



Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029

Two-Year Progress Report



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1. Introduction

1.1 Overview & Legislation Context

The Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 (CPD) was adopted by the Elected Members at a Special Meeting of the Council held on the 7th of February 2023 and the Plan came into effect on the 21st of March 2023.

Section 15 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) states:

(1) It shall be the duty of a planning authority to take such steps within its powers as may be necessary for securing the objectives of the Development Plan.

(2) The chief executive of a planning authority shall, not more than 2 years after the making of a development plan, give a report to the members of the authority on the progress achieved in securing the objectives referred to in subsection (1).

This report has been prepared having regard to the Section 28 “Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities” (2022), Section 10.3 ‘Plan Monitoring’ of which, requires two strategic monitoring elements:

(a) Core Strategy Monitoring

(b) Plan Objective Monitoring (including SEA Monitoring)

As required by Section 15(2) of the Planning and Development Act (as amended), the 'Plan Objectives Monitoring' requires that objectives of the County Development Plan be monitored and reported on. This report is also to include SEA Monitoring as outlined in Section 10.3 above. Section 10.4 ‘Reporting on the Development Plan’ as outlined in the *Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities* (2022) document states that the report should comprise an analysis of the annual plan monitoring data and also of the progress to achieving development plan objectives, thus allowing ‘the planning authority to establish the status of the effectiveness of the development plan in meeting its stated objectives’.

Having regard to the above, this document comprises the Two-Year Progress Report of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029, detailing the progress towards achieving the objectives which are included in Volume I and Volume II of the CDP. Appendix I and II of this report includes the Core Strategy Annual Monitoring Reports for Year 1 and Year 2.

1.2 Format of the Two-Year Progress Report

The introduction to this report provides legislative context along with a summary of new Guidelines and Legislation which have been introduced or are in draft format since the adoption of the CDP. It also includes a review of the population change in the county between 2016 and 2022 and the various strategic aims of the CDP which form the basis for the policies and the subsequent objectives as set out in the CDP.

Progress in relation to the Core Strategy is outlined in Chapter 2, outlining the key figures and trends for housing permissions and completions, commercial permissions and updates on the progress of the identified Opportunity Sites, for the first two years of the development plan.

Chapter 3 in this Two-Year Progress Report provides progress updates on all the objectives as set out in Volumes I and II of the CDP. The full list of 579 no. objectives with individual updates on each specific objective are provided. The progress overview provided in relation to the objectives derives input from the various relevant Departments within Leitrim County Council and their co-operation in collating the responses is acknowledged.

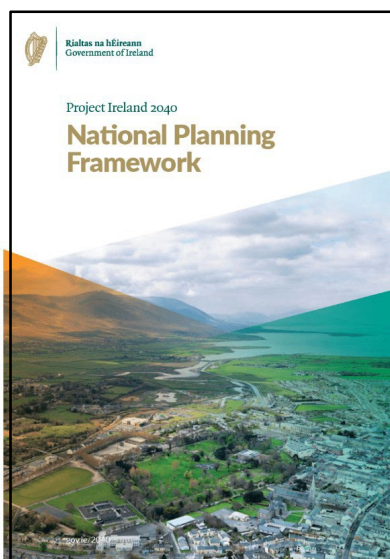
Note the details provided and the statistics referred to in this report pertain to the two-year period to the 20th March 2025.

Appendix I and II of this report includes the Core Strategy Annual Monitoring Reports for Year 1 (2023-2024) and Year 2 (2024-2025).

Appendix III of this report includes the Strategic Environmental Assessment Monitoring Report.

1.3 Legislative & Section 28 Guidelines Changes

Project Ireland 2040 - The National Planning Framework First Revision (April 2025)

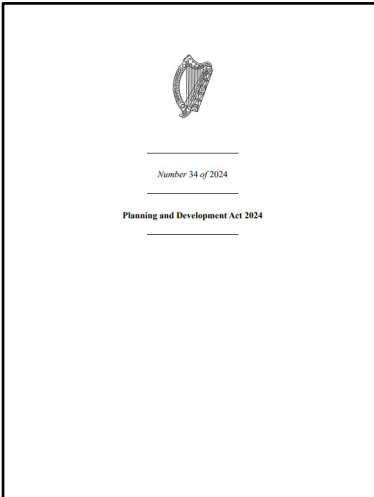


The National Planning Framework has been revised and updated to take account of changes that have occurred since it was first published in 2018 and to build on the framework that is in place. It now reflects changes to Government policy that have already taken place since its initial publication in 2018, such as climate transition, regional development, demographics, digitalisation and investment and prioritisation. The main changes relate to increases in population growth with an increase in national population growth target from 5.85m to 6.1 million (an additional 250,000 people over that planned for in 2040), amended regional population growth targets and new minimum growth targets for the Ireland's 5 cities by 2040, a national requirement for 50,000 homes per annum, greater emphasis on the accelerated delivery of transport oriented development opportunities and an enhanced focus on GHG emissions, reductions and renewable energy development.

Planning & Development Act 2024

The Planning and Development Act 2024 was signed into law in October 2024. Some of the key elements include:

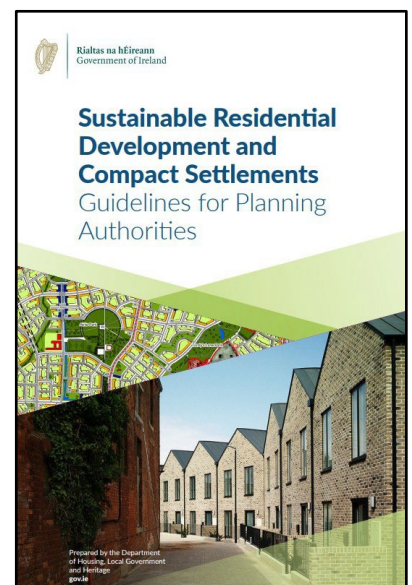
- ⇒ Duration of County Development Plans – Development Plans are extended from a six year to a ten year duration, with a review to take place after five years.
- ⇒ Zoning of land only through the development plan or variation process
- ⇒ Existing ‘*Local Area Plans*’ will now fall under the following designations: - Urban Area Plans, Priority Area Plans or Coordinated Area Plans



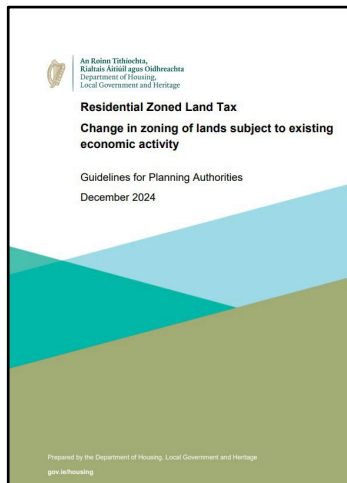
- ⇒ An Bord Pleanála will be renamed An Coimisiun Pleanála (“the Commission”). It will have substantially similar powers but will incorporate a new organisational structure focused on increasing efficiency and accelerating timelines.
- ⇒ Mandatory timelines on the Commission during the consenting process and the Commissions may face penalties where they do not comply with such timelines
- ⇒ Must exhaust all administrative processes before taking a Judicial Review

Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlement – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024)

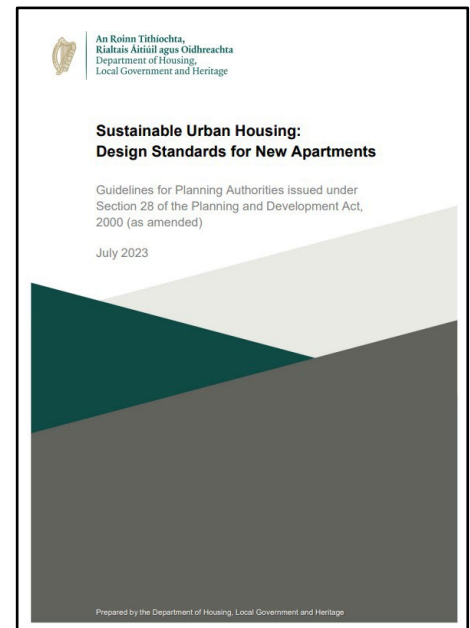
The *Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlement – Guidelines for Planning Authorities* sets out the national policy and guidance in relation to the planning and development of urban and rural settlements, with a focus on residential development and the creation of compact settlements. The Guidelines, which came into effect in January 2024, supersede the *Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas – Guidelines for Planning Authorities* (2009).



Residential Zoned Land Tax – Change in zoning of lands subject to existing economic activity – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024)



This document sets out policy and guidance in relation to the consideration of proposals to amend zoning of lands which are subject to existing economic activity, made by virtue to amend zoning, submitted to the relevant local authority in accordance with section 653I of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (as amended). The Guidelines came into effect in December 2024.



Sustainable Urban Housing—Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2023)

These guidelines were published in July 2023: the overall aim of these guidelines is to achieve a balance between the provision of high-quality apartment developments and the requirement to achieve substantially increased apartment supply.

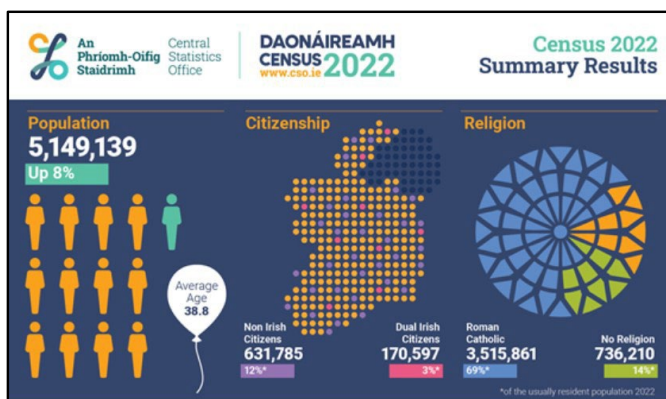
Regulation of Commercial Institutional Investment in Housing – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2023)



These guidelines were published in July 2023, and they set out planning conditions to which Planning Authorities and An Bord Pleanála must have regard in granting planning permission for new residential development. The guidelines aim to ensure that own- door housing units and duplex units in lower density housing developments are not bulk purchased for market rental purposes by commercial institutional investors, in a manner that causes the displacement of individual purchasers and/or social and affordable housing, including cost rental housing.

1.4 Population Growth

Census 2022



During the preparation of the current Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029, the 2016 Census data was the primary and latest dataset available to the Planning Authority. As a result, all data relating to population growth, housing data, and employment in the current CDP s derived from the 2016 Census datasets. Census 2022 was undertaken on April 3rd 2022, the results of which have been made available incrementally by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) since May 2023.

The publication of Small Area Populations Statistics (SAPS) is of particular significance to the Planning Authority, as this information allows for a more detailed analysis of growth levels within the County over the period of the plan. The information contained in the SAPS allows for the assessments of updated census data including in relation to population growth and distribution, households, vacancy rates, etc. all of which aids in examining how County Leitrim has performed since the adoption of the CDP.

Population Growth Trends

In the Census 2022, the population of Ireland was recorded as 5,149,139. As set out in Figure 1.1 below, the Census data indicates that Ireland experienced a steady population growth between 2016 and 2022 with an 8.1% increase in population growth of 387,274. Over the same period, Co. Leitrim experienced a population increase of 9.8% (3,155 persons), from a population of 32,044 in 2016 to 35,199 in 2022, exceeding both the National and Regional growth levels of 8.1% and 6.8% respectively.

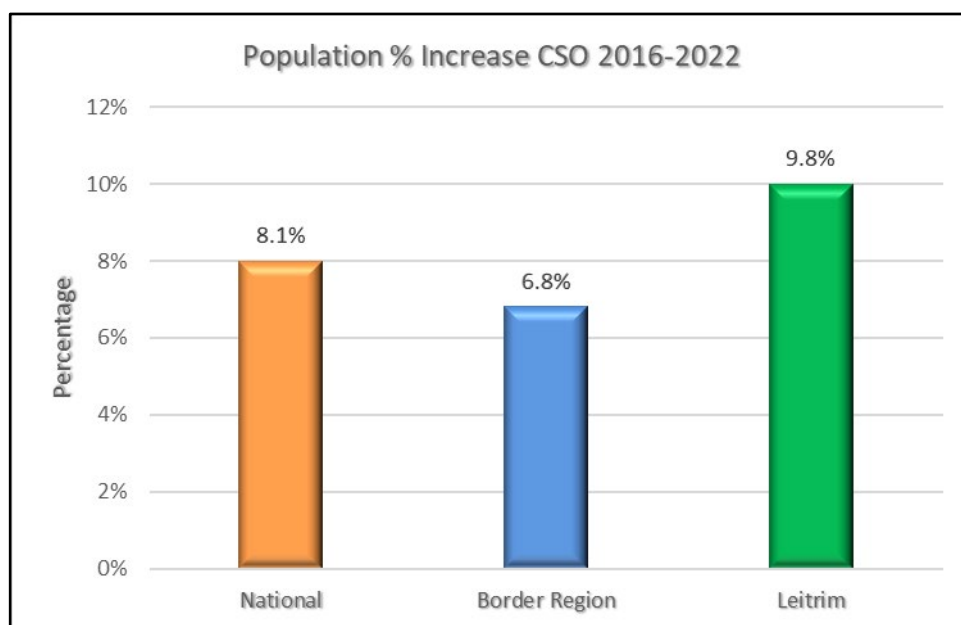


Figure 1.1: National, Regional and County Population Growth Trends CSO 2016 & 2022

Population Growth in the Settlements of County Leitrim

A caveat needs to be applied to the reading of the following statistics in terms of population changes. It should be noted that the boundaries of each of the towns and villages as identified in the 2022 Census have changed from those identified in the 2016 Census, with some changes to the boundaries being more significant than others. Each of the towns and villages which were identified as ‘Settlements’ in the 2016 Census are identified as ‘Towns’ in the 2022 Census and the boundaries of each of these have captured additional housing which would not have been captured in the 2016 Census boundaries thus inflating their overall population changes. Carrick-on-Shannon and Drumshanbo saw the most significant changes in terms of capturing additional housing.

The Key Town of Carrick-on-Shannon (exclusive of Cortober) accounted for a population increase of 14.8% over the census period 2016-2022, increasing in population from the CSO 2016 figure of 3,422 to 3,928 in 2022 which is an additional 506 persons.

Outside of the ‘Key Town’ of Carrick-on-Shannon, the Tier 2A Self Sustaining Growth Towns of Ballinamore and Manorhamilton experienced substantial growth of 21.7% and 13.7% between 2016 and 2022, reaching populations of 1,112 and 1,667 respectively. Overall, the ‘Self-Sustaining Growth Towns’ accounted for an additional 399 persons over the census period 2016-2022.

The Tier 3 ‘Support Towns’ of Dromahair, Drumshanbo, Mohill and Kinlough all saw significant population growth between the period 2016 and 2022, with Drumshanbo recording a 37.4% growth in its population over the 6-year period (note this figure is inflated due to the additional houses captured arising from the change in identified boundaries between the Census periods). Dromahair, Mohill and Kinlough saw an increase in their population of 16.2%, 20.1% and 15.8% respectively. The population of both Drumshanbo and Kinlough now exceeds the population of Ballinamore.

The populations of each of the Tier 3 Villages also increased, with the highest population growth attributed to Dromod with an additional 198 persons equating to 35.7% increase in population. Overall, the 2022 Census data demonstrates a very positive population growth in each of the designated Tier 3 settlements as indicated in Figure 1.2.

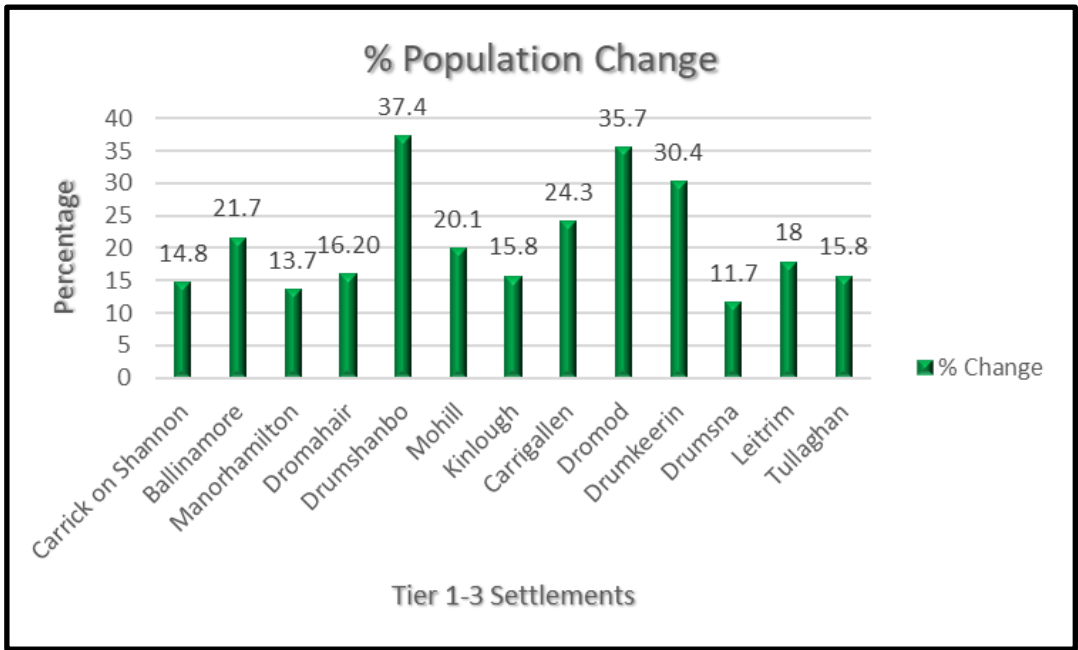


Figure 1.2: Tiers 1-3 Settlements - % Population Change CSO 2016 & 2022

Figure 1.3 shows the % share of the overall population growth in the County (3,155 persons) by Settlement Category.

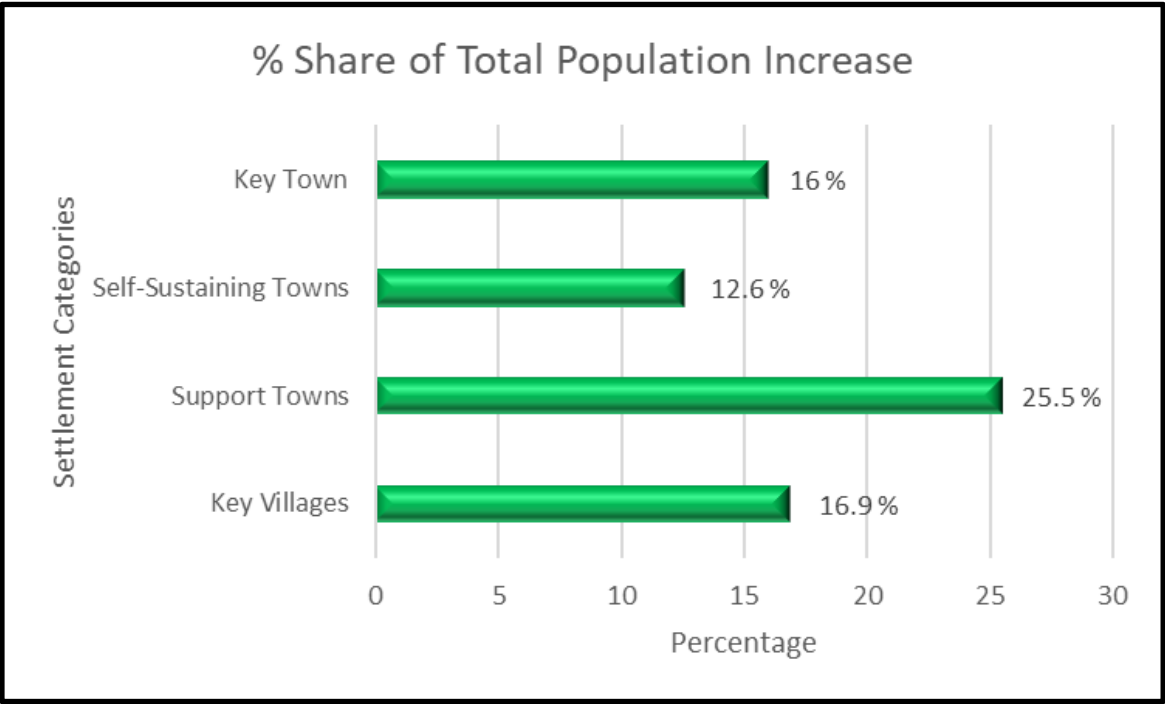


Figure 1.3: % Share of Total Population Increase between 2016-2022 by Settlement Category

It is notable, as Figure 1.4 indicates, that of the 3,155 population increase in the county over the 2016- 2022 Census period, 2,244 or 71% were located in the top three Tiers of the Settlement Hierarchy with the remaining 911 or 29% of the population increase located within the Tier 4 villages, the graigs and the rural areas of the county.

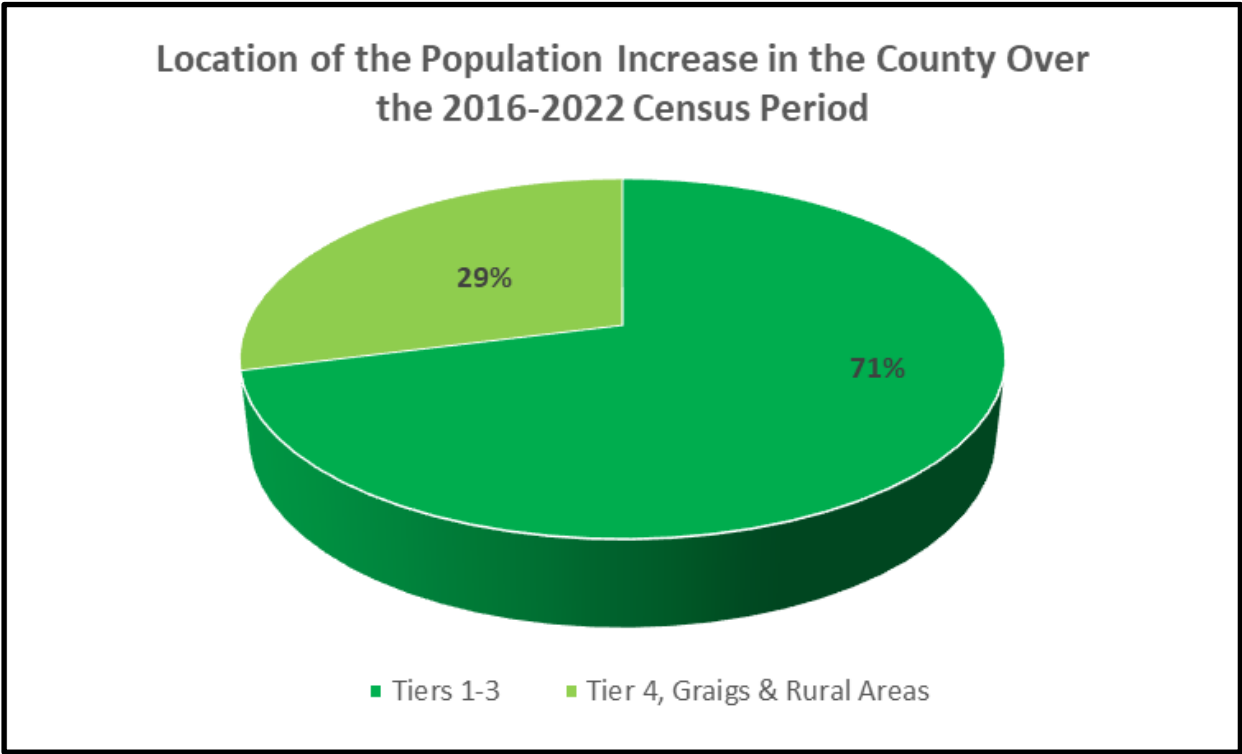


Fig 1.4: Location of the Population Increase in the County over the 2016-2022 Census Period

General Statistics



Leitrim's Population
has Increased by 9.8%
Since 2016

Population

2016	32,044
2022	35,199

Average Age

2016	39.8
2022	40.7

Gender Distribution in 2022

17,553 17,646



Unemployment Rate

2016	14.5%
2022	9.3%

Household Size

2022 - 2.55 persons



Permanent Private Households

2016	12,404
2022	13,589

Vacancy Rate (Total Housing Stock)

2016	19.88 %
2022	15.19 %



Total Housing Stock

2016	18,051
2022	18,482

1.5 Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029—Strategic Vision

Prior to looking in details at the progress in achieving the objectives of the County Development Plan, it is beneficial to highlight the vision that the Plan has for the County along with the strategic aims which form the basis for the policies and the subsequent objectives as set out in the Leitrim CDP. The vision for Leitrim proposed for the CDP is:

“Co. Leitrim to be a vibrant, creative, economically strong, socially inclusive, progressive and distinctive county, providing a quality experience for all who live in, work in, invest in and visit our county, fostering the development and wellbeing of our communities, offering excellent opportunities for employment across a diverse range of sectors, embracing the challenges which climate change presents in a responsible and practical manner while protecting, conserving and enhancing the best of the natural and built environment”.

In order to achieve this Vision, the following strategic aims are listed in the CDP as set out in Table 1.1 below.

No.	Strategic Aim
1.	To guide the future development of Co. Leitrim in line with the principles and objectives provided in the NPF and in the RSES for our region including the population projections set out therein.
2.	To promote and facilitate the development of the county in accordance with the provisions of the Core Strategy, including directing appropriate levels of residential development in line with the Settlement hierarchy.
3.	To ensure that towns and villages grow at a sustainable and appropriate level whilst pursuing a compact growth policy and seeking to better integrate transport and land use planning at a level practicable to Co. Leitrim.
4.	To develop Carrick-on-Shannon (Key Town) as a settlement of regional scale for accelerated population growth through the delivery of significant compact growth and developing identified derelict and underutilised sites, with an initial focus within the town core. Carrick-on-Shannon is also identified as a key driver of economic development in the county.
5.	To deliver at least 30% of all new homes that are targeted in Carrick-on-Shannon, Ballinamore and Manorhamilton within the existing built-up footprints on infill and/or brownfield sites with a reduced target of 20% for the remaining lower tier settlements in the Settlement Hierarchy.
6.	To pursue balanced growth elsewhere within the county at an appropriate scale based upon the varied growth potential of different places to include individual houses in rural areas. The Core Strategy targets housing and employment growth in settlements that have the capacity to absorb such growth in a sustainable manner with the commensurate provision of the required supporting social infrastructure and community facilities.
7.	To support a rural housing policy for the open countryside which will seek to balance the need to sustain rural communities with the need to protect Leitrim’s natural heritage, environment and landscape qualities. The rural housing policy will differentiate between the pressure for one off housing in the areas surrounding large towns (Carrick-on-Shannon and the impact of Sligo extending into Co. Leitrim), where an economic and social tie to an area must be established, from the remainder of the countryside.
8.	To support the appropriate and sustainable development of rural areas by encouraging growth and arresting decline in areas that have experienced low population growth or decline in recent decades and by managing the growth of areas that are under strong urban influence to avoid over-development, while sustaining vibrant rural communities.
9.	To promote Carrick-on-Shannon as the main retail centre in the county with the provision of retail in other centres commensurate with their roles.

10.	To support the vitality and viability of existing town and village centres and facilitate a competitive and healthy environment for the retailing sector by ensuring that future growth in retail floorspace responds to the identified retail hierarchy, the sequential approach, and the needs of the projected population of the settlement areas.
11.	To create the appropriate conditions necessary to foster a healthy and vibrant retail environment in the county.
12.	Include objectives to support proposals for regeneration, rejuvenation of vacant and derelict sites, town and village centre renewal and public realm enhancement.
13.	To support, in principle, development that addresses climate change in terms of adaptation and mitigation measures including increasing flood resilience, the promotion of sustainable transport options and the development of renewable energy technologies where possible to achieve a successful transition to a low carbon economy.

Table 1.1: Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 Strategic Aims

Underpinning these strategic aims are the following complementary strategic objectives which are integral in delivering the vision for the county during the period 2023-2029.

No.	Strategic Objectives
1.	To build on the regional-level linkages between Co. Leitrim and other parts of the Northern and Western Region (with particular emphasis on the Sligo Regional Growth Centre) and adjoining regions such as the Eastern and Midlands Region and Fermanagh & Omagh District Council in Northern Ireland and by supporting the implementation of regional spatial and economic strategies, collaborating on support for critical enabling infrastructure, such as inter-regional road linkages, and co-operating on areas of mutual planning interest.
2.	To target Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Irish indigenous industries to appropriate zoned locations and build on the economic strengths and tourism opportunities of Co. Leitrim in a balanced and sustainable manner focusing on the considerable opportunities within our county.
3.	To facilitate the provision of and improvements to community, social and recreational infrastructure and ensure universal access for all to such facilities throughout the county for all its residents.
4.	To facilitate job creation within the county to ensure that the county grows in a sustainable manner.
5.	To provide for sustainable transport infrastructure and connectivity including walking and cycling infrastructure and initiatives and optimise the return of investment on infrastructure while preserving the natural and built heritage.
6.	To achieve a sustainable, integrated and low carbon transport system for the county and to protect, improve and extend water services and other enabling infrastructure in line with national, regional and local population and economic growth for the county.
7.	To protect, conserve and enhance the built, natural and cultural environment through promoting awareness, utilising relevant heritage legislation and promoting good quality urban and rural design.
8.	To support the development of key infrastructure such as telecommunications, electricity and sources of renewable energy to enable and facilitate economic development.
9.	To ensure co-ordination between land use zoning and infrastructure availability through the implementation of the <i>'Tiered Approach to Land Use Zoning'</i> as required under the NPF.

Table 1.2: Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 Strategic Objectives

2. Core Strategy

2.1 Introduction

Chapter 2, *Core Strategy* of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 Volume 1: *Written Statement*, sets out the projected population and household growth for County Leitrim, in accordance with the requirements of the National Planning Framework (NPF) Implementation Roadmap, the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) and the Economic and Social Research Institute's (ESRI) '*Regional Demographics and Structural Housing Demand at a County Level*' (2020). The housing supply targets as outlined in the Core Strategy were prepared utilising the ESRI forecast in accordance with the '*Housing Supply Target Methodology for Development Planning*' (Section 28 Guidelines for Planning Authorities' 2020).

The Core Strategy provides a medium to longer term strategy for the spatial development of County Leitrim. It includes details of the settlement hierarchy and indicates where future growth is to be distributed in the county, in addition to setting out population and household projections and identifying the amount of land to be zoned for residential development. The Core Strategy represents the overall vision to achieve proper planning and sustainable development in the county.

The Core Strategy has set out a household target of 1,208 no. residential units in the County over the Plan period 2023-2029 with a projected population growth of 3,000 over the Plan period.

2.2 Analysis

Appendix I and II include the Annual Core Strategy Monitoring Reports for the first year of the implementation of the Plan (2023-2024) and for the second year of the implementation of the Plan (2024-2025).

In these reports, the following information sources were utilised to monitor and review the various Core Strategy Monitoring Indicators as outlined in the Development Plan Guidelines 2022 throughout the county during the 2-year period:

- CSO's New Dwelling Completions
- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's Housing Delivery Tracker
- The Regional Development Monitor Hub on Geohive
- Various reports run via the iPlan Portal (The Council's internal database for planning applications, commencement notices etc.)

Note: The 2-year period relates to the 2-year period since the coming into effect of the CDP:

Year 1: Q.2 2023 – Q.1 2024 (21/03/2023 – 20/03/2024)

Year 2: Q.2 2024 – Q.1 2025 (21/04/2024 – 20/03/2025)

An assessment of residential planning applications which were granted planning permission over the relevant 2-year period was undertaken in order to establish the extent to which progress has been made in achieving sustainable growth patterns, consistent with the 'Settlement Hierarchy' and 'Household Allocations' as set out in Table 2.6 of the CDP. In addition to the residential planning applications, an assessment of the commercial planning applications which were granted planning permission over the relevant 2-year period was also undertaken, looking at the amount of commercial floorspace (office, industrial, retail and warehousing/ logistics) granted planning permission over this same period.

House completions over the 2-year period

The total number of house completions over the 2-year period Q.2 2023 to Q.1 2025 was 195 no. units. This represents 49% of the Core Strategy's target figure of 402 no. units over this period. The number of housing completions in Year 2 was higher than Year 1 by 31 no. units. It should be noted that, given the time lag between the grant of planning permission and the completions of new homes, many of these completed units would have been permitted under the previous County Development Plan 2015-2023.

Location of House Completions over the 2-year period

Rural Areas accounted for 110 no. of these 195 no. units or 56%, with the remaining 85 no. units (44%) located in the Tier 1 – 5 Settlements. Rural Areas exceeded their target of 48 no. units over the 2 years by almost 230%.

Of the Tier 1-5 Settlements, the Tier 1 Key Town of Carrick-on-Shannon saw the highest number of completed units at 43 no. units meeting 36% of its target figure of 120 no. units. Both Dromod and Drumsna (Tier 3 Key Villages) achieved 50% of their target numbers which in both cases was 4 no. units, with the target being 8 no. units.

Total number of residential units permitted over the 2-year period

The total number of residential units were granted planning permission over the 2-year period was 100 no. units, 51 no. of which were permitted in the Tier 1-5 Settlements (see Map 2.1 below) with 49 no. permitted in Rural Areas – 1 off rural dwellings (see Map 2.2 below).

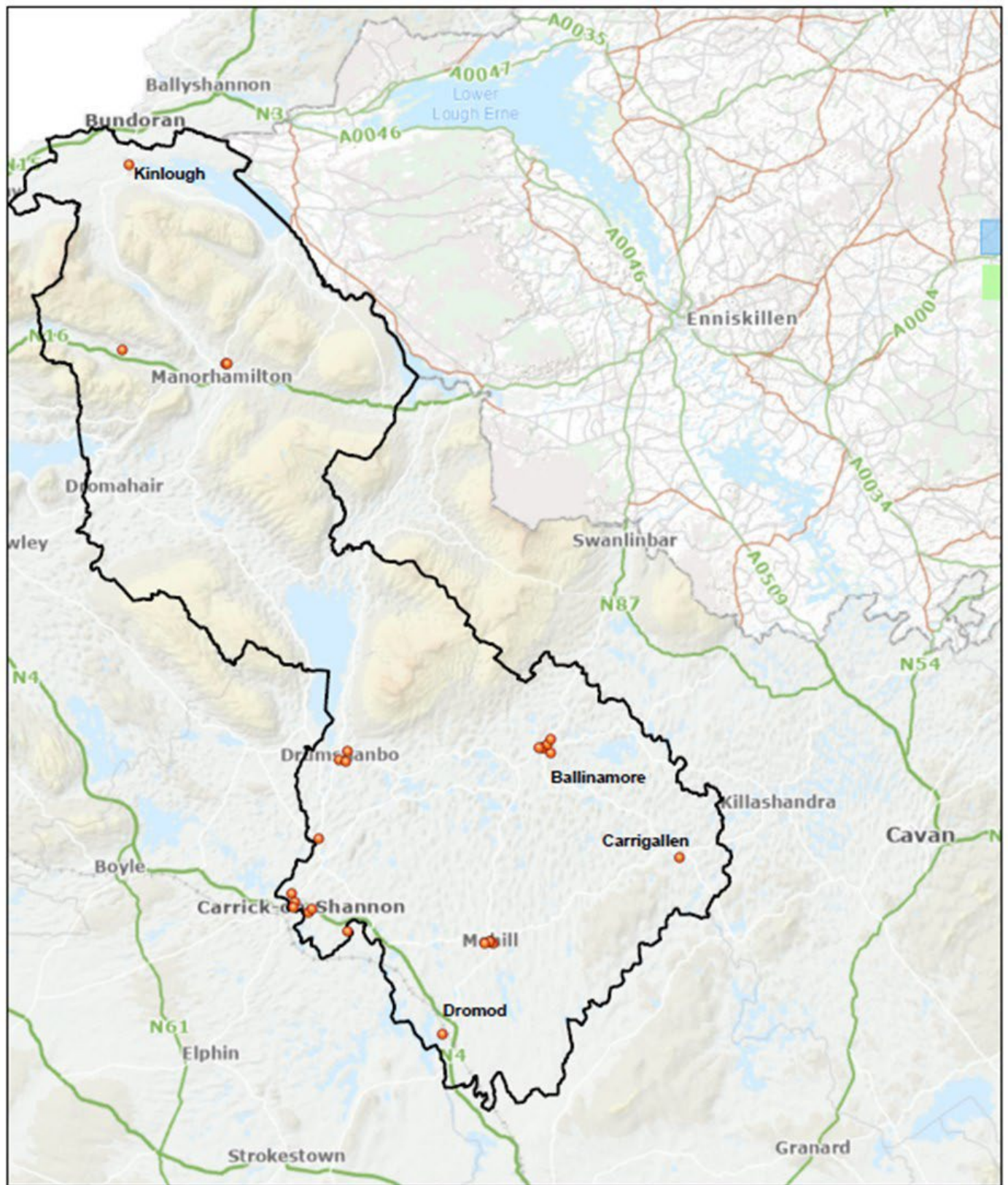
Based on the Core Strategy's household allocation, a total of 402 no. housing units was the target over this 2- year period, meaning, in terms of permitted units, only 25% of the housing target was met. The shortfall in the housing target currently lies on zoned lands, as the numbers of rural houses permitted is in line with the Core Strategy's target of 48 no. dwellings over the 2-year period.

Number of residential units permitted on zoned lands

50 no. of the permitted units were granted planning permission on zoned lands. A total of 81.2 ha of land was identified in the CDP for 'New Residential' or 'Mixed Use' land use zoning objectives. Over the 2-year review period, a total of 2.02ha of this total has been developed/commenced, accounting for a total of 28 no. new build residential units (this figure includes a replacement unit), with the remaining 22 no. units either not commenced or permitted on other types of zoned lands e.g. 'Existing Residential'.

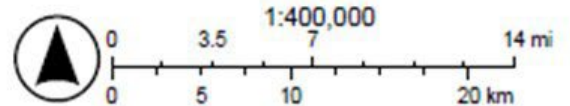
Number of rural houses permitted and their location

Over the 2-year review period, a total of 49 no. individual or one off rural houses have been permitted. Of these 49 no. rural houses, 9 of them were permitted in 'Low Capacity Areas' which are areas under strong urban pressure from the town of Carrick-on-Shannon and also from parts of the county generally west of Dromahair towards the Sligo border.



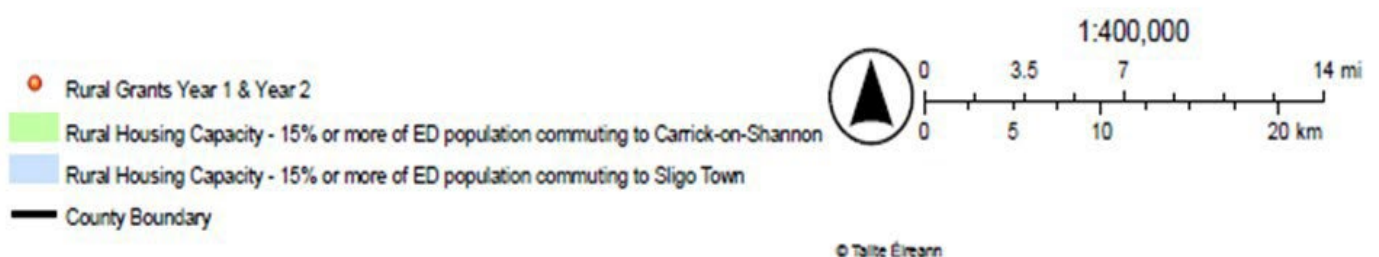
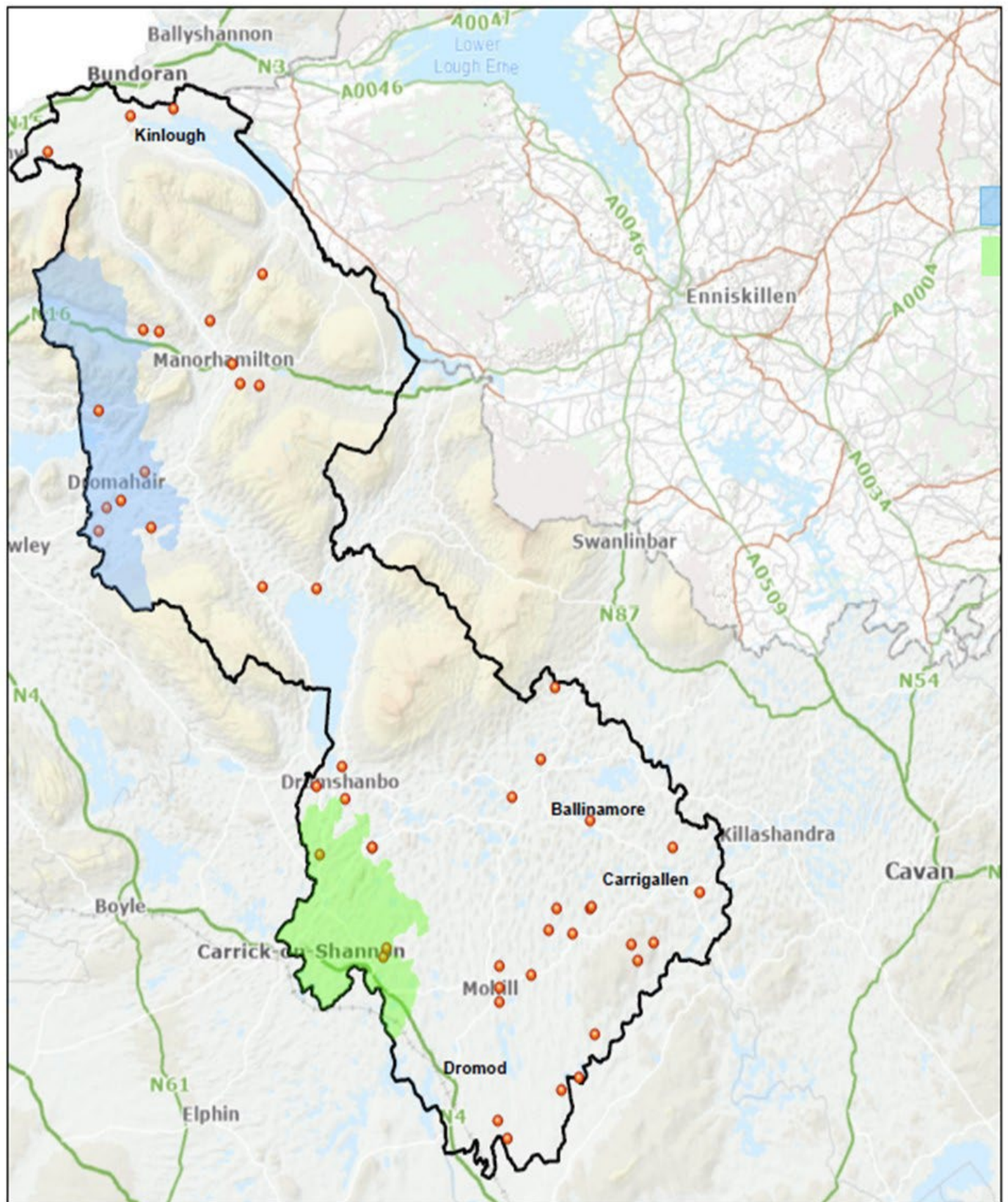
● Tier 1 to 5 Grants Year 1 and Year 2

— The County Boundary



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Map 2.1 Location of Permissions Granted in Tier 1-5 in 2-Year Period



Map 2.2: Location of Rural Houses Permissions Granted in 2-Year Period

Summary of the findings

A summary of the findings from the Year 1 and Year 2 core strategy monitoring reports are highlighted below.

195

Total No. Housing Units Completed across the County.

49

Of the Annual Target Housing Units as Required in the Core Strategy have been Met.

2

No. Residential Planning Applications Granted Planning in the Tier 1-5 Settlements.

5

No. Housing Units Granted Planning Permission in the Tier 1-5 Settlements.

131

No. of Housing Units for which Commencement Notices were Received in Tier 1-5 Settlements.

114

Pipeline Residential Units

2.02ha

The Amount of Zoned 'New Residential' Land Developed.



