, the provisions of Proposed Variation No. 6 are broadly consistent with those of the CDP. Proposed Variation No. 6 introduces some new provisions for development (see Objectives CSO 2.3, SIO 3.2, EDO 5.6 and MATO 8.1 of Appendix A), which are informed by a Settlement Capacity Audit supporting evidence-based land use zoning decisions with regards the residential and employment zoned lands. However, these changes are not considered to significantly alter the existing planning and development framework, which is already governed by the CDP.</p> <p>Accordingly, the extent to which Proposed Variation No. 6 sets a framework for projects or other activities, whether in terms of location, nature, size, operating conditions, or resource allocation, is considered to be limited. This is because Proposed Variation No. 6 will become part of the existing CDP framework, rather than establishing a new or separate planning context. As such, there will be no change to the conclusions of the SEA prepared for the CDP.</p>
The degree to which the plan influences other plans, including those in a hierarchy	<p>Proposed Variation No. 6 to the CDP will incorporate the Sallins Settlement Plan into Volume 2: Settlement Plans of the CDP. Under the Planning and Development Act 2024, Local Area Plans have been replaced by a new, streamlined set of area-based plans within an enhanced plan-led hierarchy, intended to align more closely with ten-year County Development Plans and national planning policy. As the Sallins Local Area Plan will not be replaced, Proposed Variation No. 6 will become the sole strategic land-use framework governing development in Sallins. As such, Proposed Variation No. 6 will not influence any other lower-tier plans within a hierarchy. The degree to which it influences other plans is therefore considered to be minor.</p>
The relevance of the plan for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development	<p>The CDP is the principal strategy guiding the proper planning and sustainable development of land use across County Kildare over its six-year statutory period. It is proposed to incorporate a Sallins Settlement Plan into Volume 2: Settlement Plans of the CDP through a 6<sup>th</sup> Variation. The Settlement Plan includes detailed provisions to support the sustainable development of Sallins, with particular emphasis on environmental protection, resource management, and service provision.</p> <p>In this context, Proposed Variation No. 6 is directly relevant to the integration of environmental considerations and contributes positively to the promotion of sustainable development at the local level.</p>
Environmental problems relevant to the plan	<p>The Settlement Plan, which is proposed to be included in the CDP by means of Proposed Variation No. 6, contains an overview of the existing baseline environment of Sallins. According to the Settlement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sallins water supply comes from the Greater Dublin Area Water Resource Zone. Sallins has an adequate water supply to meet its current demands. There is potential capacity available in Sallins to meet targeted population growth to 2034, but improvements to the Level of Service and to local network facilities may be required, depending on the extent of development realised. In the medium to long term, the Water Supply Project will be required to ensure a secure and sustainable water supply for Sallins.</li> <li>- Sallins is connected to the Osberstown wastewater treatment plant. This plant has available capacity for the entire catchment of the Upper Lower Liffey Valley (ULLV) Agglomeration. However, depending on the scale of future development in Sallins, localised wastewater network upgrades may be required to support wastewater capacity.</li> <li>- Sallins does not typically experience severe or recurring flood events. However, a notable flood event occurred in 2009 which affected The Waterways housing development. A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment conducted to support the preparation of the Settlement Plan has informed mitigation measures to avoid further flood risk in Sallins.</li> <li>- Sallins has experienced rapid population growth in the last 30 years, from approximately 800 people in 1996 to 6,300 people in 2022. Population growth has resulted in challenges related to social infrastructure in Sallins, which will continue to worsen if not addressed in line with projected population growth.</li> <li>- There are currently 1 primary school and no post-primary schools located in Sallins. Additional growth projected over the coming years will require more school places. Significant development will be required to achieve the additional primary and post-primary school places targeted in the Sallins Settlement Plan.</li> <li>- There are currently 7 childcare facilities located in Sallins. The Settlement Plan makes provision for an additional 314 childcare spaces to accommodate planned population growth.</li> <li>- The recommended minimum number of General Practitioners (GPs) per 10,000 people is 12. In Sallins, there are 3 GPs servicing a population of 6,269 which is less than the recommended minimum. The GP-to-patient ratio is expected to reduce further with planned population growth.</li> </ul>

**Schedule 2 Criteria for Determining Whether a Plan is Likely to have Significant Effects on the Environment**

- There is no residential care facility for older people located in Sallins. Projected population growth indicates a need for beds in residential care settings in Sallins by 2029.
- Currently, the number of public open space areas per 1000 people in Sallins is higher than the recommended standard, according to the Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Strategy (Appendix 3) of the CDP. This figure is expected to fall below the minimum quantitative standard set out in the CDP with the population growth projected.
- With regard to sports grounds and play facilities, Sallins does not meet the Fields In Trust (FIT) Guidelines (2015) standards for the current population. With population expected to increase, additional sports grounds and play facilities will be required over the plan period to align with FIT guidance.
- Sallins is an accessible and strategic location within the Greater Dublin Area. It is well-connected via M7 Motorway, a mainline rail station, and seven local bus routes. However, residents of Sallins are highly car-dependent, with 63% of work trips taking place by private car.
- There is a lack of connectivity across the Grand Canal in Sallins and in residential estates, with large volumes of traffic passing through the town centre despite the opening of the Sallins By-Pass in 2021.
- Sallins has a recent settlement history, shaped by eighteenth and nineteenth century transport infrastructure, including the Grand Canal and railway, early twentieth century buildings, and later residential and commercial developments. The conservation and preservation of this heritage is important for the county. Items of heritage interest in Sallins include:
  - There are 21 protected structures located within the Sallins Settlement Plan boundary.
  - There are 15 entries on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) relating to street furniture and civil infrastructure, which are not included in the register of protected structures.
  - There are 13 SMRs located within the Settlement Plan boundary, one of which is a Record of Monuments and Places (RMP: KD019-004).
- The Grand Canal proposed Natural Heritage Area (site code: 02104) runs through the Settlement Plan area. The Canal bisects the town of Sallins, acting as an important ecological corridor.
- There are no Natura 2000 sites located within the Settlement Plan boundary. However, Natura 2000 sites located in the vicinity of Sallins include Mouds Bog (site code: 002331), Ballynafagh Bog (000391), Pollardstown Fen (site code: 000396) and Red Bog (site code: 000397) Special Area of Conservation (SAC). These are located to the south-west, north-west and south-east of Sallins, respectively.