4

**No. of One Off Rural Houses
Granted Planning Permission**

6

**No. of One Off Rural Houses
Withdrawn/Refused Planning
Permission**

5

**Commencement Notices
Received for One Off
Rural Houses**

110


Completed One Off Rural Houses

100

**Total No. of Residential Housing Units
Granted throughout the County**

189

**Total No. of Housing Units for which
Commencement Notices were
Received throughout the County**



8,143m²

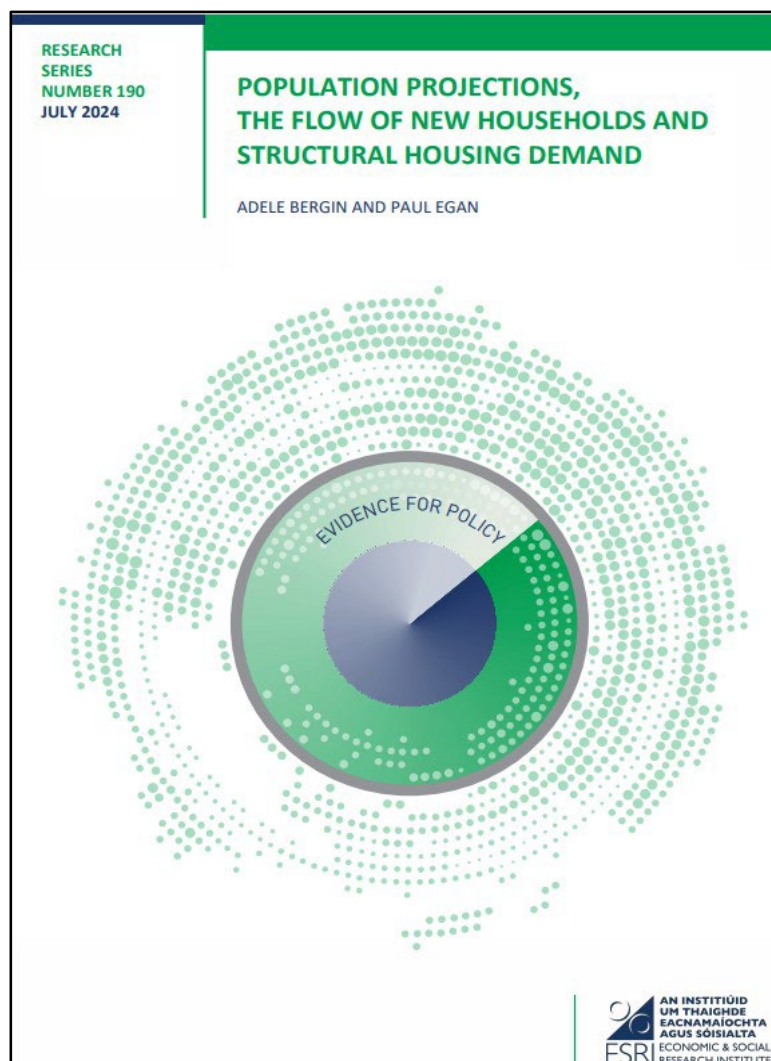
**Total Commercial
Floorspace Granted
throughout the County**

85%

**Permitted Commercial
Floorspace related to New
Builds**

**No development has taken place in any
of the identified Opportunity Sites in
the 2 year period since the adoption of
the County Development Plan.**

2.3 Population Projections



County Leitrim has the lowest level of population of any county in Ireland. The population of the county has continued to increase from a modest increase of 246 people from the 2011 recorded figure of 31,798 people to 32,044 people recorded in the 2016 census to a relatively significant population increase of 3,155 persons (9.8%) to 35,199 persons in 2022. This growth in population of 9.8% over the 2016-2022 period exceeded both the national and regional growth levels of 8.1% and 6.8% respectively. The population of the county is now at its highest since 1961.

At the time of preparing the CDP, the Regional Spatial Economic Strategy (RSES) provided that the population of Leitrim could increase to 35,000-35,500 people by 2026 and up to 37,000 by 2031 (based on the Implementation Roadmap for the National Planning Framework, July 2018). As a result, the Plan was required to provide for a population growth of 3,000. Note: The Plan period at that time was for 2022-2028.

The population of County Leitrim in 2022 was 35,199 and so it has already met the projected population forecast of 35,000-35,500 by 2026 as projected above, 4 years earlier than forecasted. This does not affect the quantum of lands zoned for housing within the CDP noting that the population increase was provided for primarily within existing housing stock.

Since the adoption of the CDP, new population projections figures have been issued by the ESRI publication *"Population Projections, The Flow of New Households and Structural Housing Demand"* published in July 2024. The latest figures project that the population of Leitrim could reach 37,600 by 2027 and 39,200 by 2032. Using the known 2022 population figure of 35,199 (as opposed to the 35,400 figure use by the ESRI) and averaging the population increase on a yearly basis, based on the ESRI projections (as a baseline 1% annual growth), the projected population of Leitrim in 2029 could be 37,765 which would be a population increase of 2,566 people over the period 2022 to 2029. The current CDP makes provision for a population growth of up to 3,000 people over the plan period 2023-2029.

2.4 Housing Supply Targets

As outlined in the CDP, the housing supply target modelling for the Plan period was intended to be for the period 2022-2028. However due to the various restrictions arising from the Covid-19 pandemic response to the preparation of the Plan, the Council availed of an extension to the Plan review process with the result that the Plan period became 2023-2029. Notwithstanding the above, it was considered appropriate to proceed with the initially forecasted housing supply targets (which were based on the 2016 Census data) with a view to reviewing the housing supply targets for the county two years after the making of the Plan with the benefit of more recent Census data (2022) and housing supply targets provided by the Department subsequent to the Census 2022 results. However, while the more recent Census 2022 results are available, the Department has yet to publish revised housing supply targets on which to base any revision to the current Core Strategy figures. The Minister has indicated in a recent Circular that such revised figures are now imminent.

Notwithstanding the above, the annual monitoring reports of the Core Strategy have shown that a limited amount of zoned 'New Residential' land has been developed in the two years since the CDP came into effect, just 2 ha.. Having regard to the amount of both 'New Residential' and 'Mixed Use' as yet undeveloped (79 ha), which if developed would have a potential yield of 1,140 units (equating to a population of 2,907), it is clear that there is no shortage of such land use zonings as required to meet the population projection and associated housing needs. In addition to both of these zonings, provision is also made in the Core Strategy for an additional 292 no. potential units on lands in the Tier 4, 5 and 'Rural Houses' categories which if developed would equate to a potential population of 745 (2.55 per unit). Furthermore, these figures do not take into account the possibility of additional residential units being permitted on other zoned lands that allow for residential use or which such a use is 'Open for Consideration'. On the basis of the above, it can reasonably be concluded that the existing Core Strategy and extent of current land zoning currently provided for in the CDP area sufficient to accommodate the latest population projections for the County to the period 2029.

It is evident from that above, that including the provision made for housing in the Tier 4, 5 and 'Rural Houses' categories in the Core Strategy, and other land use zonings which allow for residential development), that the amount of existing lands zoned for residential development



(including mixed use which allows for residential) that remains without a commenced planning permission is more than sufficient to cater for the forecasted housing requirements to 2029.

3. Progress on Securing CDP 2023-2029 Objectives

3.1 Introduction

The following section provides an overview of the progress achieved in terms in securing the various objectives of the CDP 2023-2029 over the 2 years since the coming into effect of the Plan on the 21st of March 2023.

Table 3.1 provides individual updates on the status, timeline and commentary as necessary, as provided by the relevant departments within Leitrim County Council. Given the nature of many of the listed objectives, many of them are ‘on-going’ in nature. As this table demonstrates, considerable progress has been made towards achieving many of the objectives of the Plan.

Objective Ref. no.	Objective Text	Status	Timeline	Commentary
CS OBJ 1	To ensure that the future spatial development of Co. Leitrim is in accordance with the National Planning Framework 2040 including the population targets set out under the Implementation Roadmap, and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Northern and Western Region 2020-2032.	Achieved to Date	Ongoing	Ongoing as part of the Plan preparation process. LCC will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders. This is likely to require reconsideration when the revised section 28 Guidelines for Housing Supply Targets issue from the department later this year.
CS OBJ 2	To implement all land use planning objectives in a manner which takes account of and is consistent with the Core Strategy to accelerate a transition to a greener, low carbon and climate resilient county with a focus on reduced travel demand through the promotion of sustainable settlement patterns to the maximum extent practicable in a rural county such as Co. Leitrim.	Achieved to Date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. LCC will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders
CS OBJ 3	To ensure that adequate zoned lands are available to satisfy the housing requirements of the county in designated settlements over the lifetime of the Plan.	Achieved to Date	Ongoing	Ongoing as part of the Plan preparation process and as outlined in the response to CS OBJ 1 above.
CS OBJ 4	To promote the integration of land use and transportation policies and to prioritise provision for cycling and walking travel modes and the strengthening of public transport with particular emphasis on the bus for inter urban centre travel.	Achieved to Date	Ongoing	LCC will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders. Considerable progress has also been made in the provision of Active Travel infrastructure over the past 2 years.
CS OBJ 5	To support the regeneration of underused town centre and brownfield/infill lands along with the delivery of existing zoned and serviced lands to facilitate population growth and achieve sustainable compact growth targets of 30% of all new housing to be built within the existing urban footprint of the targeted settlements of Carrick-on-Shannon, Ballinamore and Manorhamilton.	Achieved to Date	Ongoing	LCC will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders. A total of 30 units were permitted within the existing urban footprint of Carrick-on-Shannon (10units), Ballinamore (18 units and Manorhamilton (2 units).
CS OBJ 6	To support the regeneration of underused town and village centre and brownfield/infill lands along with the delivery of existing zoned and serviced lands to facilitate population growth and achieve sustainable compact growth targets of 20% of all new housing to be built within the existing footprint of the settlements contained in Tier 2B and 3 of the Settlement Hierarchy.	Achieved to Date	Ongoing	LCC will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders

CS OBJ 7	To incorporate measures for the promotion of sustainable settlement and transportation strategies in urban and rural areas including the promotion of measures to reduce energy demand, reduce anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, and address the necessity of adaptation to climate change, having regard to the location, layout and design of new development.	Achieved to Date	Ongoing	LCC will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders
CS OBJ 8	To support the continued growth and development of the Key Town of Carrick-on-Shannon as an urban place of regional scale attaining a target population of over 5,000 people by the end of the Plan period with a focus on quality of life and as a driver of economic development within the county and wider region.	Achieved to Date	Ongoing	LCC will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders
CS OBJ 9	To prepare a Joint Local Area Plan (LAP) for Carrick-on-Shannon/Cortober in conjunction with Roscommon County Council and informed by a Local Transport Plan prepared in consultation with the National Transport Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and other stakeholders within one year of the adoption of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029. The Local Area Plan shall determine the land use zoning objectives for Carrick-on-Shannon and ensure that the quantum of land identified for residential development adheres to that indicated in Table 2.6 of this Core Strategy. The LAP shall ensure sustainable, compact, sequential growth in the combined urban centre by consolidating the existing footprint with a focus on the redevelopment and regeneration of identified infill and brownfield sites.	Achieved to date	Q2 2025	The Draft Joint Local Area Plan for Carrick-on-Shannon 2025-2031 came into effect in May 2025. All of the requirements set out in this objective were realized in the preparation of the Joint Local Area Plan. The land use zoning objectives for Carrick-on-Shannon will be brought into the next County Development Plan.
CS OBJ 10	To support and facilitate the transition of Carrick-on-Shannon towards a decarbonisation zone within the lifetime of this Plan striving to make Carrick-on-Shannon a leader in climate adaptation and mitigation, and accelerate a transition to a low carbon, climate resilient and environmentally sustainable economy.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Carrick-on-Shannon has been designated as a decarbonisation zone in the county. Further policy support exists in the Leitrim County Council Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 with respect to this objective.

CS OBJ 11	To ensure that Ballinamore and Manorhamilton become self-sustaining economic drivers within their catchments, by consolidating their residential, retail, tourism and service functions and enhancing their distinctive town centre character.	Achieved to Date	Ongoing	LCC will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders including their respective Town Teams.
CS OBJ 12	To ensure that the Support Towns of Dromahair, Drumshanbo, Kinlough and Mohill develop in a sustainable and consolidated manner with increased local employment opportunities available to sustain their communities, providing an appropriate range of local services and amenities and ensuring a high quality of life for residents in each centre.	Achieved to Date	Ongoing	LCC will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders
CS OBJ 13	To ensure that the Key Villages accommodate commensurate population and employment growth to accommodate natural increase and maintain existing services, and to ensure that future growth is balanced and sustainable.	Achieved to Date	Ongoing	LCC will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders
CS OBJ 14	Ensure that the range of Villages across the county maintain their existing population levels and services, cater for modest levels of growth appropriate to their scale, size and character.	Achieved to Date	Ongoing	LCC will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders
CS OBJ 15	To promote and support the provision of serviced sites in line with investment opportunities by Irish Water in order to attract people to build their own homes and live in villages and graigs, supporting the retention of services in such centres and as a viable alternative to one off housing in the countryside.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and LCC will continue to engage with and support Uisce Éireann with regards to this objective.
CS OBJ 16	To ensure that individual rural housing is facilitated to sustain rural communities whilst ensuring that Leitrim’s natural heritage, environment and landscape qualities are protected.	Achieved to Date	Ongoing	Ongoing as part of the Development Management process. This has been outlined with respect to statistics provided earlier in this report. This objective is being realized to the maximum possible having regard to constraints such as soil permeability.
CS OBJ 17	To promote Carrick-on-Shannon as the main retail centre in the county with the provision of retail in other centres commensurate with their roles.	Achieved to Date	Ongoing	LCC will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders

CS OBJ 18	To support the vitality and viability of existing town and village centres and facilitate a competitive and healthy environment for the retailing sector by ensuring that future growth in retail floorspace responds to the identified retail hierarchy, the sequential approach, and the needs of the projected population of the settlement areas.	Achieved to Date	Ongoing	LCC will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders
CS OBJ 19	To ensure that development is promoted, supported or facilitated through the County Development Plan that provides for climate action including that related to the increased risk of flooding and the promotion of sustainable transport options and renewable energy where possible to achieve a successful transition to a low carbon economy.	Achieved to Date	Ongoing	Ongoing as part of the Plan preparation process. LCC will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders. Further policy support exists in the Leitrim County Council Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 with respect to this objective

Objective Ref. no.	Objective Text	Status	Timeline	Commentary
HOUS OBJ 1	To secure the implementation of the Leitrim Housing Strategy 2023-2029 which make provision for the scale of population growth and housing allocations outlined in the Core Strategy.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of continued engagement with the Housing Section and the development management process. The response to CS OBJ 1 is also relevant in this regard.
HOUS OBJ 2	To secure the delivery of social housing in our county in accordance with the Council’s Social Housing Delivery Programme and Government Policy as set out in Rebuilding Ireland: Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Housing Department continue to progress the delivery of new social housing to meet the targets identified in the 2022-2026 'Housing for All' Action Plan.
HOUS OBJ 3	To ensure that sufficient lands are identified through land use zoning objectives at appropriate locations and made available to realise the housing projections and residential development needs identified in the Core Strategy, as informed by the Housing Needs Demand Assessment.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Sufficient lands zoned in line with the Core Strategy in relation to predicted population growth and housing requirements. The responses to CS OBJ 1 and CS OBJ 3 are also relevant in this regard.
HOUS OBJ 4	To promote and engage in active land management and site activation measures addressing any shortfall in housing provision, including the implementation of the Vacant Site Levy on required vacant/under utilised residential and regeneration lands, addressing dereliction and vacancy to ensure the viability of towns and village centres. This includes backland development, thus promoting a more efficient use of zoned land.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Council continues to work towards regeneration of sites in urban and rural settlements through various mechanisms. Vacant and idle town centre lands and buildings have been included on the RZLT Mapping to activate these lands for residential and other uses. A Housing Working Group has also been established under the direction of the Chief Executive to address this matter. An Information Event on the ‘Turning Vacant Properties into Cosy Homes’ in the Landmark Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon on Thursday 19 th June, 2025 is one of the actions emanating from this Working Group whilst a Housing Activation Sub Group has also been established.
HOUS OBJ 5	To support the ongoing monitoring and review of the Housing Needs Demand Assessment, in accordance with the guidance on Housing Needs Demand Assessment methodology issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage over the lifetime of this Plan.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the annual review of the Core Strategy. Once the NPF and the RSES have been revised and updated Housing Supply Targets have been issued, a review of the Housing Needs Demand Assessment may be carried out.
HOUS OBJ 6	To secure the implementation of the Council’s Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 and any subsequent programme adopted during the plan period.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Housing Department exceeded the targets for delivery under the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024. A new Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029 was adopted by the Elected Members and came into effect on 1st of January, 2025.

HOUS OBJ 7	To increase the stock of social housing within the county in order to meet the social housing needs identified in this Housing Strategy as well as the long-term housing needs of existing households on the Local Authority housing waiting list.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Housing Department continue to progress the delivery of new social housing in the county to meet our social housing needs. In addition, new supply is also sourced under the Purchase/Acquisition Programme and the Tenant in Situ Scheme.
HOUS OBJ 8	To continue to work with all relevant stakeholders to secure the satisfactory completion or resolution of the remaining unfinished housing developments in the county within the life of this Plan.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the work of the Unfinished Housing Team. This is broken down between a number of seriously problematic developments which remain and the undertaking of works required to bring developments to an acceptable standard as part of the taking in charge process.
HOUS OBJ 9	To deliver high quality housing of an appropriate scale, mix, tenure, location and density, aligned with adequate physical and social infrastructure and the household allocations contained in the Core Strategy.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the development management process and in the provision of social housing schemes by the Housing Authority.
HOUS OBJ 10	To consider the appropriateness of identifying suitable locations such as redevelopment, regeneration and infill development opportunities within Carrick-on-Shannon to support increased building height and density as required pursuant to SPPR 1 of ‘Urban Development and Building Heights – Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ (DoHLGH, 2018). Such consideration shall be through the statutory Local Area Plan process in conjunction with Roscommon County Council. Such locations will be informed by their ability to support increased building height and density and proximity to public transport and without giving rise to unacceptable adverse impacts on the overall character and residential amenity of the settlement.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - a number of <i>Opportunity Sites</i> were identified in the Joint Local Area Plan for Carrick-on-Shannon 2025-2031 which came into effect in May 2025 which may be suitable for increased building height and density.
RUR SET OBJ 1	To support the development of serviced sites within the existing footprint of rural settlements (small towns, rural villages and graigs) to provide for rural living and ensure vitality of rural communities.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. The Local Authority will continue to engage with and support Uisce Éireann in regards to this objective.
RUR SET OBJ 2	To encourage growth in rural areas that have experienced low population growth or decline in recent decades.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the development management process.
RUR SET OBJ 3	To encourage the appropriate re-use and adaptation of the existing rural residential building stock in preference to new build where practicable.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the development management process. The success of the Croí Cónaithe Scheme is Leitrim has been significant. As of April 2025, a total of 178 applications have been approved for the Croí Cónaithe

				(Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant) scheme in Leitrim. A significant number of applications have been received, with 239 applications submitted. The scheme aims to bring vacant properties back into use, with 52 grants having been issued. A significant number of these properties are in rural areas, including graigs and villages.
RUR SET OBJ 4	To support the ongoing monitoring of new rural housing to ensure 20% of new rural development occurs on brownfield sites including partially previously developed sites (i.e. in towns/villages under 1,500 population and rural areas/countryside).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the annual review of the Core Strategy.
RUR SET OBJ 5	To preserve and protect the open character of transitional lands outside of settlements in order to prevent linear sprawl near towns, villages and settlements and to maintain a clear demarcation and distinction between urban areas and the countryside.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the development management process.
RUR SET OBJ 6	To monitor the provision of single rural houses over the Plan period, having regard to the rural housing development target of 20% of all new housing in rural areas to be accommodated on brownfield sites, and to ascertain if further rural housing policy responses are required during the plan period.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the annual review of the Core Strategy. A total of 17 replacement dwellings have been granted planning permission since the adoption of the Plan.
RUR SET OBJ 7	The Planning Authority shall provide a detailed report within one year of this County Development Plan coming into effect identifying all potential sites within villages and possibly graigs that are considered suitable to accommodate low density housing proposals. Where there is an issue in relation to the provision of piped wastewater treatment in villages (Glenfarne, Kilclare and Rossinver) and in graigs, the Council will pursue the resolution of such constraints in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Irish Water, and seek to explore appropriate funding measures for same.	Partially achieved to date	By end of Q2 2025	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising the report for issue to the Elected Members shortly.

RUR SET OBJ 8	To pursue active land management measures by Leitrim County Council in the delivery of serviced sites to ensure that where a demonstrated demand exists and where attempts have failed by perspective applicants to acquire such sites. The pursuit of such active land management measures is subject to the availability of the necessary funding and resources being available and the confirmation of the availability of necessary piped water services or acceptable means of treating wastewater in an environmentally acceptable manner. The realisation of this objective may require a prioritisation being agreed of certain centres progressing ahead of others.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and the Local Authority will continue to engage with and support Uisce Éireann in regards to this objective. As stated in response to HOUS OBJ 4, a Housing Working Group has also been established under the direction of the Chief Executive which includes the setting up of a Housing Activation Sub Group has also been established. The report prepared under RUR SET OBJ 7 immediately above will feed into this process.
CARRICK OBJ 1	To develop and expand the potential of the Carrick Business Campus and seek to attract a people intensive use of the modern existing buildings.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Efforts continue to attract new clients to the Carrick Business Campus. Four new clients have taken up office space in the Campus since Leitrim Economic Growth and Capital Development Designated Activity Company commenced operations on 1 st April, 2023. A complete refurbishment and energy upgrade of Phase 2 of the Campus is expected to commence in Q.3 2025.
CARRICK OBJ 2	To progress the sustainable development of the serviced strategic employment land that is available to the east of the town.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	These Lands have been zoned in the Joint Local Area Plan for Carrick-on-Shannon 2025-2031 which came into effect in May 2025. Work is also progressing to seek to extend the IDA access road beyond Freudenberg / Curamach Strings to include the provision of a new roundabout on this road.
CARRICK OBJ 3	To continue to develop the tourism offer and the Purple Flag Status of the town that supports a variety of support enterprises in the surrounding countryside.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	A full renewal process of the Purple Flag was undergone in November 2024 and the Local Authority were successful in the renewal application. Efforts continue to improve the Tourism offering in Carrick-on-Shannon with a number of Projects in the Planning stages.

CARRICK OBJ 4	To deliver on the strategic positioning of Carrick-on-Shannon as part of the development of the Blueway proposition under the Upper Shannon Erne Future Economy project (USEFE).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Leitrim County Council are developing a Blueway along the route of the River Shannon from Carrick-on-Shannon to Leitrim Village and on to Battlebridge. The Blueway will provide recreational experiences for tourists and the local community using the existing natural assets and will act as an economic stimulus in the area, county and the wider region. Starting at Corrylus to the northwest of Carrick-on Shannon, the Blueway will follow the route of the River Shannon northward for a length of some 10.2km ending approximately 1km west of Leitrim Village at Battlebridge Lock. The provision of the high-quality cyclist and pedestrian Blueway route along or close to the River Shannon will be transformative in its nature and scale which will enhance Carrick-on-Shannon as one of the key destinations along the River Shannon. The scheme has advanced to Phase 3 - Detailed Design and Environmental evaluation on the preferred route which is nearing completion. It is expected that a planning consent application will be lodged to An Bord Pleanála later this year.
CARRICK OBJ 5	To pursue the development of a town destination centre in Carrick-on-Shannon to strengthen the town centre as a destination of choice and improve the retail attractiveness of our Key Town.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Carrick-on-Shannon Town Centre First Plan was launched in 2023, now renamed as the Integrated Urban Strategy. A 12-month marketing campaign was completed in 2023 to promote Carrick-on-Shannon as a premier destination to visit and do business. The progression of a town destination centre is not being pursued at this time.

CARRICK OBJ 6	To pursue the sustainable development of the new regionally significant opportunity site to the east of Carrick-on-Shannon and contiguous to the existing land use zoning envelope for use as a data centre or alternative regionally scaled employment use following the undertaking of a feasibility study. Access would potentially be from a National Primary Road (outside of reduced speed limit zone) and careful consideration of options is required. This will require inclusion of an exceptional circumstance for a new entrance off the N4 to be agreed with the TII in accordance with the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	These lands have been zoned in the Joint Local Area Plan for Carrick-on-Shannon 2025-2031 which came into effect in May 2025. Please refer to response to CARRICK OBJ 2 above also in this regard.
CARRICK OBJ 7	To enhance the night time economy by facilitating a mix of bars, restaurants and late night cafes to make the town attractive to all users	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Purple Flag Tourism Network has been established which is expected to progress this objective further.
ENT EMPL OBJ 1	To develop and pursue a targeted Economic Marketing Strategy which identifies the sectors which the Economic Strategy seeks to develop for each urban centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	An Economic Forum has been established with its first meeting having taken place in May 2025. It is considered that this Forum may deal with progressing this objective as part of their brief.
ENT EMPL OBJ 2	To put in place an Investment Prioritisation Programme which supports placemaking for enterprise development and employment creation.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders in regards to this objective.
ENT EMPL OBJ 3	To identify and market suitable locations and support the provision of co-working facilities, digital hubs/eHubs and eWorking centres throughout the county that function as outreach hubs for out of county employers and that promote flexible working arrangements and strengthen the AEC hub network.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Connected Hubs and Broadband Connection Points Brochure developed by the Economic Development Department and promoted on the Leitrim County Council website. New Broadband Connection Points website is in development on a national scale by the Central Government, with each Broadband Connection Point to have their own page.
ENT EMPL OBJ 4	To work with Irish Water, having regard to its connections policy, and other infrastructure providers, to support the provision of services and facilities to accommodate the future economic growth of the county and to seek to provide infrastructure capacity for employment generating uses.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – The Local Authority will continue to engage with and support Uisce Éireann in regards to this objective.
RET OBJ 1	To implement the retail hierarchy where the scale and size of retail development is in accordance with the size and the defined function of the settlement.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the development management process.

RET OBJ 2	To promote Carrick-on-Shannon as the main retail centre in the county and to ensure that the retail quantity, quality and range is of a standard that reduces leakage of retail expenditure out of the county and contributes to the strengthening and competitiveness of the retail economy within Carrick-on-Shannon, the county and the region as a whole.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	A 12 month marketing strategy for Leitrim County Council, with a primary focus on promoting Carrick-on-Shannon was delivered in 2023. The campaign focused on promoting Carrick-on-Shannon as an attractive destination for both work and living. The campaign consisted of social media marketing including storytelling and influencer collaboration. An advertising campaign was also launched on Dublin Bus, radio spots across regional radio stations, Public Relations across national papers. There was also particular focus on the Carrick Business Campus and a further targeted campaign of the Campus is planned over the next 12 month period.
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<p>RET OBJ 3</p>	<p>To encourage the continued vitality and viability of town and village centres and support initiatives that enhance the character of towns and villages ensuring they remain attractive investments.</p>	<p>Achieved to date</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>In 2023, in line with the Town Centre First Policy, a Town Regeneration Office was established within Leitrim County Council and a Town Regeneration Officer was appointed to lead the department. A multi-disciplinary team was established within Leitrim County Council to provide a coordinated, co-operative approach to town regeneration and the implementation of the Town Centre First policy.</p> <p>In 2024, funding was secured to have health checks carried out on the towns of Kinlough, Dromahair & Ballinamore. The funding was also used to establish Town Teams in these three towns and training provided to the teams focusing on governance and constitution. A consultant was procured to prepare a Town Centre First Plan for Manorhamilton in 2024 with Leitrim County Council providing funding to carry out a health check on the town. Funding of €0.5million was secured under the Building Acquisition measure of the Town & Village funding 2023, to purchase 3 vacant buildings, one each in Manorhamilton, Kinlough and Leitrim Village to be used as community facilities and return them to productive use. In 2024, funding was successfully secured under the THRIVE project (Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme) to procure a consultant to determine the future community end use for the underused Town Hall, Carrick- on-Shannon and to bring the project through the planning process.</p> <p>The Vacant Homes Officer (VHO) position was incorporated into the Town Regeneration Office to ensure a more cohesive response to tackling vacancy and dereliction. The VHO concentrated on tackling vacancies by implementing the vacant homes grant. Promotion of the various vacancy schemes was undertaken by the VHO, who facilitated presentations in the 3 municipal areas, attended public engagement events at Retrofit events and Public participation Network (PPN) events during 2024.</p> <p>As of April 2025, a total of 178 applications have been</p>
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				approved for the Croí Cónaithe (Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant) scheme in Leitrim. A significant number of applications have been received, with 239 applications submitted. The scheme aims to bring vacant properties back into use, with 52 grants having been issued. A significant number of these properties are in rural areas, including graigs and villages.
RET OBJ 4	To promote tourism initiatives and activities such as festivals and farmer's markets in town and village centre settings.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Leitrim Gathering took place during the weekend of 23 rd to 25 th May 2025 and events took place in town and village centres across the county.
RET OBJ 5	To promote the revitalisation and reuse of vacant and derelict properties.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Vacant Homes Officer corresponded with owners of vacant buildings detailing different schemes they could avail of to refurbish any vacant or derelict properties. The Vacant Homes Officer attended various promotional events during the period to promote initiatives to combat vacancy in conjunction with LDC, PPN & Economic Development. See response to HOUS OBJ 4 also in this regard.
RET OBJ 6	To encourage and facilitate innovation and diversification of the county's retail profile, including tourism and agri-tourism related ventures and markets.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management Process
RET OBJ 7	To develop a Shop Front Scheme to promote development and regeneration in town centres.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	A Streetscape Scheme for Carrick-on-Shannon and Manorhamilton were completed under Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022 and 2023. Eligible businesses and residential properties undertook painting works, shopfront and green enhancement works. A Streetscape Scheme was also undertaken in Manorhamilton following completion of the Public Realm works. Another shopfront painting scheme launched for Mohill in 2025.
RET OBJ 8	To continue to develop the Town Centre Incentive Scheme to encourage new business into Leitrim's town and village centres and to revitalise unused premises.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders in regards to this objective. This scheme is managed by the Local Enterprise Office and a number of properties have and continue to avail of reduced rates for a period of 3 years under this scheme.

RET OBJ 9	In order to address job creation and retail leakage in the smaller towns in the Settlement Hierarchy, the Plan identifies Opportunity Sites to support economic development and employment creation consistent with national, regional and local policies.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the development management process. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders in regards to this objective. Further ‘Opportunity Sites’ have been identified in the Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan.
TOUR OBJ 1	To promote and market Leitrim as a tourist destination with the delivery of the ‘Growth Strategy for Tourism in Leitrim 2015-2021’ or any subsequent replacement strategy which supports Leitrim as a tourist destination over the period of this Plan.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Tourism team continues to work closely with stakeholders to promote and support the implementation of various tourism plans—particularly Fáilte Ireland's <i>Destination Experience Development Plan</i> for the Shannon, Shannon-Erne, and Border areas—which aligns with both national and regional tourism strategies.
TOUR OBJ 2	To develop sustainable tourism products and work in conjunction with local groups and communities and other relevant agencies in the development and promotion of sustainable tourism offerings which extend the tourist season and stay-time by providing memorable experiences.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Tourism is working with businesses to develop Co. Leitrim as a sustainable destination through training and mentoring programmes. The new visitor app will encourage visitors to extend their stay and travel around the county,
TOUR OBJ 3	To investigate the feasibility and potential of North Leitrim, Sliabh an Iarainn and its hinterland as a National Park/Recreational Area designation in conjunction with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and other relevant stakeholders.	Not achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders in regard to this objective. This seeks to develop and support a Regional Policy Objective contained in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for our region.
TOUR OBJ 4	To utilise the county’s natural and heritage resources to foster the development of tourism as a viable sustainable sector of the economy, in a sustainable manner, which complements the scale, quality and unique features of the county.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders in regards to this objective.
TOUR OBJ 5	The Council, within two years of the coming into effect of the County Development Plan, shall commence a process to identify, list and map public rights of way which give access to recreational areas including the coast, upland areas, lakeshores, river-bank areas, heritage sites or other places of natural beauty or recreational utility. When finalised, the Council will seek to preserve and enhance such existing accesses and public rights of way. The resultant list and map will then be inserted into the County Development Plan 2023-2029 by way of variation.	Not achieved to date	End of Q4 2025	The process to identify Rights of Way in the county will begin before the end of 2025. This is quite a complicated legal procedure and the Local Authority may have to procure the necessary expertise in this regard.

TOUR OBJ 6	To work with all relevant stakeholders to promote and support the implementation of the Shannon Tourism Masterplan, the Tourism Masterplan for the Beara Breifne Way and findings of the technical trail audit for the Beara Breifne Way and promote and support the 'Wild Atlantic Way' and 'Irelands Hidden Heartlands'.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Tourism team continues to work with all relevant stakeholders to promote and support the implementation of the various tourism plans, in particular Fáilte Irelands <i>Destination Experience Development Plan</i> which aligns with national and regional strategies for tourism.
TOUR OBJ 7	To explore in conjunction with Waterways Ireland the extension of the navigation channel from Lough Allen to Dowra as part of an overall strategy for the further development of water-based leisure activities on Lough Allen. This will include the improvement of existing infrastructure at both Spencer Harbour and Cleighran More in the short term. The extension of the navigation channel will be subject to the undertaking of the required environmental assessments at planning consent stage.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Waterways Ireland are at present preparing a project brief for the appointment of a consultant to bring the scheme to planning stage. They have identified a site approximately 1.5km south of Dowra Village where a small marina could be located. It won't be possible to get nearer the village by river due to the presence of rock outcrops. It would then require a walkway then into the village. Significant Environmental assessments will be required in advance of a planning consent application.
TOUR OBJ 8	To explore options to enhance the existing access to O'Donnell's Rock (Protected View and Prospect 17) and to create a designated viewing area at this location, subject to the availability of funding and the undertaking of the required environmental assessments as part of the planning consent process. The options to be explored include the potential of establishing a public right of way from the L-62031-2 at Larkfield to O'Donnell's Rock along an existing track at this location. This would connect to the existing Greenway developed from Manorhamilton to Boggaun as part of the proposed SLNCR Greenway. (Note: From O'Donnell's Rock, there are fabulous extensive views of the surrounding hills and valleys as far as Lough Gill, Knocknarea in Sligo and the Atlantic Ocean. Access to O'Donnell's Rock presently consists of a poorly surfaced roadway (which does not seem to be a public road) advertised as an off road bike trail and which route is also quite circuitous for walkers and cyclists approaching from the Manorhamilton direction. The Council wishes to enhance the enjoyment of this protected view and prospect.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made with regard the realization of this objective.

TOUR OBJ 9	In the absence of a national programme which would identify and bestow Heritage Town/Village designations, the Council will, during the life of the Plan, undertake an evaluation/assessment exercise which would consider the heritage strengths (built, natural and cultural elements) of individual centres. When complete, this would inform the promotion and marketing of such centres but also ensuring that appropriate centres are nominated for funding programmes which may arise.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The County Leitrim Heritage Plan is currently under review and it is anticipated that this new Plan may include support for such projects.
TOUR OBJ 10	To support the preparation and implementation of Regional Tourism Plans and when complete, to support the continued collaboration with Fáilte Ireland and tourism stakeholders to ensure successful implementation and delivery of these Tourism Plans.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Tourism team continues to work closely with stakeholders to promote and support the implementation of various tourism plans—particularly Fáilte Ireland's Destination Experience Development Plan for the Shannon, Shannon-Erne, and Border areas—which aligns with both national and regional tourism strategies
TOUR OBJ 11	To support the preparation of Destination Experience Development Plans (DEDP) and other tourism masterplans both within the county and also those which crosses from the county into neighbouring counties in collaboration with Fáilte Ireland and other tourism stakeholders.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Destination Experience Development Plan for the Upper Shannon, Shannon-Erne, and Border has been published and has recently moved into the implementation Stage. Co. Leitrim also has developed its own Tourism Framework 2023 - 2029.
TOUR OBJ 12	To encourage and support investment in digital technology in the tourism sector, with a particular focus on sectors such as visitor attractions and activities with low digital presence and/or integration.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	A Tourism App for County Leitrim expected to go live this summer which will contain details of attractions/tourism providers, walk, trails, hospitality in the county.
TOUR OBJ 13	To support the future success and deliverability of The Beara Breifne Way and promote and identify the need for key facilities and services for visitors such as accommodation, signage, parking, and sustainable transport as identified in the 'Tourism Masterplan for the Beara Breifne Way' prepared by Fáilte Ireland.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders in regards to this objective.
ARTS OBJ 1	To support the promotion of local culture, arts, food and crafts as unique visitor experiences in the form of events, festivals, food trails, craft fairs, visitor centres and arts venues.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.

ARTS OBJ 2	To support the development of food networks and trails, particularly those that can showcase the wealth of artisan food producers in the county in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland and other relevant stakeholders.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
ADV TOUR OBJ 1	To facilitate walking and cycling access to lakes and waterways from towns and villages where services are provided.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Upgrades to walking and cycling access to lakes and villages were completed at the following locations: Tullaghan Access to Sea, Fowley's Falls, Lough MacHugh & the Leitrim Way Yellow Bridge. Works to extend the walking trail at Aughoo bridge will be completed in 2025. All works are funded under the ORIS Scheme.

ADV OBJ 2	TOUR	To support the development of infrastructure and tourism enterprises which increase the tourism offering on waterways including boating, canoeing, angling, water sports, bird watching, and the provision of storage, shelters and other facilities to enhance the user experience subject to planning permission and only where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment, including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Funding has been secured for a development of a new canoe trail along Lough MacNea under ORIS 2023. This trail will extend to counties Leitrim and Cavan and will link with the Lough Erne Trail in Enniskillen. A new Eco Hub comprising of changing and storage facilities is currently being developed at Lough Melvin. This project is being funded under ORIS 2023. Resurfacing of access road and a new car park was developed at Lough MacHugh to allow greater access for fishing and angling. New fishing stands were installed at Lough Rinn to provide an opportunity for increased fishing and angling on the Lake. Both of these projects were supported by ORIS funding in 2020. The Local Authority is also working with Fáilte Ireland on the delivery of an Amenity Block at Acres Lake. Construction is under way with completion and opening scheduled for September 2025.
ADV OBJ 3	TOUR	To continue to develop and enhance the Shannon Erne Blueway from Leitrim Village to Ballinamore.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The South Leitrim Greenway is currently been developed in line with the TII Project Management Guidelines. The Scheme is currently at Phase 0 "Scope and Pre-Appraisal Phase" A Project/Programme Outline Document (POD) has been completed and submitted as part of the deliverables for this phase to the TII. Subject to TII Approval, the scheme will then move into Phase 1 "Concept & Feasibility Stage" in Quarter 2 if the TII deem it a feasible project.
ADV OBJ 4	TOUR	To prepare Habitat and Visitor Management Plans for the protection of areas which are particularly sensitive to visitors subject to the availability of funding. The first such plan will be developed for Sheemore.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	A number of plans have been completed which include Sheemore Heritage Trail Feasibility Study; River Front Amenity Park Carrick-on-Shannon Habitat Report and Conservation Management Plan and Killahurk Ringfort Feasibility Study.
ADV OBJ 5	TOUR	To maximise the tourism potential of Glencar Lake and waterfall.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Funding was received under ORIS to support the design and planning of an extension of the existing car park and an additional walking route up to the Dartry Mountains. An Economic Tourism Analysis was also conducted.

ADV OBJ 6	TOUR	To support and facilitate the continued development of the Greenways/Blueways and maximise the economic opportunities presented by Greenways/Blueways.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	<p>New Greenways Developed/Under Development: Glenfarne Greenway (supported under ORIS 2020), Sheemore Walkway, (supported under ORIS 2020), Cavan Leitrim Greenway Corgar to Aughawillan (supported under ORIS 2021), Drumshanbo Narrow Gauge Trail, supported under ORIS 2022 & 2023).</p> <p>Greenways Upgraded: Lough Rinn Trail, Fowley's Falls, Derrycarne Woods, Battlebridge Blueway, O'Rourkes Walking Table, Glenfarne Wood, The Leitrim Way, Acres Lake, Aughoo Bridge, Kappagh Trail & Farnaught Trail. All works were supported under the ORIS scheme. The Local Authority continues to develop the following Greenways and Blueway - SLNCR Greenway, South Leitrim Greenway and the Carrick-on-Shannon OS to Leitrim Village Blueway maximising the economic opportunities presented therein.</p>
ADV OBJ 7	TOUR	To develop Fowley's Falls and Glenfarne Forest Park as must-see tourist destinations.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Works are complete at Fowley's Falls while works on Phase 1 of the Glenfarne Forest Park are expected to commence in late 2025. The latter is now at detailed design stage. The availability of a suitable funding stream for Phase 2 of the project is also being pursued jointly with our partners, Coillte. .
TOUR INF OBJ 1		To identify opportunities for funding for infrastructural projects and facilities that support the tourism product of towns and villages and seek to maximise the benefit of such funding opportunities for the county.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	A category 2 RRDF application was submitted to the Department of Rural & Community Development on 14 th March in relation to "Shannonside Villages". This is an ambitious public realm and infrastructural scheme relating to the villages of Dromod, Drumsna, Leitrim Village and Roosky. Potential funding sources are consistently being pursued for infrastructural projects with funding being sought under ORIS 2024/2025 for the Dromod to Roosky Greyway and Fenagh Trail
TOUR INF OBJ 2		To facilitate the development of various accommodation such as hostels, hotels, guesthouses, hostels, B&Bs, holiday homes, glamping/camping/caravan and campervans along established walking/hiking routes and adjacent to existing tourism/recreation facilities, subject to satisfying normal planning criteria.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the development management process.

TOUR INF OBJ 3	To enhance the visitor offering in towns and villages and provide visitor interpretation, signage and public realm schemes unique to the town and village which provide tourists with a memorable 'sense of place'.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	A category 2 RRDF application was submitted to the Department of Rural & Community Development on 14 th March in relation to "Shannonside Villages". This is an ambitious public realm and infrastructural scheme relating to the villages of Dromod, Drumsna, Leitrim Village and Roosky. Potential funding sources are consistently being pursued for infrastructural projects with funding being sought under ORIS 2024/2025 for the Dromod to Roosky Greyway and Fenagh Trails.
TOUR INF OBJ 4	To support the development of the night-time economy by supporting the Purple Flag initiative in Carrick-on-Shannon and collaborating with arts, music venues, festivals and events in centres across the county.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Carrick-on-Shannon successfully renewed its Purple Flag status in 2024.
TOUR INF OBJ 5	To support the development of new tourism products and facilities or upgrading /extension of existing tourist facilities at tourist sites.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Tourism supports the development of new tourism products and facilities and offers advice and support to new businesses and also working closely with the LEADER programme to support new projects.
TOUR INF OBJ 6	To work with all relevant stakeholders and Fáilte Ireland to facilitate the erection of standardised signage for tourism facilities and tourist attractions as part of national and regional initiatives.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
TOUR CLIM OBJ 1	To encourage and support tourism providers, festival and event organisers to incorporate green initiatives and principles.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The current Festival and Events Programme encourages organisers to incorporate green initiatives and principles into the planning and delivery of their events
PLACE OBJ 1	To facilitate the development of a high quality and distinctive built environment creating a sense of place, with attractive, accessible and safe streets, spaces and neighbourhoods.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Town Regeneration Office has worked with Town Teams to ensure that all plans developed would align with this objective.

PLACE OBJ 2	To avail of all funding opportunities as they become available to facilitate the enhancement, revitalisation, renewal and regeneration of town and village centres.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	See response to RET OBJ 3 also in this regard. The Carrick-on-Shannon Town Centre First Plan was developed and adopted in 2023 and work is underway for a similar plan to be developed for Manorhamilton. In 2024, funding was secured under the Town and Village Suite of Supports to have health checks carried out on the towns of Kinlough, Dromahair & Ballinamore. The funding was also used to establish Town Teams in these three towns and training was provided to the teams focusing on governance and constitution. An application under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund was submitted to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage under the Third Round of Funding Support with a view to tackling vacancy and dereliction in Carrick-on-Shannon town centre and this was progressed during 2023 and 2024. The CPO Activation Programme under the Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage was progressed and Leitrim County Council achieved its initial target under this programme for the county.
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PLACE OBJ 3	To promote funding streams to refurbish and repurpose vacant properties in town and villages centres as they become available.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Town Regeneration Office participates in workshops in collaboration with the Economic Development team to promote all funding opportunities. The Town Regeneration Office has via the Vacant Homes Officer undertook promotion of the various vacancy schemes through presentations in the 3 Municipal District areas, attended public engagement events at Retrofit events/ Public Participation Network (PPN) events during 2024.
PLACE OBJ 4	To encourage and support local community groups in initiatives seeking to enhance their town and villages including accessing available funding streams.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Economic Development team undertakes annual roadshow in the 3 Municipal District areas to outline supports available to Community Groups to enhance their local areas.
COMPACT OBJ 1	To identify and monitor housing vacancy and develop Action Plans to address vacancy.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Vacant Homes Officer conducted a survey county wide of all vacant properties and these were recorded on the Activation Programme Web App.
COMPACT OBJ 2	To implement the provisions of the Vacant Site Levy as a regeneration activation measure.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority prepared and published a Draft and Final Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) Map in 2025 and will continue to review the RZLT Map annually as required by the Finance Act 2021 and RZLT Guidelines 2022. The RZLT provisions have replaced the Vacant Site Levy provisions and associated Register.
COMPACT OBJ 3	To promote the provision of high-quality and accessible public open spaces and promote linkage with social, cultural and heritage sites and buildings.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the development management process and the Local Authority capital investment programme.
OPP SITE OBJ 1	To maintain and populate a Vacant Sites Register for Co. Leitrim in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 to include Tier 1 – Tier 3 settlements within Co. Leitrim.	Achieved to date	No longer applicable	As outlined in the response to COMPACT OBJ 1, the RZLT provisions have replaced the Vacant Site Levy provisions and associated Register. This objective is now obsolete.
OPP SITE OBJ 2	To facilitate the implementation of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, in particular, by way of utilising site activation measures, including the provision of the Vacant Site Levy, as appropriate to assist in bringing forward vacant and/or underutilised 'residential' zoned land in all Tier 1, 2 and 3 centres and 'mixed use' lands in Mohill, and 'regeneration' land into beneficial use within lands zoned for town/village centre or mixed use within the town boundary of all towns contained within Tier 1 – Tier 3 of the settlement hierarchy for Co. Leitrim.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	See response to COMPACT OBJ 1 above. This work is ongoing as part of the remit of the Housing Activation Sub Group formed as part of the Housing Working Group.

OPP SITE OBJ 3	To implement regeneration activation measures.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	As already outlined, the Vacant Homes Officer implements the vacant property grant scheme. The Town Regeneration Office is pursuing the CPO Activation programme currently..
OPP SITE OBJ 4	To promote and facilitate the habitation of vacant homes in accordance with the Council's Vacant Homes Action Plan.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Vacant Homes Office and wider Town Regeneration Officer in conjunction with the Housing Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this ongoing objective.
LECP OBJ 1	To continue to promote and facilitate the delivery of the objectives and actions set out in the Leitrim Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021 (or any subsequent replacement plan).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Leitrim LECP 2023–2029 was launched in 2023. A total of 44 actions were identified, with enabling partners designated to deliver them. These partners provide biannual progress updates. A two-year implementation plan is in place and scheduled for review in 2025.
JPC OBJ 1	To continue to promote and facilitate the delivery of the objectives and actions set out in the Leitrim Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2021-2026 (or any subsequent replacement) which fall within the responsibility of Leitrim County Council to implement.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Joint Policing Committee is being replaced by <i>The Local Community Safety Partnerships</i> at a National Level. The Local Authority will continue to promote and facilitate the actions of this Partnership.
PPN OBJ 1	To facilitate and support, through the Leitrim Public Participation Network, the involvement of the community in consultative structures and public participation in Local Government policy and decision making.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective is ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
CF OBJ 1	To maintain and improve the provision of community facilities in the county.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Capital Investment Programme delivery, through the administration of various funding streams such as CLAR, Town and Village Scheme, the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme and through the Development Management process generally. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regards to the delivery of community infrastructure.
ED OBJ 1	To ensure that adequate lands are identified and reserved to cater for the establishment, improvement or expansion of all educational facilities in the county working collaboratively with the Department of Education and other stakeholders to meet current and envisaged future educational requirements beyond the Plan period.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the plan preparation process and monitoring. A site has been identified and secured in the Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan to provide for the further expansion of Scoil Mhuire. Planning permission has also been granted for a new Gaelscoil in Manorhamilton.

ED OBJ 2	To facilitate the Department of Education, MSLETB, other statutory and non-statutory agencies in the necessary provision of preschool, primary, post primary and third level educational facilities throughout the county by reserving lands for such uses.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the plan preparation process and monitoring.
HF OBJ 1	To facilitate the Health Service Executive and the Department of Health in the provision, improvement and expansion of Primary Care Centres, health centres and other health related facilities throughout the county through the reservation of adequate lands for such uses.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the plan preparation process and monitoring.
LIB OBJ 1	To support the further development and enhancement of the library service in Co. Leitrim and the implementation of actions set out in the Library Development Plan, when completed, subject to funding being available.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Leitrim Library Development Plan was adopted in 2023 and its actions continue to be rolled out. In April 2025, the new library in Dromahair was officially opened.
FS OBJ 1	To support the development and enhancement of the fire service in Co. Leitrim together with necessary extensions and upgrades to existing facilities to ensure operational compliance subject to funding being available.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	In February 2023, Leitrim County Fire Service received delivery of a new Class B appliance for Manorhamilton Fire Station and is serving the people of Manorhamilton with distinction. In 2023, Leitrim County Fire Service received a new state of the art €220,000 Water Tanker to be located at Ballinamore Fire station and will serve the full county. On 9 th February 2024, An Bord Pleanála approved the Construction of a 2-bay fire station with ancillary accommodation, drill yard and drill tower and all associated works at Cloneen, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim. Leitrim County Fire Service took delivery of a pre-owned fire appliance on the 30 th August 2024. In accordance with the WRC Agreement of September 2023, Leitrim County Fire has continued to increase the number of firefighters in the county. Eight new firefighters were recruited and trained during 2024.
FS OBJ 2	To facilitate the development of a new fire station on a site identified in the Manorhamilton land use zoning objectives map subject to the undertaking of the necessary environmental assessments as part of the planning consent process.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	As outlined in the response to FS OBJ 1 above, planning consent was obtained from An Bord Pleanála in 2024 to construct a new fire station although no works have yet commenced on this site.

BUR GRD OBJ 1	To provide or facilitate the provision of new burial grounds and extensions to existing burial grounds to meet the needs of the county.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	This is ongoing and currently the Local Authority are working with Curraghs Burial Committee regarding an extension to the existing graveyard and have also assisted with the provision of a Columbarium wall at Carrick-on-Shannon graveyard.
ILU OBJ 1	To transition towards sustainable and low carbon transport modes, through the promotion of alternative modes of sustainable transport and ‘walkable communities’ together with the achievement of compact settlement forms close to established public transport.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the implementation of the Carrick-on-Shannon Local Transport Plan and Active Travel measures being implemented across the county.
ILU OBJ 2	To promote and deliver a sustainable, integrated and low carbon transport system with ease of movement throughout Co. Leitrim by enhancing the existing transport infrastructure in terms of road, bus, rail, cycling and pedestrian facilities.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Active Travel Department are proving infrastructure throughout the county and these projects are detailed in our roadworks program. Projects are ongoing annually with funding provided from the NTA.
MSSM OBJ 1	To prepare a Local Transport Plan in collaboration with the National Transport Authority (NTA), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), Roscommon County Council and other relevant stakeholders for the Key Town of Carrick-on-Shannon and establish specific modal share targets for the town to be incorporated into the forthcoming Carrick-on-Shannon Local Area Plan. This will include devising and implementing an effective monitoring programme for the achievement of the modal share targets contained therein.	Achieved to date	Q2 2025	The Joint Local Area Plan for Carrick-on-Shannon 2025-2031 is now completed and came into effect in May 2025. This included the preparation of the first Local Transport Plan (LTP) which forms part of the Joint Local Area Plan. It is the intention that this LTP will form the basis of subsequent applications for funding from relevant funding streams.

MSSM OBJ 2	To prepare a transport strategy for the county in co-operation with other transport agencies to include the National Transport Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the Department of Transport within 2 years of the publication of the POWSCAR data from the 2022 Census. The transport strategy will outline measures, if implemented, to achieve an agreed modal share target for private car for total commuter journeys within the county and a target of total commuter journeys to be undertaken by sustainable mobility modes such as walking, cycling and public transport within the life of this Plan. This will include devising and implementing an effective monitoring programme for the achievement of the modal share targets contained therein. (See also ST OBJ 1 in Chapter 12 - Climate Change and Renewable Energy in this regard.)	Not achieved to date	Before 2027	This study will be prepared during the lifetime of the CDP. Preliminary discussions have taken place with the CSO in relation to obtaining the required POWSCAR data which will be required for this strategy. As advised above, a Local Transport Plan has been prepared and adopted for Carrick-on-Shannon. The cycle network has been mapped for the county as part of the NTA Cycling Connects program. There is an Urban cycling network for Carrick-on-Shannon developed (required for all Towns over 5,000 population)
WC OBJ 1	To support the establishment of a network of interlinked cycle ways and walkways in the county and linking with the adjoining counties, having regard to best practice standards including the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets and the NTA Cycle Manual or any amending/superseding national guidance or manuals.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective is ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. See response to MSSM OBJ 2 above also.
WC OBJ 2	To enhance placemaking and improve pedestrian and cycle connectivity to existing train stations (Carrick-on-Shannon and Cortober) and improve bus stops/future transport interchanges.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	<p>Works have been undertaken at the entrance to Dromod Train Station and a site has been identified in the Joint Carrick-on-Shannon Local Area Plan to provide additional car parking to serve the train station. The Local Transport Plan includes measures to improve the connectivity from the train station back to Carrick-on-Shannon for both pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>The Active Travel Department are working with the NTA on the Bus Stop Enhancement Program and the Bus Shelter Program. To date, 12 no. bus shelters have been constructed and an additional 6 no. bus stop locations have been improved.</p>

WC OBJ 3	To improve the streetscape environment for pedestrians, cyclists, and people with special mobility needs by providing facilities to enhance safety and convenience, including separation for pedestrian infrastructure from vehicular traffic.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP as part of various public realm and Active travel schemes undertaken by, on behalf or in conjunction with the Local Authority.
WC OBJ 4	To investigate the feasibility of providing a 'Bike Sharing Scheme' for Carrick-on-Shannon to facilitate and encourage modal shift.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	An Request For Tender was issued for a shared bike scheme in Carrick-on-Shannon, however no tender responses were received. Subsequently, the Climate Action Team in conjunction with Carrick-on-Shannon Town Team are investigating the possibility of obtaining funding under the Community Recognition Fund for a shared bike scheme in the town.
WC OBJ 5	To identify and implement a programme of footpath extensions in towns and villages to ensure that all multiple housing developments are connected to their respective urban centres to promote walking as a sustainable mode of transport. The implementation of this programme is dependent on funding programmes being identified.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Footpaths have been extended to link housing estates to urban centres under the Active Travel program at the following locations: Drumshanbo - Mountain View, Drumshanbo - Radharc Na Baile, Ballinamore- Tully Heights, Roosky - Osprey Park, Shannon Quays & the Lock Estates, Tullaghan - Duncarberry Orchard, Kinlough - Darty View, Kinlough - Melvin Fields, Oakfield Manor, Glenview. Dromahair - Stonebridge permeability link, Dromahair – Churchfield, Manorhamilton – Screeny and Lurganboy - McNeon Place, Sruth Ard.
WC OBJ 6	To work with the Active Travel Initiative of the National Transport Authority to deliver a network of cycle routes in towns in order to encourage cycling as an everyday mode choice, in particular to provide cycling infrastructure near schools.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Active Travel Department have completed a number of cycle schemes to date in Drumshanbo, Roosky & Kinlough. Summerhill & Circular Road in Carrick-on-Shannon schemes are currently at design stage & expected to be submitted for Part 8 planning approval in Q3 2025.

BG OBJ 1	To facilitate and lead in the delivery and completion of the Sligo Leitrim Northern Counties Railway Greenway along/adjoining the former Sligo Leitrim Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) between Collooney, Co. Sligo and Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh in co-operation with Sligo and Cavan County Councils and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council subject to obtaining the necessary planning consent and only where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment, including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. All proposed developments shall be in accordance with the Birds and Habitats Directives, Water Framework Directive and all other relevant EU Directives.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The SLNCR Project is following the TII Project Management and Project Appraisal Guideline documents. The Project is currently at Phase 2 ' <i>Option Selection</i> ' Stage, The Project has also to comply with UK Web Transport Appraisal Guidelines (TAG) and have consent from Department of Infrastructure & Fermanagh and Omagh District Council for the Greenway section in County Fermanagh. Leitrim County Council have recently gone to public consultation in May 2025 with the ' <i>Emerging Preferred Corridor</i> '. All Public Consultation documentation for the Non Statutory Public Consultation (PC3) has been displayed on the dedicated Web site www.sln-cr-greenway.com . The next stage is for the Local Authority to close out the <i>Options Selection Report</i> and seek approval from the TII to move to Phase 3 of the project, namely ' <i>Design & Environmental Evaluation</i> '. It is hoped to start Phase 3 of the project in Quarter 3 of 2025. Leitrim County Council will be consulting with landowners shortly to request access to lands to commence the environmental surveys to be completed by ecologists and environmental specialists as walk over surveys. The Project Liaison Officers (PLO's) will be in contact with the landowners in this regard.
BG OBJ 2	To seek to advance the design and obtaining necessary planning consent to construct a Greenway along/adjoining the former Cavan & Leitrim Rail line between Dromod and Belturbet, Co. Cavan in co-operation with Cavan County Council. The required planning consent will require the demonstration that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment, including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. All proposed developments shall be in accordance with the Birds and Habitats Directives, Water Framework Directive and all other relevant EU Directives.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The South Leitrim Greenway is currently being developed in line with the TII Project Management Guidelines. The Scheme is currently at Phase 0 ' <i>Scope and Pre-Appraisal Phase</i> '. A Project/Programme Outline Document (POD) has been completed and submitted as part of the deliverables for this phase to the TII. Subject to TII Approval, the scheme will then move into Phase 1 ' <i>Concept & Feasibility Stage</i> ' if the TII deem it to be a feasible project. The scheme includes a proposed greenway section between Dromod and Aughawillan. The section from Aughawillan to Belturbet is being developed as part of a Cavan Greenway by Cavan County Council

BG OBJ 3	To develop, in conjunction with the Local Rail to Trail Group and local communities, demonstration stretches along/adjoining the former Cavan & Leitrim Rail line subject to undertaking the necessary environmental assessment, obtaining the necessary planning consents and obtaining the legal agreement of affected landowners.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	A section of trail between Ballinamore and Aughawillan is currently under construction and will be completed and opened to the public in the summer of 2025. This section of trail forms part of the proposed South Leitrim Greenway Scheme in the TII programme. The Drumshanbo Narrow gauge trail is a currently under construction along the former Cavan – Leitrim Railway section between the Dowra road and Convent Avenue.
BG OBJ 4	To deliver a Blueway linking Carrick-on-Shannon to Leitrim Village and onwards to Battlebridge subject to obtaining the necessary planning consent and only where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment, including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. All proposed developments shall be in accordance with the Birds and Habitats Directives, Water Framework Directive and all other relevant EU Directives.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	See response to CARRICK OBJ 4.
BG OBJ 5	To complete the Blueway from Kilclare to Ballinamore subject to obtaining the necessary planning consent and only where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment, including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. All proposed developments shall be in accordance with the Birds and Habitats Directives, Water Framework Directive and all other relevant EU Directives.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	See response to BG OBJ 2. The proposed scheme includes a section of Greenway between Kilclare and Ballinamore.
BG OBJ 6	To promote Co. Leitrim as an unsurpassed walking destination and support the further development of walking trails in the county, augmenting the visitor experience through the provision of enabling infrastructure and visitor interpretation along trails, including storyboards, artworks and other media, to create a greater sense of place, connecting and immersing visitors in our local heritage and stories.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The National Trails Conference was held in Carrick-on-Shannon in 2024.

BG OBJ 7	To support the provision of services for visitors using walking and cycling trails which are appropriate to the location and activity, including bike rental and service points, picnic benches at scenic locations, public toilets, and other ancillary services in remote areas.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Picnic benches have been installed at a number of walks and tourist sites including along the Drumshanbo to Leitrim Village Blueway, at Fowley's Falls, along the Sheemore Trail, at the <i>Tullaghan Access to the Sea</i> , at Acres Lake, at Scardan Waterfall and within Derrycarne Woods. These enhancements were supported by ORIS funding
BG OBJ 8	To promote the principles of 'Leave no Trace' in all trail information panels, promotional materials and events and use all statutory procedures to deter negative environmental impact resulting from use of our trails and outdoor recreation amenities.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
BG OBJ 9	To encourage access to forestry and woodlands, including private forestry, in co-operation with key stakeholders for walking routes, bridle paths, mountain biking, nature walks, orienteering, hiking, recreational areas and other similar facilities and to retain existing public rights of ways through forest lands where such rights of way exist.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. As outlined in the response to TOUR OBJ 5, the process to identify Rights of Way in the county will begin before the end of 2025.
BG OBJ 10	To maximise both pedestrian and cycle connectivity to the network of existing greenways and blueways within the county.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of various public realm and active travel schemes being progressed throughout the county.
BG OBJ 11	To work with the Active Travel Initiative of the National Transport Authority and other stakeholders such as Fáilte Ireland and Waterways to develop a co-ordinated approach to the selection, delivery and servicing of future greenways, blueways and trails throughout the county.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
BG OBJ 12	To support and facilitate the development of a greenway linking Spencer Harbour to Drumkeeran subject to obtaining the necessary planning consent and where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment, including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. All proposed developments shall be in accordance with the Birds and Habitats Directives, Water Framework Directive and all other relevant EU Directives.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	A Project Development Measure funding application under ORIS has been submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for a feasibility report to be completed on the development of this link.

PT OBJ 1	To provide bus priority measures on existing and planned road infrastructure, where appropriate, in collaboration with the National Transport Authority, Bus Éireann and Transport Infrastructure Ireland.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Bus Shelters have been installed in Mohill, Leitrim village, Drumkeeran, Carrick-on-Shannon, Drumshanbo, Ballinamore, Dromod and in Glenfarne. Bus Stop Enhancement works have been completed in Glenfarne, Tullaghan, Drumsna, Manorhamilton and Dromahair. There are further projects planned for 2025.
PT OBJ 2	To deliver, in conjunction with the NTA and the Department of Transport, a Public Transportation Hub in Carrick-on-Shannon to accommodate national, regional and local bus services.	Not achieved to date	Ongoing	As part of the preparation of the Local Transport Plan, this matter was given further consideration. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with both relevant stakeholders to achieve this objective.
PT OBJ 3	To co-operate with the NTA and other relevant agencies in their reviews of the network of bus routes in Co. Leitrim through the 'Connecting Ireland Programme', and to support and encourage public transport operators to provide improved bus services in, and through, the county.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	There is ongoing engagement with Local Link in relation to bus routes and improving the level of service being provided by this essential infrastructure provider.
PT OBJ 4	To seek the expansion and improvement of car parking, taxi and bus set down facilities at Carrick-on-Shannon train station located in Cortober as part of the preparation of the joint Local Area Plan for Carrick-on-Shannon/Cortober in conjunction with Roscommon County Council.	Achieved to date	Q2 2025	The Joint Local Area Plan for Carrick-on-Shannon 2025-2031 came into effect in May 2025. See response to WC OBJ 2 also in this regard. The Local Authority will continue to encourage Roscommon County Council to advance the securing of this objective.
PT OBJ 5	To provide suitable infrastructure on public transport corridors to improve safety and efficiency for public transport users.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. See response to PTO OBJ 1 above in this regard.
CP OBJ 1	To implement a programme of traffic and parking management measures in towns and villages throughout the county, as resources permit.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	As part of the public realm / urban renewal works, traffic and parking management measures have been implemented in Carrick-on-Shannon, Mohill and Manorhamilton with a further scheme due to commence in Drumshanbo. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
CP OBJ 2	To review the need for additional off-street car parks in Towns and Key Villages and, if required, to acquire land to develop further car parks availing of available national funding opportunities.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Car park constructed in Manorhamilton and car park upgraded at Mart link road Drumshanbo. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.

TRAN OBJ 1	To support and provide for improvements to the national road network, in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, including reserving corridors for proposed routes, free of development, so as not to compromise the implementation of future road schemes.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Such corridors are identified and protected in the County Development Plan currently with respect to the Carrick-on-Shannon Bypass and Traffic Management Scheme and N16 Munakill Realignment Schemes.
TRAN OBJ 2	To preserve a corridor to enable design options for national road improvements and upgrade projects to be advanced following the route selection process having been completed and to preserve such routes when identified free from development which would prejudice their construction.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The preservation of these corridors will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP unless there is a change of strategy by the Roads Authority for individual schemes.
TRAN OBJ 3	To progress and develop, with the support and co-operation of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the following schemes: i. N4 Carrick-on-Shannon to Dromod Project from Faulties townland to Drumharlow townland in Co. Roscommon (in conjunction with Roscommon County Council) ii. N16 upgrades at Drummahan and Munakill iii. To continue the programme of further upgrades to deficient sections of the N16 route through the county	Achieved to date	Ongoing	<p>The Carrick-on-Shannon Bypass and Traffic Management Scheme is at environmental assessment stage and on course to publish the CPO before year end, subject to Cabinet approval.</p> <p>The Drumahon Realignment is completed.</p> <p>Leitrim County Council did not get the required approval from the TII to progress the Munakill Realignment as It went over the threshold for a minor scheme. However, a new application has been lodged with the TII to progress a shorter scheme at this location.</p> <p>Leitrim County Council has completed Pavement Replacement Works on the N16 at Glencar, Manorhamilton, Cornacloy Phase 2 and are progressing Cornacloy Phase 3. Leitrim County Council have also carried safety works at Strabrick and are progressing a substantial safety scheme at Glenfarne. Vulnerable Road Users replacement and fencing retro fit has also been completed along the N16.</p>
TRAN OBJ 4	To seek to progress the design and development of a sustainable transport solution to the N16 National Primary Road through Manorhamilton in conjunction with Transportation Infrastructure Ireland.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Leitrim County Council are progressing an Active Travel Severance Scheme through Manorhamilton and a Safer Route to Schools Scheme at the eastern end of the town.

TRAN OBJ 5	To seek additional funding to upgrade substantial sections the R280 Regional Road identified in this Development Plan as being a Strategic Link and to pursue to upgrade the status of the road to National Secondary standard and status.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Further to applications and consultation with the Department of Transport, Leitrim County Council have been approved to carry out a Risk Based Geometric Design Project along the entire R280 Regional Road. The results of this project will inform acquiring Strategic Improvement Grant funding to upgrade this strategic route. Furthermore, Leitrim County Council are progressing Specific Improvement Works at three locations on the R280 at Killargue, Lough Murrin and Erriff. A Feasibility Options Report has been also completed for Lennox Bridge on the R280 and this is with the Department of Transport seeking approval to proceed
TRAN OBJ 6	To seek additional funding to upgrade substantial sections of the R199, R202 and R202 Regional Roads identified in this Development Plan as being Regionally Important Roads.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Restoration Improvement and Low Cost Safety Works have been completed on sections of these routes. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.

TRAN OBJ 7	To construct a new bridge over the River Shannon to replace the now deficient Hartley Bridge (in conjunction with Roscommon County Council) on the L3400 Local Road linking Carrick-on-Shannon to Cootehall.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	<p>Leitrim County Council is working in conjunction with Roscommon County Council to replace the existing bridge at Hartley with a new bridge. The existing bridge is an old reinforced concrete bridge and is located on local road L3400 and spans the River Shannon between counties Roscommon and Leitrim. This bridge is in poor structural condition and for that reason there is currently a 3-tonne weight limit on the bridge.</p> <p>Planning consent was received from an Bord Pleanála in Dec 2023 for following works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The demolition of the existing 6-span Hartley bridge • Construction of new 3-span replacement bridge structure 25m downstream of the existing bridge crossing. • The new bridge will have a 6-metre carriageway plus two footpaths on each side. • Construction of the realigned (vertical and horizontal) L3400 on approaches to the new bridge structure. • Decommissioning of defunct sections of the L3400. <p>Funding was received from the Department of Transport to advance this project through planning consent from An Bord Pleanála. Punch Consulting Engineers have been appointed as the design consultants and are currently working on detailed design and tender documents. It is expected that the Construction Tender documents will be published by the end of Q2 2025. Subject to Department of Transport approval and funding allocation, a contractor will be on site by Q3 2025. An Advance Site Vegetation Contract is substantially complete.</p>
TRAN OBJ 8	To construct a new bridge over the Drowes River to replace the now deficient Lennox Bridge (in conjunction with Donegal County Council) on the R280 Regional Road linking Kinlough to Bundoran.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	<p>A Feasibility Options report has been also completed for Lennox Bridge on the R280 and this is with the Department of Transport for approval to proceed</p>

TRAN OBJ 9	To seek to progress the design of individual link roads within towns subject to funding being available, to progress the link roads through the planning consent process, land acquisition and construction.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. In Carrick-on-Shannon, Leitrim County Council are working with the IDA re the design of a roundabout at Keenaghan townland which will tie into a proposed link road from the Castlecara road to the N4. and preliminary discussions with the Department of Transport for funding the design of such a route have been held. Leitrim County Council are also designing a link road from the Leitrim Road to the Castlecara Road (Drummanagh Link) and this will be progressed as part of the Carrick-on-Shannon Bypass and Traffic Management project.
TRAN OBJ 10	To complete the Inner Relief Road at Ballinamore to include bridge widening by progressing the scheme through design and funding subject to funding being identified.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	This link road is in place but bridge widening has not taken place to date.
TRAN OBJ 11	To seek to progress the design and construction of a new pedestrian bridge over the River Shannon at Roosky on the R371 in conjunction with Roscommon County Council.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	Fehily Timoney Consultants carried out an Options Report for this scheme. A trial of the preferred option (traffic lights & a footpath on the existing bridge deck) took place in September 2024. The report from the trial concluded that the trial successfully demonstrated the feasibility of a shuttle system & the NTA are satisfied with the findings. The Consultant attended the May 2025 Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District meeting to present the finding of the trial to the elected members for their consideration. The preferred option was rejected by the elected members who are insistent on a separate dedicated pedestrian / cyclist bridge to be provided similar to that in Carrick-on-Shannon and Leitrim Village.
TRAN OBJ 12	To continue the programme of pavement improvement and maintenance, safety measures, signage and markings and winter maintenance on roads within the county in accordance with the agreed annual Roads Programmes.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	These works are ongoing each year as part with an investment of €25 million euro in the roadworks budget each year.
TRAN OBJ 13	To co-operate with Roscommon County Council and other relevant stakeholders to prepare a Local Transport Plan for Carrick-on-Shannon/Cortober ensuring that this process is guided by the NTA/TII document 'Area Based Transport Assessment' to the extent required for a combined urban centre of this scale.	Achieved to date	Q2 2025	This objective has been realized – see response to CS OBJ 9 and MSSM OBJ 1 above.

TRAN OBJ 14	Provide cycle routes/lanes around Co. Leitrim under smarter travel/active travel measures.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The cycle network has been mapped for the county as part of the NTA Cycle Connects program. There is also an Urban cycling network for Carrick-on-Shannon developed. Currently, there are a number of schemes at Design Stage in Carrick-on-Shannon. Shared paths have been constructed in Rooksy, Drumshanbo and Kinlough under Active Travel Schemes.
WI OBJ 1	To work closely with Irish Water to identify and facilitate the timely delivery of the water services infrastructure required to realise the development objectives of this Plan.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The lack of the required wastewater infrastructure in Leitrim Village, Carrigallen and Keshcarrigan has been highlighted to Uisce Éireann.
WI OBJ 2	To pursue and support Irish Water in the upgrade of the Carrick-on-Shannon Water Treatment Plant as a project necessary to deliver the growth model outlined in the Core Strategy of this Plan.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Lands have been zoned in the Joint Local Area Plan for Carrick-on-Shannon 2025-2031 to allow for any potential expansion. The Planning Authority liaised with Uisce Éireann during the preparation of the draft Joint Local Area Plan in this regard,
WI OBJ 3	To protect both ground and surface water resources including taking account of the impacts of climate change, and to support Irish Water in the development and implementation of Drinking Water Safety Plans and the National Water Resources Plan.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
WI OBJ 4	To promote water conservation and demand management measures among all water users, and to support Irish Water in implementing water conservation measures such as leakage reduction and network improvements.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	LCC will continue to engage with Uisce Éireann with regards to this objective. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
WI OBJ 5	To ensure that adequate storm water infrastructure is provided in order to accommodate the planned levels of growth within the Plan area and to ensure that appropriate flood management measures are implemented to protect property and infrastructure.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP and through the development management process with respect to new development consents. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with and support the Office of Public Works in the development of flood management schemes in Carrick-on-Shannon, Dromod, Leitrim Village, Mohill and Dromahair to realise this objective.
WI OBJ 6	To support the servicing of rural villages and graigs to include the development of serviced sites as an alternative to one-off housing in the countryside.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with and support Uisce Éireann and all stakeholders with regards to this objective.

WI OBJ 7	To facilitate the provision of appropriate sites for required water services infrastructure.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with and support Uisce Éireann and all stakeholders with regards to this objective.
WI OBJ 8	To proactively implement the Rural Water Programme and to transfer/transition rural schemes to Irish Water where possible and appropriate.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with Uisce Éireann and all relevant stakeholders with regards to this objective.
WQ OBJ 1	To promote public awareness of water quality issues and the measures required to protect surface water, coastal and transitional waters and groundwater bodies from inappropriate and damaging development.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
WQ OBJ 2	To achieve our targets of attaining and maintaining a minimum of 'good status' in all water bodies in compliance with the Water Framework Directive and to co-operate with the implementation of the National River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021, and subsequent replacement plans. This includes contributing towards the protection of Blue Dot catchments and drinking water resources whilst having cognisance of the EU's Common Implementation Strategy Guidance Documents No. 20 and 36 which provide guidance on exemptions to the environmental objectives of the Water Framework Directive.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
WQ OBJ 3	To implement the measures of the River Basin Management Plan, including continuing to work with communities through the Local Authority Waters Programme to restore and improve water quality in the identified areas of action.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
WQ OBJ 4	To ensure that development will not have an unacceptable adverse impact on water quality including surface water, ground water, designated source protection areas, river corridors and associated wetlands.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
WQ OBJ 5	To request the Geological Survey of Ireland to complete a Groundwater Protection Scheme for Co. Leitrim to assist in decision making by the Local Authority on the location, nature and control of developments and activities in order to protect groundwater.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in the securing of this objective.

WQ OBJ 6	To promote the sustainable use of water and water conservation measures in existing and new development within the county and encourage demand management measures among all water users.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with and support Uisce Éireann and all stakeholders with regards to this objective.
WWT OBJ 1	To continue to research and trial options in conjunction with academic partners and other stakeholders to provide an acceptable wastewater treatment system solution to the poor percolation characteristics of sub soils which affect the majority of the county that would be suitable, affordable and not represent a risk of pollution to ground or surface waters or to public health.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Leitrim County Council has identified a wastewater treatment system solution that could be suitable, acceptable and affordable. Leitrim County Council has been actively pursuing this innovative solution in conjunction with Trinity College Dublin and is currently implementing an EPA funded research programme, to facilitate the design of a wastewater treatment and disposal facility with the potential to have a zero discharge or near zero discharge of effluent. If successful, this may allow sites with poor percolation characteristics to treat the discharge of treated wastewater in a manner which was not prejudicial to public health. This process currently entitled Evapotreat involves the use of Integrated Constructed Wetlands in combination with willow plants. The installation of such facilities is now complete at 2 Local Authority development with a further installation set to commence. The examination of the effectiveness of the process has also commenced.
FRM OBJ 1	To implement and comply fully with the recommendations of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment prepared as part of this Plan.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP primarily through the assessment of individual development management proposals. .
FRM OBJ 2	To implement in conjunction with the Office of Public Works the recommendations contained in the Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMP's), including planned investment measures for managing and reducing flood risk, subject to obtaining the necessary planning consent and undertaking the required environmental assessments.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with and support the Office of Public Works and all stakeholders with regards to realising this objective. See response to WI OBJ 5 also in this regard.
SWM OBJ 1	To require the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) to minimise and limit the extent of hard surfacing and paving and require the use of sustainable drainage techniques where appropriate, for new development or for extensions to existing developments, in order to reduce the potential impact of existing and predicted flooding risks.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP primarily through the assessment of individual development management proposals and through Local Authority own developments.

SWM OBJ 2	To encourage the use of Green Roof technology particularly on apartment, commercial, leisure and educational buildings.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP primarily through the assessment of individual development management proposals.
WM OBJ 1	To continue to maintain the level of provision of existing civic amenity sites in the county in accordance with Waste Management Plan 2015 – 2021 or any replacement plan.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
WM OBJ 2	To ensure that the Council fulfils its duties under the Waste Management (Certification of Historic Unlicensed Waste Disposal and Recovery Activity) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No 524 of 2008), including those in relation to the identification and registration of closed landfills.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
WM OBJ 3	To identify suitable sites for additional recycling centres and bring bank facilities subject to the availability of appropriate funding and infrastructure, through the public or private sector, as appropriate.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
WM OBJ 4	To facilitate the provision of appropriate waste recovery and disposal facilities in accordance with the principles set out in the appropriate Waste Management Plan applicable from time to time made in accordance with the Waste Management Act 1996 (as amended).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The lack of a facility to receive and dispose of waste, to include soil stripped from development sites becoming a growing problem in south Leitrim with reliance on such facilities outside of the county adding further to construction costs.
WM OBJ 5	To continue to reduce incidents of littering through the continued implementation and updating of the Council's Litter Management Plan.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
WM OBJ 6	To continue to support and work with local Tidy Towns groups in the maintenance and conservation of our towns and villages throughout the county.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective. The dedicated work and volunteerism of the local Tidy Towns groups is to be commended in this regard.
NP OBJ 1	To implement the actions contained in the Leitrim Noise Plan 2018-2023 (or any replacement Plan) which seeks to address environmental noise from major roads in the county and which endeavours to maintain satisfactory noise environments where they exist.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
ENI OBJ 1	To safeguard existing strategic energy corridors from encroachment by other developments that could compromise the delivery of energy networks.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process.

TEL OBJ 1	To ensure that all areas of the county have adequate mobile communication coverage and in particular to require service providers to provide services in areas where existing coverage is poor.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
RUR ECON OBJ 1	To promote rural economic development, recognising the need to advance the long term sustainable social and environmental development of rural areas and encouraging economic diversification and facilitating growth of rural based enterprises.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
RUR ECON OBJ 2	To promote the growth of rural enterprises and activities that are resource dependent.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
RUR ECON OBJ 3	To develop and support sustainable and economically efficient rural economies enhancing sectors such as agricultural and food, forestry, fishing and aquaculture, energy and extractive industries, the bio-economy, renewable energy, tourism, outdoor recreation and creative arts sector and facilitating diversification into alternative on-farm and off-farm activities, while protecting the natural landscape and built heritage.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
RUR ECON OBJ 4	To identify and protect rural resources, such as locally and regionally important aquifers and water sources, from development which would prejudice their sustainable future usage.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process.
RUR ECON OBJ 5	To support and promote certified organic farming and producers operating in the county including the facilitation of farmer's markets at appropriate locations.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
RUR ECON OBJ 6	To increase collaboration initiatives by small artisan food producers to maximise it's current and potential contribution to the food and agri-economy, culture, tourism and quality of life offer.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
AGR OBJ 1	To facilitate the development of agriculture while ensuring that natural waters, wildlife habitats and conservation areas are protected from pollution.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP by the Planning Authority through the assessment of individual development proposals and by the Environment department in monitoring key indicators.

FOR OBJ 1	To work in conjunction with the relevant key stakeholders to develop and expand suitable industries dependent on the considerable timber resource of the county such as fuel-wood production, sawmills and stake producing facilities.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
FOR OBJ 2	To co-operate with the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to encourage and promote the preparation and implementation of an Indicative Forest Strategy for the county consistent with the policy framework of this Plan.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in the securing of this objective.
FOR OBJ 3	To give consideration to the designation of North Leitrim, Sliabh an Iarainn and its hinterland as a Landscape Conservation Area in conjunction with TOUR OBJ 3 which seeks to investigate the feasibility and potential of this area as a National Park/Recreational Area designation.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	See response to TOUR OBJ 3.
FOR OBJ 4	To actively participate in any Regional Fora established by the North West Regional Assembly to ensure sustainable land management of the forested area of the region.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in the securing of this objective as no such Regional For a has been established. .
FOR OBJ 5	To actively make representations to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in the review of the Irish Forestry regime and the any subsequent development of a new national Forestry Strategy.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	A delegation from Leitrim County Council met with Minister Healy Rae in relation to this. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP
TREE OBJ 1	To consider the use of Tree Preservation Orders for the preservation of any tree, trees or group of trees or woodland of special amenity or environmental value.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	No further Tree Preservation Orders have been proposed since the CDP was adopted and took effect.
TREE OBJ 2	To support the measures being undertaken by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Teagasc, Council for Forest Research and Development (COFORD) dealing with the effects of Ash Dieback disease and in the development of an ash breeding programme identifying and planting species of ash that are tolerant to disease.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in the securing of this objective.
NH OBJ 1	To ensure that no project or programme giving rise to significant adverse, direct, indirect, secondary or cumulative impacts on the integrity of any Natura 2000 site(s), having regard to their qualifying interests and conservation objectives, arising from their size, scale, area or land take,	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP

	proximity, resource requirements, emissions (disposal to land, water or air), transportation requirements, duration of construction, operation, decommissioning or from any other effects shall be permitted on the basis of this Plan (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects).			
NH OBJ 2	To protect and conserve those sites designated as Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) during the lifetime of this Plan. The list of current SACs is contained in Table 11.1 of this Chapter.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP
NH OBJ 3	To protect and conserve those sites designated as Special Protection Areas during the lifetime of this Plan. There is currently one SPA in Co. Leitrim which is contained in Table 11.2 of this Chapter.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP
NH OBJ 4	To protect and conserve Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs) and proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHAs) that become designated and notified to the Local Authority during the lifetime of this Plan. The list of current NHAs and proposed NHAs are contained in Table 11.3 and 11.4 of this Chapter.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP
NH OBJ 5	To protect the character, appearance and quality of the habitats and semi-natural features in Co. Leitrim such as woodlands, hedgerows, peatlands, wetlands and artificial waterways of historic or ecological importance.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
NH OBJ 6	To promote, in partnership with the relevant agencies, the development and implementation of codes of best practice through initiatives such as the Local Floral Pride initiatives, Community Environmental Action and the Green Schools projects.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
NH OBJ 7	To encourage appropriate management of landscape features, particularly through the development management process and using planning agreements with landowners and developers, where appropriate.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process.
NH OBJ 8	To identify and map over the lifetime of the Plan habitats and 'Green Infrastructure'/sites of local biodiversity value of county importance and to raise awareness and understanding of the county's natural heritage and biodiversity.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the Plan	This study will be prepared during the lifetime of the CDP. It will build on and incorporate the successive wetland habitats studies completed by the Heritage Officer over the past number of years

NH OBJ 9	To support the implementation of the relevant recommendations contained in the National Biodiversity Action Plan and the All Ireland Pollinator Plan.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Biodiversity projects are delivered annually through the Local Biodiversity Action Fund administered by the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Biodiversity and pollinator friendly projects have been established on the grounds of Áras an Chontae. Actions for pollinators competition delivered to primary schools as part of the <i>Love Where You Live</i> awards 2024. Tidy Towns groups supported through advice, support and the Local Authority Pollinator Award.
NH OBJ 10	To support the implementation of the actions contained in the Co. Leitrim Biodiversity Action Plan 2022-2027 when finalised, or any successor plan, in partnership with all relevant stakeholders and subject to the availability of the necessary funding sources.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Leitrim County Council's Local Authority Biodiversity Action Plan (LABAP) 2025 - 2030 is being developed in collaboration with the Biodiversity Working Group.
TWH OBJ 1	To use Tree Preservation Orders to protect important trees, groups of trees or woodlands, as appropriate which may be at risk or have an amenity, biodiversity or historic value during the lifetime of this Plan.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	There are only 2 such Tree Preservation Orders in place in Co. Leitrim. See response to TREE OBJ 1 above.
POLL OBJ 1	To manage and restore semi-natural habitats and their native plants on Council land in as far as is practicable and affordable.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	A biodiversity enhancement project is being carried out on the grounds of Áras an Chontae in Carrick-on-Shannon. There is an ongoing management plan in place to protect and enhance native plants and pollinators.
LCA OBJ 1	To protect and enhance the quality, character, and distinctiveness of the physical, visual and scenic character of landscapes of the county in accordance with national policy and guidelines and the recommendations of the Leitrim Landscape Character Assessment (2020) which forms Appendix VI of this Plan.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process
LCA OBJ 2	To ensure that the management of development will have regard to the value of the landscape, its character, importance, sensitivity and capacity to absorb change as outlined in Appendix VI of this Plan - Leitrim Landscape Character Assessment (2020) and its recommendations.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process
LD OBJ 1	To protect the quality, character and distinctiveness of the landscapes of the county.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process

LD OBJ 2	To provide and maintain facilities, including viewing areas, lay-bys, safe pedestrian access and/or car parking, and where appropriate, associated seats and signs in the immediate vicinity of views that are identified in this Plan and as funds allow.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Works are ongoing each year at our amenities and access to some have been upgraded under Active Travel and other programs.
LD OBJ 3	To undertake and adopt a landscape capacity assessment of the county for commercial afforestation.	Achieved to date	Achieved	A landscape capacity assessment of the county for commercial afforestation has been included in the CDP as Appendix VI. This informs the Planning Authority's submissions to projects referred to the Local Authority by the Forest Service for Tree Planting and Tree Felling consent applications.
LD OBJ 4	To protect Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Areas of High Visual Amenity from inappropriate forms of development. These areas are identified in Table 11.6 and Table 11.7 of this Plan and shown graphically on Map No. 11 'Landscape Designations' in Volume III (Book of Maps).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process
BH OBJ 1	To seek the protection of all structures within the county that are of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest as contained in the Record of Protected Structures (Volume IV of this Plan).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management and Plan Review processes.
BH OBJ 2	To maximise funding opportunities for the conservation and restoration of Protected Structures.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP, presently through the administration of the Built Heritage Investment Fund and Historic Structures Fund.
BH OBJ 3	To administer grant schemes which provide funding opportunities for the conservation and restoration of Protected Structures.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP, presently through the administration of the Built Heritage Investment Fund and Historic Structures Fund.
BH OBJ 4	To support and implement the actions listed in the County Heritage Plan 2020 – 2025, and subsequent heritage plans, during the lifetime of this Plan, subject to the availability of specific funding and resources.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	A significant number of the Heritage Plan actions have been supported and implemented through the annual work program of the Heritage Officer. A replacement Heritage Plan is presently being prepared with the public consultation phase having been completed.

BH OBJ 5	To seek the appointment of a Conservation Officer to improve the level of expertise available to the Council and to support the protection and conservation of the rich built and cultural heritage within the county. However, the Council will seek to develop in-house expertise in the interim in the absence of this appointment.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority are engaging with the Heritage Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to the Conservation Officer Programme which is being developed on a similar basis to the Heritage and Biodiversity Officers. It is anticipated that this role will be filled within the life of the CDP.
ACA OBJ 1	To prepare a Statement of Character for each of the listed Architectural Conservation Areas in Table 11.9 within 2 years of the County Development Plan having come into effect in order to identify the character that is worthy of protection for each.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date. Such projects would normally fall within the remit of a Conservation Officer.
ACA OBJ 2	To designate additional Architectural Conservation Areas where appropriate and provide a local policy framework for the preservation of the character of these areas. Consideration will be given to Lough Rynn and Drumsna in the first instance.	Partially achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date. Such projects would normally fall within the remit of a Conservation Officer.
ACA OBJ 3	To review the Co. Leitrim Shopfront Guidelines within the life of the County Development Plan.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date. Such projects would normally fall within the remit of a Conservation Officer.
ARCH OBJ 1	To promote the county's archaeological heritage as a tourism resource, in partnership with tourism organisations and stakeholders.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective. The County Leitrim Heritage Plan is currently under review and it is anticipated that this new Plan may include support for such projects.
ARCH OBJ 2	To ensure that any development (above or below ground or underwater), within the vicinity of a site of archaeological interest or protected wreck or area of underwater archaeological heritage shall not be detrimental to the archaeological remains, character of the site or its setting.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process. The National Monuments Service provide an excellent service to the Planning Authority in advising on individual development proposals.
ARCH OBJ 3	To require, where appropriate, that an archaeological assessment or underwater archaeological impact assessment be carried out by a suitably qualified person prior to the commencement of any activity that may impact upon archaeological heritage, including underwater archaeological heritage.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process

ARCH OBJ 4	To protect the zones of archaeological potential, as identified in the Record of Monuments and Places, protected reefs and underwater archaeological heritage.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process. All individual development proposals located within such zones are referred to the National Monuments Service for their comments which are then taken into consideration in reaching a decision.
ARCH OBJ 5	To protect archaeological sites, protected wrecks and underwater archaeological heritage discovered since the publication of the Record of Monuments and Places, which are recorded in the Sites and Monuments Record.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process. All individual development proposals located within such zones are referred to the National Monuments Service for their comments which are then taken into consideration in reaching a decision.
ARCH OBJ 6	To support research and the production of a Conservation Management Plan for the Black Pig's Dyke in Co. Leitrim.	Achieved to date	Achieved	A Heritage Council funded project has carried out research into the Black Pig's Dyke.
CA OBJ 1	To work in collaboration with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) and relevant stakeholders to deliver and support a number of Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs) throughout the county.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Currently there are 21 no. registered SECs in Co. Leitrim including a registered SEC 'Carrick-on-Shannon Climate Action' that supports community climate action in the Decarbonising Zone. Leitrim County Council are considering a Memorandum of Understanding with SEAI to bridge fund Energy Master Plans on a phased rolling basis, as may be requested.
CA OBJ 2	To develop a Decarbonisation Zone in Carrick-on-Shannon in accordance with Action 165 of the Climate Action Plan 2019. (see also CS OBJ 10 in Chapter 2 - Core Strategy for further detail in this regard).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The area around Carrick-on-Shannon was designated as a Decarbonising Zone in the Leitrim County Council Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029 (adopted on 19th February 2025). See response to CS OBJ 10 also in this regard.
CA OBJ 3	To review the outcomes of the forthcoming update to the Development Plan Guidelines when finalised and to consider reasonable steps to align with the approach to climate change advocated in the Guidelines over the lifetime of the Plan.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	No update to the 2022 version of the Development Plan has been published by the Department. It is likely that this objective was included in the draft County Development Plan when such guidelines were at draft stage. The Planning Authority is satisfied that the approach to climate change advocated in the Guidelines has been incorporated into the CDP. This objective is therefore considered obsolete.
CA OBJ 4	To support the development of both climate mitigation and climate adaptation initiatives and seek funding for the implementation of these initiatives from available sources including the Climate Action Fund administered by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Leitrim County Council Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029 contains 206 individual actions for mitigation, adaptation or combined categories of action. The DECC have funded development of a Climate Action section in the Local Authority corresponding to the Plan timeline.

RE OBJ 1	To seek to achieve a minimum of 200 MW of renewable electricity in the county by 2030, by facilitating renewable energy developments, including micro-generation renewable technologies incorporating solar, wind, hydro-electric and bioenergy.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	<p>It is likely that this objective will have to be reviewed as part of the variation which will be required to align the CDP with the review to the National Planning Framework and subsequent review required to the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. This includes the introduction of regional renewable energy capacity targets, which will require Local Authorities to identify land for the delivery of set amounts of onshore wind and solar. The target contained in RE OBJ 1 would not appear to be adequate in this regard.</p> <p>DECC have developed a Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) administered by Leitrim County Council under 2 no Strands. Strand 1 is a guaranteed €300,000 for groups in Leitrim (Climate Action Fund) and Strand 1a is open for groups in Leitrim to partner with groups in Northern Ireland for funding from a national pot of €3,000,000 (Shared Island Fund).</p>
WE OBJ 1	To secure the maximum potential from the wind energy resources of Co. Leitrim commensurate with supporting development that is consistent with proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process. See response to RE OBJ 1 above also.
EEOBJ 1	To reduce CO2 emissions by 30% by 2030 from the 2020 baseline figures for the public sector in the county, by building awareness and motivating behavioural change, engaging with SEAI and government programmes for energy efficiency, investing in energy efficiency improvements, and by switching to low-carbon transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Leitrim County Council Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029 provides a roadmap to achieve a 51% reduction in overall greenhouse gas emissions across its own assets and operations by 2030 from baseline years (2016 - 2018) as required by all public bodies in the Climate Act as amended. Actions are centred on a <i>whole of Council</i> approach (lead on actions) but include relevant external bodies (partner on actions) such as SEAI (integral on Pathfinder Programme for buildings). The 4 no. Protected Structures within the Áras complex are currently being considered for the latter programme.
ST OBJ 1	To liaise and co-ordinate with the National Transport Authority to undertake analysis in relation to modal shift between settlements and derive a realistic modal change target for the county.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	It is considered that this objective would be included as part of the county wide Transport Strategy required pursuant to MSSM OBJ 2. Please refer to response to MSSM OBJ 2 in this regard.