Proposed Variation No. 6 seeks to address the environmental problems identified, through the inclusion of planning objectives which will structure the proper planning and sustainable development of land-use in Sallins.

The relevance of the plan for the implementation of European Union legislation on the environment (e.g. plans linked to waste management or water protection)

It is proposed to incorporate a Sallins Settlement Plan into Volume 2 of the CDP through a 6<sup>th</sup> Variation. The Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) includes objectives that support the implementation of European Union environmental legislation, including those relating to biodiversity, heritage, waste management, and broader environmental governance. These objectives, set out in Volume 1 of the CDP, will apply to the Sallins Settlement Plan upon its incorporation.

Accordingly, Proposed Variation No. 6 is relevant to the implementation of European Union environmental legislation, as it ensures that the strategic planning framework for Sallins aligns with these legislative requirements.

**2. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to:**

The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects,

An environmental screening of the potential effects of the detailed provisions of the Proposed Variation No. 6 to the CDP is contained in Appendix A.

The detailed provisions of Proposed Variation No. 6 are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. Proposed Variation No. 6 largely aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. Proposed Variation No. 6 introduces some new provisions for development (see Objectives CSO 2.3, SIO 3.2, EDO 5.6 and MATO 8.1 of Appendix A), which are not considered to significantly alter the development framework set out in the CDP. Proposed Variation No. 6 does not introduce potential significant effects that were not already assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

The cumulative nature of the effects,

An environmental screening of the potential effects of the detailed provisions of Proposed Variation No. 6 to the CDP is contained in Appendix A.

The detailed provisions of the Proposed Variation No. 6 are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. Proposed Variation No. 6 largely aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. Proposed Variation No. 6 introduces some new provisions for development (see Objectives CSO 2.3, SIO 3.2, EDO 5.6 and MATO 8.1 of Appendix A), which are not considered to significantly alter the development framework set out in the CDP. Proposed Variation No. 6 does not introduce potential significant effects that were not already assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA. As such, no likely cumulative effects are identified.

The transboundary nature of the effects,

Schedule 2 Criteria for Determining Whether a Plan is Likely to have Significant Effects on the Environment	
Proposed Variation No. 6 to the CDP is limited in its influence on the area of Sallins. The scale and character of Proposed Variation No. 6 therefore preclude the possibility of transboundary effects.	
The risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accidents),	
An environmental screening of the potential effects of the detailed provisions of Proposed Variation No. 6 to the CDP is contained in Appendix A. The detailed provisions of Proposed Variation No. 6 are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. Proposed Variation No. 6 largely aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. Proposed Variation No. 6 introduces some new provisions for development (see Objectives CSO 2.3, SIO 3.2, EDO 5.6 and MATO 8.1 of Appendix A), which are not considered to significantly alter the development framework set out in the CDP. Proposed Variation No. 6 does not introduce potential significant effects to human health that were not already assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	
The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected),	
Proposed Variation No. 6 to the CDP is limited in its influence on the area of Sallins. An environmental screening of the potential effects of the detailed provisions of Proposed Variation No. 6 to the CDP is contained in Appendix A. The detailed provisions of Proposed Variation No. 6 are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. Proposed Variation No. 6 largely aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. Proposed Variation No. 6 introduces some new provisions for development (see Objectives CSO 2.3, SIO 3.2, EDO 5.6 and MATO 8.1 of Appendix A), which are not considered to significantly alter the development framework set out in the CDP. Proposed Variation No. 6 does not introduce potential significant effects that were not already assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	
The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. special natural characteristics or cultural heritage,</li> <li>b. exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values,</li> <li>c. intensive land-use</li> </ul>	
As described under the criterion ‘environmental problems relevant to the plan’, the Settlement Plan, which is proposed to be included in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied) by means of Proposed Variation No. 6, contains an overview of the existing baseline environment of Sallins. No significant issues were identified.	
The effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, European Union or international protection status.	
An environmental screening of the potential effects of the detailed provisions of Proposed Variation No. 6 to the CDP is contained in Appendix A. Proposed Variation No. 6 largely aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. Proposed Variation No. 6 introduces some new provisions for development (see Objectives CSO 2.3, SIO 3.2, EDO 5.6 and MATO 8.1 of Appendix A), which are not considered to significantly alter the development framework set out in the CDP. Proposed Variation No. 6 does not introduce any potential effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, European Union or international protection status, that were not already assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.	

## 5. Appropriate Assessment

The EU Habitats Directive, its transposing Birds and Natural Habitats Regulations 2011 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) provide the requirement to screen for effects on Natura 2000, or ‘European Sites’. These sites have been designated or proposed for designation by virtue of their ecological importance. If the effects are deemed to be significant, potentially significant, or uncertain then an Appropriate Assessment (AA) must be undertaken.

Proposed Variation No. 6 was subject to a screening process to establish whether or not an AA is required. The AA Screening identified that additional objectives and updates to existing objectives proposed in Proposed Variation No. 6 to the CDP, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, will not have a likely significant effect on European Sites.

Therefore, at this stage, AA is not required. Any proposed changes to Proposed Variation No. 6 will be subject to further Screening for AA.

## 6. Conclusion

SEA Screening is the process for determining whether a particular plan, or as the regulation relates to this Screening a variation to a plan, other than those for which SEA is mandatory, would be likely to have significant environmental effects, and would thus warrant SEA. The purpose of the report is to evaluate if an SEA is required to be undertaken of Proposed Variation No. 6 of the CDP.

In undertaking this SEA Screening for Proposed Variation No. 6 of the CDP, a detailed review of the CDP's existing policies and objectives was carried out, with particular regard to its protective environmental provisions. It is concluded that most of the provisions set out in Proposed Variation No. 6 have already been comprehensively assessed through the strategic and environmental framework of the adopted CDP and its SEA. Proposed Variation No. 6 introduces some new provisions which were not previously assessed (see Objectives CSO 2.3, SIO 3.2, EDO 5.6 and MATO 8.1 in Appendix A), however with the implementation of mitigation measures defined for the CDP, these provisions are not expected to result in adverse environmental impacts. Proposed Variation No. 6 does not alter the overarching CDP principles and provisions, settlement hierarchy or the underlying environmental protection provisions that the SEA relied upon. Because Proposed Variation No. 6 does not weaken or displace these safeguards, it is not expected to generate new or intensified effects.

Therefore, the assessment of Proposed Variation No. 6 provided in this report (including against the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations, as amended) has found that Proposed Variation No. 6 would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

The AA Screening of Proposed Variation No. 6 undertaken has likewise determined that no AA is required.

On the basis of the above assessment, including consideration of the criteria as set out in Schedule 2 of S.I. No. 456/2025 - European Union (Land Use Planning – Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2025), Proposed Variation No. 6 to the CDP does not require full SEA. A determination will be made by KCC on the requirement for SEA. This determination will be based on the contents of this report and responses received by relevant environmental authorities in accordance with Section 4(5), 4(6) and 4(7) of S.I. No. 456/2025. Relevant environmental authorities shall be notified of this determination once finalised.

# Appendix A

## Environmental Screening of Provisions of Proposed Variation No. 6

No.	Proposed Updates to Policies and Objectives as part of Proposed Variation No. 6 to the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied)	Are similar provisions included in the Kildare CDP 2023-2029 (as varied)?	Are significant effects on the environment expected to arise as a result of the objective?
CSO 2.1	Support and facilitate compact growth development in Sallins through the application of the 10-minute settlement concept, the consolidation of the existing urban form and the sequential approach to land use development.	This is consistent with Objective CS O5 and CS O13 of the CDP which promotes compact growth and the renewal of towns.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
CSO 2.2	Monitor the level of residential development within Sallins during the lifetime of the Plan and apply appropriate development management prioritisation measures to ensure the delivery of strategic plan-led and coordinated balanced development within the town.	This is consistent with Policy STP 1 of Volume 2 of the CDP which supports monitoring of developments to ensure that appropriate development management measures can be applied as needed.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
CSO 2.3	Support and facilitate the phased delivery of the Willows Key Development Area during the lifetime of the Plan and beyond. New residential development will be required to be phased and delivered in tandem with the social infrastructure provision identified on the lands zoned 'F: Open Space and Amenity'. The phasing of the residential units shall be in accordance with the residential phasing set out under Section 10.XX unless otherwise agreed in writing by the planning authority.	<p>This generally aligns with Objectives CS O7, SC O8 and SC O17 of the CDP which promote development of sustainable and socially integrated communities.</p> <p>This also generally aligns with Objectives CS O2 and CS O4 of the CDP which promote spatial development in line with carbon and growth targets.</p>	<p>This objective relates to development of open space and amenity and new residential development on lands that were previously unzoned. This change in land use has the potential to cause adverse impacts to the environment.</p> <p>However, no particular environmental sensitivities have been identified associated with these lands. This land use change aligns with provisions of the CDP which promote sustainable urban growth in proximity to the rail network. The implementation of mitigation measures already defined in the SEA for the CDP will be applied to this area to mitigate any impacts which may arise as a result of this change.</p> <p>KCC will afford the highest level of protection and conservation to areas, sites, species and ecological networks/corridors of biodiversity value outside of designated sites and to require an ecological assessment to accompany development proposals likely to impact on such areas or species. Furthermore, KCC will implement the EIA Directive, ensuring that all elements/stages or components of the project are included in one overall assessment and all</p>

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			<p>reasonable alternatives are taken into consideration in choosing the option with the least environmental impact.</p> <p>KCC will ensure that proposed developments consider their effects on views from the road towards scenic areas and are designed and located to minimise their impact on the area's visual amenity. KCC will also promote the development of sustainable transport infrastructure near to this area, to promote modal shift. Relevant policy and legislation (e.g. air quality, noise, traffic, surface water and wastewater) will be considered in implementation of this objective, to ensure that development does not give rise to negative environmental effects during both construction and operation.</p> <p>Following application of mitigation measures defined in line with the CDP, this objective is not expected to give rise to significant environmental impacts.</p>
CSO 2.4	Protect the lands identified as 'Strategic Reserve' on Map V2B-10.1 Land Use Zoning Objectives from inappropriate forms of development, thereby managing and controlling the risk of piecemeal and haphazard development on these lands to safeguard their strategic value in accommodating the orderly sequential expansion of the urban settlement of Sallins beyond the lifetime of the Plan.	This generally aligns with Objective SC O2 of the CDP which supports land use zoning for community infrastructure, supports and services.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. This objective relates to preservation of land for future development. No development is likely to occur within the plan period.
SIO 3.1	Support and facilitate improvements and expansion of the existing primary school facilities, including special needs education and the provision of new schools and further educational opportunities which may arise, at appropriate locations.	This is consistent with Objective SC O67, SC O74 from the CDP, which deal with the provision of new schools and redevelopment and expansion of existing schools in line with Department of Education's School Building Programme.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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SIO 3.2	<p>Continue to engage with the Department of Education and Youth in respect of the phased delivery of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'E1: Community and Education' zoned lands for the future expansion of St. Laurence's National School.</li> <li>• 'E2: Community and Education' zoned lands for post-primary school.</li> <li>• 'E3: Community and Education' zoned lands for an additional primary school.</li> </ul>	<p>This is consistent with Policy SC P12 and Objective SC O4 of the CDP, which promotes government, youth and community engagement in local decision making.</p> <p>This is consistent with Objective SC O67, SC O74 from the CDP, which deal with the provision of new schools and redevelopment and expansion of existing schools in line with Department of Education's School Building Programme.</p>	<p>This objective relates to continuing engagement related to the phasing of the development. It introduces Zoning for the development of a school (E2) on lands that were previously zoned for agriculture (I). This change in land use has the potential to give rise to environmental impacts.</p> <p>However, implementation of mitigation measures defined in the SEA for the CDP will be applied to this area to mitigate such impacts. KCC will ensure that proposed developments consider their effects on views from the road towards scenic areas and are designed and located to minimise their impact on the area's visual amenity. KCC will also promote the development of sustainable transport infrastructure near to this area. Relevant policy and legislation (e.g. air quality, noise, traffic, surface water and wastewater) will be considered in implementation of this objective, to ensure that development does not give rise to negative environmental effects during both construction and operation.</p> <p>Following application of mitigation measures defined in line with the CDP, this objective is not expected to give rise to significant environmental impacts.</p>
SIO 3.3	<p>Support the provision of appropriately located and purpose-built early learning and childcare facilities to resolve the current capacity issues and to meet the pro-rata childcare needs of housing development during the plan period.</p>	<p>This is consistent with Objective SCO87 of the CDP which requires the provision of such facilities to address capacity issues. This objective notes that "Childcare facilities will be required, by a condition of planning permission, to be developed within the first phase of any new residential development, except where an exceptional circumstance can</p>	<p>No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>