BNE 1	Promote and facilitate residential growth, the expansion of local employment options and of the range of services and facilities in tandem with the development of sustainable transport options to enable Ballinamore to become more self-sustaining and fulfil its role as a Tier 2A Self Sustaining Growth Town in Co. Leitrim.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process and the wider work of the Local Authority through economic development promotion, Active Travel, Tourism Office, etc.
BNE 2	Make provision for sustainable communities in Ballinamore by identifying sufficient and serviced land for new development, in particular housing, commercial, enterprise and employment, community and recreational uses.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Plan preparation process. The zoning requirements will continue to be monitored on an annual basis as part of the Core Strategy Annual Review.
BNE 3	<p>Seek to develop, subject to the availability of the necessary resources (planning, design and funding to include required match funding), a public realm improvement scheme for Ballinamore. Such a scheme could consider, inter alia, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the repurposing/reoccupation of the former Courthouse, a Protected Structure, with a suitable cultural/community use with the local community acquiring the building from the Court Service. • To facilitate festival crowds/Farmer's Market to gather in the forecourt of the courthouse building including the consideration of suitable cover to protect from inclement weather. • To provide a suitable traffic calming measure in front of the Courthouse and provide upgraded warning signs and overhead lighting. • To design a softened street landscape to incorporate trees, flowerbeds, and public seating together with build outs at road junctions. • Integration of proposed Greenway through the town connecting to the Trail Head at St. Felim's/The Junction. • Consider gateway entrances to the town. 	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	With the exception of the Ballinamore Development Company having commissioned a Feasibility Study to explore viable options for the development of Ballinamore Courthouse, no other progress has been made in realising this objective to date.
BNE 4	Consolidate the town centre and create a compact, vibrant town centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.

BNE 5	Encourage the repair and reuse of vacant and derelict buildings.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
BNE 6	Facilitate the re-use and development of existing vacant and underutilised buildings and sites, including backland and over the shop units, for town centre uses including residential accommodation to create a compact, vibrant town centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. A number of planning permissions have been granted which seek to reuse areas at upper floors in business premises and addressing dereliction. This will be achieved primarily through the Development Management process
BNE 7	Enhance the visual connection between the canal waterway with the town in conjunction with local stakeholders and Tidy Towns Committee.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date.
BNE 8	<p>Promote walking and cycling for daily activities, trips to school, creche, local shops and town centre jobs to the maximum extent practicable and drawing on funding opportunities presented through the Active Travel programme. In this regard: - Support the establishment of green routes and an accessible walking/cycling network that provides safe and attractive circulation routes for pedestrians and cyclists by linking residential areas, community facilities, amenities and the town centre.</p> <p>Review routes from existing and new residential communities and pursue traffic calming measures to create safer walking and cycling from the existing areas to the town centre.</p> <p>Explore the development of new walking/cycling routes between existing residential areas to link the existing communities to the town centre.</p> <p>Explore the development of the amenity walking/cycling route to the west of the town, linking existing and new residential areas, and potential links to a new town park.</p>	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP The Active Travel Department are looking at a number of schemes in Ballinamore to improve walking & cycling facilities. Scoil Chlann Naofa is on the Safe Route to School Program and Leitrim County Council are currently awaiting the Delivery Plan from An Taisce. A scheme is also being developed at the northern end of the town on the R199 Regional Road.
BNE 9	Engage with and co-operate with relevant employment agencies to attract inward investment and to facilitate job creation in Ballinamore.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this

				objective.
BNE 10	Liaise with Ballinamore Enterprise Centre in the development of the lands zoned 'Enterprise and Employment' off the Willowfield Road, including the provision of an expanded remote working hub (if deemed feasible and required), office units and start-up light industrial, industrial and commercial units. Lands zoned Phase 2 Enterprise and Employment lands will be suitable for development subject to: a) All lands zoned Enterprise and Employment have been developed; or b) A development proposal for the entire lands to be developed as part of a single planning application and subject to the availability of the necessary infrastructural capacity.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective. Planning permission has been granted to construct 2 no. enterprise buildings comprising of (building 1) 5 no. enterprise/workspace units with mezzanine offices, two storey office building comprising office hub and administration offices, with café and (building 2) 3 no. enterprise /workspace units with mezzanine offices and single storey office. This is encouraging and it is hoped that this will be developed.
BNE 11	Develop a remote working facility and enterprise hub on the site of the former St. Felim's College which responds to and respects the unique built heritage value of the subject site which includes the former railway station and associated locomotive sheds.	Achieved to date	Achieved	The Junction in Ballinamore is a community hub developed through the regeneration of at the former St. Felims College. It was funded under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) with funding of €2.47 million secured. The project was officially opened in February 2024. The hub offers high-speed broadband, serviced office spaces, co-working areas, and facilities for youth and arts programmes.
BNE 12	Encourage the expansion of the retail and service base in Ballinamore town centre commensurate with its position in the county retail hierarchy, to serve the town and its wider hinterland.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the development management process
BNE 13	Encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses, with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective. The Town Regeneration Office conducted a vacant property survey in 2023 for Ballinamore town.

BNE 14	Seek the maintenance and improvement of shopfronts within the town centre. Proposals for new shopfronts should be sensitively designed with regard to their location within the streetscape and in accordance with the Leitrim County Council Guidelines on Shopfront Design, October 2003 or replacement guidelines over the life of this Plan. The use of Irish names for commercial premises is strongly encouraged.	Partially achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	Depending on available resources the Forward Planning Team, together with other sections of the Council, will revise the Council's Guidelines on Shopfront Design within the lifetime of the Plan. See response to BNE 6 also in this regard.
BNE 15	Require that an appropriate mix of housing type, tenure, density and size is provided in all new residential areas and in appropriate brownfield/infill areas to meet the needs of the population of Ballinamore and in line with the objectives and targets of the Core Strategy.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
BNE 16	Encourage the appropriate redevelopment of brownfield and infill sites for residential uses within the footprint of the existing built-up area.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. This will include the development of 4 no. apartments by the Housing Authority in place of a derelict and disused public house on Main Street.
BNE 17	Promote and support innovative housing models for all sections of the community including live-work units, special needs housing, housing for older people and tourist accommodation	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Social Housing Delivery Programme delivers a number of 'Age-Friendly' housing units to meet the needs of the older population and also for persons with a disability. Disabled Persons Grants on Local Authority social housing stock are also available to render the accommodation more suitable to meet the housing need of a member of the household with a disability.
BNE 18	Encourage retirement / nursing home / sheltered accommodation on the Mixed-Use lands to rear of the Rock Quarter Development in line with the submitted Master Plan for these lands.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	This objective was included on the basis of a Masterplan which was submitted from the owner of the lands at The Rock development. It has since transpired that they do not own this property. The Housing and Planning Authorities have engaged with the owner in the recent past with a view to exploring the development of residential development on these lands. This objective is considered obsolete as a result.
BNE 19	Provide for the expansion and development of educational, social, community and recreational facilities in Ballinamore to provide for the needs of the resident community and that of the wider rural hinterland.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.

BNE 20	Facilitate and support the development of the former St. Patrick's Boys National School into a community childcare facility incorporating a crèche, preschool and after school services.	Achieved to date	Achieved	The project to convert St. Patrick's Boys National School into a community childcare facility incorporating a crèche, preschool and after school services has been completed with funding provided by Leitrim County Council for a playground area.
BNE 21	Facilitate and support the further development of the range of services and courses at Ballinamore Education Centre located in the former Technical School.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. At present, the Men's Shed and Community Garden projects are complete on site. The Mayo Sligo Leitrim Education Training Board currently deliver two courses in this premises, a horticultural and special needs course.
BNE 22	Facilitate and support the refurbishment and reuse of the former Courthouse for an appropriate community/heritage use.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ballinamore Development Company has commissioned a Feasibility Study to explore viable options for the development of Ballinamore Courthouse.
BNE 23	Explore the development of the identified 'Open Space' to the north of the town off Fohera Lane as a town park creating a green route, with pedestrian and cycle linkages to the town centre.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date
BNE 24	Maintain and enhance accessibility to and within the town centre in respect of pedestrian and cycle access, public transport and car parking, with particular regard to the needs and access for people with disabilities.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Active Travel Department are looking at a number of schemes in Ballinamore to improve walking & cycling facilities. Scoil Chlann Naofa is on the <i>Safe Route to School Program</i> and the Local Authority are currently awaiting the Delivery Plan from An Taisce.
BNE 25	Identify suitable locations for EV public charging points and encourage their delivery within the life of this development plan.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	Leitrim County Council has installed ducting for future EV points at the Junction car park in Ballinamore. The Capital Office submitted an application to Zero Emissions Vehicles Ireland (ZEVI) for a pilot project to install chargers at this location in Ballinamore and are awaiting a decision on funding.
BNE 26	Protect the flood zones identified on the Ballinamore Land Use Zoning Objectives Map from inappropriate development and direct developments/land uses into the appropriate Flood Zone in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009) or any superseding guidelines and circulars.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process

BNE 27	Extend footpaths and street lighting to the extent of the settlement plan envelope on the Carrigallen Road (R204).	Achieved to date	By end of Q2 2025	Works to connect Tully Heights to the town centre received Part 8 consent in Q4 2024. Construction works are now substantially complete.
BNE 28	Develop a pedestrian and cycle link including traffic calming measures from An Cuan apartment complex on the Golf Links Road to the town centre.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date.
BNE 29	Extend footpath and public lighting from the town to connect to Oughteragh Graveyard outside of the development envelope of Ballinamore.	Achieved to date	Achieved	This project has been delivered.
BNE 30	Provide lighting and ducting and widen existing footpath along the R202 regional road at Ardrum.	Achieved to date	Achieved	This project has been delivered.
BNE 31	Provide a new safe pedestrian and cycling link between the existing greenway and Ballinamore at Aghoo.	Achieved to date	Before end of 2025	Waterways Ireland are at present constructing an underpass at Aghoo bridge which obtained Part 8 consent last year.
BNE 32	Seek the provision of an access junction within the lands zoned Low Density Residential on the western side of the R202 (Park Road) with a view to facilitating an access road from the R202 to undeveloped lands west of these Low Density Residential zoned lands and to backlands north of the town centre. Such an objective shall reserve a minimum width of 15 metres to provide adequate pedestrian and cyclist facilities along with road access.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date.
BNE 33	Permissible uses for undeveloped lands within Flood Zones A and B that are zoned Tourism Related Development in this settlement shall be constrained to those 'water compatible' and 'less vulnerable' uses as appropriate to the particular Flood Zone (please refer to the Flood Risk Management provisions in Volume I of the Plan and to the accompanying Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process
BNE 34	Promote and enhance existing archaeological, built heritage elements associated with Ballinamore and to ensure their protection.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process
BNE 35	Support the development of a dedicated Ballinamore Heritage Trail and associated signage, map and smart device app in conjunction with the local heritage group, private landowners and other stakeholders.	Achieved to date	Achieved	An Exploring Historic Trail Map has been published for Ballinamore.

BNE 36	Protect and maintain the Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) in Ballinamore and the buildings contained therein. Development proposals that would undermine the setting and interpretation of any structure located within the ACA will not be permitted.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process
BNE 37	Liaise with the relevant stakeholders to promote and enhance the environmental and ecological value of natural and semi-natural green spaces and habitats within and surrounding Ballinamore.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Biodiversity training and public events were delivered to community groups and individuals for Biodiversity Week and Heritage Week in 2024. In addition, the Hare's Corner project was offered to landowners, schools and community groups to develop biodiversity projects.
BNE 38	Investigate measures to increase connectivity between Ballinamore and natural heritage assets within its wider area with an emphasis on sustainable forms of transport.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
BNE 39	Support and promote Ballinamore as a tourism hub having regard to its accessibility to key tourist destinations in the region including proximity to natural amenities and recreational opportunities including the Shannon-Erne Waterway, the Cavan Leitrim Greenway and the Shannon Blueway.	Achieved to date	End of Q4 2025	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. An extension of the Cavan Leitrim Greenway Corgar to Aughawillan was delivered through funding obtained through ORIS 2021 and will officially open later this year.
BNE 40	Provide for the enhancement of tourism and amenity facilities within Ballinamore where appropriate and to facilitate leisure tourism/amenity proposals subject to the preservation of the natural amenity of the area. Ensure that development proposals do not give rise to adverse impacts on the receiving environment.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	Ballinamore is included under a study being conducted namely the <i>3 Bs Tourism</i> - Belturbet, Ballyconnell and Ballinamore.
BNE 41	Collaborate and liaise with Cavan County Council, Waterways Ireland and other relevant stakeholders in further promoting and developing the Cavan-Leitrim Greenway as a key tourism asset for the local community and county with the potential to further develop this project as part of a wider regional and national network of greenways.	Achieved to date	End of Q4 2025	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. An extension of the Cavan Leitrim Greenway Corgar to Aughawillan was delivered through funding obtained through ORIS 2021 and will officially open later this year.

BNE 42	Further develop Ballinamore's considerable tourism potential for Slow Adventure, activity tourism, outdoor activities, engagement with different types of heritage and culture and linking to other south Leitrim attractions like the Shannon-Erne Waterway, Cavan-Leitrim Greenway and the Shannon Blueway.	Achieved to date	End of Q4 2025	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
BNE 43	Seek to incorporate a tourism information and visitor interpretation centre with the redevelopment of the former St. Felim's College and Ballinamore Railway Station site to showcase the tourism attractions and assets in Ballinamore and the wider area as well as acting as a key tourism hub for the Cavan-Leitrim Greenway project with the existing Ballinamore-Corgar section of the greenway incorporating this site, which is proposed to extend further onto Aughawillan.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
BNE 44	Encourage and assist in the development of water-based activities along the Shannon Erne Waterway which flows through the town.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
BNE 45	Assist Ballinamore Area Community Council in the provision of enhanced visitor facilities at Poll an Easa Waterfall Viewing Deck on lands within their ownership.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Economic Development Unit have engaged with the Aughnasheelin Development Association on a number of potential projects for upgrade works at Poll an Easa Waterfall. It is expected that these projects will be submitted for funding under CLÁR 2025 and ORIS schemes.
BNE 46	Explore, in conjunction with Ballinamore Area Community Council, the development of the Sliabh an Iarainn "Tribe of the Gods Trail". Such consideration would include the undertaking of the required environmental assessments of any such proposal having regard to the Cuilcagh - Anierin Uplands being a Special Area of Conservation.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	New parking, signage and walking trail to the Mass rock at the top of Sliabh an Iarainn is complete under ORIS funding
BNE 47	Facilitate and promote the appropriate development of the Opportunity Sites identified in Ballinamore for appropriate uses that will contribute to the renewal, enhancement and regeneration of the town.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process

MHN 1	Promote and facilitate residential growth, the expansion of local employment options and of the range of services and facilities in tandem with the development of sustainable transport options to enable Manorhamilton to become more self-sustaining and fulfil its role as a Tier 2A Self Sustaining Growth Town in Co. Leitrim.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process and the wider work of the Local Authority through economic development promotion, Active Travel, Tourism Office, etc.
MHN 2	Make provision for sustainable communities in Manorhamilton by identifying sufficient and serviced land for new development, in particular housing, commercial, enterprise and employment, community and recreational uses.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Plan preparation process. The zoning requirements will continue to be monitored on an annual basis as part of the Core Strategy Annual Review
MHN 3	Facilitate the re-use and development of existing vacant and underutilised buildings and sites for town centre uses to create a compact, vibrant town centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. A number of planning permissions have been granted which seek to reuse areas at upper floors in business premises and addressing dereliction. This will be achieved primarily through the Development Management process.
MHN 4	Fully implement the public realm improvements to the town centre identified in the successful Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF).	Achieved to date	Achieved	All public realm improvements to the town centre identified in the RRDF application have been completed in the town centre with a remaining project to be completed at the Enterprise and Employment lands at Park Road. This will provide enhanced access to the undeveloped lands which adjoin.
MHN 5	Explore the provision of effective and safe means of segregating pedestrians from motorised traffic at Buckard's Bridge on Castle Street. Any potential design solution shall have regard to the heritage value of the bridge and former Court House perimeter walls which adjoin the western parapet of the bridge.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority are dealing with legal representatives and receivers to get access to this area of land as there are ongoing issues with ownership of apartments adjacent to Castle Street. It is further complicated by the need to avoid interfering with the pillars and entrance to the Courthouse which is a Protected Structure.
MHN 6	Examine the potential of developing a connection, with consideration given to vehicular, pedestrian and cycling modes, from the New Line adjoining Gurn's Milestone Bar and the Glens Centre to the W8 Centre with the aim of unlocking potential backland development with a focus on delivering good quality public realm treatments, lighting, art works, etc. and marketing this area as a cultural and artistic quarter within the town.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date. The advancement of this objective would need to be driven by the private sector and facilitated by the Local Authority. The area to the rear of Gurn's Milestone Bar is in use as a beer garden which may render such an objective obsolete.

MHN 7	Support the undertaking of environmental and public realm enhancement works and initiatives to visually enhance the streetscape on the approach roads to the town seeking to ensure that such improvements promote a culture and arts theme approaching and leading to the Glens Theatre and the Sculpture Centre.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date.
MHN 8	Explore measures to address a more effective means of traffic mobility throughout the town with an emphasis on devising a management plan for traffic flows on Main Street, the New Line and Sráid Sheáin Mhic Dhiarmada and improving pedestrian access to existing car parks within the town centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. A feasibility assessment for a Segregation Scheme with the TII has commenced on along the N16 through the town with a view to improving pedestrian access. The public realm and urban renewal works has also improved areas of the town centre for vulnerable road users.
MHN 9	Encourage the redevelopment of backlands along Main Street to provide for a more consolidated town centre with improved pedestrian permeability to these locations from Main Street.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	A Town Centre First Plan for Manorhamilton is currently being produced together with the Manorhamilton Town Team. This objective will be given further consideration through this plan.
MHN 10	<p>Promote walking and cycling for daily activities, trips to school, creche, local shops and town centre jobs to the maximum extent practicable and drawing on funding opportunities presented through the Active Travel programme. In this regard: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review routes from existing and new residential communities and develop traffic calming to create safer walking and cycling from the existing areas to the town centre. • Explore the development of new walking/cycling routes between existing residential areas, to link the existing and new communities, to the town centre. • Explore the development of the amenity walking/cycling route to the west of the town, linking existing and new residential areas, and potential links to a new town park. 	Achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Active Travel and Road Design Departments are looking at a number of schemes in Manorhamilton to improve walking & cycling facilities. St Clare's National School is on the <i>Safe Route to School Program</i> ; this scheme received Part 8 consent in Q4 2024 and is currently at detailed design/procurement phase.

MHN 11	Strengthen the economic base and employment generating potential of the town by supporting existing businesses and encouraging new enterprises, ensuring it is a viable service centre for the surrounding rural area	Achieved to date	By end of 2025	In February 2024, funding of €30,000 to develop a Town Centre First Plan was received. This funding was matched by the Local Authority. The preparation of this Town Centre First Plan is underway.
MHN 12	Maximise remote working opportunities in Manorhamilton building on the considerable work already undertaken at the Manor Hub. In the event that additional space is required for remote working, repurposing the vacant commercial properties in the town for this function should be given primary consideration.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
MHN 13	Engage with and co-operate with relevant employment agencies to attract inward investment and to facilitate job creation in Manorhamilton.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
MHN 14	Provide for environmental enhancement measures in the form of landscaping, boundary and surface treatments to improve the aesthetic appeal and attractiveness of the Employment and Enterprise lands on Park Road having regard to the surrounding residential land uses within the area.	Achieved to date	Achieved	See response to MHN 4 above.
MHN 15	Encourage the expansion of the retail and service base in Manorhamilton town centre commensurate with its position in the county retail hierarchy, to serve the town and its wider hinterland.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process
MHN 16	Encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses, with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Funding of €0.5million was secured under the Building Acquisition measure 2023, Town & Village funding, to purchase a vacant building in Manorhamilton to be used as community facilities and return them to productive use.

MHN 17	Seek the maintenance and improvement of shopfronts within the town centre. Proposals for new shopfronts should be sensitively designed with regard to their location within the streetscape and in accordance with the Leitrim County Council Guidelines on Shopfront Design, October 2003 or replacement guidelines over the life of this Plan.	Partially achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	Depending on available resources, the Forward Planning Team, together with other sections of the Council, will revise the Council's Guidelines on Shopfront Design within the lifetime of the Plan. Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process
MHN 18	Require that an appropriate mix of housing type, tenure, density and size is provided in all new residential areas and in appropriate brownfield/infill areas to meet the needs of the population of Manorhamilton and in line with the objectives and targets of the Core Strategy.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process
MHN 19	Encourage the appropriate redevelopment of brownfield and infill sites for residential uses within the footprint of the existing built-up area.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. This will include the development of 4 no. apartments by the Housing Authority in place of a derelict and disused buildings on Sráid Sheáin Mhic Dhiarmada.
MHN 20	Promote and support innovative housing models for all sections of the community including live-work units, special needs housing, housing for older people and tourist accommodation	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Social Housing Delivery Programme delivers a number of 'Age-Friendly' housing units to meet the needs of the older population and also for persons with a disability. Disabled Persons Grants on Local Authority social housing stock are also available to render the accommodation more suitable to meet the housing need of a member of the household with a disability.
MHN 21	Facilitate access to allow for the future development of potential future residential sites with poor infrastructure connections in the interests of more sustainable compact growth development patterns over the lifetime of this Development Plan and beyond.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process.
MHN 22	Provide for the expansion and development of educational, social, community and recreational facilities in Manorhamilton available to provide for the needs of the resident community and that of the wider rural hinterland.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders in regards to the delivery of community infrastructure.

MHN 23	Pursue the development of a green route to include pedestrian and cycle path on lands identified as 'Open Space' from Millhill Lawns on the N16 to the Carrick Road (R280). This will be subject to the consideration of the potential impact on the adjoining Owenmore River which forms part of the Lough Gill Special Area of Conservation complex.	Not achieved to date	Ongoing	The delivery of such a route is being considered as part of the development of the SLNCR Route. The Planning Department have ensured that the appointed consultants will seek to realise this objective as part of the SLNCR Scheme, if practicable.
MHN 24	Relocate the Fire Station to the site identified with a 'Utility' land use zoning objective on the Sligo Road.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	On 9 th February 2024, An Bord Pleanála approved the construction of a 2-bay fire station with ancillary accommodation, drill yard and drill tower and all associated works at Cloneen, Manorhamilton. No works have yet commenced on this site.
MHN 25	Liaise with relevant stakeholders to secure improvements to the public transport system serving Manorhamilton.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
MHN 26	Identify and develop in conjunction with local stakeholders an outdoor performance space within the town centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	In March 2022, Manorhamilton received €44,100 under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme's Project Development Measure to plan an outdoor public and cultural exchange space. Detailed proposals are expected to be progressed to Part 8 public consultation by year end.
MHN 27	To facilitate the Department of Education in the development of a new Gaelscoil on the Creamery Road.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Planning permission has been granted for the construction of a Gaelscoil on this site under Planning Reference P24-60135.
MHN 28	Maintain and enhance accessibility to and within the town centre in respect of pedestrian and cycle access, public transport and car parking, with particular regard to the needs and access for people with disabilities.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. See responses above to MHN 8 and 10 also in this regard.
MHN 29	Identify suitable locations for EV public charging points and encourage their delivery within the life of this development plan.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.

MHN 30	Protect the flood zones identified on the Manorhamilton Land Use Zoning Objectives Map from inappropriate development and direct developments/land uses into the appropriate Flood Zone in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009) or any superseding guidelines and circulars.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process.
MHN 31	Investigate hydroelectric and biomass-based energy opportunities in conjunction with local stakeholders.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Leitrim County Council is undertaking a District Heating Feasibility Study for the county (2025) through consultants appointed through tender process with border Local Authorities (Cavan, Leitrim & Monaghan County Councils).
MHN 32	Bring forward initially through design the extension of the existing footbridge to footpath providing improved access to town centre and school and then through the necessary planning consent process and to construction subject to the availability of the necessary funding.	Partially achieved to date	By end of 2025	The extension to the footbridge at Castle Street has not been provided to date (See response to Objective MHN 5 in this regard). The Safe Routes to School Scheme along N16 is going to contract in the current year
MHN 33	Advance the provision of footpath and public lighting in the town to ensure that all multiple housing developments are connected to the town centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Active Travel Department constructed a footpath with public lighting to link Screeny Manor / Gleann Dara housing estates to the town. A new footpath was constructed along Commons Lane. A new footpath was constructed at Creamery Road. Further schemes will also be upgraded at McDermott Terrace and Castle View in the current year under the footpaths program.
MHN 34	Continue existing footpath and public lighting to the end of the ribbon development at Screeny (R282 Rossinver Road).	Achieved to date	Achieved	Works completed in 2023. See response to MHN 33 as well in this regard.
MHN 35	Connect SLNCR greenway recreational amenity to town centre including installation of footbridge.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	Awaiting further progress on the SLNCR route section to advance realising this objective.
MHN 36	Promote and enhance existing archaeological, built heritage elements associated with Manorhamilton and to ensure their protection.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
MHN 37	Support the development of a dedicated Manorhamilton Heritage Trail and associated signage, map and smart device app in conjunction with the local heritage group, private landowners and other stakeholders.	Achieved to date	Achieved	A heritage trail map and booklet of Manorhamilton has been produced by the Manorhamilton Historical Society. An Exploring Historic Trail Map has also been published for Manorhamilton.

MHN 38	Encourage the repurposing/reoccupation of the former Courthouse, a Protected Structure with a suitable cultural/community use with the local community acquiring the building from the Court Service.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	In 2023, the Manorhamilton Chamber of Commerce and Town Team secured €50,000 for a feasibility study and preliminary design work on the former courthouse with a view to returning the building to community use. This project will be completed in the summer of 2025 when a proposal for the future use of the building will progress through a Part 8 public consultation process.
MHN 39	Protect and maintain the Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) in Manorhamilton and the buildings contained therein. Development proposals that would undermine the setting and interpretation of any structure located within the ACA will not be permitted.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process.
MHN 40	Liaise with the relevant stakeholders to promote and enhance the ecological value of the Owenmore and Owenbeg Rivers and River Bonet.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
MHN 41	Investigate measures to increase connectivity between Manorhamilton and natural heritage assets within its wider area with an emphasis on sustainable forms of transport.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
MHN 42	Seek to identify and develop, in conjunction with local stakeholders, and subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive, additional potential access points to the Owenmore and Owenbeg Rivers from the town as an amenity feature.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date
MHN 43	Liaise with the relevant stakeholders to promote and enhance the environmental and ecological value of natural and semi-natural green spaces and habitats within and surrounding Manorhamilton.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Biodiversity training and public events delivered to community groups and individuals for Biodiversity Week and Heritage Week. The Hare's Corner project was offered to landowners, schools and community groups to develop biodiversity projects in 2024.

MHN 44	Support and promote Manorhamilton as a tourism hub having regard to its accessibility to key tourist destinations in the region including proximity to natural amenities and recreational opportunities including the North Leitrim Glens area, Glenfarne Woods and The Rainbow Ballroom of Romance, the Organic Centre and Glencar Lake and Waterfall.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Leitrim County Council continues to actively promote the various attractions such as North Leitrim Glens, Glenfarne Woods, Miltown Woods, Fowleys Falls, the Rainbow Ballroom of Romance, the Organic Centre and Glencar lake and waterfall.
MHN 45	Provide for the enhancement of tourism and amenity facilities within Manorhamilton where appropriate and to facilitate leisure tourism/amenity proposals subject to the preservation of the natural amenity of the area. Ensure that development proposals do not give rise to adverse impacts on the receiving environment.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Although outside of the town, Leitrim County Council was a partner alongside lead partner Coillte, in securing Category 1 funding of €2.32 million for the Glenfarne Wood Rural Regeneration Project (Phase 1) in 2024. This project will deliver Phase 1 of the development of Glenfarne Wood into a significant regional tourism destination.
MHN 46	Further develop Manorhamilton's considerable tourism potential for Slow Adventure, activity tourism, outdoor activities, engagement with different types of heritage and culture and linking to other north Leitrim attractions like Glencar and Glenfarne.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Manorhamilton and the wider Leitrim area is considered a potential area for Slow Adventure Tourism and the Tourism Unit is working with businesses in the area to develop new experiences.
MHN 47	Encourage owners of unoccupied holiday homes and other vacant dwellings to convert such properties to self-catering holiday lets.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process
MHN 48	Collaborate and liaise with Sligo and Cavan County Councils and with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, landowners and other relevant stakeholders in further promoting and developing the former Sligo Leitrim Northern Counties Greenway as a key tourism asset for the local community and county with the potential to further develop this project as part of a wider regional and national network of greenways.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	See response to BG OBJ 1 in this regard.
MHN 49	Facilitate and promote the appropriate development of the Opportunity Sites identified in Manorhamilton for appropriate uses that will contribute to the renewal, enhancement and regeneration of the town.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	A Town Centre First Plan for Manorhamilton is currently being produced together with the Manorhamilton Town Team. This will

DMR 1	Promote and facilitate residential growth, the expansion of local employment options and of the range of services and facilities in tandem with the development of sustainable transport options to enable Dromahair to become more self-sustaining and fulfil its role as a Tier 2B Support Town in Co. Leitrim.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process. The zoning requirements will continue to be monitored on an annual basis as part of the Core Strategy Annual Review
DMR 2	Make provision for sustainable communities in Dromahair by identifying sufficient and serviced land for new development, in particular housing, commercial, enterprise and employment, community and recreational uses.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Plan Preparation process. The zoning requirements will continue to be monitored on an annual basis as part of the Core Strategy Annual Review
DMR 3	Assist in the implementation of the actions in the Dromahair Development Framework when finalised.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	the Dromahair Development Framework has been finalised. Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and support of various funding schemes. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders in regards to this objective. The repurposing of the former Garda Station which has obtained planning permission and the development of the new library are projects which are provided for within the Development Framework.
DMR 4	Promote walking and cycling for daily activities, trips to school, creche, local shops, town centre employment and recreational/sporting facilities to the maximum extent practicable and drawing on funding opportunities presented through the Active Travel programme.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Active Travel Department have completed at a number of schemes in Dromahair to improve walking & cycling facilities. Drumlease NS was on the <i>Safe Route to School Program</i> and construction was completed in 2024.
DMR 5	Facilitate the re-use and development of existing vacant and underutilised buildings and sites for town centre uses to create a compact, vibrant town centre. The vacant Garda Station, Patton's Hall and former GP surgery are such buildings/sites which could be considered for community uses such as: multi-purpose community centre/space; creche/childcare facilities; youth facilities; older people's facilities; indoor events; indoor gym, sports and fitness facilities; dedicated meeting space for community organisations.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Town Regeneration Office acquired a derelict site in Dromahair by Compulsory Acquisition during 2024 in line with the CPO Activation Programme introduced by the Government. The Town Regeneration Office conducted a vacant property survey in 2023 for Dromahair and a health check was carried out in 2024. The formation of the Dromahair Town Team is currently underway. See response to DMR 3 also in this regard.
DMR 6	Support the undertaking of environmental and public realm enhancement works and initiatives to visually enhance the streetscape and existing built form within the Main Street and Church Road areas of the town.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date.

DMR 7	Identify and acquire a suitable site to develop an off-street public car park with a focus in the area surrounding the former Abbey Manor Hotel and Roman Catholic Church.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date.
DMR 8	Encourage the enhancement of the considerable hard surface area in front of the Woodview Inn on Main Street to include the removal of vehicles deposited at this location, the introduction of a dedicated access and egress to the car parking area which will enhance pedestrian safety, street lighting and soft landscaping.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date.
DMR 9	Seek to enhance the character of the Back Line network in Dromahair.	Achieved to date	Achieved	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. To date, public lighting has been upgraded at the Back Line.
DMR 10	Examine the potential to create a town centre market place between the Main Street and the Back Line.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	In 2024, Dromahair established a Town Team to oversee local development initiatives. To support this, Dromahair received €10,000 from the Town Centre First Town Team Support Fund. It is hoped that progress will be made in realising this objective within the life of the Plan.
DMR 11	Subject to the availability of the necessary resources (planning, design and funding to include required match funding), to seek to develop a public realm improvement scheme for Main Street with a view to enhance the pedestrian experience of users, to allow suitable hospitality businesses to open out to widened footpaths and introduction of traffic safety measures. The measures should integrate and contribute to the overall picturesque visual appearance of the town.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date.
DMR 12	Engage with and co-operate with relevant employment agencies to attract inward investment and to facilitate job creation in Dromahair.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
DMR 13	Support and facilitate further remote or blended working for the town which may include the identification of a suitable site for the development of a remote working hub in the town in addition to the facilities being provided for in the Open Library. It would be preferable if the development of such a hub consisted of the repurposing of one of the vacant buildings in the town.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.

DMR 14	Encourage the expansion of the retail and service base in Dromahair town centre commensurate with its position in the county retail hierarchy, to serve the town and its wider hinterland.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process
DMR 15	Encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses, with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Town Regeneration Office conducted a vacant property survey in 2023 for Dromahair. A successful funding application secured funding to have a health check completed and the establishment of a Town Team for during 2024. The formation of the Dromahair Town Team is currently underway. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
DMR 16	Seek the maintenance and improvement of shopfronts within the town centre. Proposals for new shopfronts should be sensitively designed with regard to their location within the streetscape and in accordance with the Leitrim County Council Guidelines on Shopfront Design, October 2003 or replacement guidelines over the life of this Plan.	Partially achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	Depending on available resources the Forward Planning Team, together with other sections of the Council, will revise the Council's Guidelines on Shopfront Design within the lifetime of the Plan.
DMR 17	Require that an appropriate mix of housing type, tenure, density and size is provided in all new residential areas and in appropriate brownfield/infill areas to meet the needs of the population of Dromahair and in line with the objectives and targets of the Core Strategy.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process.
DMR 18	Encourage the appropriate redevelopment of brownfield and infill sites for residential uses within the footprint of the existing built-up area.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process.
DMR 19	Provide for the expansion and development of educational, social, community and recreational facilities in Dromahair available to provide for the needs of the resident community and that of the wider rural hinterland.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders such as the Dromahair Arts & Recreational Committee (DARC) with regards to the delivery of community infrastructure.
DMR 20	Encourage the development of a nursing home/sheltered accommodation on lands in the ownership and control of the HSE surrounding the existing Primary Care Centre.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date.

DMR 21	Facilitate Dromahair Arts & Recreational Committee/St. Patrick's GAA in their continued development of active recreational and sports facilities on lands adjoining the Bonet River, subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Several projects are currently underway at Dromahair Park to enhance and improve the park's facilities. A new Multi Use Recreational & Training Area (MURTA) is under development and funded by the Community Recognition Fund 2023 (€120,000). Upgrades to the car park were approved under CLÁR in 2023 with funding of €50,000 received. The DARC secured funding under ORIS 2023 €10,000 to create a discovery trail in the park by installing educational signage on local biodiversity and heritage. Funding of €50,000 was allocated under CLÁR 2024 to carry out upgrades to the playground, walkway and seating areas. Funding of €50,000 was awarded under the 2024 Town and Village Project Development Measure to conduct a feasibility study on the bridge at the entrance to the park.
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DMR 22	Maintain and enhance accessibility to and within the town centre in respect of pedestrian and cycle access, public transport and car parking, with particular regard to the needs and access for people with disabilities.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
DMR 23	Identify suitable locations for EV public charging points and encourage their delivery within the life of this Development Plan.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
DMR 24	Protect the flood zones identified on the Dromahair Land Use Zoning Objectives Map from inappropriate development and direct developments/land uses into the appropriate Flood Zone in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009) or any superseding guidelines and circulars.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process.
DMR 25	Advance the provision of footpath and public lighting in the town to ensure that all multiple housing developments are connected to the town centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP through the work of the Active Travel Department.
DMR 26	Upgrade the existing pedestrian crossing at Drumlease National School in the form of a ramp, lighting and signage.	Achieved to date	Achieved	These works have been completed by the Active Travel Department.

DMR 27	Provide a footpath including enhanced public lighting linking Churchfield and Forest Grove housing estates to the town centre and to Drumlease National School.	Achieved to date	Achieved	The works have been completed at Churchfield in Q1 2025. A failed land agreement has prevented the Forest Grove link being progressed to date.
DMR 28	Upgrade the existing footpath infrastructure including public lighting provision within Drumlease Estate.	Achieved to date	Achieved	These works have been completed by the Active Travel Department.
DMR 29	Provide for enhanced pedestrian and cyclist facilities including enhanced public lighting connecting the town centre to the existing sports and recreational facilities on the Sligo Road (R288).	Achieved to date	Achieved	These works have been completed by the Active Travel Department.
DMR 30	Seek the provision of bus shelters within the town in an attempt to encourage more usage of public transport particularly having regard to proximity to Sligo.	Achieved to date	Achieved	There is an existing bus shelter in place which was improved under the Bus Stop Enhancement program.
DMR 31	Permissible uses for undeveloped lands within Flood Zones A and B that are zoned Tourism Related Development in this settlement shall be constrained to those 'water compatible' and 'less vulnerable' uses as appropriate to the particular Flood Zone (please refer to the Flood Risk Management provisions in Volume I of the Plan and to the accompanying Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process.
DMR 32	Promote and enhance existing archaeological, built heritage elements associated with Dromahair and to ensure their protection.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The County Leitrim Heritage Plan is currently under review and it is anticipated that this new Plan may include support for such projects.
DMR 33	Support the development of a dedicated Dromahair Heritage Trail and associated signage, map and smart device app in conjunction with the local heritage group, private landowners and other stakeholders.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The County Leitrim Heritage Plan is currently under review, and it is anticipated that this new Plan will include support for such projects. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP
DMR 34	Encourage the renovation and refurbishment of the former Abbey Hotel including the bringing back into active use of this Protected Structure. Whilst it would be the preference of the Planning Authority that this building remain in its original use, if viable, the Planning Authority would be flexible with regard to the future use of the structure and in particular the substantial extension to the rear of same. The rear extension is presently included on the Derelict Sites Register having regard to its dilapidated condition due to vandalism and neglect.	Achieved to date	Achieved	Permission to renovate the Abbey Hotel was granted in January 2023 under planning reference 22/138. A current planning application (Planning reference 24/60117) for modifications to this is currently was subsequently granted by the Planning Authority. The renovated structure has been brought into temporary use as an International Protection Accommodation Service centre.

DMR 35	To encourage the adaptation and re-use of the Old School building (in Church of Ireland ownership) as a Heritage and Cultural Research or Town Heritage Centre.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date. The County Leitrim Heritage Plan is currently under review and it is anticipated that this new Plan may include support for such projects.
DMR 36	Liaise with the relevant stakeholders to promote and enhance the ecological value of the River Bonet.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will seek to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
DMR 37	Investigate measures to increase connectivity between Dromahair and natural heritage assets within its wider area with an emphasis on sustainable forms of transport.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will seek to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective..
DMR 38	Seek to identify and develop, in conjunction with local stakeholders, additional potential access points to the River Bonet from the town centre.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date.
DMR 39	Explore the feasibility of developing the bank and stretch of the River Bonet that is level with the bank behind the Dromahair Arts & Recreational Committee/St. Patrick's GAA recreational lands. The proposal would be, subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive, to build a platform and have disability access, seating, safe and easy access to the river. This would increase the availability of angling, increasing access to sport and the local community's access to nature.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
DMR 40	Support and promote the tourism potential of Dromahair having regard to its accessibility to important tourist destinations in the region including proximity to natural amenities and recreational opportunities including Lough Gill, the North Leitrim Glens area and the Atlantic coastline including Sligo.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Tourism Unit supports any tourism developments in the area of Dromahair which is also included in the promotion of the Wild Atlantic Way area.

DMR 41	Provide for the enhancement of tourism and amenity facilities within Dromahair where appropriate and to facilitate leisure tourism/amenity proposals subject to the preservation of the natural amenity of the area and ensuring that development proposals do not give rise to adverse impacts on the receiving environment.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Dromahair Development Association secured a long-term lease for the former Garda Station on Main Street. This project, funded by the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, aims to renovate the building into a multi-purpose community hub, enhancing local facilities and services. Phase 1 of the works including renovation of the ground floor are complete. Phase 2 including the upper floor and grounds will be completed under the 2024 Community Recognition Fund. Upgrades to the Dromahair Park Car park, Playground and walking trail have been awarded funding under the CLÁR and ORIS schemes. A feasibility study on the redevelopment of the Dromahair Park Bridge has been approved under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.
DMR 42	Further develop Dromahair's considerable tourism potential for Slow Adventure, activity tourism, outdoor activities, engagement with different types of heritage and culture and linking to other north Leitrim attractions like Glencar and Glenfarne.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Dromahair and the wider Leitrim area is considered a potential area for Slow Adventure Tourism and tourism is working with businesses in the area to develop new experiences.
DMR 43	Encourage owners of unoccupied holiday homes and other vacant dwellings to convert such properties to self-catering holiday lets.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the development management process
DMR 44	Seek to maximise the connectivity from the proposed SLNCR greenway to the town.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
DMR 45	Enhance the connectivity (pedestrian and cycling) from Creevelea Abbey to the town and to the Dromahair Arts & Recreational Committee/St. Patrick's GAA recreational lands to the east of the town.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date.

DMR 46	Facilitate and promote the development of the Opportunity Sites identified in Dromahair (the site accommodating the vacant former Breffni Hotel and the site accommodating the vacant building and cottage immediately northwest of the former Abbey Manor Hotel) for appropriate uses that will contribute to the renewal, enhancement and regeneration of the town.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The former Breffni Hotel and lands to the rear of same have been redeveloped as the new library and 4 no. social housing units. No progress has been made in realising the objective of dealing with the vacant former hostel building and cottage immediately northwest of the Abbey Manor Hotel date. Notices were served of the intention of the Local Authority to place the former on the Derelict Sites Register.
DSO 1	Promote and facilitate residential growth, the expansion of local employment options and of the range of services and facilities in tandem with the development of sustainable transport options to enable Drumshanbo to become more self-sustaining and fulfil its role as a Tier 2B Support Town in Co. Leitrim.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process and the wider work of the Local Authority through economic development promotion, Active Travel, Tourism Office, etc.
DSO 2	Make provision for sustainable communities in Drumshanbo by identifying sufficient and serviced land for new development, in particular housing, commercial, enterprise and employment, community and recreational uses.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Plan Preparation process. The zoning requirements will continue to be monitored on an annual basis as part of the Core Strategy Annual Review
DSO 3	Facilitate the re-use and development of existing vacant and underutilised buildings and sites for town centre uses to create a compact, vibrant town centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. This will be achieved primarily through the Town Regeneration office and through the Development Management process. A number of planning permissions have been granted which seek to reuse areas at upper floors in business premises and addressing dereliction. The Town Regeneration Office conducted a vacant property survey in 2023 for Drumshanbo. The Local Authority Town Regeneration Team had a stand at the Leitrim Development Company Retrofit event held in Drumshanbo in February 2024.
DSO 4	Support the undertaking of environmental and public realm enhancement works and initiatives to visually enhance the streetscape and existing built form to include public realm measures that facilitate outdoor dining areas and the night time economy in the High Street/Main Street area of the town.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. A number of projects are ongoing in Drumshanbo in conjunction with the Community Council with the ExChange Project one such project in the centre of the town having secured both Part 8 consent and funding through the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Scheme.

DSO 5	Promote enhanced screening measures at the Drumshanbo Mart site to improve the visual aesthetics of the streetscape at this location.	Achieved to date	Achieved	A new wall has been completed along Mart link road and an upgrade provided to the car park
DSO 6	Design and implement a Regeneration/Public Realm Improvement Scheme for Drumshanbo to include inter alia the following elements: 1) The acquisition and repurposing of two prominent buildings on Main Street to create 'The Exchange Smart Working Hub', a future work facility for remote workers. It is also proposed to repurpose existing stone outbuildings to the rear of the above buildings into two independent creative studio units, creating 'The Creative Exchange'. 2) To complete the Riverside People's Park and to provide enhanced pedestrian access to the town from The Food Hub and The Shed Distillery Visitor Centre. 3) To further expand the Market Yard car park. 4) To transform the High Street into a thriving food experience and income opportunity for artisan producers creating 'The Food Exchange' whilst maintaining the special built heritage form of this unique street.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	In 2024, Leitrim County Council was successful in securing €5,555,000 of RRDF Category 1 funding for The ExCHANGE Rural Regeneration, Transforming Workspaces & Townscapes project. This project will repurpose two prominent vacant buildings in the town centre into the ExCHANGE Smart Hub Facility. The project will also deliver a riverside amenity experiences and enhancement works to People's Park. The detailed design has been completed and construction is due to commence later in 2025.
DSO 7	Engage with and co-operate with relevant employment agencies to attract inward investment and to facilitate job creation in Drumshanbo.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Economic Development Department. continue to promote the county as a whole through various initiatives. The development of the ExChange project will result in the creation of workspaces which will be marketed as available for letting. Drumshanbo Community Council have already identified a number of potential clients for this space.
DSO 8	Engage with employers, employment agencies and local stakeholders in identifying and facilitating a suitable location for a remote working hub facility within Drumshanbo. In this regard, the Council have submitted a funding application under the RRDF Scheme to develop suitable properties for this purpose.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	See response to DSC OBJ 6 above.