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		be provided and agreed with the Planning Authority"	
SIO 3.4	Support and liaise with operators of public and private healthcare facilities by encouraging the provision of facilities in appropriate locations in Sallins in order to address the current deficit provision and to meet future needs during the lifetime of the Plan.	<p>This is consistent with Policy SC P14 of the CDP which aims to support the HSE and other agencies in the provision of such facilities appropriate to the size and scale of each settlement.</p> <p>It is also consistent with Objective SC O88 and Action SC A20 of the CDP, both of which endeavour to address deficiencies in healthcare services and facilities.</p>	<p>No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP.</p> <p>This objective relates to engagement with operators to encourage infrastructure provision and does not introduce new development proposals.</p> <p>The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>
SIO 3.5	Support the development of age-friendly housing in Sallins, particularly on lands located within town centre or on lands proximate to the town centre, subject to appropriate siting and design considerations.	This is consistent with Objective SC O39 of the Kildare CDP which supports delivery of the aims and objectives of the Kildare Age Friendly Strategy 2019-2021. The Age Friendly Strategy has been updated for the period of 2023-2027 and includes actions under the theme of Housing in line with calls for age friendly housing in Kildare.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
SIO 3.6	Support the provision of residential care facilities and services for older people, subject to appropriate siting and universal design considerations, including the development of individual housing units and/or a nursing home facility to provide for the needs of the elderly.	<p>This is consistent with Policy SC P6 of the CDP which aims to facilitate the provision of continuing care facilities for older persons across Kildare.</p> <p>It is also consistent with Objective SC O36 and SCO37 of the CDP which prioritise appropriate siting of such facilities to promote continued participation of residents with the community.</p>	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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SIO 3.7	Prioritise the delivery of the Sallins Amenity Park on lands zoned 'F (1) Open Space and Amenity'.	This is generally consistent with Action SC A8 of the CDP which promotes development of open spaces throughout Kildare for recreational and amenity activities.	This objective relates to the prioritisation of delivery of community infrastructure, rather than defining new development provisions. Therefore, it is considered that the potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
SIO 3.8	Actively seek funding from relevant agencies and government sources including the Large-Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) or other funding sources to secure financial support to develop sports and recreation facilities in Sallins.	<p>This aligns with Objective SC O9 and SC O10 of the CDP which promotes participation in sport and recreation through provision of a range of sporting facilities.</p> <p>This aligns with Objectives SC O20 and SC O28 of the CDP which support development of multi-purpose sport facilities.</p> <p>This aligns with Objective LR O89 of the CDP which encourages engagement with sporting organisations to facilitate the needs of clubs and communities.</p>	<p>No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP.</p> <p>This objective relates to securing funding for infrastructure development, rather than delivery of new infrastructure. Therefore, no significant environmental impacts are expected to arise.</p>
SIO 3.9	Actively support the development of universally accessible community centres/halls that supports a wide range of uses for groups and clubs on appropriately zoned land.	This is consistent with Policy SC P2 and Objective SC O28 of the CDP which requires delivery of a range of universally accessible social, community, cultural and recreational facilities.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
SIO 3.10	Require the delivery of social infrastructure particularly a new Community Centre in addition to the refurbishment and extension of the existing Sallins Community Centre, through the application of a Special Development Contribution on Key Development Areas (Home Farm House Key Development Area, Link Road Key Development Area, West Link Road Key Development Area) where specific exceptional costs are not covered by the Council's Development Contribution Scheme or through developer led provision and in tandem with housing delivery.	<p>This generally aligns with Policy SC P2 which requires that a range of universally accessible social, community, cultural and recreational facilities are provided in Kildare.</p> <p>This generally aligns with Objective SC O6 of the CDP which aims to protect and enhance social and community facilities.</p>	<p>This objective relates to the delivery of community infrastructure on lands zoned for community and education uses.</p> <p>While this objective is not directly linked to any of the provisions in the CDP, it is aligned with various other objectives for development included in the CDP which were assessed and mitigated in the associated SEA and AA.</p>

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TCO 4.1	<p>Promote the town centre as the primary focus for commercial, civic, social, cultural and tourism activity, including opportunities at the corner of Chapel Lane and Main Street, by supporting the reuse and renewal of existing buildings, upper floors, backland areas, derelict sites and brownfield lands, ensuring high quality urban design and strong integration and linkages that reinforce compact growth and the vibrancy of the urban core.</p>	<p>This is generally consistent with Objective CS O5 of the CDP which promotes compact growth through renewal and regeneration initiatives.</p> <p>This is generally consistent with Objective RET O5 and RET O15 of the CDP which promote town centres as priority locations for new retail development.</p> <p>This generally aligns with Objective CS O3, RET O9, RET O18, RET O56, of the CDP which promote the appropriate development of town centres by utilising underused spaces, for example.</p>	<p>This objective relates to reuse and renewal of existing spaces to facilitate the compact growth of the town centre. It is aligned with various other objectives included in the CDP which were assessed and mitigated in the associated SEA and AA.</p>
TCO 4.2	<p>Protect the vibrancy, ambience, quality and vitality of the town centre by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Promoting an appropriate mix of day and night-time uses.</li> <li>ii. Encouraging the re-use of vacant units for alternative functions and uses such as live-work units, residential units, remote working hubs, enterprise incubation, tourist spin-off enterprises, tourist accommodation, niche retail including food or craft enterprises.</li> </ul>	<p>This is consistent with Objective RET O18 and RET O56 of the CDP which encourage the re-use and regeneration of vacant spaces for alternative uses.</p> <p>This is consistent with Objective RE O45 of the CDP which promotes alternative uses for underutilised spaces to diversify day and night-time uses.</p> <p>This is consistent with Objective RE O43 and RE O53 of the CDP which promote live-work units to enliven streets and provide flexible accommodation options.</p> <p>This is generally consistent with Objective RET O55 of the CDP, which promotes the consolidation and strengthening of small towns, including Sallins, by encouraging introduction of shops and services where appropriate.</p>	<p>No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>

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TCO 4.3	<p>Facilitate the implementation of Home Farm House Key Development Area in the town centre outlined in Section 10.XX including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Realm Improvements</li> <li>• The regeneration of The Old Post Office Square as a Civic Space.</li> <li>• Sensitive restoration of Home Farm House (RPS No. B19-33, NIAH Ref. 11811025)</li> </ul>	<p>This generally aligns with Objectives RET O18, RET O63 of the CDP which promote public realm improvements and building regeneration for all in town centres.</p> <p>This generally aligns with Objective AH O36 of the CDP which notes that the planning authority may support the restoration of protected structures.</p>	<p>While this objective is not directly linked to any of the provisions in the CDP, it is aligned with various other objectives for development included in the CDP which were assessed and mitigated in the associated SEA and AA.</p>
TCO 4.4	<p>Protect the inherent character of the town centre and ensure that new development responds positively and sensitively to its established built form, fine urban grain, and are optimised for people to access and navigate through to sustain and improve its attraction for living, working, visiting and investment.</p>	<p>This is consistent with Objective RET O19 of the CDP which promotes consolidation of town centres while being considerate of their established built form, scaler and character.</p>	<p>No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>
TCO 4.5	<p>Require that all new development enhances the quality of the public realm by facilitating a connected network of streets and spaces which prioritise pedestrians and cyclists and provides for the possibility of connections to future development on adjacent lands.</p>	<p>This aligns with Objective RET O63 of the CDP which promotes public realm improvements in town centres to improve the overall experience for visitors and residents.</p> <p>It also aligns with Policy TM P2 and Objectives TM O20 and TM O21 which promote integration of active travel infrastructure in development.</p>	<p>No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>
TCO 4.6	<p>Support the implementation of a Town Renewal Masterplan for Sallins, incorporating a Health Check and seek relevant funding sources on a phased basis over the lifetime of the Plan and beyond.</p>	<p>This is consistent with Objective UD O6 of the CDP which promotes a Town Centre First Approach through a number of means, including the preparation of Town Renewal Masterplans.</p>	<p>No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>

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EDO 5.1	Incentivise employment creation on lands zoned 'A: Town Centre' and 'MU: Mixed Use' through the development of infill sites and the redevelopment/renewal of underutilised sites and buildings as a key driver of regeneration, through the application of the Commercial Incentive Grant Scheme (2025) and the Shopfront Improvement, Universal Accessibility and Age Friendly Grant Scheme or any successors to the same.	<p>This aligns with Objectives RE O12, RE O39, and RE O45 of the CDP which promote economic development on underutilised lands.</p> <p>There are no objectives directly related to incentivisation of employment through these grant schemes in the CDP.</p>	<p>This objective relates to incentivising employment creation in existing underutilised locations in Sallins. It does not introduce new development proposals. Therefore, significant environmental impacts are not expected to arise as a result of implementation.</p> <p>No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>
EDO 5.2	Promote the economic renewal and revitalisation of the Waterways and the Sallins Town Centre developments as a dynamic and sustainable employment cluster into a vibrant mixed-use quarter with a distinct spatial identity.	<p>This aligns with Objective RE O12 of the CDP which promotes use of suitable lands for entrepreneurial initiatives.</p> <p>This aligns with Objective RE O34 of the CDP which promotes development of the Sallins-Naas-Newbridge Economic Cluster.</p> <p>This aligns with Objective RET O74 of the CDP which promotes development of new employment areas which respond to the wider context of need and demand.</p>	<p>This objective relates to the economic diversification of existing underutilised spaces in Sallins. It does not introduce new development proposals. Therefore, significant environmental impacts are not expected to arise as a result of implementation.</p> <p>While this objective is not directly linked to the provisions in the CDP, it is aligned with various other objectives for development included in the CDP which were assessed and mitigated in the associated SEA and AA.</p>
EDO 5.3	Support and facilitate Waterways Ireland in the restoration, regeneration and provision of facilities along the Canal.	<p>This generally aligns with TM O24 and TM O97 of the CDP which support development of walking and cycling facilities at the Grand Canal and promote improved connectivity across canals in Kildare.</p> <p>This aligns with Objectives RE O148, RE O150 and RE O154 of the CDP which promote development of infrastructure to improve accessibility along canals, including the Grand Canal.</p>	<p>No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>