DSO 9	Facilitate the development of lands zoned Phase 2 Enterprise and Employment lands subject to: a) All lands zoned Enterprise and Employment have been developed; or b) A development proposal for the entire lands to be developed as part of a single planning application and subject to the availability of the necessary infrastructural capacity.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The realization of this objective is dependent on the lands zoned <i>Enterprise and Employment</i> having been developed. No planning permission has yet been sought on granted on these lands.
DSO 10	Encourage the expansion of the retail and service base in Drumshanbo town centre commensurate with its position in the county retail hierarchy, to serve the town and its wider hinterland.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. See response to DSC OBJ 3 above.
DSO 11	Encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses, with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Town Regeneration Office conducted a vacant property survey in 2023 for Drumshanbo
DSO 12	Seek the maintenance and improvement of shopfronts within the town centre. Proposals for new shopfronts should be sensitively designed with regard to their location within the streetscape and in accordance with the Leitrim County Council Guidelines on Shopfront Design, October 2003 or replacement guidelines over the life of this Plan.	Partially achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	Depending on available resources, the Forward Planning Team, together with other sections of the Council, will revise the Council's Guidelines on Shopfront Design within the lifetime of the Plan.
DSO 13	Require that an appropriate mix of housing type, tenure, density and size is provided in all new residential areas and in appropriate brownfield/infill areas to meet the needs of the population of Drumshanbo and in line with the objectives and targets of the Core Strategy.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management Process
DSO 14	Encourage the appropriate redevelopment of brownfield and infill sites for residential uses within the footprint of the existing built-up area.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the development management process
DSO 15	Provide for the expansion and development of educational, social, community and recreational facilities in Drumshanbo available to provide for the needs of the resident community and that of the wider rural hinterland.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Planning permission has been granted to extend St. Patrick's National School. The recreational offer has been significantly enhanced with the development of a new trail along former Narrow Gauge Rail line and works adjoining Acres Lake in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant

				stakeholders in regards to the delivery of community infrastructure.
DSO 16	Facilitate the development of a riverside park as previously indicated in the Drumshanbo Urban Framework Plan 2005.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Works are being undertaken as part of the RRDF ExChange project as outlined above.
DSO 17	Maintain and enhance accessibility to and within the town centre in respect of pedestrian and cycle access, public transport and car parking, with particular regard to the needs and access for people with disabilities.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority have completed & are at design stage for a number of schemes in Drumshanbo seeking to improve walking & cycling facilities. Drumshanbo Vocational School is on the <i>Safe Route to School Program</i> and Leitrim County Council are currently awaiting the Delivery Plan from An Taisce.
DSO 18	Subject to the outcome of the undertaking of a feasibility study, to undertake a route selection process within the life of the County Development Plan (as per the requirements of Plan Policy ILU POL 6) which would seek to provide a link road connecting the R208 Ballinamore Road to the R207 Dowra Road. Following the completion of this route selection process, to progress the design of the link road through the statutory planning consent process and when this has been completed, to reserve this route free from development.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date.
DSO 19	Identify suitable locations for EV public charging points and encourage their delivery within the life of this development plan.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
DSO 20	Protect the flood zones identified on the Drumshanbo Land Use Zoning Objectives Map from inappropriate development and direct developments/land uses into the appropriate Flood Zone in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process.
DSO 21	Provide a footpath including enhanced public lighting linking St. Patrick's Church to the town centre to include the provision of a pedestrian crossing.	Partially achieved to date	By end of 2025	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.

DSO 22	Provide for enhanced pedestrian and cyclist facilities including enhanced public lighting connecting St. Patrick's National School and Allen Gaels GAA Club to the town centre and surrounding areas.	Partially achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The development of a proposed pedestrian crossing and enhancements within the town centre are expected to advance to Part 8 public consultation in Q3 2025
DSO 23	Advance the provision of footpath and public lighting in the town to ensure that all multiple housing developments are connected to the town centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Active Travel Department have linked Mountain View and Radharc na Baille housing developments to the town, and also upgraded and widened the footpath on the Carrick Road to Acres Lake Amenity. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
DSO 24	Widen and improve the existing footpath along the Carrick Road to facilitate Blueway cycle traffic to the town centre.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date.
DSO 25	Permissible uses for undeveloped lands within Flood Zones A and B that are zoned Social & Community and Tourism Related Development in this settlement shall be constrained to those 'water compatible' and 'less vulnerable' uses as appropriate to the particular Flood Zone (please refer to the Flood Risk Management provisions in Volume I of the Plan and to the accompanying Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
DSO 26	Provide a footpath including enhanced public lighting linking Mountain View housing development to the existing footpath network of the town in conjunction with the completion of Mountain View housing development.	Achieved to date	Achieved	The Active Travel Department have linked Mountain View housing development to the town.
DSO 27	Promote and enhance existing archaeological, built and natural heritage elements associated with Drumshanbo and to ensure their protection.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The County Leitrim Heritage Plan is currently under review and it is anticipated that this new Plan may include support for such projects.
DSO 28	Protect and maintain the Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) in Drumshanbo and the buildings contained therein. Development proposals that would undermine the setting and interpretation of any structure located within the ACA will not be permitted.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management Process
DSO 29	Support the development of a dedicated Drumshanbo Heritage Trail incorporating the surrounding hinterlands to promote local history and cultural heritage.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date. The County Leitrim Heritage Plan is currently under review and it is anticipated that this new Plan may include support for such projects.

DSO 30	Liaise with the relevant stakeholders to promote and enhance the ecological value of Lough Allen.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will seek to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
DSO 31	Investigate measures to increase connectivity between Drumshanbo and natural heritage assets within its wider area with an emphasis on sustainable forms of transport.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date. The Local Authority will seek to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
DSO 32	Protect the trees contained in Corryard Wood, the subject of Tree Protection Order (ref. TPO 06/01).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
DSO 33	Support and develop the tourism product of Drumshanbo having regard to its accessibility to important tourist destinations in the region including proximity to natural amenities and recreational opportunities including the Shannon Blueway and Lough Allen.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Many of the actions identified as part of the Drumshanbo & Leitrim Village Tourism & Economic Development Strategy 2022 - 2027 are currently being implemented. Regular meetings take place between Drumshanbo Community Council, Leitrim Village Development Association, Leitrim County Council and Waterways Ireland to progress these actions.
DSO 34	Provide for the enhancement of tourism and amenity facilities within Drumshanbo where appropriate and to facilitate leisure tourism/amenity proposals subject to the preservation of the natural amenity of the area. Ensure that development proposals do not give rise to adverse impacts on the receiving environment.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. See response to DSO 33 above.
DSO 35	Seek to advance through planning and detailed design the development of a greenway (walking/cycling route) along the former narrow gauge rail line and to integrate this infrastructure with other existing/proposed walking routes/footpaths around the town. Subject to planning consent being obtained, to seek to deliver the development of the Greenway within the life of this Development Plan.	Achieved to date	By end of Q3 2025	In 2023, Leitrim County Council was successful in securing €392,230 of ORIS Measure 3 funding for <i>The Drumshanbo Narrow Gauge Trail</i> project. This project includes the construction of a 960m trail in Drumshanbo, linking the Dowra Road to Church Road and extended onto the Ballinamore Road. The total cost of the project is €435,812. A contractor is appointed to complete the project, with works due to be completed in mid-July 2025.
DSO 36	Facilitate and promote the appropriate development of the Opportunity Site identified in Drumshanbo (former petrol station site on Church Street) for appropriate uses that will contribute to the renewal, enhancement and regeneration of the town.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date. The Local Authority will seek to engage with all relevant stakeholder with regard to this objective.

KLN 1	Promote and facilitate residential growth, the expansion of local employment options and of the range of services and facilities in tandem with the development of sustainable transport options to enable Kinlough to become more self-sustaining and fulfil its role as a Tier 2B Support Town in Co. Leitrim.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process and the wider work of the Local Authority through economic development promotion, Active Travel, Tourism Office, etc.
KLN 2	Make provision for sustainable communities in Kinlough by identifying sufficient and serviced land for new development, in particular housing, commercial, enterprise and employment, community and recreational uses.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Plan Preparation process. The zoning requirements will continue to be monitored on an annual basis as part of the Core Strategy Annual Review
KLN 3	Promote walking and cycling for daily activities, trips to school, creche, local shops, town centre employment and recreational/sporting facilities to the maximum extent practicable and drawing on funding opportunities presented through the Active Travel programme.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Active Travel Department have completed a number of schemes in Kinlough to improve walking & cycling facilities. Footpaths were completed at Millbrook & Melvin Court under the <i>Footpath Program</i> and will be completed at Manor Grove, New Houses Kinlough and on R280 in 2025.
KLN 4	Facilitate the re-use and development of existing vacant and underutilised buildings and sites for town centre uses to create a compact, vibrant town centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. This will be achieved primarily through the Town Regeneration Office and through the Development Management process. The Town Regeneration Office conducted a vacant property survey in 2023 for Kinlough town. Kerr's building was purchased under the Town and Village (Building Acquisition Measure) in 2023. Subsequently, a Category 2 RRDF application was submitted to Department of Rural & Community Development in March 2025 to redevelop the property into a shared resource and recreation space.
KLN 5	Support the undertaking of environmental and public realm enhancement works and initiatives to visually enhance the streetscape and existing built form within the Main Street area of the town including the shared use of spaces, for outdoor experiences, with a priority on pedestrian usage and designed to accommodate universal access.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date.

KLN 6	Require the development of lands identified with a Mixed Use land use zoning to the west of Main Street to be dependent on the widening of the access road (L-20751-0) allowing for two way traffic movements to include the provision of a footpath and street lighting.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date. This will be largely driven by the private sector and facilitated by the Planning Authority.
KLN 7	Engage with and co-operate with relevant employment agencies to attract inward investment and to facilitate job creation in Kinlough, with a particular emphasis on developing light industrial and manufacturing employment within the settlement.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Economic Development Department continue to promote the county as a whole through various initiatives. This includes the availability of Remote Working Hubs.
KLN 9	Encourage the expansion of the retail and service base in Kinlough town centre commensurate with its position in the county retail hierarchy, to serve the town and its wider hinterland.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process
KLN 10	Encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses, with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Town Regeneration Office conducted a vacant property survey in 2023 for Kinlough. A successful funding application secured funding to have a health check completed and for the establishment of a Town Team for Kinlough during 2024. Work around governance and constitution and the facilitation of regular Town Team meetings has assisted this process with a view to revitalising Kinlough. Funding was secured under the Building Acquisition Measure 2023, Town & Village funding, to purchase a vacant building in Kinlough to be used as community facility and return it to productive use. It is hoped it will receive further funding in 2025 to complete the physical work on building. Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process
KLN 11	Seek the maintenance and improvement of shopfronts within the town centre. Proposals for new shopfronts should be sensitively designed with regard to their location within the streetscape and in accordance with the Leitrim County Council Guidelines on Shopfront Design, October 2003 or replacement guidelines over the life of this Plan.	Partially achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	Depending on available resources the Forward Planning Team, together with other sections of the Council, will revise the Council's Guidelines on Shopfront Design within the lifetime of the Plan.

KLN 12	Require that an appropriate mix of housing type, tenure, density and size is provided in all new residential areas and in appropriate brownfield/infill areas to meet the needs of the population of Kinlough and in line with the objectives and targets of the Core Strategy.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
KLN 13	Encourage the appropriate redevelopment of brownfield and infill sites for residential uses within the footprint of the existing built-up area.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process. One such brownfield site off Main Street is being redeveloped to provide 4 no. residential units.
KLN 14	Facilitate a phased work out of the Lough Melvin Forest Park unfinished housing development over the life of this Development Plan. This Development Plan supports the principle of the completion and occupation of a total of 50 no. houses to include the 24 no. houses effectively completed adjoining Clanchy Court housing development. The principle of completion of the hotel / leisure centre is acceptable in principle and the office development is open to consideration. Any further uses within the overall lands zoned for 'New Residential' will be considered on their individual merits within this context and guided by the Zoning Matrix. The completion of the Lough Melvin Forest Park development shall provide of an area of open space and amenity for the wider community to include people who have mobility issues and the facilitation of a foul sewer connection to serve the adjoining Eco Park on the Rossinver Road, subject to the agreement of Irish Water.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
KLN 15	Provide for the expansion and development of educational, social, community and recreational facilities in Kinlough available to provide for the needs of the resident community and that of the wider rural hinterland.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders in regards to the delivery of community infrastructure.
KLN 16	Maintain and enhance accessibility to and within the town centre in respect of pedestrian and cycle access, public transport and car parking, with particular regard to the needs and access for people with disabilities.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. A number of schemes have been completed as part of the Roadworks Program and Active Travel schemes.

KLN 17	Identify suitable locations for EV public charging points and encourage their delivery within the life of this Development Plan.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
KLN 18	Protect the flood zones identified on the Kinlough Land Use Zoning Objectives Map from inappropriate development and direct developments/land uses into the appropriate Flood Zone in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
KLN 19	Advance the provision of footpath and public lighting in the town to ensure that all multiple housing developments are connected to the town centre.	Achieved to date	Achieved	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Footpaths have been extended to link housing estates to urban centres at the following locations: Darty View, Melvin Fields, Oakfield Manor, Glenview, Melvin Court & Millbrook.
KLN 20	Provide a footpath including public lighting linking Melvin Fields (L-60641-0) and Dartry View (R280) housing developments and along Edenville Road (L-6080-1) to the existing town footpath network.	Achieved to date	Partially Achieved	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. See response to KLN 19 above.
KLN 21	Upgrade the local road (L-2075-1) past the Four Masters National School to include the provision of a cross section allowing 2 vehicles to pass, footpath and street lighting. This may also require the widening of the adjoining bridge. Such infrastructural upgrades will be dependent on a proposal being advanced through the development management process to develop the adjoining Enterprise and Employment lands.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date. This would require Specific Improvement Grant funding and to date, such funding has not been made available from the Department of Transport.
KLN 22	Seek to widen the existing footpath along the western side of the R280 past St. Julian's house to the mixed use development at the junction to The New Houses.	Partially achieved to date	By end of 2025	Footpath works at the New Houses will be completed in the current year
KLN 23	Promote and enhance existing archaeological and built heritage elements associated with Kinlough and to ensure their protection.	Ongoing	In the lifetime of the CDP	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process. The County Leitrim Heritage Plan is currently under review and it is anticipated that this new Plan may include support for such projects.
KLN 24	Liaise with the relevant stakeholders to promote and enhance the ecological value of Lough Melvin.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.

KLN 25	Investigate measures to increase connectivity between Kinlough and natural heritage assets within its wider area with an emphasis on sustainable forms of transport.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
KLN 26	Support and promote the tourism potential of Kinlough having regard to its accessibility to important tourist destinations in the region including proximity to natural amenities and recreational opportunities such as Lough Melvin, the North Leitrim Glens area and the Atlantic coastline.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Tourism Team continues to promote the town of Kinlough and surrounding areas.
KLN 27	Provide for the enhancement of tourism and amenity facilities within Kinlough where appropriate and to facilitate leisure tourism/amenity proposals subject to the preservation of the natural amenity of the area. Ensure that development proposals do not give rise to adverse impacts on the receiving environment.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process. Any development opportunities will be assessed and pursued through the relevant funding programs.
KLN 28	Facilitate the restoration and bringing back into active use of Kinlough House, a Protected Structure. The Development Plan would facilitate an integrated tourism development within the former curtilage/attendant grounds of Kinlough House to include the provision of accommodation (short stay in duration) such as holiday homes/chalets as part of facilitating the realisation of this primary objective. Any such proposal would have to be accompanied by a Framework Plan clearly outlining the phasing of development linked to the restoration of Kinlough House with the input of architects with conservation expertise a prerequisite.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date. This will be largely driven by the private sector and facilitated by the Planning Authority.
KLN 29	Seek funding to develop a feasibility study regarding the provision of a greenway linking Kinlough to Bundoran in conjunction with Donegal County Council. Pending the completion and outcome of the feasibility study, including ensuring compliance with the Habitats Directive, to bring the project through design and planning approval stage and in time, to construction and operation.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	This would be a potential ORIS project development measure application in future.

KLN 30	Facilitate and promote the appropriate development of the Opportunity Site identified in Kinlough (undeveloped infill site on Main Street) for appropriate uses that will contribute to the renewal, enhancement and regeneration of the town.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date. This will be largely driven by the private sector and facilitated by the Planning Authority.
MHL 1	Promote and facilitate residential growth, the expansion of local employment options and of the range of services and facilities in tandem with the development of sustainable transport options to enable Mohill to become more self-sustaining and fulfil its role as a Tier 2B Support Town in Co. Leitrim.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process and the wider work of the Local Authority through economic development promotion, Active Travel, Tourism Office, etc.
MHL 2	Make provision for sustainable communities in Mohill by identifying sufficient and serviced land for new development, in particular housing, commercial, enterprise and employment, community and recreational uses.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Plan Preparation process. The zoning requirements will continue to be monitored on an annual basis as part of the Core Strategy Annual Review
MHL 3	Assist in the implementation of the actions contained in the Mohill Urban Framework for Living	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Mohill Public Realm Scheme forms part of this Framework. The scheme was officially opened in April 2025.

MHL 4	Prepare Framework Plans for the three identified Mixed Use backland sites to the north of Main Street/Glebe Street, south of Main Street/east of Hyde Street and south of Main Street/west of Hyde Street, as depicted in the accompanying Development Objectives Map for Mohill. The Framework Plans shall have regard to the accessing, permeability and connectivity network contained in the Mohill - Urban Framework for Living (2020) for these areas and shall seek to maximise connectivity beyond their respective site areas. The Framework Plans shall identify the location of car parking, building lines/heights, uses and amenities/recreational spaces in conjunction with landowners and other stakeholders. The Framework Plans will set out guiding principles for development to secure high standards in quality and urban design for the future development of lands and to generally create well connected living environments. The Framework Plans will set out indicative development proposals for the lands in question. The Framework Plan for lands east of Hyde Street and south of Main Street shall be progressed first.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	Preliminary exploratory discussions took place with some landowners south of Main Street/west of Hyde Street to gauge their interest in pursuing such a Framework Plan. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
MHL 5	Facilitate the re-use and development of existing vacant and under utilised buildings and sites for town centre uses to create a compact, vibrant town centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. This will be achieved primarily through the Town Regeneration office and through the Development Management process. A number of planning permissions have been granted which seek to reuse areas at upper floors in business premises and addressing dereliction. The Regeneration Team attended a Leitrim PPN meeting in Mohill in May 2024 where a presentation of vacancy incentives was explained along with a Q&A session.
MHL 6	Support the undertaking of environmental and public realm enhancement works and initiatives to visually enhance the streetscape and existing built form including public realm measures that facilitate outdoor dining areas and the night time economy in the Main Street area of the town.	Achieved to date	By end of 2025	As outlined in the response to MHL 3, the Public Realm works are substantially complete.

MHL 7	Facilitate the development of backland sites and associated access measures in the interests of more sustainable compact growth development patterns over the lifetime of this development plan and beyond.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
MHL 8	Engage with and co-operate with relevant employment agencies to attract inward investment and to facilitate job creation in Mohill.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Economic Development Department continue to promote the county as a whole through various initiatives. This includes the availability of Remote Working Hubs.
MHL 9	To maximise remote working opportunities in Mohill building on the considerable work already undertaken by the Enterprise Centre. In the event that additional space is required for remote working which could not be accommodated at the Enterprise Centre, this should consist of the repurposing of one of the vacant commercial properties in the town.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
MHL 10	Encourage the expansion of the retail and service base in Mohill town centre commensurate with its position in the county retail hierarchy, to serve the town and its wider hinterland.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process
MHL 11	Encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses, with due cognizance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Town Regeneration Office conducted a vacant property survey in 2023 for Mohill town. A number of vacant commercial buildings have been brought back into beneficial use which is encouraging.
MHL 12	Seek the maintenance and improvement of shopfronts within the town centre. Proposals for new shopfronts should be sensitively designed with regard to their location within the streetscape and in accordance with the Leitrim County Council Guidelines on Shopfront Design, October 2003 or replacement guidelines over the life of this Plan.	Partially achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	Depending on available resources, the Forward Planning Team, together with other sections of the Council, will revise the Council's Guidelines on Shopfront Design within the lifetime of the Plan.
MHL 13	Require that an appropriate mix of housing type, tenure, density and size is provided in all new residential areas and in appropriate brownfield/infill areas to meet the needs of the population of Mohill and in line with the objectives and targets of the Core Strategy.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
MHL 14	Encourage the appropriate redevelopment of brownfield and infill sites for residential uses within the footprint of the existing built-up area.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process. This includes the acquisition of a vacant property on Castle Street and the securing of Part 8 consent for its conversion and extension into 3 residential

				units.
MHL 15	Engage in the active land management of vacant sites and properties. A particular emphasis will be placed on the active land management of vacant sites zoned Mixed Use as well as engaging proactively with landowners and prospective developers with the aim of encouraging the high-quality redevelopment of such vacant sites.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process. This is achieved through the implementation of the Residential Zoned Land Tax and the work of the Town Regeneration Officer and Vacant Homes Officer.
MHL 16	Provide for the expansion and development of educational, social, community and recreational facilities in Mohill available to provide for the needs of the resident community and that of the wider rural hinterland.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regards to the delivery of community infrastructure.
MHL 17	Advance the implementation of the pedestrian and cyclist routes identified in the Mohill - Urban Framework for Living (2020) connecting the housing areas of the town to the town centre, to educational and sporting/recreational uses and to centres of employment. The overall strategy seeks to integrate these routes to a proposed walking loop and new riverside walks.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Leitrim County Council are progressing schemes in Mohill to improve walking & cycling facilities. Mohill Community College & St Manchans NS are on the <i>Safe Route to School Program</i> and the design has secured Part 8 consent. Footpath works at Hyde Terrace and Twaneely will be completed in 2025 along with the upgrade of the footpath to Lough Rinn.
MHL 18	Seek to advance through planning and detailed design the development of a greenway (walking/cycling route) along the former narrow gauge rail line and to integrate this infrastructure with other existing/proposed walking routes/footpaths around the town. Subject to planning consent being obtained, to seek to deliver the development of the Greenway within the life of this Development Plan.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	This would be a potential ORIS project development measure application in future.
MHL 19	Maintain and enhance accessibility to and within the town centre in respect of pedestrian and cycle access, public transport and car parking, with particular regard to the needs and access for people with disabilities.	Achieved to date	Achieved	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
MHL 20	Identify suitable locations for EV public charging points and encourage their delivery within the life of this Development Plan.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.

MHL 21	Protect the flood zones identified on the Mohill Land Use Zoning Objectives Map from inappropriate development and direct developments/land uses into the appropriate Flood Zone in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
MHL 22	Advance the provision of footpaths and public lighting in the town to ensure that all multiple housing developments are connected to the town centre.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
MHL 23	Permissible uses for undeveloped lands within Flood Zones A and B that are zoned Tourism Related Development in this settlement shall be constrained to those ‘water compatible’ and ‘less vulnerable’ uses as appropriate to the particular Flood Zone (please refer to the Flood Risk Management provisions in Volume I of the Plan and to the accompanying Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
MHL 24	Promote and enhance existing archaeological, built heritage elements associated with Mohill and to ensure their protection.	Ongoing	In the lifetime of the CDP	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process. The County Leitrim Heritage Plan is currently under review and it is anticipated that this new Plan may include support for such projects.
MHL 25	Protect and maintain the Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) in Mohill and the buildings contained therein. Development proposals that would undermine the setting and interpretation of any structure located within the ACA will not be permitted.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
MHL 26	Support the development of a dedicated Mohill Heritage Trail incorporating the surrounding hinterlands to promote local history and cultural heritage.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective to date. The County Leitrim Heritage Plan is currently being reviewed and it is anticipated that this new Plan may include support for such projects.
MHL 27	Liaise with the relevant stakeholders to promote and enhance the ecological value of Lough Rinn.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
MHL 28	Investigate measures to increase connectivity between Mohill and natural heritage assets within its wider area with an emphasis on sustainable forms of transport.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.

MHL 29	Support and promote the tourism potential of Mohill having regard to its accessibility to important tourist destinations in the region including the Lough Rynn Castle Hotel and Estate and Lough Rynn Recreational Centre along with the cultural heritage significance of the town itself.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Tourism Team continues to support the development and promotion of Mohill and its surrounding areas, with a particular focus on the Lough Rinn Recreational Amenity.
MHL 30	Provide for the enhancement of tourism and amenity facilities within Mohill where appropriate and to facilitate leisure tourism/amenity proposals subject to the preservation of the natural amenity of the area. Ensure that development proposals do not give rise to adverse impacts on the receiving environment.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
MHL 31	Advance the provision of footpath and public lighting connecting Lough Rinn Caravan Park and Rowing Amenity and Lough Rinn resort to the town centre	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	See the response to MHL 17 above. The lighting of this footpath would require Part 8 planning consent and a suitable source of funding to install the necessary lighting infrastructure. There is currently no funding available to install these lights, Leitrim County Council will endeavour to source a suitable funding stream for this scheme.
MHL 32	Support and promote the development of the Cavan-Leitrim Greenway through Mohill as a key tourism asset for the local community and county with the potential to further develop this project as part of a wider regional and national network of greenways.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The South Leitrim Greenway is currently being developed in line with the TII Project Management Guidelines. The Scheme is currently at Phase 0 ' <i>Scope and Pre-Appraisal Phase</i> '. A Project/Programme Outline Document (POD) has been completed and submitted as part of the deliverables for this phase to the TII. Subject to TII Approval, the scheme will then move into Phase 1 ' <i>Concept & Feasibility Stage</i> ' later this year if deemed a feasible project by the TII. The scheme includes a proposed greenway section between Dromod and Aughawillan passing through the town of Mohill.
MHL 33	Facilitate and promote the appropriate development of the Opportunity Sites identified in Mohill (former Butter Market site on Main Street and the former Beirne's Pub and Nova Nightclub venue on Hill Street) for appropriate uses that will contribute to the renewal, enhancement and regeneration of the town.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	A planning application for the redevelopment of Opportunity Site 2 on Hill Street was lodged in March 2025 and a decision is due later this year.

CN 1	Support the further consolidation of housing in Carrigallen with the development of serviced infill opportunities.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
CN 2	Support the provision of local and community services to assist in sustaining the resident community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to the delivery of community infrastructure.
CN 3	Support and promote the development of the tourism potential of Carrigallen having regard to setting beside Carrigallen Lough, the importance of angling in the area and accessibility to important tourist destinations in the wider region.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Economic Development Department are currently exploring the possibility of opening up access to the lake in Carrigallen with the provision of a fishing stand, launch pad, seating area for use by the community & visitors alike. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
CN 4	Encourage the repair and reuse of vacant and derelict buildings in the village centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Town Regeneration Office conducted a vacant property survey in 2023 for Carrigallen. The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
CN 5	Implement the Vacant Site Levy (or replacement policy instrument) as a regeneration activation measure where appropriate in the village centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is being implemented on lands that meet the criteria in Co. Leitrim. To date, residential and mixed use zoned lands in Carrigallen are not liable for RZLT due to an ongoing deficit in relation to wastewater infrastructure.
CN 6	Promote healthy placemaking through attractive, well-designed, ‘liveable’ and sustainable communities.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process
CN 7	Support the completion of the car park serving the Corn Mill Theatre & Arts Centre.	Achieved to date	Achieved	The car park has been completed and is a valuable asset to Carrigallen.
CN 8	Reserve the lands zoned Social & Community to the south of the existing Scoil Mhuire Naofa National School to accommodate the potential relocation of Carrigallen Vocational School should the Department of Education determine that the potential expansion of the School cannot be accommodated at its current location.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process.

CN 9	<p>Allow for the provision of residential development on the lands zoned Social & Community to the south of the existing Scoil Mhuire Naofa National School in the event that the relocation of Carrigallen Vocational School to these subject lands is not required and subject to the following criteria being met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Planning Authority receives written confirmation from the Department of Education that the subject lands are not required in accommodating the proposed expansion/relocation of Carrigallen Vocational School. 2. The upgrade of the Carrigallen Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to increase headroom capacity within the settlement has been completed or is scheduled for completion to the satisfaction of Irish Water with sufficient capacity to accommodate any residential development on the subject lands. Written confirmation from Irish Water to the Planning Authority is required confirming same. 3. Any potential development of the lands for residential development would be limited to a maximum of 20 no. units within the life of this Development Plan. 	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process.
CN 10	Provide for the extension of the public footpath / street lighting along the Longford Road from Masterson's commercial property to connect to the footpath opposite inclusive of a pedestrian crossing.	Not achieved to date	By end of 2025	An Active Travel link will be provided to the Health Centre in the current year.
DD 1	Support the further consolidation of housing in the village with the development of serviced infill opportunities.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer .
DD 2	Support the provision of local and community services to assist in sustaining the resident community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regards to the delivery of community infrastructure.

DD 3	Support and promote the further development of the tourism potential of Dromod having regard to its water based setting along the Shannon navigation and accessibility to important tourist destinations in the region.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. A Category 2 RRDF application was submitted to Department of Rural & Community Development on 14 th March in relation to <i>Shannonside Villages</i> . This is an ambitious public realm and infrastructural scheme relating to the villages of Dromod, Drumsna, Leitrim Village and Roosky.
DD 4	Seek to advance the development of a 'greyway' (unlit walkway trail/cycleway) linking the villages of Dromod to Roosky.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Part 8 consent is now in place for this scheme. An application was submitted to ORIS Measure 3 in March 2025
DD 5	Seek to advance through planning and detailed design the development of a greenway (walking/cycling route) along the former narrow gauge rail line and to integrate this infrastructure with other existing walking routes/footpaths around the village. Subject to planning consent being obtained, to seek to deliver the development of the greenway within the life of this Development Plan.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	This would be a potential ORIS project development measure application in future.
DD 6	Seek the redevelopment of the former ABP beef processing plant in Dromod and adjoining lands for enterprise and employment uses.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
DD 7	Ensure applications for development on lands identified as flood risk areas, shall be subject to a Specific Flood Risk Assessment and Justification Test, in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009), or any superseding guidelines and circulars	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
DD 8	Permissible uses for undeveloped lands within Flood Zones A and B that are zoned Tourism Related Development in this settlement shall be constrained to those 'water compatible' and 'less vulnerable' uses as appropriate to the particular Flood Zone (please refer to the Flood Risk Management provisions in Volume I of the Plan and to the accompanying Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
DN 1	Support the further consolidation of housing in Drumkeeran with the development of serviced infill opportunities.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and grays in the county and will be

				finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
DN 2	Support the provision of local and community services to assist in sustaining the resident community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to the delivery of community infrastructure.
DN 3	Encourage the reuse and repair of vacant and derelict buildings in the village centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and support of various funding schemes to regenerate and repurpose vacant buildings
DN 4	Implement the Vacant Site Levy (or replacement policy instrument) as a regeneration activation measure where appropriate in the village centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is being implemented on lands that meet the criteria in Co. Leitrim. This includes the village of Drumkeerran.
DN 5	Promote healthy placemaking through attractive, well-designed, ‘liveable’ and sustainable communities.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will seek to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
DN 6	Encourage the development of a remote working hub in the village centre.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	A new Broadband Connection Point is currently being developed in the Drumkeeran Enterprise Centre.
DN 7	To support and facilitate the upgrade and enhancement of Corry Strand subject to proper planning and environmental considerations.	Achieved to date	Achieved	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Upgrade works to Corry Strand were completed under ORIS 2020.
DN 8	To investigate the provision of a suitable walkway linking Drumkeeran to Corry Strand.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made with regard to the realization of this objective. This can be progressed going forward subject to available funding and the achievement of the required planning consent and land acquisition.
DN 9	To provide for the extension of public lighting along the stretch of the R280 Regional Road to include all lands identified within the land use zoning objectives map.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made with regard to the realization of this objective. Currently there is no funding source available for extensions to public lighting.
DA 1	Support the further consolidation of housing in the village with the development of serviced infill opportunities.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potentials sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
DA 2	Support the provision of local and community services to assist in sustaining the community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to the delivery of community

				infrastructure.
DA 3	Encourage opportunities for the development of employment generation through appropriate developments, commensurate with the scale of the village, and in accordance with the principles of proper planning and sustainable development.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	A Category 2 RRDF application was submitted to Department of Rural & Community Development on 14 th March in relation to <i>Shannonside Villages</i> . This is an ambitious public realm and infrastructural scheme relating to the villages of Dromod, Drumsna, Leitrim Village and Roosky. This project has the potential to bring economic and tourism benefits including employment Generation for Drumsna.
DA 4	Support and promote the further development of the tourism potential of Drumsna having regard to its water based setting along the Shannon, its navigation and accessibility to important tourist destinations in the region along with the cultural heritage significance of the village itself.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. See response to DA 3 above.
DA 5	Seek to advance the development of a walkway trail/cycleway linking the villages of Drumsna to Jamestown in co-operation with Roscommon County Council and the availability of necessary funding.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	An application has been submitted by Roscommon County Council under Project Development Measure, ORIS in March 2025
DA 6	Carry out improvements and widening to existing footpaths within the village to allow for dual usage as footpath/cycle track.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
DA 7	Ensure applications for development on lands identified as flood risk areas, shall be subject to a Specific Flood Risk Assessment and Justification Test, in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009), or any superseding guidelines and circulars.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process

DA 8	Permissible uses for undeveloped lands within Flood Zones A or B that are zoned for 'Tourism Related Development' land use in this settlement shall be constrained to those "water compatible" and "less vulnerable" uses as appropriate to the particular Flood Zone (please refer to the flood risk management provisions in Volume I Written Statement and to the accompanying Strategic Flood Risk Assessment).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
LM 1	Support the further consolidation of housing in the village with the development of serviced infill opportunities.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
LM 2	Support the provision of local and community services to assist in sustaining the resident community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to the delivery of community infrastructure. Funding of €0.5million was secured under the Building Acquisition measure of the Town & Village funding 2023, to purchase a vacant building Leitrim Village to be used as community facilities and return this vacant building to productive use.
LM 3	Support and promote the further development of the tourism potential of Leitrim Village having regard to its water based setting along the Shannon navigation and accessibility to important tourist destinations in the region.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. A Category 2 RRDF application was submitted to Department of Rural & Community Development on 14 th March in relation to <i>Shannonside Villages</i> . This is an ambitious public realm and infrastructural scheme relating to the villages of Dromod, Drumsna, Leitrim Village and Roosky.
LM 4	Integrate the proposed greenway from Carrick-on-Shannon to Leitrim Village/Battlebridge with other existing walking routes/footpaths around the village.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Project planning at an advanced stage. This could be a potential RRDF/URDF project application and would be complimentary to the Blueway project in the area.
LM 5	Complete the footpath provision from the entrance to the Marina Hotel to the existing footpath in front of Donnellan's public house	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The realization of this objective will be linked to that of the Building Acquisition measures referred to in the response to LM 2 above.

LM 6	Support the development of a playground on land zoned Open Space & Amenity.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective. Considerable progress has been made in the identification of a suitable location for such a playground and negotiations are ongoing with the respective landowners.
LM 7	Require the removal of the vacant and derelict building at the junction of the Keadue Road with the Drumshanbo Road which is detracting from the visual amenities of the village. The full suite of power available to the Local Authority will be relied upon to realise this objective. Following the removal of this building, to seek either the redevelopment of the property or the screening of the garage and vehicles behind same by the landowner.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The structure is presently on the Derelict Sites Register and some works have been undertaken in accordance with notices issued. This matter is presently under review.
LM 8	Ensure applications for development on lands identified as flood risk areas, shall be subject to a Specific Flood Risk Assessment and Justification Test, in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009), or any superseding guidelines and circulars.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process

LM 9	Permissible uses for undeveloped lands within Flood Zones A or B that are zoned for 'Tourism Related Development' land use in this settlement shall be constrained to those "water compatible" and "less vulnerable" uses as appropriate to the particular Flood Zone (please refer to the flood risk management provisions in Volume I Written Statement and to the accompanying Strategic Flood Risk Assessment).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
TN 1	Support the further consolidation of housing in the village with the development of serviced infill opportunities and the completion of Aigéan Croith housing development.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
TN 2	Support the provision of local and community services to assist in sustaining the resident community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to the delivery of community infrastructure.
TN 3	Support and promote the further development of the tourism potential of Tullaghan having regard to its unique coastal setting and accessibility to important tourist destinations in the region.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The <i>Tullaghan Access to Sea Project</i> is now complete providing access to Tullaghan's coastline. The amenity continues to be developed with a new playground funded under CLÁR 2023
TN 4	Implement the approved development of a public car park, walkway and amenity area to provide coastal access to residents and visitors.	Achieved to date	Achieved	Coastal access has been provided and a car park developed
TN 5	Support the development of a playground on land zoned Open Space & Amenity.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
BH 1	Facilitate the development of serviced sites within the village.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
BH 2	Support the provision of tourism and amenity facilities within the village and in particular to seek to develop a safe and convenient pedestrian and cycling link from Cleighran Mór marina to the village.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective. This could be a potential RRDF or ORIS project application, depending on scale.

BH 3	Support the provision of local and community services to assist in sustaining the community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to the delivery of community infrastructure.
CE 1	Support the provision of local and community services to assist in sustaining the community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders in regards to the delivery of community infrastructure.
CE 2	To support the local community in the further development of the Bóthar Na Naomh facility, a recreational, sports, heritage and nature trail in the environs of Annaghmacanway Lough.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Extensive works have already been completed on this trail. Further improvements could be considered under ORIS in future.
CE 3	Facilitate the development of low density residential development and infill opportunities at appropriate locations within the development envelope.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process.
DA 1	Facilitate works which improve the entrance on approach roads to the village.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP.
DA 2	Support the growth and expansion of St. Hugh's National School.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - as part of the Plan Preparation process. Lands have been zoned for Social and Community use in the CDP to allow for expansion of the school.
DA 3	Facilitate the development of serviced sites within the village.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
DA 4	Support the provision of local and community services to assist in sustaining the community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to the delivery of community infrastructure.
DA 5	Ensure applications for development on lands identified as flood risk areas, shall be subject to a Specific Flood Risk Assessment and Justification Test, in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009), or any superseding guidelines and circulars.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process

DG 1	Support the development of a playground on land zoned Open Space & Amenity.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective. The Local Authority will continue to engage with relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
DG 2	Support the development of tourism and amenity facilities within the village.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. This could be a potential RRDF or ORIS project application, depending on scale.
DG 3	Support the further consolidation of housing in the village with the development of serviced infill opportunities.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
DG 4	Support the provision of local and community services to assist in sustaining the community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to the delivery of community infrastructure.
FH 1	Facilitate the provision of serviced sites and infill opportunities within the development envelope.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
FH 2	Support the provision of local and community services which can assist in sustaining and developing a resident community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to the delivery of community infrastructure.
FH 3	Seek to advance through planning and detailed design the development of a greenway (walking/cycling route) along the former narrow gauge rail line and to integrate this infrastructure with other existing walking routes/footpaths around the village. Subject to planning consent being obtained, to seek to deliver the development of the Greenway within the life of this Development Plan.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	This could be a potential ORIS project application, depending on scale.
FH 4	Support and promote the further development of the tourism potential of Fenagh having regard to the cultural heritage significance of the village and surrounding area.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	An application was submitted for the Fenagh Heritage Trail under ORIS Measure 2 in March 2025

FH 5	Permissible uses for undeveloped lands within Flood Zones A or B identified for 'General Development' in this settlement shall be constrained to those "water compatible" and "less vulnerable" uses as appropriate to the particular Flood Zone (please refer to the flood risk management provisions in Volume I Written Statement and to the accompanying Strategic Flood Risk Assessment).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
GE 1	Facilitate the provision of serviced sites and infill opportunities within the development envelope of Glenfarne with a site identified in Sranagross opposite the playground along with the unfinished housing development at Brockagh Lower. RUR SET OBJ 6 is also of particular relevance in this regard.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
GE 2	Seek to advance the development of the lands directly across from St. Michael's Church for low density serviced sites subject to an acceptable means of wastewater treatment being provided which would not result in environmental impacts arising.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	See response to GE 1 above.
GE 3	Seek to maximise the connectivity from the proposed SLNCR greenway to Glenfarne and to integrate this infrastructure with other existing walking routes/footpaths around the village.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. See response to BG OBJ 1.
GE 4	Support and promote the further development of Glenfarne's considerable tourism potential for Slow Adventure, activity tourism, outdoor activities, engagement with different types of heritage and culture and linking to other north Leitrim attractions.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Glenfarne and the wider Leitrim area is considered a potential area for Slow Adventure Tourism and the Tourism team is working with businesses in the area to develop new experiences.
GE 5	Co-operate with Coillte in the further development of Glenfarne Woods and seek to develop further new tourism infrastructure and outdoor recreation facilities identified in the Options Report for the future development of Glenfarne Woods (October 2020).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Leitrim County Council was a partner alongside lead partner Coillte, in securing Category 1 funding of €2.32 million for the Glenfarne Wood Rural Regeneration Project (Phase 1) in 2024. This project will deliver Phase 1 of the development of Glenfarne Wood into a significant regional tourism destination. The project is currently at detailed design stage and is expected to be tendered for construction later this summer.

GE 6	Support the provision of local and community services which can assist in sustaining and developing a resident community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to the delivery of community infrastructure.
GE 7	Ensure applications for development on lands identified as flood risk areas, shall be subject to a Specific Flood Risk Assessment and Justification Test, in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009), or any superseding guidelines and circulars.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
GE 8	Liaise with relevant stakeholders in identifying a suitable location being developed for a remote working hub facility in Glenfarne/Sranagross.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in realising this objective.

GE 9	Seek the satisfactory resolution of the unfinished housing development at Brockagh Lower with the provision of a satisfactory access design solution for the subject lands, in consultation with TII to facilitate any prospective development of the subject lands.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in the realization of this objective noting that the site is now for sale. The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
GE 10	Facilitate the continued operation of Glenfarne Wood Products located adjoining the development envelop of Glenfarne (Brockagh Lower). The Planning Authority will facilitate the adaptation / change of use of underutilized buildings and expansion of the existing facility / uses on site to other enterprise and employment uses subject to normal planning considerations and in consultation with Transport Infrastructure Ireland.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
JN 1	Facilitate the provision of a limited number of serviced sites and infill opportunities within the development envelope of Jamestown but subject to the siting of such proposals in the context of the considerable built and natural heritage qualities of the village where particular care is required.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
JN 2	Facilitate the further expansion of Rosderra Irish Meats factory subject to the consideration of environmental matters.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholder with regard to this objective noting that there is currently a planning application submitted to expand this facility.

JN 3	Support and promote the further development of the tourism potential of Jamestown having regard to its water based setting along the Shannon navigation and accessibility to important tourist destinations in the region along with the cultural heritage significance of the village itself.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Jamestown is featured in all tourism promotions, and any development opportunities will be assessed and pursued through the relevant funding programs.
JN 4	Seek to advance the development of a walkway trail/cycleway linking the villages of Drumsna to Jamestown in co-operation with Roscommon County Council and the availability of necessary funding.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	An application has been submitted by Roscommon County Council under Project Development Measure, ORIS in March 2025
JN 5	Support the provision of local and community services which can assist in sustaining and developing a resident community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to the delivery of community infrastructure.
JN 6	Develop a footpath at Rue connecting the bridge to Archway Products Limited complex along the L-3657-2.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	These footpath works have been completed out in Jamestown.

KN 1	Facilitate the provision of serviced sites and infill opportunities within the development envelope of Keshcarrigan.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
KN 2	Support and promote the further development of the tourism potential of Keshcarrigan having regard to its water based setting along the Shannon Erne navigation and accessibility to important tourist destinations in the region.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Keshcarrigan is featured in all tourism promotions, and any development opportunities will be assessed and pursued through the relevant funding programs
KN 3	Provide a new safe link for pedestrians and cyclists to access Fr. Mychal Judge Memorial Park along the L-3051-1 local road.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	Leitrim County Council were unsuccessful in getting funding to provide a footpath along this local road outside the village
KN 4	Support the provision of local and community services which can assist in sustaining and developing a resident community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to the delivery of community infrastructure. The former Keshcarrigan Garda station in Leitrim has been transformed into a community space. An Garda Síochána has been hosting monthly clinics at the renovated building. The Keshcarrigan Development

				Association were successful in obtaining planning permission and funding through the Town and Village Renewal Scheme to repurpose the building.
KN 5	Ensure applications for development on lands identified as flood risk areas, shall be subject to a Specific Flood Risk Assessment and Justification Test, in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009), or any superseding guidelines and circulars.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
KN 6	Permissible uses for undeveloped lands within Flood Zones A or B identified for ‘General Development’ in this settlement shall be constrained to those “water compatible” and “less vulnerable” uses as appropriate to the particular Flood Zone (please refer to the flood risk management provisions in Volume I Written Statement and to the accompanying Strategic Flood Risk Assessment).	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
KE 1	Support the provision of local and community services which assist in sustaining and developing a resident community including the further development of the tourism potential of the village along the Ballinamore to Ballyconnell Canal.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Local Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
KE 2	Support the development of a playground in the village.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in the realization of this objective.
KE 3	Explore the development of serviced sites within Kilclare subject to the identification and provision of an acceptable means of dealing with wastewater from such dwellings.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members shortly.
KA 1	Facilitate the provision of serviced sites and infill opportunities within the development envelope of Killarga	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
KA 2	Support the provision of local and community services in the village	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to the delivery of community infrastructure.