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EDO 5.4	Support and encourage ‘living over the shop’ initiatives, and the provision of ground floor live-work units and/or co-working spaces as part of a mixed-use and residential development in the town centre and mixed-use areas, as a means of enlivening streets and to provide flexible accommodation for small businesses and remote working opportunities.	This is consistent with Objective RE O43 and RE O53 of the CDP which promote live-work units to enliven streets and provide flexible accommodation options.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
EDO 5.5	Facilitate the development of appropriate signage and/or mapping of tourism experiences at gateways such as Sallins Railway Station, along the Canal and at nodal spaces such as Main Street and the new development areas within the town.	This aligns with Objective RET O9 of the CDP which promotes facilitation of tourism infrastructure in the county.	While this objective is not directly linked to any of the provisions in the CDP, it is aligned with other objectives for development included in the CDP which were assessed and mitigated in the associated SEA and AA.
EDO 5.6	Promote employment development on lands zoned as ‘H: Industry and Warehousing’ on the Clane Road supported by the connectivity links detailed on Map V2B-8.1 (Transportation Measures) and Figure 10.5. The development of the lands requires a detailed design statement which also provides for a clearly defined access arrangement and a sustainable transport network which provides accessibility and permeability by active travel and public transport to be developed in consultation with the National Transport Authority and the Traffic Infrastructure Ireland (where appropriate). Any development proposal shall have regard to the Spatial Planning and National Road Guidelines (or any subsequent Guidelines) and be subject to a Traffic and Transport Assessment to ensure there are no negative impacts on the local and national road network.	This generally aligns with Objective RE O39 of the CDP which encourages economic development on appropriately zoned lands.	<p>This objective relates to development of industry and warehousing on lands that were previously zoned for open space and amenity. This change in land use has the potential to cause adverse impacts to the environment.</p> <p>However, implementation of mitigation measures defined in the SEA for the CDP will be applied to this area to mitigate such impacts. KCC will ensure that proposed developments consider their effects on views from the road towards scenic areas and are designed and located to minimise their impact on the area’s visual amenity. KCC will also promote the development of sustainable transport infrastructure near to this area, to promote modal shift. Relevant policy and legislation (e.g. air quality, noise, traffic, surface water and wastewater) will be considered in implementation of this objective, to ensure that development does not give rise to negative environmental effects during both construction and operation.</p> <p>Following application of mitigation measures defined in line with the CDP, this objective is</p>

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			not expected to give rise to significant environmental impacts.
EDO 5.7	Improve the visitor experience to the town and to co-operate with relevant stakeholders and agencies in promoting tourism and securing tourist-based enterprises and facilities in Sallins.	This is consistent with RE O104, RE O105, RE O106 and RE O112 of the CDP, amongst others, which encourage the development and clustering of tourism facilities and enterprises throughout Kildare.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
GBIO 6.1	Protect and enhance identified key Green and Blue Infrastructure Map Ref: V2B-6.1 (Green and Blue Infrastructure) and prohibit developments that would fragment or otherwise degrade the Green and Blue Infrastructure network within the Plan area. New developments shall appropriately utilise existing and new green infrastructure as an essential urban design and placemaking tool to integrate built form into their surrounding contexts. Site specific ecology surveys should be carried out to inform, assess and mitigate potential ecological impacts of any proposed development and its construction.	<p>This is consistent with BI O64 of the CDP which calls for the protection of green infrastructure in Kildare. It is also consistent with Objective BI O1 of the CDP, which requires Ecological Impact Assessments within development sites to avoid loss and fragmentation of biodiversity.</p> <p>This aligns with BI O27 and BI O50 which endeavour to protect habitats from fragmentation during development.</p>	<p>No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP.</p> <p>This objective relates to the protection of infrastructure and does not make provision for new development which would impact on such infrastructure.</p> <p>Therefore, significant environmental impacts are not expected to arise as a result of this objective.</p>

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GBIO 6.2	Encourage state agencies and private entities to include tree planting measures and the restoration of hedgerow habitats when delivering key infrastructure or upgrading infrastructure works in the Plan area in order to increase the tree canopy cover in Sallins by 30% in accordance with Action BI A29) of Volume 1.	<p>This is consistent with action BI A29 of the CDP which requires mapping and planning for increasing tree canopy coverage in urban areas.</p> <p>This aligns with action BI A17 of the CDP which encourages development of a tree strategy for the county to include policies on tree planting, amongst others.</p> <p>This aligns with BI O77 of the CDP which promotes integration of nature-based solutions and considerations into the design/planning/implementation of infrastructure.</p>	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
BHO 7.1	Strongly resist the demolition of any structure (or parts of any structure) that is registered on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) unless, on the basis of expert evidence provided as part of any planning application, the planning authority is satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist.	This is consistent with Policy AH P6, AH O22, and AH O55 which endeavour to protect heritage structures from unnecessary demolition.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
BHO 7.2	Support the sensitive and appropriate development of Home Farm House including its curtilage and attendant grounds, as an important community, tourism and heritage asset for the town in accordance with the Urban Design Framework for the Home Farm House Key Development Area outlined in Section XX.	<p>This is generally consistent with AH O20, AH O21 which relate to the protection of structures and their curtilage which are on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS).</p> <p>This generally aligns with AH O23 of the CDP, which calls for an assessment report to be prepared for development in the curtilage or attendant grounds of a protected structure.</p>	<p>While this objective is not directly aligned with objectives of the CDP, it is partially aligned with CDP objectives related to protection of structures and assessment of potential impacts prior to development impacting structures.</p> <p>Therefore, this objective is not expected to result in significant environmental impacts beyond those which were assessed and mitigated in the associated SEA and AA.</p>

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BHO 7.3	<p>Reduce, prevent and encourage the removal of visual and urban clutter within the town centre including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excessive traffic management structures and related signage.</li> <li>• Utility structures and signage.</li> <li>• Commercial related signage (including signs protruding from the façade) at ground and upper floor levels.</li> <li>• Obsolete/unnecessary lighting, electrics, cables, ducts.</li> <li>• External roller shutters and shutter boxes.</li> <li>• Internally affixed stickers and internally illuminated signage, where planning permission is required.</li> </ul>	<p>This aligns with Objective LR O17 of the CDP which endeavours to control development which will impair the visual integrity of areas, including items which introduce visual clutter to areas.</p> <p>This aligns with Objective UD O2 of the CDP which aims to ensure that town centres remain dynamic, attractive, resilient and inclusive.</p> <p>This aligns with Objective TM O126 of the CDP which promotes removal of unnecessary lighting infrastructure.</p>	<p>No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>
BHO 7.4	<p>Support the sensitive incorporation of public amenity and open spaces around monuments, where appropriate, in a manner compatible with the protection, conservation and proper management of the monuments.</p>	<p>This aligns with Objective AH O21, AH O30, AH O31 and AH O33 of the CDP which requires the protection of the curtilage of protected structures when any development is proposed.</p> <p>This aligns with AH O23 of the CDP, which calls for an assessment report to be prepared for development in the curtilage or attendant grounds of a protected structure.</p> <p>This also aligns with Objective AH O36 of the CDP which encourages uses compatible with the character of the structure.</p> <p>This also aligns with Objective LR O69 of the CDP which encourages enhancement of existing rights of way and development of new ones which preserve conservation interests.</p>	<p>No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.</p>
MATO 8.1	<p>Support and promote the use of sustainable transport modes in Sallins through the implementation of the measures detailed in Table 8.2 and illustrated on Map V2B-8.1 (Transportation Measures) in conjunction with the relevant stakeholders such as the National Transport Authority (NTA), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and Irish Rail and by actively seeking funding for the measures from relevant agencies and government sources. The indicative measures will form the basis for individual projects, which will be subject to a detailed design process, including</p>	<p>This generally aligns with Policy TM P1 of the CDP which promotes active travel infrastructure such as walking, cycling and use of public transport for sustainable development.</p> <p>This generally aligns with Action TM A4, TM</p>	<p>This objective introduces indicative new infrastructure to form the basis for individual projects. These indicative measures were not defined in previous land-use plans and therefore have potential to give rise to adverse environmental impacts.</p>

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	<p>environmental and/or ecological assessment, where applicable. All measures shall incorporate nature-based solutions to surface water management. Projects comprising of measures impacting the national road network shall have regard to the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DoECLG, 2012) (or any successor of same) and TII Publications requirements, where relevant.</p>	<p>A16, TM A23 which encourage funding to be sought for sustainable and smart travel projects.</p> <p>This generally aligns with TM O5 and TM O119 of the CDP which require incorporation of sustainable drainage infrastructure as part of the development of transport solutions.</p>	<p>However, implementation of mitigation measures defined in the SEA for the CDP will be applied to this area to mitigate such impacts. KCC will ensure that proposed developments consider their effects on views towards scenic points and areas and are designed and located to minimise their impact on the area's visual amenity.</p> <p>Relevant policy and legislation (e.g. air quality, noise, traffic, surface water and wastewater) will be considered in implementation of this objective, to ensure that development does not give rise to negative environmental effects during both construction and operation.</p> <p>For development of infrastructure around the canal, KCC will actively promote the conservation and protection of designated areas, including pNHAs, and will only consider proposals for development within or affecting a pNHA where it can be clearly demonstrated that the proposed development will not have a significant adverse effect on the pNHA.</p> <p>For development of infrastructure around green spaces, KCC will ensure the protection and conservation of areas, sites, species and ecological networks/corridors of biodiversity value.</p> <p>Following application of mitigation measures defined in line with the CDP, this objective is not expected to give rise to significant environmental impacts.</p>