KA 3	Seek the satisfactory resolution of the unfinished housing developments in the village, namely Corr a Bhile and The Meadows.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	The Planning Authority will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to this objective.
KR 1	Facilitate the provision of serviced sites and infill opportunities within the development envelope of Kiltyclogher	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
KR 2	Support the provision of local and community services which can assist in sustaining and developing a resident community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to the delivery of community infrastructure.
KR 3	Support and promote the further development of the tourism potential of Kiltyclogher having regard to its strong association with Seán Mac Diarmada and accessibility to important tourist destinations in the region.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. The Tourism Team assists with the annual Sean Mac Diarmada Summer school and the ongoing promotion of the heritage centre and homestead.
KR 4	Widen the footpath in the village centre to accommodate cyclists.	Achieved to date	Achieved	Works completed
KR 5	Undertake enhancements to the existing footpath linking St. Patrick's church to the village centre.	Achieved to date	Achieved	Works completed
KR 6	Support the designation of Kiltyclogher as a Heritage Town in recognition of its cultural importance and its rich history and association with Seán Mac Diarmada, one of the signatories of the Proclamation of the Republic.	Not achieved to date	In the lifetime of the CDP	No progress has been made in the realization of this objective. The County Leitrim Heritage Plan is currently under review and it is anticipated that this new Plan may include support for such projects.
LY 1	Facilitate the provision of infill opportunities within the development envelope of Lurganboy.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
LY 2	Provide a footpath including enhanced public lighting connecting existing housing estates with existing footpaths and the village centre.	Achieved to date	Achieved	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. Works have been completed to link McNeon Place to Sruth Ard Housing estates in 2022

LY 3	Examine the feasibility in conjunction with Coillte of improving the accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists and extending available car parking serving Milltown Woods.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Discussions have taken place between Coillte and Leitrim County Council to identify improvements to Milltown Woods. This project has also been discussed and recommended by the Leitrim Recreation Forum. It is anticipated that these works will be a future ORIS application.
NE 1	Facilitate the provision of serviced sites and infill opportunities within the development envelope of Newtowngore.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
NE 2	Support the provision of local and community services which can assist in sustaining and developing a resident community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to the delivery of community infrastructure.
NE 3	Provide footpath enhancements to include traffic calming measures and public lighting at Newtowngore National School.	Achieved to date	Achieved	Works were completed in 2023 in conjunction with the District Engineers' Office.
RY 1	Support the further consolidation of housing in the village with the development of serviced infill opportunities concentrating on available sites closest to the village centre (Roosky bridge).	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
RY 2	Support the provision of local and community services to assist in sustaining the community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regard to the delivery of community infrastructure.
RY 3	Encourage and facilitate the reopening or redevelopment of The Shannon Key West Hotel and McGuire's petrol filling station.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	McGuire's filling station is operational which now includes the Post office for the village. The Shannon Key West Hotel is unlikely to reopen in the short term due to an ongoing legal dispute before the High Court.
RY 4	Support and promote the further development of the tourism potential of Roosky having regard to its water based setting along the Shannon navigation and accessibility to important tourist destinations in the region.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. A Category 2 RRDF application was submitted to Department of Rural & Community Development on 14 th March in relation to <i>Shannonside Villages</i> . This is an ambitious public realm and infrastructural scheme relating to the villages of

				Dromod, Drumsna, Leitrim Village and Roosky.
RY 5	Seek to advance the development of a 'greyway' (unlit walkway trail/cycleway) linking the villages of Roosky to Dromod.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Part 8 consent is now in place for this scheme. An application was submitted to ORIS Measure 3 in March 2025
RY 6	Provide footpaths including public lighting linking existing estates (Osprey Park, Shannon Quays and The Lock estate) along the L-1001-0 (former N4) and the R371 (also former N4) to the village centre.	Achieved to date	Achieved	Works were completed on this scheme by the Active Travel Department in 2024 - Footpath with public lights along L-1001 & shared footpath/cycleway path with public lights along R371
RY 7	Explore in conjunction with Roscommon County Council the provision of a pedestrian bridge adjoining/attached to Roosky bridge and the availability of necessary funding.	Not achieved to date	Ongoing	Fehily Timoney Consultants carried out an Options Report for this scheme. A trial of the preferred option (traffic lights & a footpath on the existing bridge deck) took place in September 2024. The report from the trial concluded that the trial successfully demonstrated the feasibility of a shuttle system & the NTA are satisfied with the findings. The Consultant attended the May 2025 Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District meeting to present the finding of the trial to the elected members for their consideration. The preferred option was rejected by the elected members who are insistent on a separate dedicated pedestrian / cyclist bridge to be provided similar to that in Carrick-on-Shannon and Leitrim Village.
RY 8	Ensure applications for development on lands identified as flood risk areas, shall be subject to a Specific Flood Risk Assessment and Justification Test, in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009) or any superseding guidelines and circulars.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process
RR 1	Support the further consolidation of housing in the village with the development of serviced infill opportunities.	Partially achieved to date	Ongoing	The Forward Planning Team have undertaken a detailed survey of the villages and graigs in the county and will be finalising a report identifying potential sites which will issue to Members later this summer.
RR 2	Support the provision of local and community services to assist in sustaining the community.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing – as part of the Development Plan preparation process and Development Management process. Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders with regards to the delivery of community infrastructure.

RR 3	Support and promote the further development of the tourism potential of Rossinver in particular, subject to compliance with the Habitats Directive, amenity walks around Fowley Falls and accessibility to important tourist destinations in the north Leitrim region.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	The realization of this objective will be ongoing throughout the life of the CDP. This would be a potential ORIS project development measure application in the future.
RR 4	Ensure applications for development on lands identified as flood risk areas, shall be subject to a Specific Flood Risk Assessment and Justification Test, in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009), or any superseding guidelines and circulars.	Achieved to date	Ongoing	Ongoing - Achieved as part of the Development Management process

Table 3.1: Status, Update and Commentary on CDP 2023-2029 Objectives



Appendix I

Core Strategy Monitoring Report 2023-2024 (Year 1)



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1. Overview and Context

This report comprises of the first annual Core Strategy Monitoring Report of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029. The Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 was adopted on the 7th of February 2023 and came into effect on the 21st of March 2023.

It has been prepared having regard to the Section 28 ‘Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ (2022). Section 10.3 of the Guidelines sets out the requirement for Development Plan monitoring, comprising of an annual Core Strategy Monitoring Report and a Two-Year Progress Report on the progress made towards achieving the Plan’s objectives. Section 10.3.1 of the above Guidelines deals specifically with Core Strategy Monitoring and it is a policy and objective of the Guidelines that the annual Core Strategy Monitoring Report is prepared by the Planning Authority and made available to the Elected Members and thereafter published on the website by the Planning Authority.

This Core Strategy Monitoring Report indicates the development trends relative to the Core Strategy Plan in the first year following the adoption of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 and the information presented is broadly consistent with the Annual Core Strategy Monitoring Indicators as outlined in the Guidelines – refer to Figure 1 below:

Indicator	
Residential	
1.	New home completions (including through refurbishment/conversions)
2.	New home completions per NPO 3 (see below)
3.	Planning permissions granted for residential development with: (i) A breakdown of 1, 2, 3 and 4+ units permitted and (ii) A breakdown per Tier 1 and Tier 2 lands
4	Breakdown by relevant rural area type of rural housing: (i) Planning Applications lodged (ii) Breakdown in decisions (iii) New home completions
Commercial	
5	Developed and occupied commercial floorspace
6	Planning permissions for business/employment uses (m2 of development) for: (i) Office (ii) Industrial (iii) Retail (iv) Warehousing/Logistics
Settlement Consolidation Sites	
7	Specific reporting on the progression of the Settlement Consolidation Sites identified in the development plan. This should include information on enabling infrastructural services delivery, planning permissions granted, housing constructed, funding applications made, project timelines, Vacant Site Levy commentary, etc.

Figure 1: Annual Core Strategy Monitoring Indicators

Source: Section 28 Development Plan Guidelines (2022), Section 10.3.1.

Note:

NPO 3 - The National Planning Framework (NPF) has set specific National Policy Objectives (NPOs) with requirements for the % of new homes to be delivered within Settlements. In the case of Leitrim, NPO 3c is relevant and requires at least 30% of all new homes to be delivered within the existing built-up footprints of the identified Settlements.

2. Core Strategy

The Core Strategy provides a medium to long term strategy for the spatial development of County Leitrim.

Chapter 2, *Core Strategy* of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 Volume 1: *Written Statement*, sets out the projected population and household growth for County Leitrim, in accordance with the requirements of the National Planning Framework (NPF) Implementation Roadmap, the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) and the Economic and Social Research Institute's (ESRI) '*Regional Demographics and Structural Housing Demand at a County Level*' (2020). The housing supply targets as outlined in the Core Strategy were prepared utilising the ESRI forecast in accordance with the '*Housing Supply Target Methodology for Development Planning*' (Section 28 Guidelines for Planning Authorities' 2020).

The Core Strategy comprises a map and tables setting out a quantitative based strategy for the spatial development of Leitrim across the settlement hierarchy. It provides a transparent and evidence-based rationale for the quantity of zoned land for 'New Residential' and for 'Mixed Use' type development involving a residential component, that is required to cater for population growth over the lifetime of the Plan period, at a settlement level. In the process of identifying lands for zoning, considerations included strategic planning policies such as compact growth and the capacity of infrastructural services to accommodate development. The key focus of the Core Strategy is to ensure that there is an appropriate balance between the supply of zoned and serviced land for the projected housing demand and the availability of employment opportunities, educational facilities and social infrastructure.

The Core Strategy has forecasted an additional 1,208 no. residential units (households) over the period 2022-2028 – refer to Table 2.1 on page 3.

While the housing target must be aligned with the period of the Development Plan, the initial modelling of the housing target anticipated a Development Plan period of between Q3 2022 to Q2 2028 and this was the timeframe within which the housing target remained aligned due to the severe disruption in the preparation of the Plan caused by the various restrictions arising from the Covid 19 pandemic response. It was considered appropriate to proceed with the initially forecasted housing supply targets for the county with the intention of reviewing the housing supply targets as part of the 2-year Progress Review of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 as required under Section 15(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). This would also allow the Planning Authority to avail of the more recent demographic and housing data provided by the 2022 Census of Population.

For the purposes of this annual review of the Core Strategy, the review will be based on the forecasted 1,208 no residential units and an update provided as part of the 2-year Progress Review referenced above. The forecasted 1,208 no. residential units would provide for a population increase of 3,080 based on the average household size of 2.55 (CSO 2022) over the plan period.

		Annual Average	Total Households
A	ESRI NPF scenario projected new household demand 2017 to Q2 2028	104 (1,195/11.5)	1,195 ^A
B	Actual Housing Supply 2017 to Q2 2022	50 (274/5.5)	274 ^B
C	Homeless households and estimated unmet demand as at Census 2016	0	0 ^C
D	Plan Housing Demand Q3 2022 to Q2 2028 (A-B+C)	154 (921/6)	921 ^D
E	Potential adjustment 1 to end of 2026 portion of plan period to facilitate convergence to NPF strategy (where justified)	Mid-point between ESRI NPF and Baseline Scenarios to 2026 in lieu of A above	Adjusted Total Demand
E1	ESRI Baseline scenario projected new household demand 2017 to Q4 2026	159 (1,592/10)	1,592
E2	ESRI Baseline scenario projected new household demand to Q2 2028	176	176
E3	Mid-point between A-E2 (ESRI NPF and baseline scenarios) to Q4 2026	131 (1,306/10)	1,306 (1,195 – 176 + 1,592)/2
E4	Adjusted Total Demand calculation based on E2+E3 in lieu of A above	201	1,208 (176 ^{E2} + 1,306 ^{E3} – 274 ^B) + 0 ^C

Table 2.1: Leitrim Housing Targets Q3 2022 to Q3 2028

Notes:

A From ESRI Research

B Estimated future delivery (projected pro-rata CSO data available year to date – i.e. Q4 2020 to Q2 2022 = 54. Future delivery considers the extant permissions for 107 units (October 2020)

C From Census (Overcrowding and Concealed Households) and Homelessness (DHPLG)

D Leitrim CDP Target – NPF Scenario

The Core Strategy allocates the household target to the Settlement Hierarchy as identified in Table 2.2 below. Note this table has been corrected to account for numeric discrepancies arising from addition errors. In order to cater for this forecasted household growth in accordance with the principles of proper planning and sustainable development, the Core Strategy allocates 62.67 ha of land for residential development, including mixed use zonings which allow for residential development, across 12 settlements comprising of the Tier 2A (Self-Sustaining Growth Towns), Tier 2B (Support Towns), Tier 3 (Key Villages). While 30% of the final approved house projects (362) for the county have been allocated to the Key Town Carrick-on-Shannon, the amount of land necessary to provide these households will be identified under the Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan (JLAP) and it is anticipated that the JLAP will be adopted in May 2025.

In addition to the identified zoned lands and lands to be identified under the JLAP, 86 no. household units have been allocated to the Tier 4 Villages, 61 household units in the Tier 5 Graigs and 145 rural houses. Overall, the total household yield on the basis of the above is 1,373 households, which is 165 households over the forecasted household figure of 1,208 identified in Table 2.2 below:

	Urban Centre	Household Allocation 2022-2028	% Allocation	A. New Residential (ha)	B. New Residential (Low Density/Infill) (ha)	C. Mixed Use (ha)	Yield A	Yield B	Yield C	Total Household Yield
Tier 1							15-30 units/ha	10 units/ha	20 units/ha	
Key Town	Carrick-on-Shannon ^A	362	30	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	362
Tier 2A							20 units/ha	10 units/ha	15 units/ha	
Self-Sustaining Growth Towns	Ballinamore	97	8	2.62	2.67	2.24	52	27	34	113
	Manorhamilton	97	8	3.46	6.14	0	69	61	D	130
Tier 2B							15 units/ha	10 units/ha	15 units/ha	
Support Towns	Dromahair ^B	48	4	2.71	0.3	0	41	3	0	44
	Drumshanbo	48	4	2.81	2.65	0	42	9	0	51
	Mohill ^C	48	4	0	1.07	4.49	0	11	67	78
	Kinlough	48	4	12.82	1.15	0.3	63	12	5	80
Tier 3 Key Villages	Carrigallen ^D	36	3	2.33	0.15	0.2	35	3	3	41
	Dromod	24	2	3.56	0	0	53	0	0	53
	Drumkeeran	36	3	2.05	0.49	0.8	31	5	12	48
	Drumsna ^E	24	2	1.05	0.08	0	16	2	0	18
	Leitrim	24	2	2.05	0.44	0	31	4	0	35
	Tullaghan ^F	24	2	0	3	1.035	0	12	16	28
	Sub Total			35.46	18.14	9.065	433	149	137	1,081
Tier 4 Villages	15 No.	86	7							86
Tier 5 Graigs	25 No.	61	5							61
Other	Rural Houses ^G	145	12							145
	Total	1,208	100							1,373

Table 2.2 Yield of Available Lands Zoned for Residential or Mixed Use in Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 (corrected version)

The location of each of the towns and villages (Tiers 1-3) are identified on Map 2.1 on the following page.

3. Population Trends

The Core Strategy was based on the 2016 Census figures, however, since the adoption of the County Development Plan in 2023, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) released the results of the Census of Population which was carried out in 2022.

This section provides a brief overview of the population trends nationally and regionally, followed by a short analysis of the performance of Leitrim County, the Key Town Carrick-on-Shannon and the various settlements in the Settlement Hierarchy in Leitrim in terms of population growth.

In the Census 2022 the population of Ireland was recorded as 5,149,139. As set out in Figure 3.1 below, the Census data indicates that Ireland experienced a steady population growth between 2016 and 2022 with an 8.1% increase in population growth of 387,274. Over the same period, Leitrim experienced a population increase of 9.8%, where the population grew from a population of 32,044 in 2016 to 35,199 in 2022, exceeding both the National and Regional growth levels of 8.1% and 6.8% respectively.

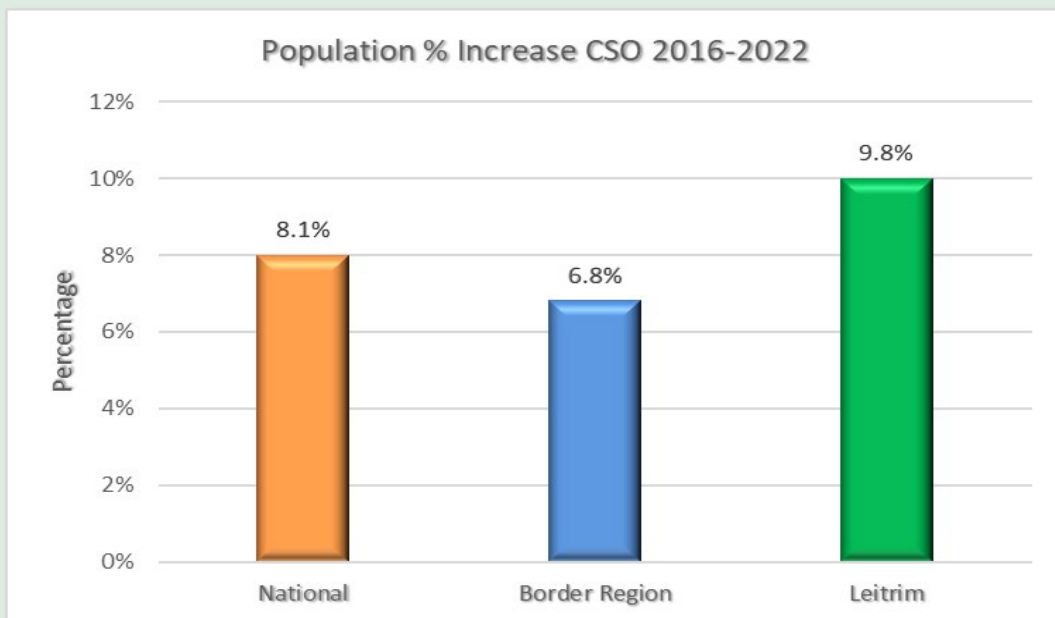


Figure 3.1: National, Regional & County Population Growth Trends CSO 2016 & 2022

A caveat needs to be applied to the reading of the following statistics, as outlined in Figures 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6, in terms of population changes. It should be noted that the boundaries of each of the towns and villages, as identified in the 2022 Census have changed from those identified in the 2016 Census, with some changes to the boundaries being more significant than others. Each of the towns and villages which were identified as 'Settlements' in the 2016 Census are identified as 'Towns' in the 2022 Census and the boundaries of each of these have captured additional housing which would not have been captured in the 2016 Census boundaries thus inflating the overall population changes. Carrick-on-Shannon and Drumshanbo saw the most significant changes in terms of capturing additional housing.

As indicated in Figure 3.2 below, the Key Town of Carrick-on-Shannon (inclusive of Cortober) accounted for a population increase of 16.8% over the census period 2016-2022, increasing in population from the CSO 2016 figure of 4,062 to 4,743 in 2022 which is an additional 681 persons. In Census 2016 the population of Cortober was 640 while in Census 2022 the population of Cortober was 815. When the adjoining village of Cortober is omitted from the Census 2016 and 2022 figures the population of Carrick-on-Shannon in 2016 was 3,422 and 3,928 in 2022 which is a 14.8% population increase (506 people) over the census period 2016-2022.

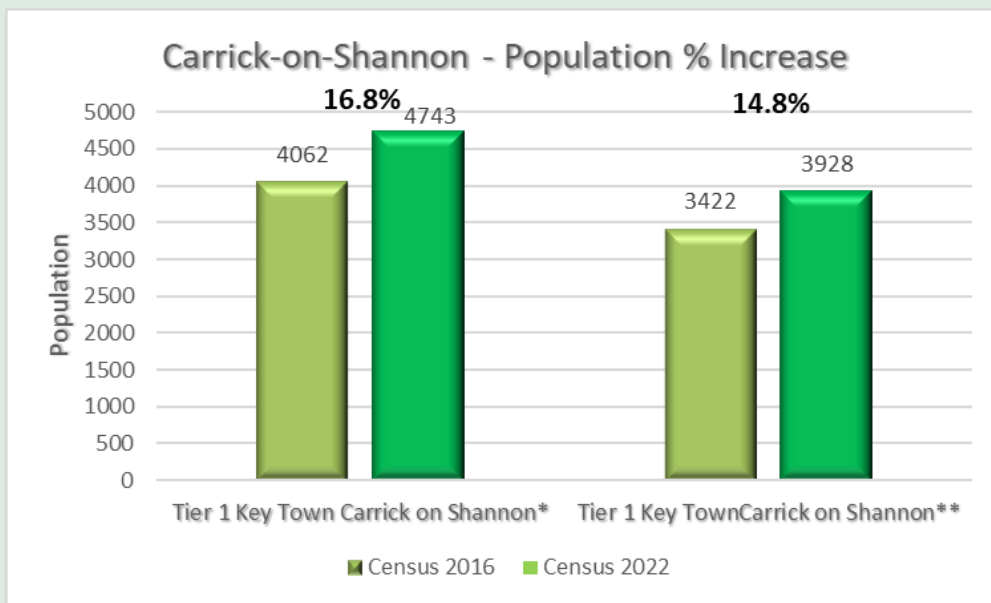


Figure 3.2: Tier 1 Key Town - Carrick-on-Shannon Population Growth Trends CSO 2016 & 2022

*Figures include Cortober **Figures exclude Cortober

As per the Core Strategy, the Key Town of Carrick-on-Shannon is forecast to continue to grow with the provision of 362 households, which on the basis of the average household size in Leitrim of 2.55 (Census 2022) equates to a population increase of 923 over the lifetime of the plan.

Outside of the Key Town of Carrick-on-Shannon, the Tier 2A Self Sustaining Growth Towns of Ballinamore and Manorhamilton (refer to Figure 3.3 below) experienced substantial growth of 21.7% and 13.7% between 2016 and 2022, reaching populations of 1,112 and 1,667 respectively.

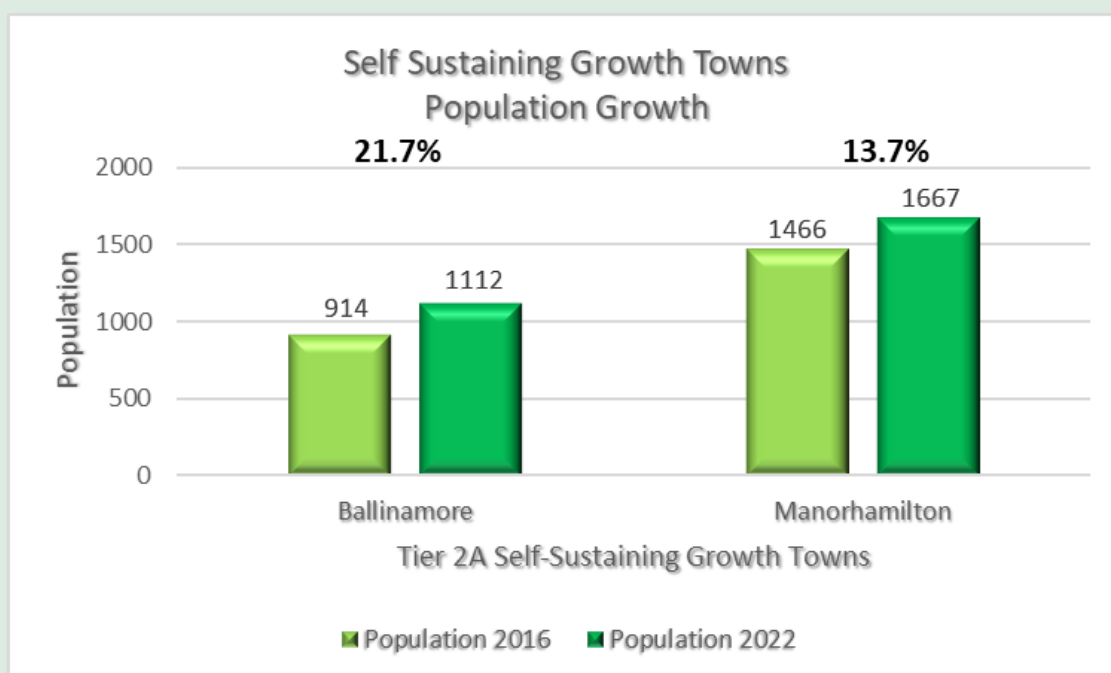


Figure 3.3: Tier 2A Self Sustaining Growth Towns - Population Growth Trends CSO 2016 & 2022

The Tier 3 Support Towns of Dromahair, Drumshanbo, Mohill and Kinlough all saw significant population growth between the period 2016 and 2022, with Drumshanbo seeing a 37.4% growth in its population over the 4-year period (note these figures are inflated due to the additional houses captured arising from the change in identified boundaries between the Census periods). Dromahair, Mohill and Kinlough saw an increase in their population of 16.2%, 20.1% and 15.8% respectively as indicated in Figure 3.4 below. The population of both Drumshanbo and Kinlough now exceeds the population of Ballinamore.

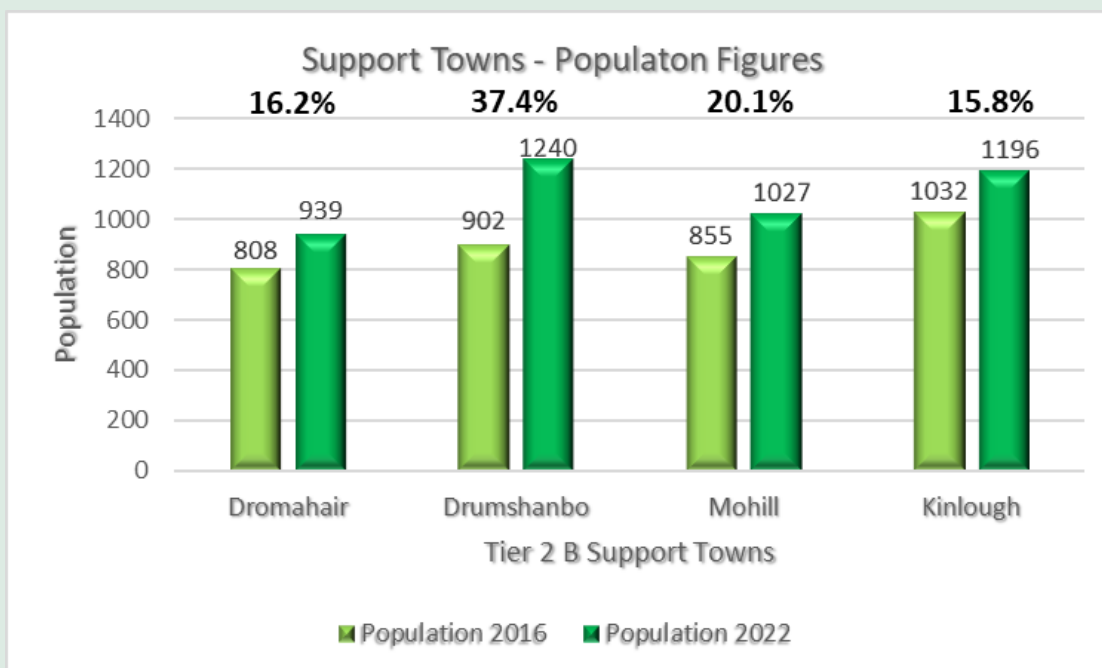


Chart 3.4: Tier 2B Support Towns - Population Growth Trends CSO 2016 & 2022

Figure 3.5 shows the populations of each of the Tier 3 Villages also increased, with the highest population growth attributed to Dromod with an additional 198 persons equating to 35.7% increase in population. All the villages have shown substantial population growth, demonstrating their attractiveness and opportunities for continued regeneration and compact growth.

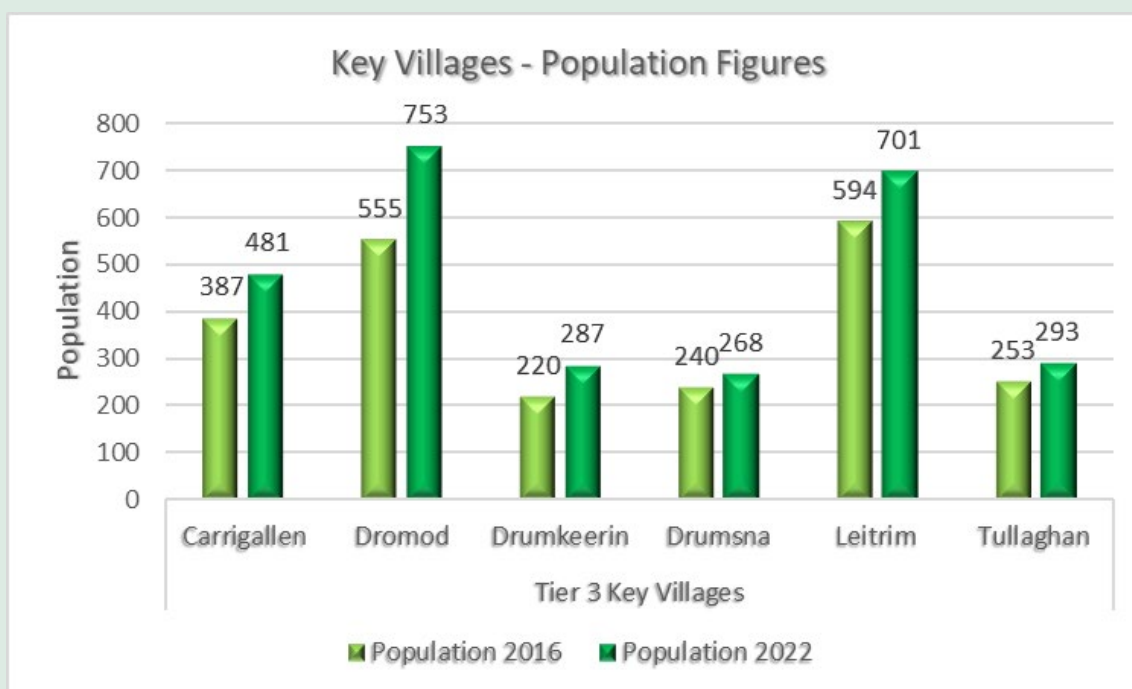


Figure 3.5: Tier 3 Key Villages - Population Growth Trends CSO 2016 & 2022

Overall, the 2022 Census data demonstrates a very positive population growth in all the designated settlements in the hierarchy as indicated in Figure 3.6.

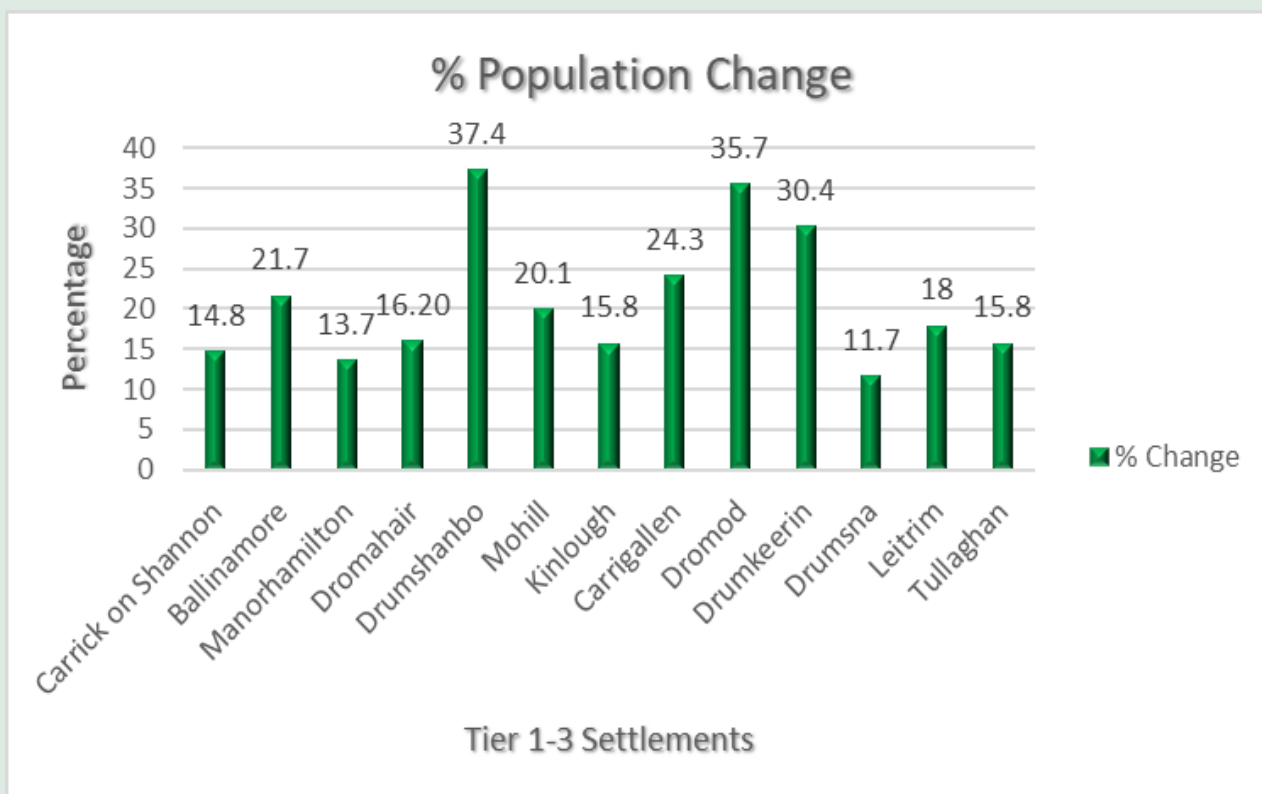


Figure 3.6: Tiers 1-3 Settlements - % Population Change CSO 2016 & 2022

The 2022 Census data demonstrate significant positive population growth in each of the named designated Settlements in the hierarchy. It is notable, as Figure 3.7 indicates, that of the 3,155 population increase in the county over the 2016-2022 Census period, 2,244 or 71% were located in the top three Tiers of the Settlement Hierarchy with the remaining 911 or 29% of the population increase located within the Tier 4 villages, the Graigs and the rural areas of the County.

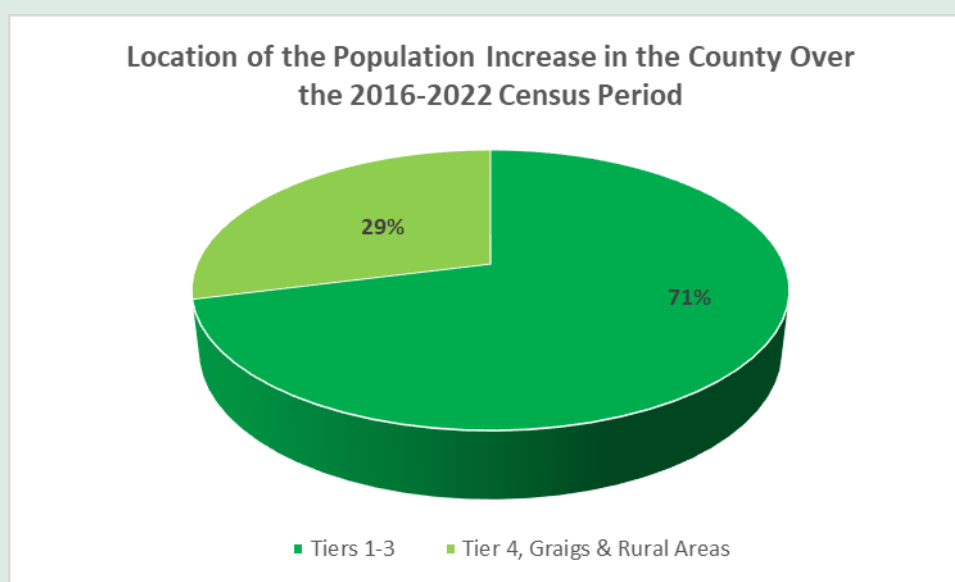


Figure 3.7 Location of the Population Increase in the County over the 2016-2022 Census Period

The Core Strategy provides for 76% of all housing to be accommodated between the top 3 Tiers of the Settlement Hierarchy over the lifetime of the Plan. To this effect, the population growth trends demonstrate that the Core Strategy has accurately directed population growth towards the designated settlements across the hierarchy of the Plan.

4. Core Strategy Monitoring

Section 10.3.1 Core Strategy Monitoring of the 'Development Plan Guidelines' sets out the 7 no. indicators for Residential, Commercial and Settlement Consolidation Sites to determine the progress in achieving the Core Strategy of the Plan.

The structure of this annual monitoring report is broadly consistent with the indicators set out in the above-mentioned Section 28 Development Plan Guidelines, with additional data included where considered appropriate. A brief commentary with respect to the 7 no. indicators will be addressed in order, including an outline of residential planning applications comprising of extant grants of planning permission, including those for which commencement notices have been received. The annual monitoring report covers the 12-month period of the 21st March 2023 to the 20th March 2024 inclusive which reflects the 1st year of the County Development Plan 2023-2029 coming into effect.

4.1 Residential Indicators 1 and 2—Dwelling Completions

This section examines the number of dwellings required and completed in Leitrim during the first year since the adoption of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029. It is noted that given the time lag between the grant of planning permission and the completion of new homes, completions during the 12 month period since the Development Plan came into effect, would have, in the main, been permitted under the previous Leitrim County Development Plan 2015-2023. As referenced in Section 2, the Core Strategy has forecasted an additional 1,208 no. residential units which equates to an average requirement of 201 no. dwellings per annum, or 50.25 no. additional dwellings per quarter.

Having regard to the information available on the CSO's New Dwelling Completions Q.2, Q3 and Q4 2023 and Q1 2024 Reports, Table 4.1 sets out the average no. of units required by quarter and the residential completions by unit type across Leitrim in the 1st year of the adoption of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029.

Quarter/Year	Average No. of Units Required	No. of Single Houses Built	No. of Schemes Built (2 or more Houses)	No. of Apts. Built	Total
Q2 2023	50.25	10	7	4	21
Q3 2023	50.25	15	0	2	17
Q4 2023	50.25	16	4	6	26
Q1 2024	50.25	12	6	0	18
Total	201	53	17	12	82

Table 4.1: Housing Completions, CSO New Dwelling Completions

A breakdown of the number of units completed per quarter is provided in Figure 4.1 below.

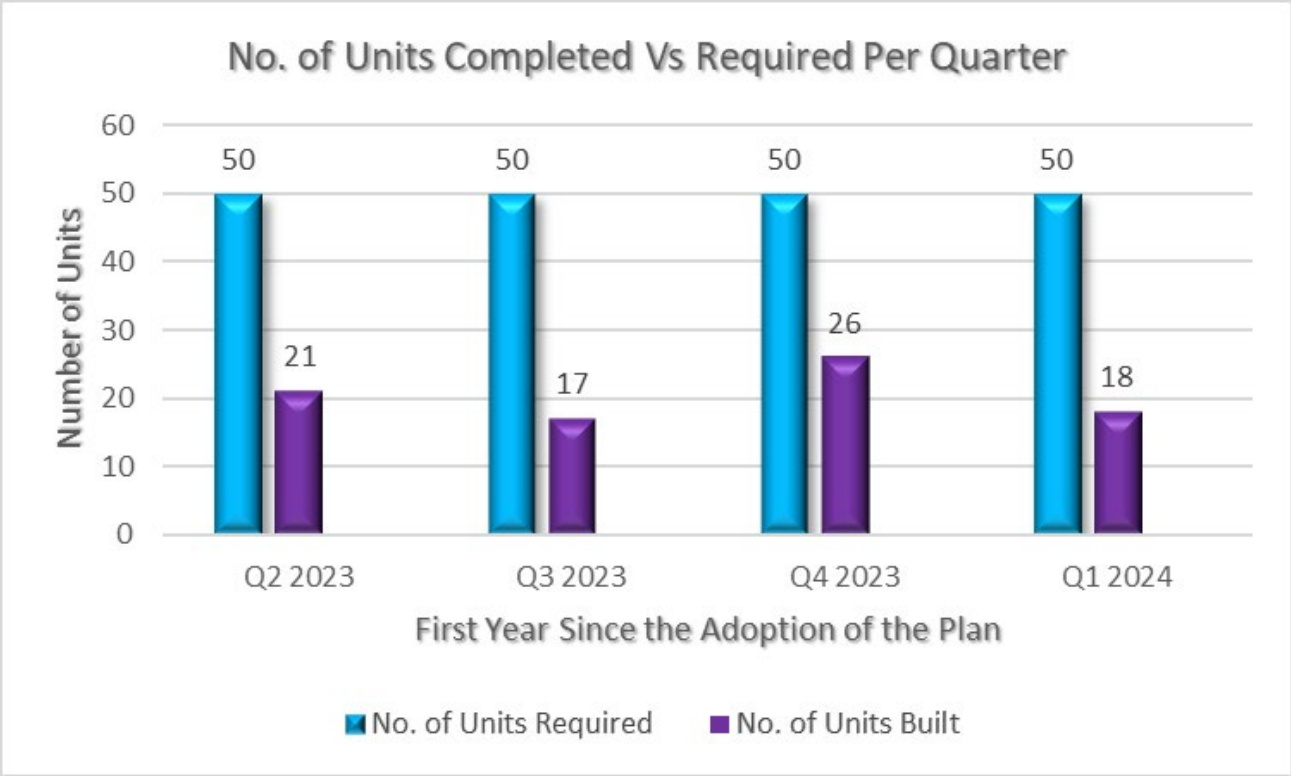


Figure 4.1: No. of Housing Units Completed Vs No. Required per Quarter in the 1st Year of the Development Plan

The number of dwellings completed (82 no. units) compared to the number of dwellings required per annum (201 no. units) over the lifetime of the Plan, indicates a shortfall of 119 no. units for the first year since the adoption of the Plan.



Further to a breakdown of Table 4.1, utilising the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's Housing Delivery Tracker data and the CSO Completion data, a breakdown by settlement of the number of additional households forecast, the average number of units required per annum and the number of units completed across the County, including the rural areas, has been set out in Table 4.2.

Level	Settlement	Population (Census 2022)	Additional Households Forecasted 2022-2028	Average No. of Units Required Per Annum	New Home Completions (Q2 2023—Q1 2024)	New Home Completions as a % of No. of Units Required Per Annum
Tier 1	<i>Key Town</i>					
	Carrick-on-Shannon	3,928*	362	60	12	20%
Tier 2A	<i>Self-Sustaining Growth Towns</i>					
	Ballinamore	1,112	97	16	0	0%
	Manorhamilton	1,667	97	16	5	31.2%
Tier 2B	<i>Support Towns</i>					
	Dromahair	939	48	8	4	50%
	Drumshanbo	1,240	48	8	0	0%
	Mohill	1,027	48	8	5	62.5%
	Kinlough	1,196	48	8	0	0%
Tier 3	<i>Key Villages</i>					
	Carrigallen	481	36	6	1	16.6%
	Dromod	753	24	4	2	50%
	Drumkeeran	287	36	6	0	0%
	Drumsna	268	24	4	0	0%
	Leitrim	701	24	4	0	0%
	Tullaghan	293	24	4	0	0%
Tiers 4 & 5	<i>Villages & Graigs</i>		147	25	3	8%
Other	<i>Rural Areas</i>					
			145**	24	50	208%
Total			1,208	201	82	40.8%

Table 4.2: Population, Unit Requirement & Completions by Settlements & Rural Areas *Figure excludes Cortober **

This figure excludes provision of any dwellings on brownfield sites – e.g. replacement dwellings

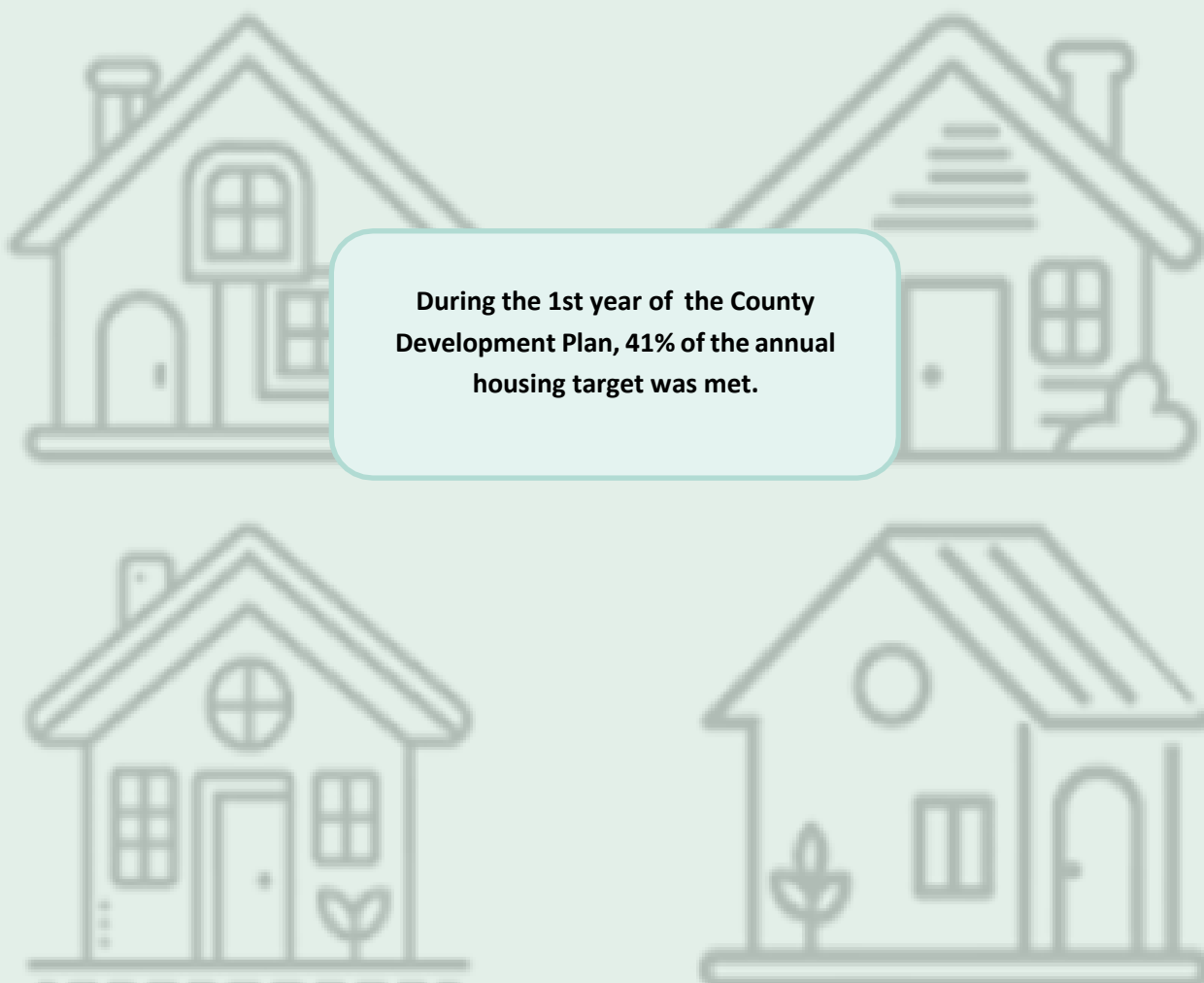
With the notable exception of the Rural Areas, where the overall housing completions for one off housing over the 1st year of the County Development Plan was more than double the number of units allocated, the number of new dwelling completions across all the Settlement levels are significantly below the average annual target.

Outside of the Rural Areas, the Support Towns of Mohill and Dromahair and the Key Village of Dromod achieved at least half of the annual housing targets as set out in the Core Strategy. Overall, however, in the case of the Tier 1-5 settlements, the dwelling completions are below the annual growth targets as set out in the Core Strategy, which are required to serve the projected population growth over the Plan period.

Carrick-on-Shannon, where the greatest target growth is envisaged, only 20% of the annual target (60 no. units) of dwellings required per annum was completed (12 no. units) between Q2 of 2023 and Q1 of 2024.

The low completion numbers reflect the current economic climate where the high cost of construction makes the viability of developing, in terms of profitability/returns on investment, questionable in areas such as Leitrim.

Dwelling completions in the Tier 1-5 Settlements are below the annual target growth targets in the 1st year of the County Development Plan.



During the 1st year of the County Development Plan, 41% of the annual housing target was met.

4.2 Residential Indicator 3 —Residential Planning Permissions — Settlements

This section provides an overview of the number of planning permissions granted for residential developments, in the various Tier 1-5 settlements across Leitrim during the first year of the County Development Plan 2023-2029. This section also sets out a brief outline of the availability of zoned land to cater for residential development over the lifetime of the Plan. For the purpose of this section Tier 1-3 Settlements are considered together as they have specific residential zonings, while Tier 4 Villages and Tier 5 Graigs are addressed separately as they have general zonings in the case of Tier 4 Villages and no zoning in the case of Tier 5 Graigs. In the case of the Graigs a 200m buffer was used to identify the ‘boundaries’ of the Graigs.

As set out in Table 4.3 below, 10 no. planning applications for residential development on zoned lands in the Tier 1-3 Settlements have been granted, comprising of 15 no. residential units, during the first year of the County Development Plan.

	1-Off Urban (House)	1 Unit (Apt.)	2 Units	3 Units	4+ Units	Total
No. of Applications	4	3	2	0	1	10
No. of Housing Units	4	3	4	0	4	15

Table 4.3: Number & Type of Planning Applications Granted for Residential Developments in Tier 1-3 Settlements in the 1st Year of the County Development Plan



The location of the 10 No. planning permissions is indicated in Table 4.4 below. Two of the applications made were in the Key Town of Carrick-on-Shannon (3 units) with a further three made in Drumshanbo (4 units), one in Ballinamore (1 units) followed by one in each of the following settlements: Dromod (4 units), Manorhamilton (1 unit), Mohill (1 unit) and Carrigallen (1 unit).

Level	Settlement	1 – Off Urban House	1 No. Apt.	2 Units	3 Units	4+ Units	Total Units
Tier 1	Key Town						
	Carrick-on-Shannon	1		1			3
Tier 2A	Self-Sustaining Growth Town						
	Ballinamore		1				1
	Manorhamilton	1					1
Tier 2B	Support Towns						
	Drumshanbo	2		1			4
	Mohill		1				1
Tier 3	Key Villages						
	Dromod					1	4
	Carrigallen		1				1
Total							15

Table 4.4: Location and Number of Planning Permissions Granted for Residential Development in Tier 1-3 Settlements within the 1st year of the County Development Plan



Of the 15 No. units granted planning permission in the zoned settlements, the majority of them comprised of 4-bedroom units (8 in total) as outlined in Figure 4.2 below.

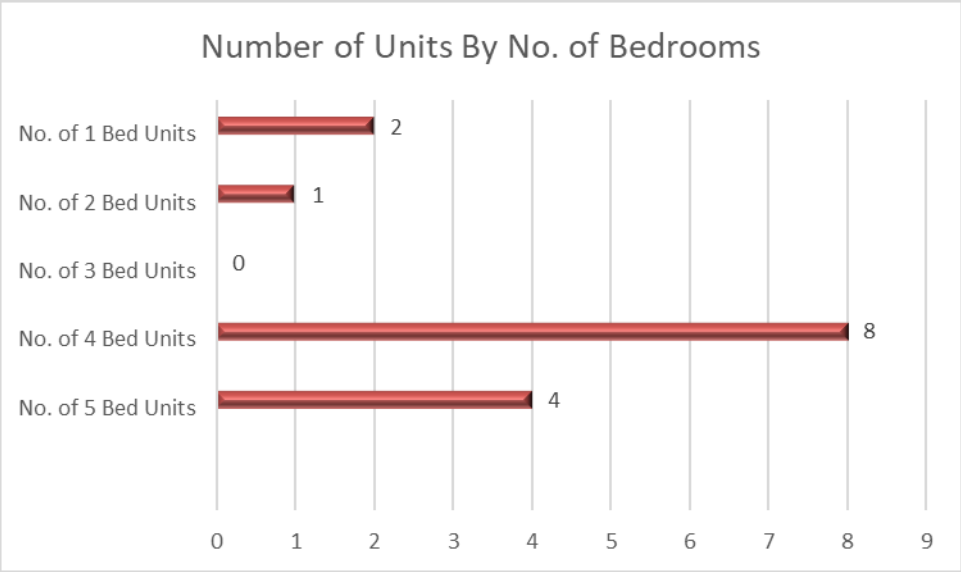
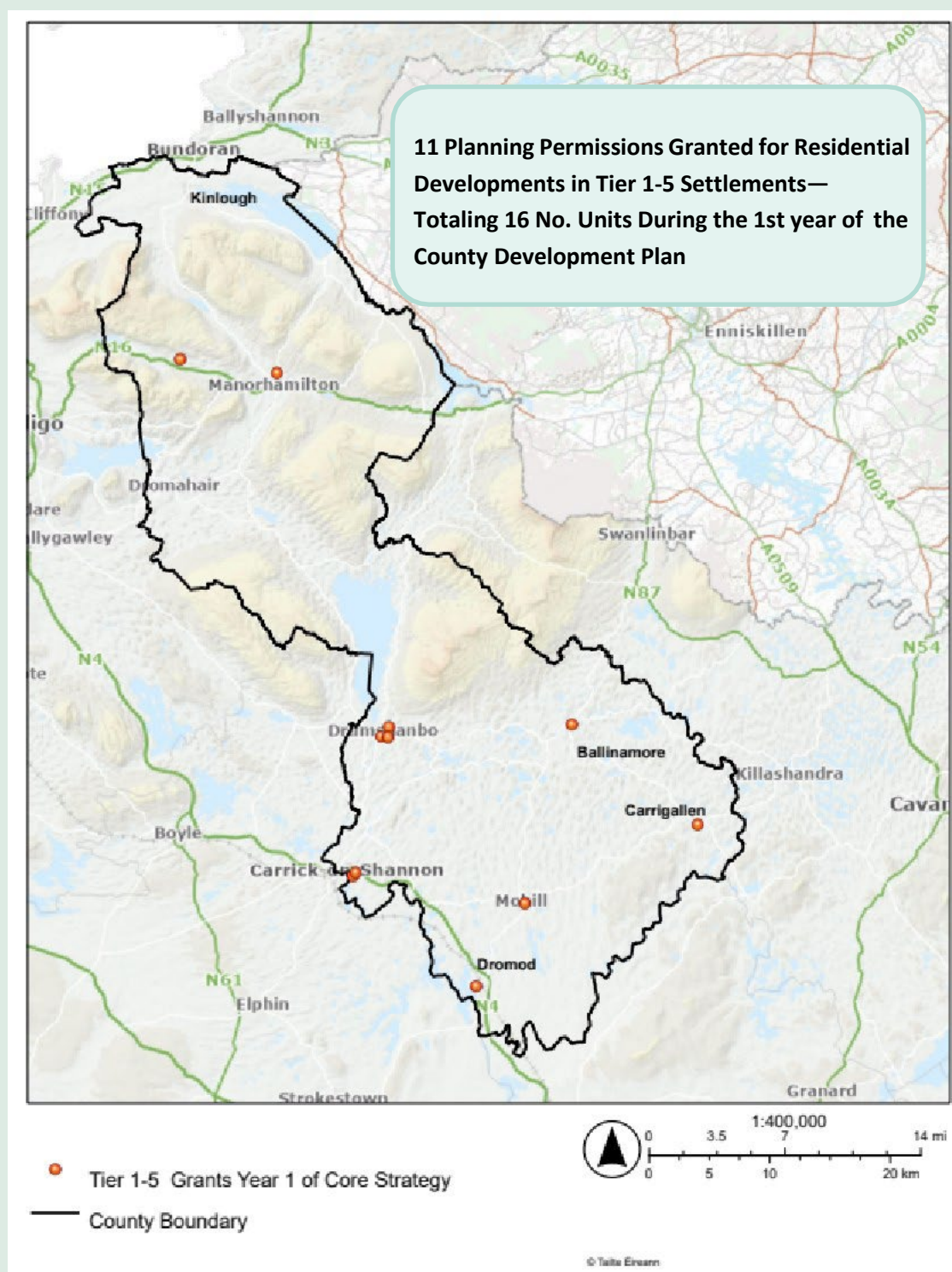


Figure 4.2: No. of Units by No. of Bedrooms Granted Permission Within the 1st Year of the County Development Plan in Tier 1-3 Settlements

There were no planning permissions granted in the Tier 4 Villages and just 1 planning permission was granted for a one off house in Gurteen which is a Tier 5 Graig.



The location of the 11 No. residential development applications which were granted planning permission in the Tier 1-5 Settlements, within the 1st year of the County Development Plan, are shown on Map 4.1 below.



Map 4.1: Spatial Distribution of Grants of Planning Permission for Residential Units in Tier 1-5 Settlements Within the 1st Year of the County Development Plan.

Of the 10 No. residential permissions granted on the zoned lands in the Tier 1-3 Settlements during the first year of the Development Plan, commencement notices have been received within this period for just 2 number developments comprising of 3 no. units (all in Drumshanbo) with a further unit, which was the subject of a retention for the change of use of a commercial premises to a 1 bed apartment (in Carrigallen), not requiring a commencement notice, as it has been completed, but included in Table 4.5 overleaf.

With reference to the Tier 4 & 5 Settlements, there was only 1 planning permission granted and a commencement notice was received for this one-off house permitted in Gurteen (Tier 5). Refer to Table 4.5 and 4.6 for further details. Between Tier 1-3 and Tier 4-5 Settlements a total of 11 planning permissions were granted during the 1st year of the County Development Plan, 10 in Tiers 1-3 and 1 in Tiers 4-5 with a combined total of 4 commencement notices received. A further 5 No. commencement notices were received within the first 12 months of the County Development Plan coming into effect, for developments permitted prior to the first year of the County Development Plan. The number of units for which commencement notices were received, inclusive of the retention application, within the 1st year of the County Development Plan total 85 No. units. The breakdown in terms of where these units were located provided in Table 4.5 as follows:

Level	Settlement	No. of Units Granted within 1st Year of County Development Plan	No. of Units Granted within 1st Year for which Commencement Notices were Received within 1st Year	No. of Units Permitted under Previous County Development Plan & Commencement Notices Received within 1st Year
Tier 1	<i>Key Town</i>			
	Carrick-on-Shannon	3	0	40
Tier 2A	<i>Self-Sustaining Growth Town</i>			
	Ballinamore	1	0	19
	Manorhamilton	1	0	
Tier 2B	<i>Support Towns</i>			
	Drumshanbo	4	3	
	Mohill	1	0	
	Kinlough			6
Tier 3	<i>Key Villages</i>			
	Carrigallen	1*	1*	
	Dromod	4	0	
	Drumkeeran			9
Tiers 4	<i>Villages</i>			
	Roosky			6
Tier 5	<i>Graigs</i>			
	Gurteen	1	1	
Total		16	5	80

Table 4.5: The number & location of units granted and number of commencement notices received in the Tier 1-5 Settlements during the 1st Year of the County Development Plan *A retention application for a change of use from commercial to apartment included as no commencement notice required.

There have been no variations to the zoning of land incorporated into the Plan so the availability of land to cater for population growth remains as identified in the Plan under Table 2.6 ‘Yield of available lands zoned for Residential or Mixed Use in Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029’. However, it should be noted that the amount of lands zoned will increase once the JLAP for Carrick-on-Shannon has been adopted. It is anticipated that the JLAP will be adopted in May 2025.

A total of 62.67 ha of zoned land was identified for ‘New Residential’ or ‘Mixed Use’ in the Tier 2A, 2B and Tier 3 towns and villages equating to a potential 719 households with the amount of lands for the Tier 1 settlement Carrick-on-Shannon required to provide 362 no. households to be determined under the above mentioned JLAP for Carrick-on-Shannon. Combined, the total household yield for both ‘New Residential’ and ‘Mixed Use’ in Tiers 2 – 3 could cater for an additional 1,833 population. Further to a review of these lands as zoned in the above-mentioned Tiers, a total of 3 No. new build units have submitted commencement notices on 2 number sites, or on 0.48ha of the new residential zoned lands, in the first year of the County Development Plan. The zoned lands in question are all Tier 1 lands (no Tier 2 lands were identified for residential zoning in the County Development Plan).

It is evident from the above, based on the limited amount of such zoned lands developed during the 1st year of the CPD, that the amount of existing lands zoned for residential development (including mixed use which allows for residential) that remains without a commenced planning permission is sufficient to cater for the forecasted housing requirements to 2029.



Legend

	Existing Residential		Open Space & Amenity
	New Residential		Tourism
	Town/Village Centre		Agriculture
	Mixed Use		Utilities
	Enterprise & Employment		Constrained Land Use
	Social & Community		Development Envelope
	Low Density Residential		Phase 2 Enterprise and Employment

4.3 Residential Pipeline Development

This section outlines the pipeline residential developments that have been granted, in the various Tier 1 – 5 settlements but for which no commencement notice was submitted and also includes the number of units for which an application for residential development was made but which was not determined within the 1st year of the County Development Plan. The pipeline developments are identified as residential developments that either:

- ⇒ have been granted planning permission within the 1st year of the County Development Plan but for which no commencement notice was submitted within the 1st year and
- ⇒ all residential developments that were received within the 1st year of the County Development Plan but which were not determined within the 1st year.

These pipeline developments, where granted and developed, will contribute to the number of dwelling completions and the achievement of the objectives of the Core Strategy over the lifetime of the Plan.

Further to the number of residential units granted in the Tier 1-5 Settlements during the first year of the Development Plan (16 in total) a commencement notice for 11 of these was not received with the 1st year of the County Development Plan. In addition, decisions on applications received within the 1st year but where decisions were pending or not determined within the 1st year of the Development Plan amount to 48 units, giving a total of 59 no. residential units in the pipeline, assuming all those applications to be determined are granted planning permission. Details of the location and number of pipeline developments are outlined in Table 4.6 on the following page.

Assuming all Applications to be Determined are Granted Planning Permission then there are 59 No. Residential Units in the Pipeline in the 1st Year of the County Development Plan.



Level	Settlement	No. of Units Granted Within 1st Year	No. of Units Granted and Commencement Notice Received within 1st Year	No. of Units Granted But No Commencement Notice Received within 1st Year	No. of Units Pending Decisions	Total No. of Units—Pipeline
Tier 1	<i>Key Town</i>					
	Carrick-on-Shannon	3		3	2	5
Tier 2A	<i>Self-Sustaining Growth Town</i>					
	Ballinamore	1		1	7*	8
	Manorhamilton	1		1		1
Tier 2B	<i>Support Towns</i>					
	Dromahair				36*	36*
	Drumshanbo	4	3	1		1
	Mohill	1		1	2	3
Tier 3	<i>Key Villages</i>					
	Carrigallen	1**	1**			
	Dromod	4		4		4
	Tullaghan				1	1
Tiers 4	<i>Villages</i>					
Tier 5	<i>Graigs</i>					
	Gurteen	1	1			
Total		16	5	11	48	59

Table 4.6: Residential Pipeline Development in Tier 1-5 Settlements * On Appeal **Retention of a change of use to residential use.

4.4 Residential Indicator 3 — Residential Planning Applications— Rural

For the purposes of this report rural areas are defined as all rural areas not located within one of the 5 Tier Settlements identified in the Core Strategy i.e. the category identified as 'Other' in the Core Strategy.

This section examines:

- ⇒ the number of valid planning applications lodged for single dwellings located in the rural areas of Leitrim within the 1st year of the County Development Plan 2023-2029;
- ⇒ the number of grants of planning permission for rural houses within the 1st year of the County Development Plan 2023-2029;
- ⇒ the number of rural applications refused/withdrawn within the 1st year of the County Development Plan 2023-2029 and
- ⇒ The number of rural dwellings completed during the 1st year of the County Development Plan 2023-2029.

Note: the figures for b-d include applications lodged prior to the coming into effect of the current County Development Plan but decided/completed within the 1st year.

Level	Settlements	Planning Applications Lodged within 1st Year	Permissions Granted within 1st Year	Applications Refused/Withdrawn within 1st Year	Rural Dwellings Completed within 1st Year
Other	<i>Rural Areas</i>	27*	22*	4*	50
Total		27	22	4	50

Table 4.7: Rural Applications – One Off Houses. * These figure excludes provision of any dwellings on brownfield sites – e.g. replacement dwellings

There were a total of 27 applications lodged for rural housing within the 1st year of the County Development Plan, and these numbers would generally accord with the Core Strategy. It is noted that of the 27 planning applications for rural housing that were lodged, 18 of them were granted planning permission and 2 were refused within the 1st year of the County Development Plan with a further 7 no. planning applications undecided within that 1-year period.

It should be noted that excluded from the figures presented with an * in Table 4.7 are 9 grants of planning permission which related to rural houses on brownfield sites (e.g. the renovation or replacement of derelict dwellings), as for the purposes of the Core Strategy, redevelopment on brownfield sites constituting replacement houses is not considered to constitute additional houses.

Also excluded from the figures provided are change of use applications resulting in additional dwelling units. In the 1st year of the County Development Plan there was 1 additional dwelling unit granted planning permission in a rural area arising from a change of use.

The Core Strategy allocated 145 no. additional dwellings in the rural areas, equating to an average of 24 no. dwellings per annum. For the first year of the Plan being in place, 22 no. rural one-off dwellings have been granted planning permission, which generally accords with the Core Strategy.

Having regard to the CSO’s New Dwelling Completions and the Department’s Housing Delivery Tracker for the period in question (Q.2, Q.3 and Q.4, of 2023 and Q.1 of 2024) it is estimated that approximately 50 no. units have been completed in the rural areas outside of the Tier 1-5 Settlements.



In the assessment of rural housing, the county has been categorised into two areas – namely areas of low capacity and other rural areas. While the Core Strategy does not differentiate between these two categories in terms of household allocations, Table 4.8 below shows the breakdown of the number of dwellings permitted in low capacity areas and other rural areas in the first year of the county

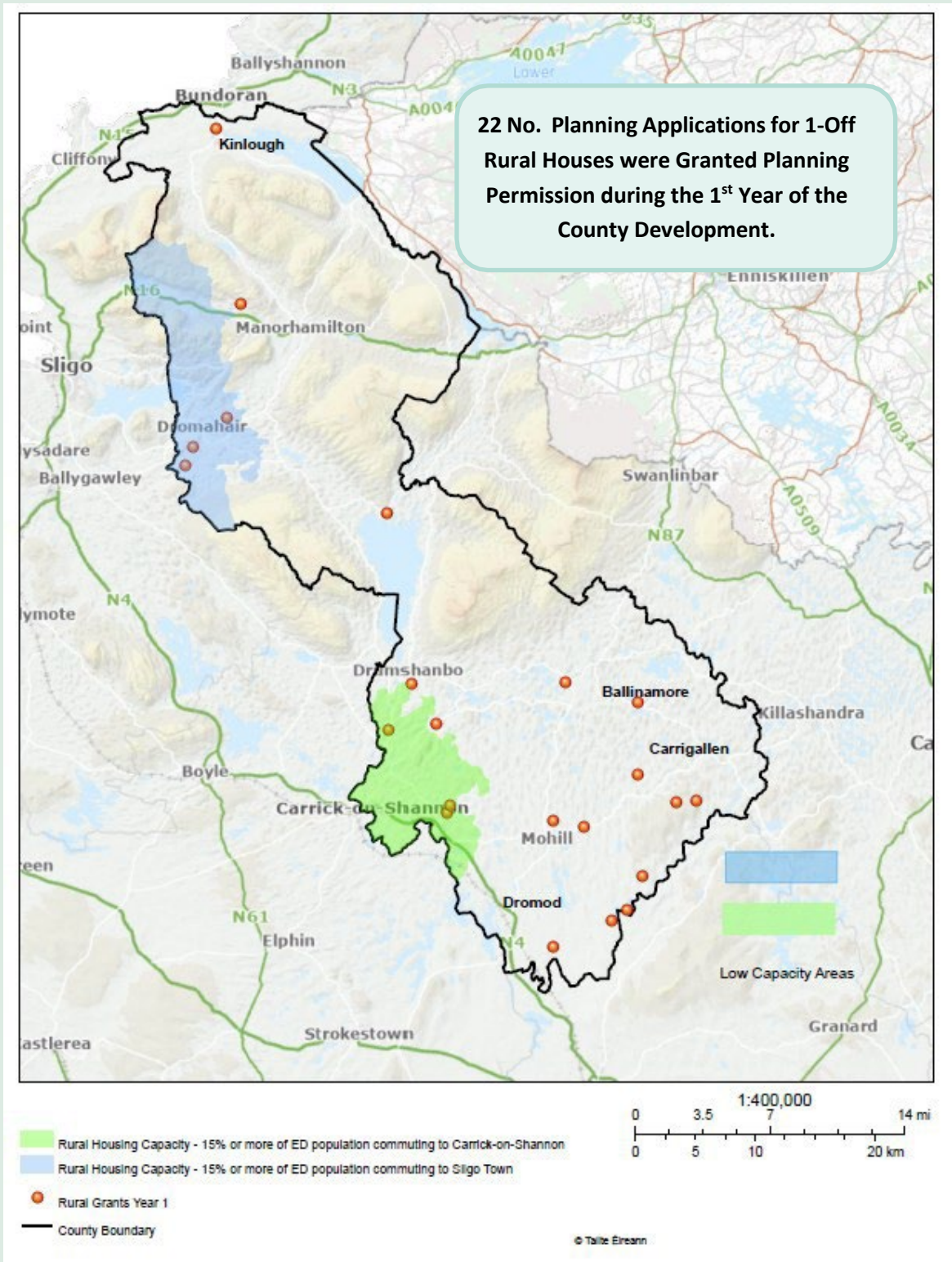
Level	Settlements	Rural Housing Category	Permissions Granted within 1st Year	Applications Refused or Withdrawn within 1st Year
Other	<i>Rural Areas</i>			
		Low Capacity Areas	6	3
		Other Rural Areas	16	1
Total			22	4

Table 4.8: Distribution of One off Houses into Rural Categories

Of the 22 No. rural one off dwellings that were granted planning permission during the first year of the Plan, 6 of them were located in low capacity areas which are areas under strong urban pressure from commuting towns of Carrick-on-Shannon and also from parts of the county generally west of Dromahair towards the Sligo border. Of these 6 dwellings, 3 were permitted within the low capacity area surrounding Carrick-on-Shannon and 3 were permitted in the low capacity area surrounding Dromahair. These low capacity areas are indicated in green and blue on Map 4.2 on the following page.

A total of 31 commencement notices for one off rural houses were received within the first year of the County Development Plan coming into effect. It should be noted that the majority of these commencement notices (23) were for planning applications that would have been submitted and determined under the previous County Development Plan while the remaining 8 commencement notices were for rural dwellings permitted in the first year of the current County Development Plan.

The distribution of the 22 No. rural houses which were granted planning permission within the 1st year of the County Development Plan is indicated on Map 4.2 below.



Map 4.2: Spatial Distribution of Grants of Planning Permission for One Off Rural Houses during the 1st Year of the County Development Plan.

4.5 Commercial Indicators 5 and 6—Commercial Floor Space and Permissions

This section sets out the amount of commercial floorspace granted in the various settlements in the 12 months following the Leitrim County Development Plan coming into effect. Table 4.9 below shows the distribution and breakdown of the permitted commercial floorspace granted within that time period.

Level	Settlement	Office Space (m ²)	Industrial Space (m ²)	Retail Space (m ²)	Warehousing/Logistics Space (m ²)	Overall Total Floorspace (m ²)
Tier 1	<i>Key Town</i>					1,621 m ²
	Carrick-on-Shannon	266 m ² (New Unit)		74 m ²	1,281 m ² (New Unit)	
Tier 2A	<i>Self-Sustaining Growth Town</i>					1,316 m ²
	Ballinamore	217 m ² (New Unit)	939 m ² (New Unit)			
	Manorhamilton		160 m ²			
Tier 2B	<i>Support Towns</i>					1,827 m ²
	Dromahair					
	Drumshanbo	212 m ² (New Unit)			1,107 m ² (New Unit)	
	Mohill			45 m ²		
	Kinlough	30 m ² *	230 m ² *	203 m ²		
Tier 3	<i>Key Villages</i>					0 m ²
Tiers 4	<i>Villages</i>					
	Keshcarrigan			98 m ²		104 m ²
	Roosky			6 m ²		
Tier 5	<i>Graigs</i>					0 m ²
Total		725 m ²	1,329 m ²	426 m ²	2,388 m ²	4,868 m ²

Table 4.9: Distribution of Permitted Commercial Floorspace. * Retention permissions

The uses as identified in Table 4.9 are as per the Section 28 Guidelines and include office, industrial, retail, and warehousing/logistics. There are some additional potential employment generating uses that were granted planning permission in the County in the first year of the County Development Plan which are not captured in Table 4.8, such as education and healthcare uses.

A substantial majority of all commercial developments granted planning permission within the 1st year of the County Development are located within the top 2 Settlement Tiers – Tier 1 and Tiers 2A & 2B as would be expected, though it is notable that the Tier 2B Settlements saw a higher percentage of the total permitted commercial floorspace than the Tier 1 and Tier 2A Settlements. A total of 83% or 4,022 m² of the floor area of the commercial developments permitted are for new builds with the remaining 17% of the total permitted floor areas consisting of extensions, changes of use of existing buildings and retentions of existing uses. Of the 426m² of retail space (which includes pub extensions/beer gardens) 58% or 248m² of the floorspace arises from a change of use, 24% of the permitted floorspace relates to retentions of existing uses with just 18% of the retail floorspace proposed as an extension to an existing retail unit.

All of the office space granted, (725m²) was associated with an application for either warehousing/logistics use or an industrial use, as opposed to stand alone office use.

No commencement notices were submitted for any of these developments within the 1st year of the County Development Plan coming into effect (not applicable to retention permissions).

58% of all permitted retail space arose from a change of use application and 18% of the total retail space permitted arose from an extension to an existing retail unit.



83% of the commercial developments permitted are for new builds.

4.6 Settlement Consolidation Sites Indicator 7 (Opportunity Sites)

The *Development Plan Guidelines* provide that ‘settlement consolidation sites’ are sites of relative strategic scale and importance within the existing built-up area such that they have a critical role to play in achieving the Core Strategy and, in particular, policy objectives for consolidation and compact growth. There is a need for each settlement with a population greater than 10,000 people to designate such sites. While there are no settlements in County Leitrim that exceed 10,000 the Guidelines state that Planning Authorities may also consider identifying Settlement Consolidation Sites in towns of less than 10,000 persons. Given the considerable emphasis on the overarching development goal of ‘compact growth’ in both national and

regional planning which is reflected in the Core Strategy, the focus of new development within our settlements should ideally be within the existing built-up footprint thereby making more efficient use of existing services and negating the need for private car transport to the maximum extent possible. Accordingly, this approach required the identification of suitable brownfield/infill sites, known as ‘Opportunity Sites’ in the County



Manorhamilton - Opportunity Site 1: Site of Vacant former Farrell's Café

Development Plan 2023-2029, for targeted regeneration and development.

Opportunity Sites have been identified in the Tier 2A, 2B and Tier 3 Settlements in the County Development Plan 2023-2029, with further Opportunity Sites identified in Draft JLAP 2025-2031 for Tier 1 - Key Town of Carrick-on-Shannon, which have yet to be adopted. Given the nature of the Settlement sizes and having regard to the fact that the JLAP has yet to be adopted, the Opportunity Sites as identified in the Tier 2A Settlements only i.e. Ballinamore and Manorhamilton, are considered the relevant towns to review for the purposes of this report.

Table 4.10 outlines the various identified Opportunity Sites for the Tier 2A settlements of Ballinamore and Manorhamilton. As indicated below, no development has taken place in any of the below mentioned Opportunity Sites in the 1st year period since the adoption of the County Development Plan 2023-2029.

Level	Settlement	Opportunity Site	Description/Status/Progress
Tier 2A	Self-Sustaining Growth Town		
	Ballinamore	Site 1: Lands Adjoining St. Brigid's Street and The Line	This site has been identified as one which represents a viable and strategic development location to accommodate a mix of residential, commercial and mixed uses. The site has no infrastructural requirements, it is centrally located within the town and is considered to be currently underutilized in terms of the nature of the current uses. The site was not identified in either the RZLT Final Maps 2023 or 2024 as it does not fulfil the criteria for inclusion. No development has taken place on this site within the 1 st year of the adoption of the current County Development Plan.
		Site 2: Aughnasheelan Road	This site has been identified as one which represents a viable and strategic development location to accommodate a mixed-use model of enterprise/commercial uses with residential uses on the upper floors. The site has no infrastructural requirements, it is centrally located within the town and is considered to be currently underutilized in terms of the nature of the current uses. Sections of site was identified as Mixed Use in the RZLT Final Maps 2023 and 2024. No development has taken place on this site within the 1 st year of the adoption of the current County Development Plan.
	Manorhamilton	Site 1: Site of Vacant former Farrell's Café	This site serves a prominent location on the junction of Upper Main Street and Monk's Row within the centre of Manorhamilton. It has been identified due to it's potential to accommodate a number of land uses such as residential, commercial, tourism related or mixed use. The site has no infrastructural requirements. The site was not identified in either the RZLT Final Maps 2023 or 2024 as it does not fulfil the criteria for inclusion. No development has taken place on this site within the 1 st year of the adoption of the current County Development Plan.
		Site 2: Commons Lane, Tea Pot Lane & New Line	This site serves a prominent location on the junction of Upper Main Street and Monk's Row within the centre of Manorhamilton. It has been identified due to it's potential to accommodate a number of land uses such as residential, commercial, tourism related or mixed use. The site has no infrastructural requirements. The site was not identified in either the RZLT Final Maps 2023 or 2024 as it does not fulfil the criteria for inclusion. No development has taken place on this site within the 1 st year of the adoption of the current County Development Plan.
		Site 3: New Line/N16	This site is in a prominent location fronting onto the N.16. It was previously the subject of a grant of planning permission for a c.1,500m ² retail development which was not development and the permission has since expired. This site is considered an excellent location for a retail development having regard to the position of Manorhamilton as a second tier retail centre within the Retail Hierarchy for the County and the provisions contained within the County Development Plan for future retail development. The site has no infrastructural requirements. The site was identified as Mixed Use in RZLT Final Maps 2023 and 2024. No development has taken place on this site within the 1 st year of the adoption of the current County Development Plan.

Table 4.10: Opportunity Sites—Description/ Status/Progress

5. Summary

This Core Strategy Monitoring Report for 2023-2024 has outlined the progress in the residential and commercial indicators specified under Section 10.3.1 of the Development Plan Guidelines 2022 during the first year of the Development Plan, following its adoption in February 2023 and its coming into effect on the 21st of March 2023.

This Report has indicated the development trends relative to the Core Strategy Plan in the first year following the adoption of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 and can be summarised as follows:

During the first year of the County Development Plan, 82 No. housing units were completed across the County. The majority of these completed units consisted of one-off rural houses (approximately 50) which is not in accordance with the objectives for compact growth (NPO 3) and the Core Strategy. With the exception of the rural one-off housing, where the targets was more than doubled, the level of completions in each of the Tier 1-5 Settlements remain significantly below the average annual and quarterly targets, with 1 exception, Mohill which met 62.5% of its annual target. The number of new homes completed, in the first year of the County Development Plan, as a percentage of the number of units required as per the Core Strategy, was just 41%. The low completion numbers reflect the current economic climate where the high cost of construction makes the viability of developing, in terms of profitability/returns on investment, questionable in areas such as Leitrim.



- 82** **Housing Units Completed across the County.**
- 41%** **Of the Annual Target Housing Units as Required in the Core Strategy Met.**
- 11** **Residential Planning Applications Granted Planning in the Tier 1-5 Settlements.**
- 16** **Housing Units Granted Planning Permission in the Tier 1-5 Settlements.**

With regard to the number of planning permissions granted throughout the County, a total of 11 No. planning applications were granted on land in the various Settlements identified in Tiers 1-5 resulting in the granting of planning permission for 16 No. housing units, 3 of which were apartments. The majority of the housing units permitted in the Settlements comprised of 4 bedroomed houses.

While the number of permitted units, 16, is far below the annual target of 177 units as outlined in the Core Strategy for the Tier 1-5 Settlements, the number of commencement notices received within the 1st year of the County Development Plan coming into effect was for 85 units. However, it should be noted that the vast majority (80) of these were for units permitted under the previous County Development Plan. With regard to future residential units, there are a total of 59 residential units in the pipeline, either permitted but no commencement notice received or yet to be determined, assuming they are granted planning permission.



85

No. of Housing Units for which Commencement Notices were Received in Tier 1-5 Settlements.

59

Pipeline Residential Units

0.48ha

The Amount of Zoned 'New Residential' Land Developed.

The amount of lands zoned for residential development, that remains without planning permission across all settlements is more than sufficient to cater for the forecasted housing requirements to 2029.

With respect to rural areas (those that do not fall into Tier 1-5 Settlements), a total of 22 no. one off rural houses were granted planning permission during the 1st year of the County Development Plan. This figure generally accords with the Core Strategy average target of 24 No. units per annum. A total of 31 number commencement notices for one off rural houses were received within the first year of the County Development Plan, the majority of these (23) were for planning applications determined under the previous County Development Plan.



22

No. of 1-Off Rural Houses Granted Planning Permission

4

No. of 1-Off Rural Houses Withdrawn/Refused Planning Permission

31

Commencement Notices Received for 1-Off Rural Houses

50

Completed 1-Off Rural Houses

A combined total of 38 residential units were granted planning permission throughout the County in the first year of the County Development Plan. A combined total of 116 residential units were the subject of a commencement notice received in the first year of the County Development Plan, the majority of which (103) were granted planning permission under the previous County Development Plan.



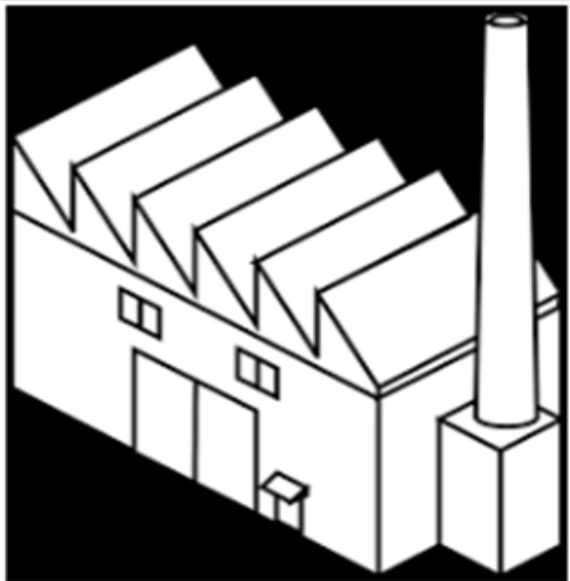
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Total No. of Residential Housing Units Granted throughout the County

116

Total No. of Housing Units for which Commencement Notices were Received throughout the County

The vast majority of the distribution of the permitted commercial floorspace was located in the top 2 Settlement Tiers, as would be expected, though it is notable that the Tier 2B Settlements saw a higher percentage of the total permitted commercial floorspace than the Tier 1 and Tier 2A Settlements. A high percentage – 83%, of all permitted commercial floorspace related to new builds.



4,868m²

Total Commercial Floorspace Granted throughout the County

83

Permitted Commercial Floorspace that related to New Builds



With regard to the identified Opportunity Sites referenced in this report, no development has taken place in any of these sites in the 1st year period since the adoption of the County Development Plan. On all of these sites, there is a reliance on third party owners to progress development/redevelopment.

The population growth trends, in each of the identified Settlements, between the Census periods 2016 to 2022, demonstrates that the Core Strategy has accurately directed population growth towards the designated settlements across the hierarchy of the Plan. It is considered that the spatial pattern of residential development is broadly consistent with the Core Strategy and settlement strategy of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029, though the delivery of housing, again with the exception of the rural 1 off house, falls substantially short of the housing supply targets as set out in the Core Strategy.





Appendix II

Core Strategy Monitoring Report 2024-2025 (Year 2)



Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029

Core Strategy

Monitoring Report 2024-2025



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1. Overview and Context

This report comprises of the second annual Core Strategy Monitoring Report of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029. The Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 was adopted on the 7th of February 2023 and came into effect on the 21st of March 2023.

It has been prepared having regard to the Section 28 ‘Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ (2022). Section 10.3 of the Guidelines sets out the requirement for Development Plan monitoring, comprising of an annual Core Strategy Monitoring Report and a Two-Year Progress Report on the progress made towards achieving the Plan’s objectives. Section 10.3.1 of the above Guidelines deals specifically with Core Strategy Monitoring and it is a policy and objective of the Guidelines that the annual Core Strategy Monitoring Report is prepared by the Planning Authority and made available to the Elected Members and thereafter published on the website by the Planning Authority.

This Core Strategy Monitoring Report indicates the development trends relative to the Core Strategy Plan in the second year following the adoption of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 and the information presented is broadly consistent with the Annual Core Strategy Monitoring Indicators as outlined in the Guidelines – refer to Figure 1 below:

Indicator	
Residential	
1.	New home completions (including through refurbishment/conversions)
2.	New home completions per NPO 3 (see below)
3.	Planning permissions granted for residential development with: (i) A breakdown of 1, 2, 3 and 4+ units permitted and (ii) A breakdown per Tier 1 and Tier 2 lands
4	Breakdown by relevant rural area type of rural housing: (i) Planning Applications lodged (ii) Breakdown in decisions (iii) New home completions
Commercial	
5	Developed and occupied commercial floorspace
6	Planning permissions for business/employment uses (m2 of development) for: (i) Office (ii) Industrial (iii) Retail (iv) Warehousing/Logistics
Settlement Consolidation Sites	
7	Specific reporting on the progression of the Settlement Consolidation Sites identified in the development plan. This should include information on enabling infrastructural services delivery, planning permissions granted, housing constructed, funding applications made, project timelines, Vacant Site Levy commentary, etc.

Figure 1: Annual Core Strategy Monitoring Indicators

Source: Section 28 Development Plan Guidelines (2022), Section 10.3.1.

Note:

NPO 3 - The National Planning Framework (NPF) has set specific National Policy Objectives (NPOs) with requirements for the % of new homes to be delivered within Settlements. In the case of Leitrim, NPO 3c is relevant and requires at least 30% of all new homes to be delivered within the existing built-up footprints of the identified Settlements.

2. Core Strategy

The Core Strategy provides a medium to long term strategy for the spatial development of County Leitrim.

Chapter 2, *Core Strategy* of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 Volume 1: *Written Statement*, sets out the projected population and household growth for County Leitrim, in accordance with the requirements of the National Planning Framework (NPF) Implementation Roadmap, the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) and the Economic and Social Research Institute's (ESRI) *'Regional Demographics and Structural Housing Demand at a County Level'* (2020). The housing supply targets as outlined in the Core Strategy were prepared utilising the ESRI forecast in accordance with the *'Housing Supply Target Methodology for Development Planning'* (Section 28 Guidelines for Planning Authorities' 2020).

The Core Strategy comprises a map and tables setting out a quantitative based strategy for the spatial development of Leitrim across the settlement hierarchy. It provides a transparent and evidence-based rationale for the quantity of zoned land for 'New Residential' and for 'Mixed Use' type development involving a residential component, that is required to cater for population growth over the lifetime of the Plan period, at a settlement level. In the process of identifying lands for zoning, considerations included strategic planning policies such as compact growth and the capacity of infrastructural services to accommodate development. The key focus of the Core Strategy is to ensure that there is an appropriate balance between the supply of zoned and serviced land for the projected housing demand and the availability of employment opportunities, educational facilities and social infrastructure.

The Core Strategy has forecasted an additional 1,208 no. residential units (households) over the period 2022-2028 – refer to Table 2.1 on page 3.

While the housing target must be aligned with the period of the Development Plan, the initial modelling of the housing target anticipated a Development Plan period of between Q3 2022 to Q2 2028 and this was the timeframe within which the housing target remained aligned due to the severe disruption in the preparation of the Plan caused by the various restrictions arising from the Covid 19 pandemic response. It was considered appropriate to proceed with the initially forecasted housing supply targets for the county with the intention of reviewing the housing supply targets as part of the 2-year Progress Review of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 as required under Section 15(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). This would also allow the Planning Authority to avail of the more recent demographic and housing data provided by the 2022 Census of Population. However, at the time of the 2-year review, the relevant data on foot of the 2022 Census (specifically an update by the ESRI on the Revised National Planning Framework—Structural Housing Demand Projections by Local Authorities 2023-2040) as required to calculate Leitrim's Housing Targets, was not in place to facilitate a review of the existing figures as outlined in the Core Strategy???

This review will therefore be based on the forecasted 1,208 no residential units which would provide for a population increase of 3,080 based on the average household size of 2.55 (CSO 2022) over the plan period.

		Annual Average	Total Households
A	ESRI NPF scenario projected new household demand 2017 to Q2 2028	104 (1,195/11.5)	1,195 ^A
B	Actual Housing Supply 2017 to Q2 2022	50 (274/5.5)	274 ^B
C	Homeless households and estimated unmet demand as at Census 2016	0	0 ^C
D	Plan Housing Demand Q3 2022 to Q2 2028 (A-B+C)	154 (921/6)	921 ^D
E	Potential adjustment 1 to end of 2026 portion of plan period to facilitate convergence to NPF strategy (where justified)	Mid-point between ESRI NPF and Baseline Scenarios to 2026 in lieu of A above	Adjusted Total Demand
E1	ESRI Baseline scenario projected new household demand 2017 to Q4 2026	159 (1,592/10)	1,592
E2	ESRI Baseline scenario projected new household demand to Q2 2028	176	176
E3	Mid-point between A-E2 (ESRI NPF and baseline scenarios) to Q4 2026	131 (1,306/10)	1,306 (1,195 – 176 + 1,592)/2
E4	Adjusted Total Demand calculation based on E2+E3 in lieu of A above	201	1,208 (176 ^{E2} + 1,306 ^{E3} – 274 ^B) + 0 ^C

Table 2.1: Leitrim Housing Targets Q3 2022 to Q3 2028

Notes:

A From ESRI Research B Estimated future delivery (projected pro-rata CSO data available year to date – i.e. Q4 2020 to Q2 2022 = 54. Future delivery considers the extant permissions for 107 units (October 2020) C From Census (Overcrowding and Concealed Households) and Homelessness (DHPLG) D Leitrim CDP Target – NPF Scenario

The Core Strategy allocates the household target to the Settlement Hierarchy as identified in Table 2.2 below. Note this table has been corrected to account for numeric discrepancies arising from addition errors as well as being updated to include relevant figures arising from the completion of the Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan 2025-2031. To cater for this forecasted household growth in accordance with the principles of proper planning and sustainable development, the Core Strategy allocates 62.67 ha of land for residential development, including mixed use zonings which allow for residential development, across 12 settlements comprising of the Tier 2A (Self-Sustaining Growth Towns), Tier 2B (Support Towns), Tier 3 (Key Villages). While 30% of the final approved house projects (362) for the county have been allocated to the Key Town Carrick-on-Shannon, the amount of land necessary to provide these households was at the time to be determined as under the Carrick-on-Shannon JLAP which was yet to be carried out would identify the relevant lands. These lands have now been identified under the Carrick-on-Shannon JLAP which was adopted on the 7th of April and which came into effect on the 19th May 2025.

The amount of zoned land (within the Leitrim side of Carrick-on-Shannon) allocated as New Residential is 18.74 ha with a potential total household yield of 449 dwellings. It should be noted that there is no 'New Residential (Low Density/Infill)' or and 'Mixed Use' land zonings in the Carrick on Shannon JLAP, however 1.54 ha of the identified 'New Residential' lands has been identified as having a potential yield of 10 dwellings per ha which would fall into the low density/infill category and so has been identified as such in Table 2.2 below. Having regard to the above the total zoned lands allocated for residential development (new residential and mixed use) for all the Settlements (Tier 1 – Tier 3) identified in the Core Strategy is 81.41 ha.