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MATO 8.2	Adopt a ‘whole journey approach’ to delivering transport infrastructure in Sallins, to ensure universal accessibility is integrated into all stages of a person’s journey from starting point to destination. This includes making all footpaths, tactile paving, cycle paths, roads, pedestrian crossing points, greenways and bus stops / shelters fully accessible to older people, people with disabilities and people with young children.	This is consistent with Objective TM O2 of the CDP, which promotes adoption of a whole journey approach to transport to improve accessibility and seamlessness.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 8.3	Ensure that all developments allow for universally accessible connectivity for active travel modes to adjacent lands, in accordance with Reimagining Permeability in Kildare – Reconnecting our Communities: Permeability Guidelines April (2024), or any updated version of same, and accords with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS).	This is consistent with Objective TM O3 and Actions TM A20 and TM A21 of the CDP which promote the use of universal design principles and accessible infrastructure for all transport modes, including pedestrians, cyclists and users of mobility aids.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 8.4	Actively engage and co-operate with the Department of Transport, the National Transport Authority (NTA), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), Irish Rail, Local Link and other stakeholders to improve the provision of public transport in Sallins, including lobbying for an upgraded Sallins Train Station, the delivery of a third rail platform, and the delivery of a local bus service with associated bus stops.	<p>This is generally consistent with Objective TM O13 and TM O45 of the CDP which call for improved public transport connections throughout the county in collaboration with relevant agencies, including development of a public transport hub in Sallins.</p> <p>This aligns with Actions TM A1 and TM A2 of the CDP which require preparation of a transport strategy which endeavours to improve public transport capacity across the county, and within and between specific settlements.</p>	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 8.5	Investigate the feasibility of appropriate, secure and sheltered bicycle parking facilities at appropriate locations in Sallins, including at Sallins Train Station and to investigate the development of a shared cycle scheme for Sallins, to enhance safe, accessible, and low-carbon “last-mile” connectivity for all users.	<p>This is consistent with Objective TM O38 of the CDP which promotes the development of cycling infrastructure throughout the county.</p> <p>This aligns with Action TM A11 of the CDP which encourages the adoption of bike sharing schemes similar to the Dublin Bikes scheme.</p>	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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MATO 8.6	Support the ongoing operation of St. Laurence’s National School Community-Led ‘Park & Stride’ Initiative and encourage safe and controlled permeability into the school grounds during school hours, through the implementation of the indicative location of the measure W 4 as illustrated on Map V2B-8.1 (Transportation Measures).	This is consistent with Action TM A10 and TM A12 of the CDP which promote the development of Park and Stride facilities to increase modal shift away from private vehicles and to improve permeability into school grounds.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. This objective supports an ongoing initiative and does not introduce new provisions in this context. It is considered that the potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 8.7	Encourage increased permeability through larger land parcels and create linkages to existing routes and civic spaces within Sallins.	<p>This is consistent with Objective TM O21 of the CDP which encourages improved permeability between existing and proposed developments to facilitate a '10-minute settlement'.</p> <p>This also aligns with Objective TM O31 of the CDP which encourages improved permeability through enhanced linkages between Sallins and other town centres.</p> <p>This also aligns with Action TM A12 of the CDP which seeks to develop Local Permeability Schemes to support improved permeability in Sallins.</p>	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
MATO 8.8	Ensure that the vehicular access for any future development of the ‘MU: Mixed Use’ lands immediately south of the train station are accessed from The Waterways development.	This is consistent with Objective TM O21 of the CDP which encourages improved permeability between existing and proposed developments to facilitate a '10-minute settlement'.	This objective does not directly align with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. This objective relates to improving connectivity between existing and future developments. Negative impacts are not expected to occur as a result of this objective.
MATO 8.9	Investigate the feasibility of providing an active travel link (walking and cycling) between Sallins and Kerdiffstown Park through The Willows Key Development Area as outlined in Section 10.1.4.	<p>This is generally consistent with Objective TM O21 of the CDP which encourages improved permeability between existing and proposed developments to facilitate a '10-minute settlement'.</p> <p>This aligns with Action TM A12 of the CDP which seeks to develop Local Permeability</p>	<p>While this objective is not directly aligned with the provisions of the CDP, it is partially aligned with some objectives. This objective relates to carrying out a feasibility study, rather than introducing new development.</p> <p>This objective is not expected to result in significant environmental impacts.</p>

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		Schemes to support improved permeability in Sallins.	
IEO 9.1	Work in conjunction with ESB Ireland to prioritise and facilitate the provision of adequate electricity in a manner that will support the demand of existing and future population growth in Sallins.	This aligns with Policy EC P19 and Objectives EC O64 and EC O65 of the CDP which promote the development, reinforcement, renewal and expansion of the electricity network for current and future population and business growth.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
IEO 9.2	Maintain existing recycling facilities and secure the provision of additional universally accessible facilities, in conjunction with new development as required.	This aligns with Objectives IN O41, IN O42, IN O44, IN O47 and IN O52 and Action IN A7 of the CDP which promote recycling through facilitation of adequate recycling facilities for the public.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
IEO 9.3	Support the development of dedicated green waste composting areas in Sallins integrated into the public open space provision of existing and future residential developments, where appropriate, for the purposes of composting the grass cuttings and other organic material generated within public open space areas.	This generally aligns with objective IN O41, IN O42, IN O47 of the CDP which aims to divert waste from landfill for other waste management streams, including composting and which aim to provide accessible waste infrastructure to communities.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
IEO 9.4	Work in conjunction with Uisce Éireann to prioritise and facilitate the provision of adequate water and wastewater infrastructure in Sallins to ensure that such infrastructure is provided prior to, or in tandem with new development in accordance with the Implementation and Infrastructure Delivery Schedule (Section 10.X refers).	This is consistent with Policy IN P3 and Objective IN O12 and RE O10 of the CDP which supports the provision of water infrastructure to accommodate future economic growth of Kildare.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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IEO 9.5	Ensure areas indicated as Surface Water Management Areas on Map V2B-9.1 (Infrastructure and Environmental Services – Surface Water Management Strategy) are reserved free from development and integrated into design proposals for nature-based surface water drainage purposes.	This aligns with Objective IN O27 of the CDP which requires surface water drainage systems to be maintained in new developments.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP.  This objective does not make provision for new development and therefore significant environmental impacts are not expected to arise from its implementation.
IEO 9.6	Incorporate Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) as part of all plans and projects in the plan area. Proposals for new development shall align with the Map V2B-9.1 (Infrastructure and Environmental Services – Surface Water Management Strategy) and the Kildare County Council Sustainable Drainage Systems Guidance Document 2024.	This aligns with Objectives IN O21 and IN O22 of the CDP which promote facilitation of nature-based Sustainable Drainage Systems as a priority in new developments.  This aligns with Objective IN O30 of the CDP which requires all plans and projects to comply with the guidance document "Nature-based solutions to the management of rainwater and surface water runoff in Urban Areas (2021)".  This aligns with Objective TM O119 which promotes nature-based surface water drainage in the design of parking.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP.  This objective does not make provision for new development.  The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.
IEO 9.7	Ensure all development proposals are the subject of a Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment appropriate to the nature and scale of the development proposed, in accordance with the provisions of The Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DECLG and OPW (2009) and Circular PL02/2014 (August 2014).	This aligns with Objective IN O33 of the CDP which requires a site-specific flood risk assessment to an appropriate level of detail to be conducted when preparing plans, programmes and addressing development proposals.	No – this objective aligns with provisions already in place as part of the CDP. The potential effects of this provision were assessed and mitigated by the existing CDP and assessed as part of the associated SEA and AA.

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