In addition to the identified zoned lands and lands to be identified under the JLAP, 86 no. household units have been allocated to the Tier 4 Villages, 61 household units in the Tier 5 Graigs and 145 rural houses. Overall, the total household yield on the basis of the above is 1,460 households, which is 252 households over the forecasted household figure of 1,208 identified in Table 2.2 below:

	Urban Centre	Household Allocation 2022-2028	% Allocation	A. New Residential (ha)	B. New Residential (Low Density/Infill) (ha)	C. Mixed Use (ha)	Yield A	Yield B	Yield C	Total Household Yield
Tier 1							15-30 units/ha	10 units/ha	20 units/ha	
Key Town	Carrick-on-Shannon ^A	362	30	17.2	1.54	0	4.34	15	0	449
Tier 2A							20 units/ha	10 units/ha	15 units/ha	
Self-Sustaining Growth Towns	Ballinamore	97	8	2.62	2.67	2.24	52	27	34	113
	Manorhamilton	97	8	3.46	6.14	0	69	61	0	130
Tier 2B							15 units/ha	10 units/ha	15 units/ha	
Support Towns	Dromahair ^B	48	4	2.71	0.3	0	41	3	0	44
	Drumshanbo	48	4	2.81	2.65	0	42	9	0	51
	Mohill ^C	48	4	0	1.07	4.49	0	11	67	78
	Kinlough	48	4	12.82	1.15	0.3	63	12	5	80
Tier 3										
Key Villages	Carrigallen ^D	36	3	2.33	0.15	0.2	35	3	3	41
	Dromod	24	2	3.56	0	0	53	0	0	53
	Drumkeeran	36	3	2.05	0.49	0.8	31	5	12	48
	Drumsna ^E	24	2	1.05	0.08	0	16	2	0	18
	Leitrim	24	2	2.05	0.44	0	31	4	0	35
	Tullaghan ^F	24	2	0	3	1.035	0	12	16	28
	Sub Total			52.66	19.68	9.065	867	164	137	1,168
Tier 4 Villages	15 No.	86	7							86
Tier 5 Graigs	25 No.	61	5							61
Other	Rural Houses ^G	145	12							145
	Total	1,208	100							1,460

Table 2.2 Yield of Available Lands Zoned for Residential or Mixed Use in Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 (corrected and updated version)

The location of each of the towns and villages (Tiers 1-3) are identified on Map 2.1 on the following page.

3. Population Trends

The Core Strategy was based on the 2016 Census figures, however, since the adoption of the County Development Plan in 2023, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) released the results of the Census of Population which was carried out in 2022.

This section provides a brief overview of the population trends nationally and regionally, followed by a short analysis of the performance of Leitrim County, the Key Town Carrick-on-Shannon and the various settlements in the Settlement Hierarchy in Leitrim in terms of population growth.

In the Census 2022 the population of Ireland was recorded as 5,149,139. As set out in Figure 3.1 below, the Census data indicates that Ireland experienced a steady population growth between 2016 and 2022 with an 8.1% increase in population growth of 387,274. Over the same period, Leitrim experienced a population increase of 9.8%, where the population grew from a population of 32,044 in 2016 to 35,199 in 2022, exceeding both the National and Regional growth levels of 8.1% and 6.8% respectively.

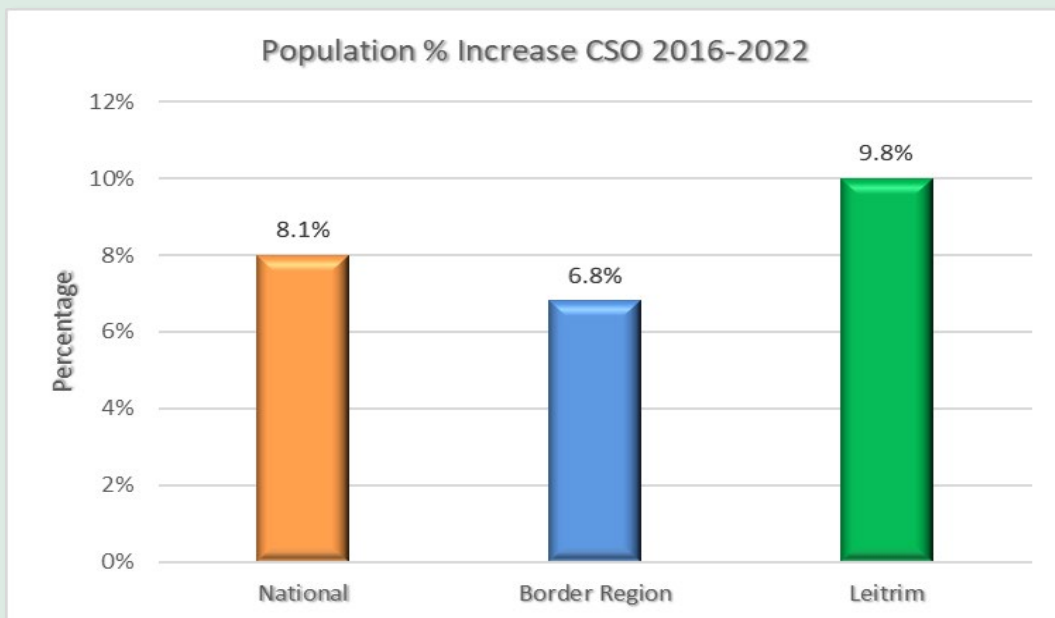


Figure 3.1: National, Regional & County Population Growth Trends CSO 2016 & 2022

A caveat needs to be applied to the reading of the following statistics, as outlined in Figures 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6, in terms of population changes. It should be noted that the boundaries of each of the towns and villages, as identified in the 2022 Census have changed from those identified in the 2016 Census, with some changes to the boundaries being more significant than others. Each of the towns and villages which were identified as 'Settlements' in the 2016 Census are identified as 'Towns' in the 2022 Census and the boundaries of each of these have captured additional housing which would not have been captured in the 2016 Census boundaries thus inflating the overall population changes. Carrick-on-Shannon and Drumshanbo saw the most significant changes in terms of capturing additional housing.

As indicated in Figure 3.2 below, the Key Town of Carrick-on-Shannon (inclusive of Cortober) accounted for a population increase of 16.8% over the census period 2016-2022, increasing in population from the CSO 2016 figure of 4,062 to 4,743 in 2022 which is an additional 681 persons. In Census 2016 the population of Cortober was 640 while in Census 2022 the population of Cortober was 815. When the adjoining village of Cortober is omitted from the Census 2016 and 2022 figures the population of Carrick-on-Shannon in 2016 was 3,422 and 3,928 in 2022 which is a 14.8% population increase (506 people) over the census period 2016-2022.

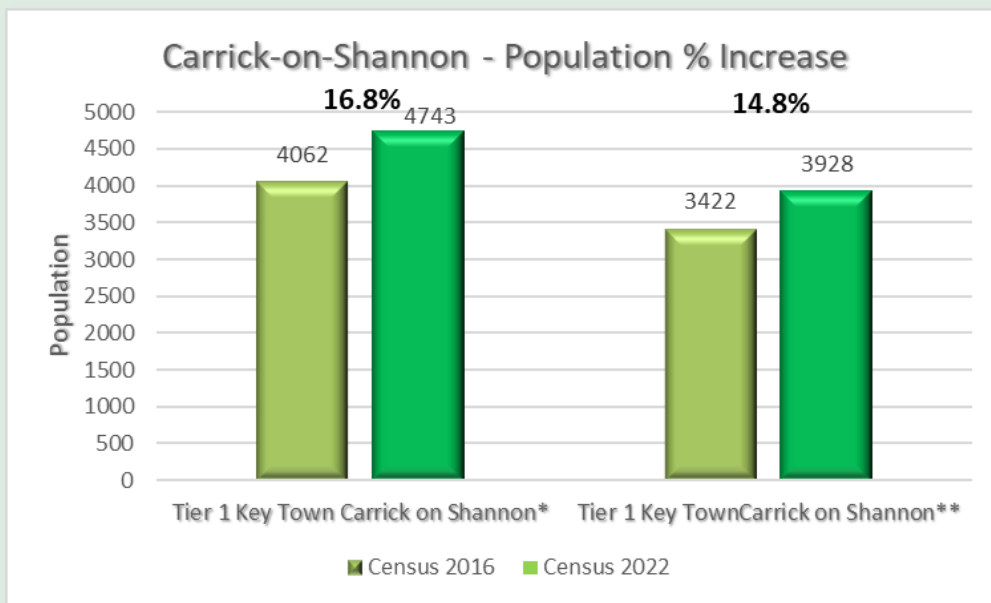


Figure 3.2: Tier 1 Key Town - Carrick-on-Shannon Population Growth Trends CSO 2016 & 2022

*Figures include Cortober **Figures exclude Cortober

As per the Core Strategy, the Key Town of Carrick-on-Shannon is forecast to continue to grow with the provision of 362 households, which on the basis of the average household size in Leitrim of 2.55 (Census 2022) equates to a population increase of 923 over the lifetime of the plan.

Outside of the Key Town of Carrick-on-Shannon, the Tier 2A Self Sustaining Growth Towns of Ballinamore and Manorhamilton (refer to Figure 3.3 below) experienced substantial growth of 21.7% and 13.7% between 2016 and 2022, reaching populations of 1,112 and 1,667 respectively.

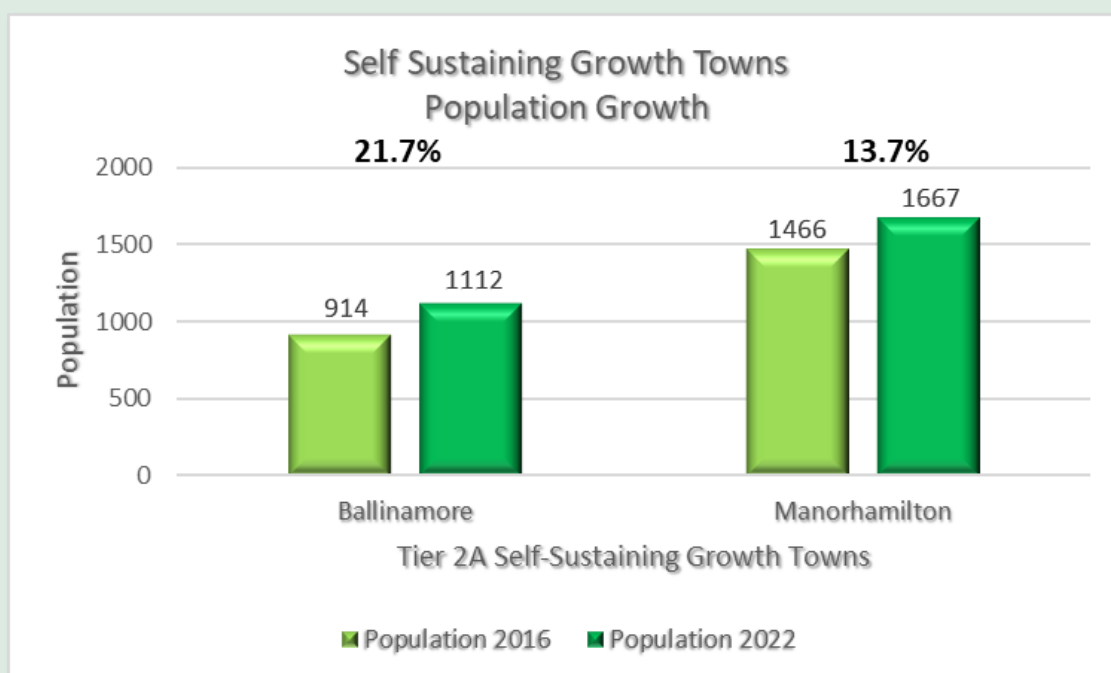


Figure 3.3: Tier 2A Self Sustaining Growth Towns - Population Growth Trends CSO 2016 & 2022

The Tier 3 Support Towns of Dromahair, Drumshanbo, Mohill and Kinlough all saw significant population growth between the period 2016 and 2022, with Drumshanbo seeing a 37.4% growth in its population over the 4-year period (note these figures are inflated due to the additional houses captured arising from the change in identified boundaries between the Census periods). Dromahair, Mohill and Kinlough saw an increase in their population of 16.2%, 20.1% and 15.8% respectively as indicated in Figure 3.4 below. The population of both Drumshanbo and Kinlough now exceeds the population of Ballinamore.

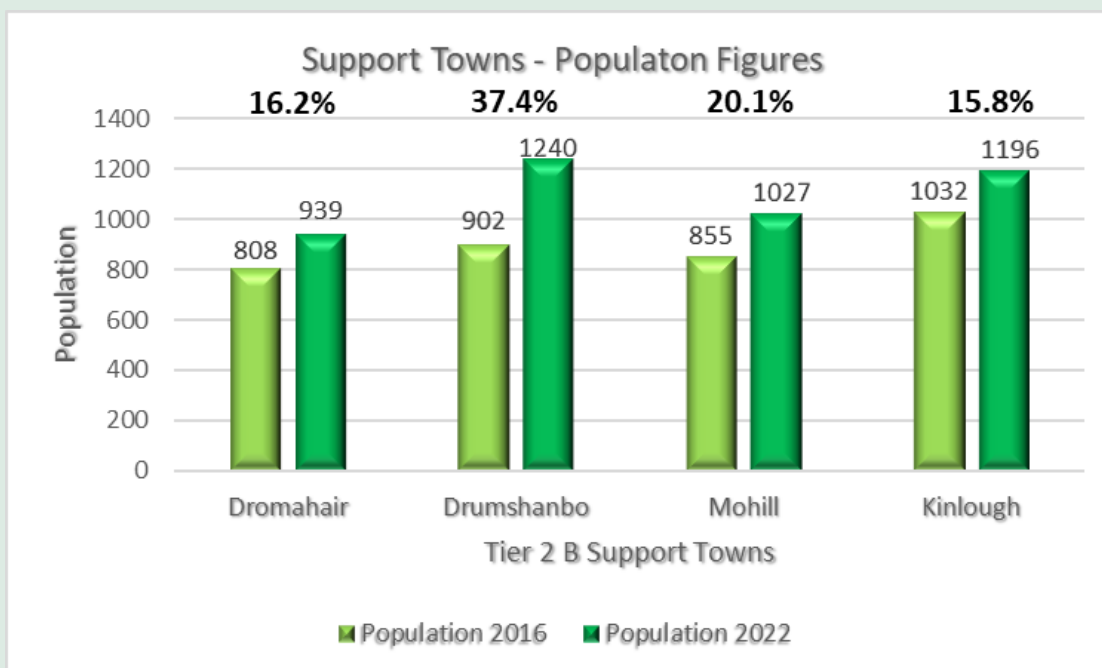


Chart 3.4: Tier 2B Support Towns - Population Growth Trends CSO 2016 & 2022

Figure 3.5 shows the populations of each of the Tier 3 Villages also increased, with the highest population growth attributed to Dromod with an additional 198 persons equating to 35.7% increase in population. All the villages have shown substantial population growth, demonstrating their attractiveness and opportunities for continued regeneration and compact growth.

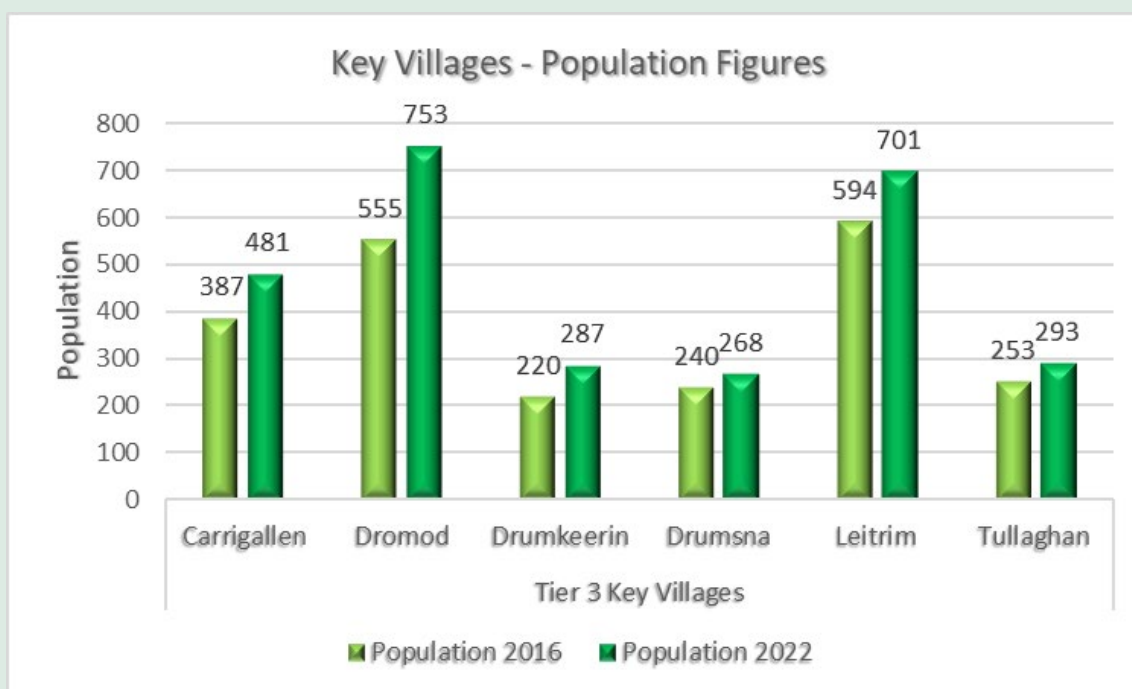


Figure 3.5: Tier 3 Key Villages - Population Growth Trends CSO 2016 & 2022

Overall, the 2022 Census data demonstrates a very positive population growth in all the designated settlements in the hierarchy as indicated in Figure 3.6.

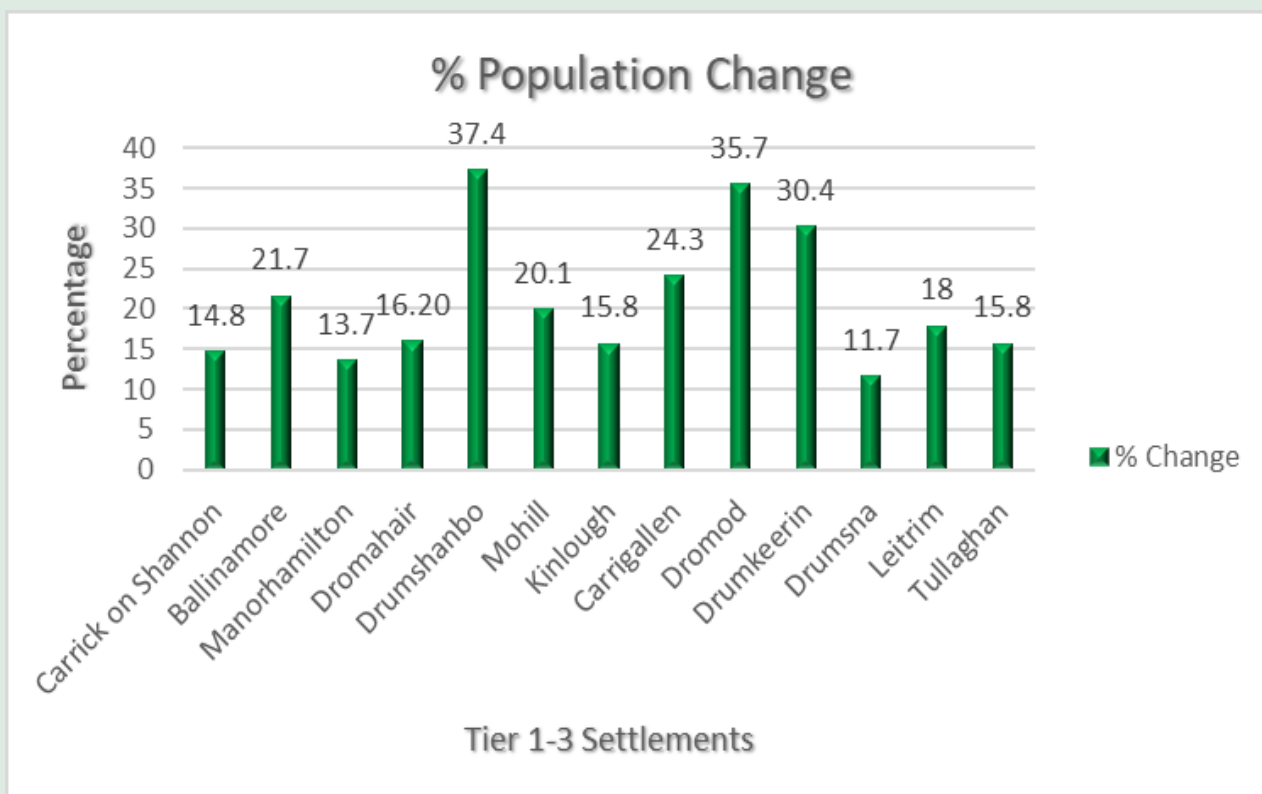


Figure 3.6: Tiers 1-3 Settlements - % Population Change CSO 2016 & 2022

The 2022 Census data demonstrate significant positive population growth in each of the named designated Settlements in the hierarchy. It is notable, as Figure 3.7 indicates, that of the 3,155 population increase in the county over the 2016-2022 Census period, 2,244 or 71% were located in the top three Tiers of the Settlement Hierarchy with the remaining 911 or 29% of the population increase located within the Tier 4 villages, the Graigs and the rural areas of the County.

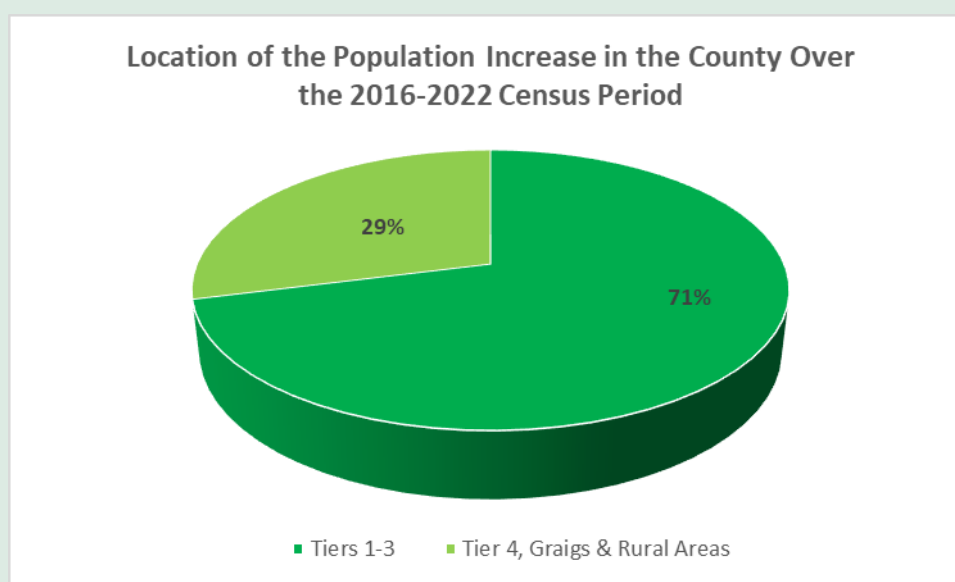


Figure 3.7 Location of the Population Increase in the County over the 2016-2022 Census Period

The Core Strategy provides for 76% of all housing to be accommodated between the top 3 Tiers of the Settlement Hierarchy over the lifetime of the Plan. To this effect, the population growth trends demonstrate that the Core Strategy has accurately directed population growth towards the designated settlements across the hierarchy of the Plan.

4. Core Strategy Monitoring

Section 10.3.1 Core Strategy Monitoring of the ‘Development Plan Guidelines’ sets out the 7 no. indicators for Residential, Commercial and Settlement Consolidation Sites to determine the progress in achieving the Core Strategy of the Plan.

The structure of this annual monitoring report is broadly consistent with the indicators set out in the above-mentioned Section 28 Development Plan Guidelines, with additional data included where considered appropriate. A brief commentary with respect to the 7 no. indicators will be addressed in order, including an outline of residential planning applications comprising of extant grants of planning permission, including those for which commencement notices have been received. The annual monitoring report covers the 12-month period of the 21st March 2024 to the 20th March 2025 inclusive which reflects the 2nd year of the County Development Plan 2023-2029 coming into effect.

4.1 Residential Indicators 1 and 2—Dwelling Completions

This section examines the number of dwellings required and completed in Leitrim during the first year since the adoption of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029. It is noted that given the time lag between the grant of planning permission and the completion of new homes, a number of the completions during the 2nd year period since the Development Plan came into effect, would have, in the main, been permitted under the previous Leitrim County Development Plan 2015-2023. As referenced in Section 2, the Core Strategy has forecasted an additional 1,208 no. residential units which equates to an average requirement of 201 no. dwellings per annum, or 50.25 no. additional dwellings per quarter.

Having regard to the information available on the CSO’s New Dwelling Completions Q.2, Q3 and Q4 2024 and Q1 2025 Reports, Table 4.1 sets out the average no. of units required by quarter and the residential completions by unit type across Leitrim in the 2nd year of the adoption of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029.

Quarter/Year	Average No. of Units Required	No. of Single Houses Built	No. of Schemes Built (2 or more Houses)	No. of Apts. Built	Total
Q2 2024	50.25	20	8	4	32
Q3 2024	50.25	14	5	1	20
Q4 2024	50.25	18	24	8	50
Q1 2025	50.25	6	2	3	11
Total	201	58	39	16	113

Table 4.1: Housing Completions, CSO New Dwelling Completions

A breakdown of the number of units completed per quarter is provided in Figure 4.1 below. The number of dwellings completed (113 no. units) compared to the number of dwellings required per annum (201 no. units) over the lifetime of the Plan, indicates a shortfall of 88 no. units for the 2nd year since the adoption of the Plan.

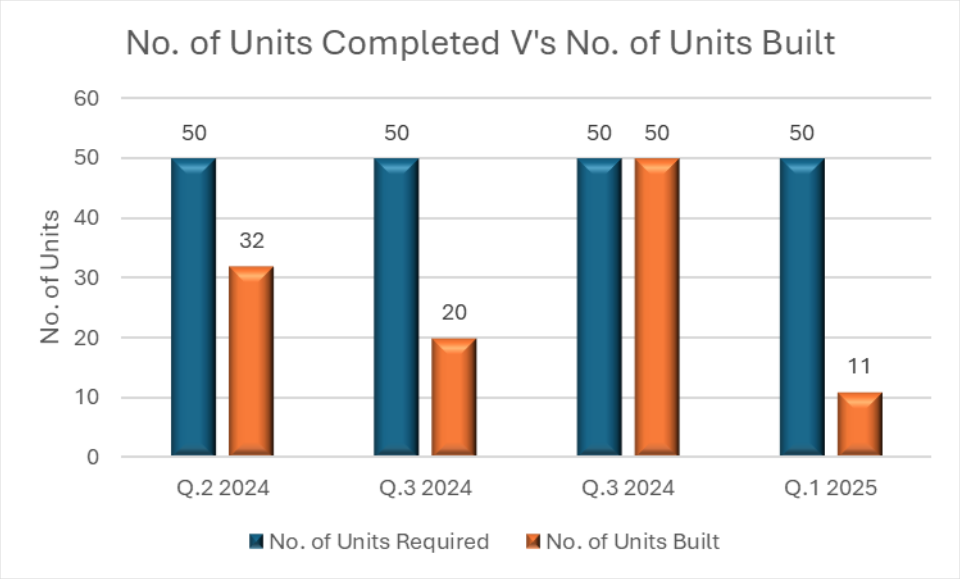


Figure 4.1: No. of Housing Units Completed Vs No. Required per Quarter in the 2nd Year of the Development Plan

Further to a breakdown of Figure 4.1, utilising the information available on the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage’s Housing Delivery Tracker data and the CSO Completion data, a breakdown by settlement of the number of additional households forecast, the average number of units required per annum and the number of units completed across the County, including the rural areas, has been set out in Table 4.2.



Level	Settlement	Population (Census 2022)	Additional Households Forecasted 2022-2028	Average No. of Units Required Per Annum	New Home Completions (Q2 2024—Q1 2025)	New Home Completions as a % of No. of Units Required Per Annum
Tier 1	<i>Key Town</i>					
	Carrick-on-Shannon	3,928*	362	60	31	52%
Tier 2A	<i>Self-Sustaining Growth Towns</i>					
	Ballinamore	1,112	97	16	2	13%
	Manorhamilton	1,667	97	16	0	0%
Tier 2B	<i>Support Towns</i>					
	Dromahair	939	48	8	0	0%
	Drumshanbo	1,240	48	8	4	50%
	Mohill	1,027	48	8	0	0%
	Kinlough	1,196	48	8	7	88%
Tier 3	<i>Key Villages</i>					
	Carrigallen	481	36	6	0	0%
	Dromod	753	24	4	2	50%
	Drumkeeran	287	36	6	1	17%
	Drumsna	268	24	4	4	100%
	Leitrim	701	24	4	1	25%
	Tullaghan	293	24	4	0	0%
Tiers 4 & 5	<i>Villages &</i>		147	25	1	4%
Other	<i>Rural Areas</i>					
			145**	24	60	250%
Total			1,208	201	113	56%

Table 4.2: Population, Unit Requirement & Completions by Settlements & Rural Areas *Figure excludes Cortober **

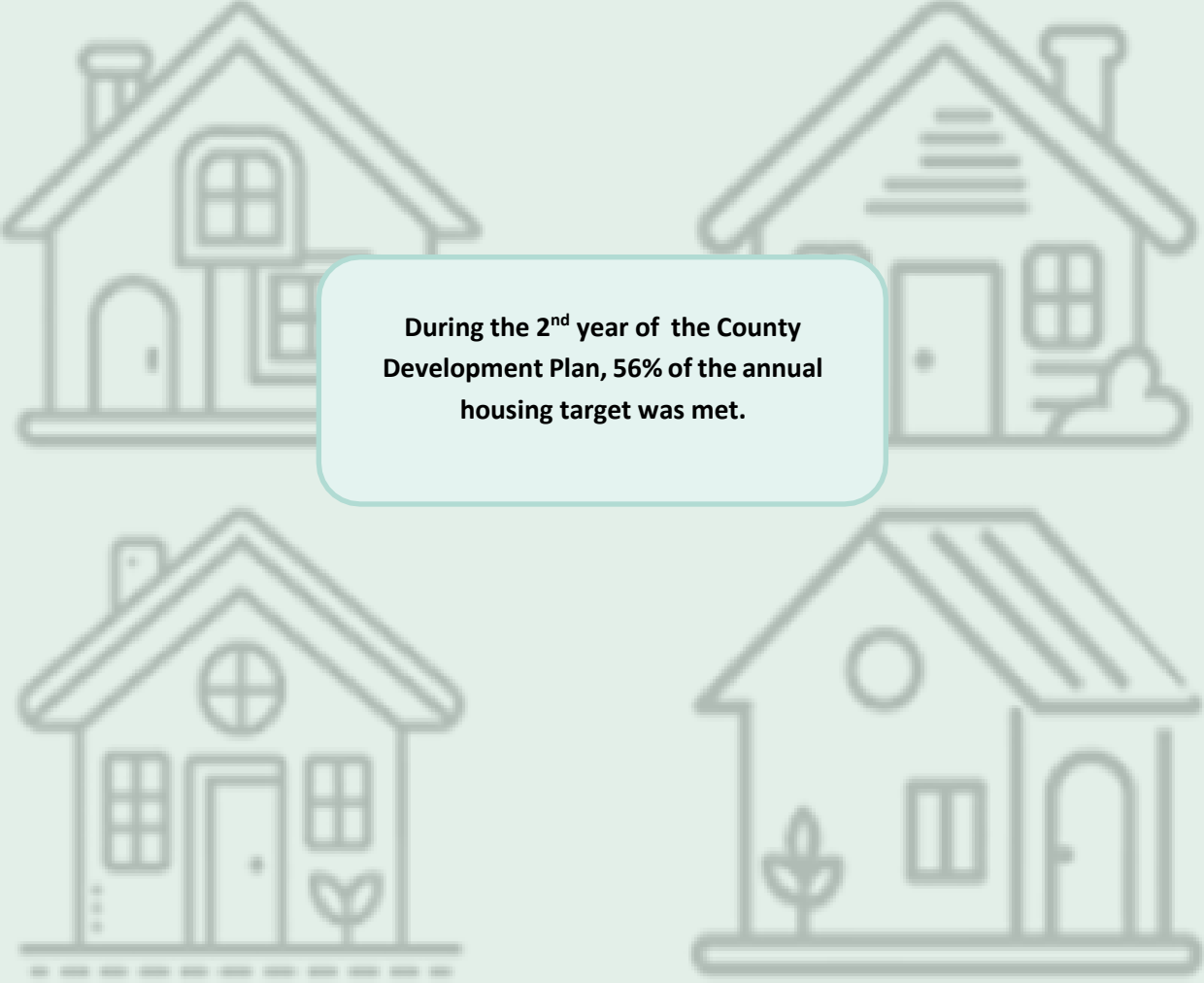
This figure excludes provision of any dwellings on brownfield sites – e.g. replacement dwellings

With the notable exceptions of the Rural Areas, the Tier 2A Support Town of Kinlough and the Tier 3 Key Village of Drumsna, the number of new dwelling completions across all the Settlement levels over the 2nd year of the County Development Plan are below the average annual target, though higher than achieved in Year 1. While Rural Areas achieved two and a half times the number of units required per annum (60 units), Drumsna achieved all its housing targets (4 units) and Kinlough achieved 88% of its housing target (7 units).

Outside of these locations, Carrick-on-Shannon, where the greatest target growth is envisaged, achieved 52% of the annual target (60 no. units) of dwellings required per annum with 31 no. units completed between Q2 of 2024 and Q1 of 2025. Both Drumshanbo and Dromod achieved at least half of the annual housing targets as set out in the Core Strategy. Overall, however, in the case of the Tier 1-5 settlements, the dwelling completions are below the annual growth targets as set out in the Core Strategy, which are required to serve the projected population growth over the Plan period.

The low completion numbers reflect the current economic climate where the high cost of construction makes the viability of developing, in terms of profitability/returns on investment, questionable in areas such as Leitrim.

Dwelling completions in the Tier 1-5 Settlements are below the annual target growth targets in the 2nd year of the County Development Plan.



During the 2nd year of the County Development Plan, 56% of the annual housing target was met.

4.2 Residential Indicator 3 —Residential Planning Permissions — Settlements

This section provides an overview of the number of planning permissions granted for residential developments, in the various Tier 1-5 settlements across Leitrim during the second year of the County Development Plan 2023-2029. This section also sets out a brief outline of the availability of zoned land to cater for residential development over the lifetime of the Plan. For the purpose of this section Tier 1-3 Settlements are considered together as they have specific residential zonings, while Tier 4 Villages and Tier 5 Graigs are addressed separately as they have general zonings in the case of Tier 4 Villages and no zoning in the case of Tier 5 Graigs. In the case of the Graigs a 200m buffer was used to identify the ‘boundaries’ of the Graigs.

As set out in Table 4.3 below, 14 no. planning applications for residential development on zoned lands in the Tier 1-3 Settlements have been granted, comprising of 34 no. residential units, during the second year of the County Development Plan.

	1-Off Urban (House)	1 Unit (Apt.)	2 Units	3 Units	4+ Units	Total
No. of Applications	4	2	3	1	4	14
No. of Housing Units	4	2	6	3	19	34

Table 4.3: Number & Type of Planning Applications Granted for Residential Developments in Tier 1-3 Settlements in the 2nd Year of the County Development Plan



The location of the 14 No. planning permissions is indicated in Table 4.4 below. Three of the applications made were in the Key Town of Carrick-on-Shannon (7 units) with a further five made in Ballinamore (17 units), three in Mohill (4 units) followed by one in each of the following settlements: Kinlough (4 units), Manorhamilton (1 unit) and Leitrim Village (1 unit).

Level	Settlement	1 – Off Urban House	1 No. Apt.	2 Units	3 Units	4+ Units	Total Units
Tier 1	Key Town						
	Carrick-on-Shannon	1		1		1	7
Tier 2A	Self-Sustaining Growth Town						
	Ballinamore	1		1	1	2	17
	Manorhamilton	1					1
Tier 2B	Support Towns						
	Mohill	1	1	1			4
	Kinlough					1	4
Tier 3	Key Villages						
	Leitrim		1				1
Total							34

Table 4.4: Location and Number of Planning Permissions Granted for Residential Development in Tier 1-3 Settlements within the 2nd year of the County Development Plan



Of the 34 No. units granted planning permission in the zoned settlements, the majority of them comprised of 1 bedroom units (15 in total) as outlined in Figure 4.2 below.

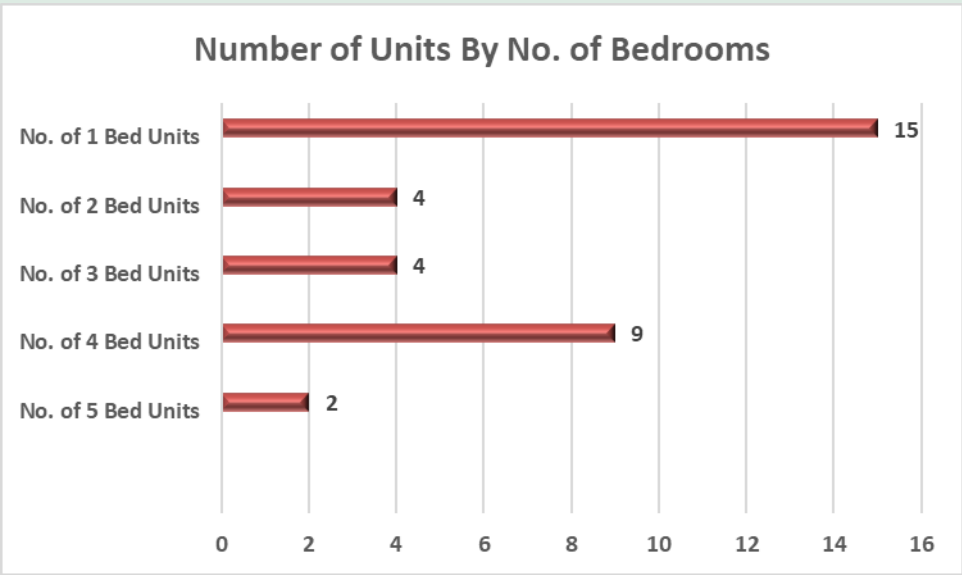
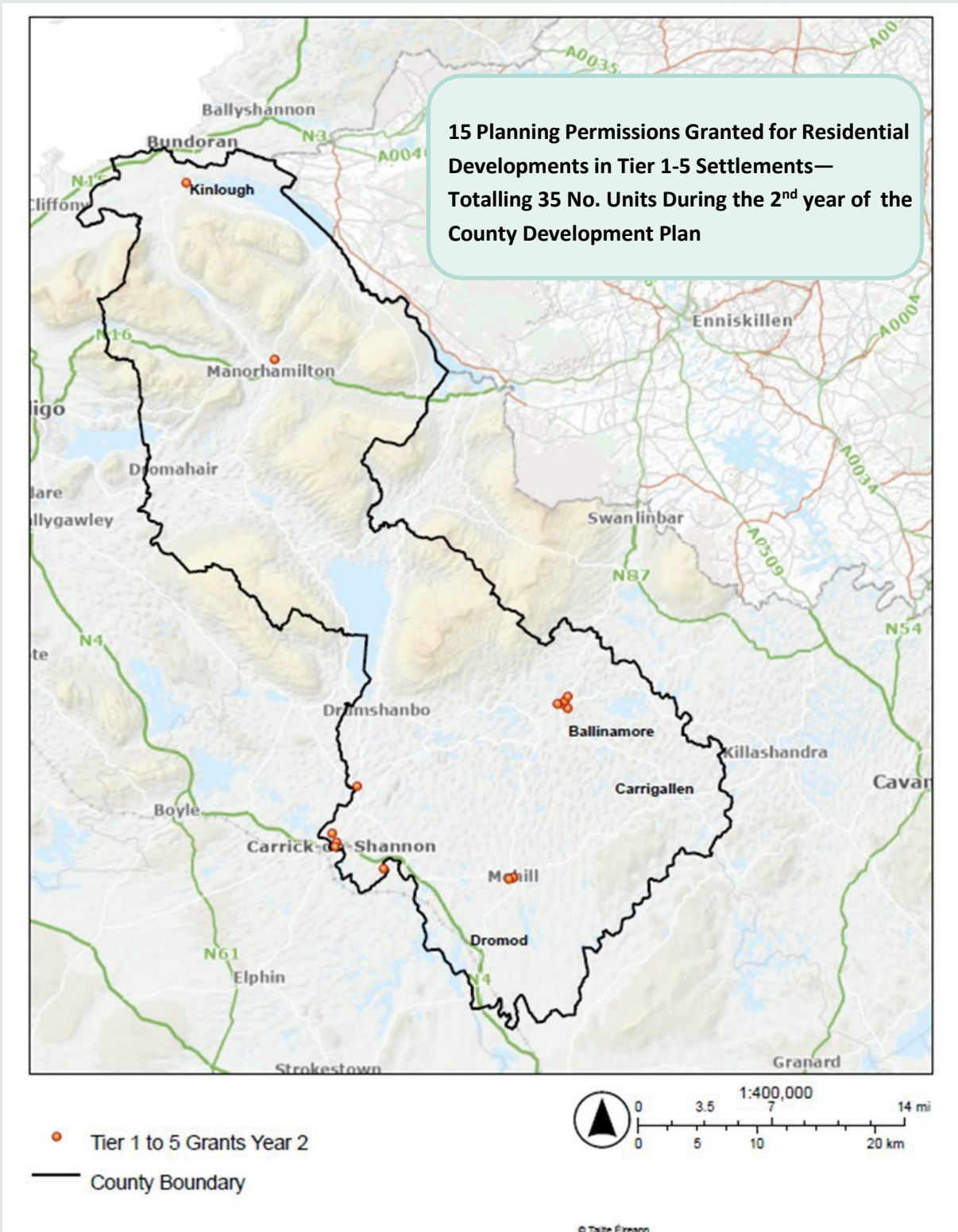


Figure 4.2: No. of Units by No. of Bedrooms Granted Permission Within the 2nd Year of the County Development Plan in Tier 1-3 Settlements

There was 1 planning permission granted in a Tier 4 Village (Jamestown) and no planning permission was granted in any of the Tier 5 Graigs.



The location of the 15 No. residential development applications which were granted planning permission in the Tier 1-5 Settlements, within the 2nd year of the County Development Plan, are shown on Map 4.1 below.



Map 4.1: Spatial Distribution of Grants of Planning Permission for Residential Units in Tier 1-5 Settlements Within the 2nd Year of the County Development Plan.

Of the 14 No. residential permissions granted on the zoned lands in the Tier 1-3 Settlements during the second year of the Development Plan, commencement notices have been received within this period for just 3 number developments comprising of 6 no. units (2 in Carrick-on-Shannon and 4 in Kinlough) with a further application for 2 units in Ballinamore, which was the subject of a retention permission for the change of use from garage/store/office to 2 No. 1 bedroom self-contained accommodation units, not requiring a commencement notice, as it has been completed, but included in Table 4.5 overleaf.

With reference to the Tier 4 & 5 Settlements, there was only 1 planning permission granted and a commencement notice was received for this one-off house permitted in Jamestown (Tier 4). Refer to Table 4.5 and 4.6 for further details. Between Tier 1-3 and Tier 4-5 Settlements a total of 15 planning permissions were granted during the 2nd year of the County Development Plan, 14 in Tiers 1-3 and 1 in Tiers 4-5 with a combined total of 5 commencement notices received. A further 6 No. commencement notices were received within the second 12 months of the County Development Plan coming into effect, for developments permitted prior to the second year of the County Development Plan. The number of units for which commencement notices were received, inclusive of the retention application, within the 2nd year of the County Development Plan total 46 No. units. The breakdown in terms of where these units were located provided in Table 4.5 as follows:

Level	Settlement	No. of Units Granted within 2 nd Year of County Development Plan	No. of Units Granted within 2 nd Year for which Commencement Notices were Received within 2 nd Year	No. of Units Permitted under Previous County Development Plan & Commencement Notices Received within 2 nd Year
Tier 1	<i>Key Town</i>			
	Carrick-on-Shannon	7	2	
Tier 2A	<i>Self-Sustaining Growth Town</i>			
	Ballinamore	17*	10*	
	Manorhamilton	1		
Tier 2B	<i>Support Towns</i>			
	Dromahair			2
	Drumshanbo			6
	Mohill	4		1
	Kinlough	4	4	
Tier 3	<i>Key Villages</i>			
	Dromod			20
	Leitrim	1		
Tiers 4	<i>Villages</i>			
	Jamestown	1	1	
Tier 5	<i>Graigs</i>			
Total		35	17	29

Table 4.5: The number & location of units granted and number of commencement notices received in the Tier 1-5 Settlements during the 2nd Year of the County Development Plan *A retention application for a change of use from store/garage/office to 2 No. apartments included as no commencement notice required.


While there have been no variations to the zoning of land incorporated into the Plan, the Carrick-on-Shannon JLAP 2025-2031 has recently been adopted. The amount of additional land zoned under this JLAP amounts to 18.64 ha of New Residential Lands. Table 2.2 has been updated to account for the additional zoned lands.

A total of 81.3 ha of zoned land was identified for ‘New Residential’ or ‘Mixed Use’ in the Tier 1, Tier 2A, 2B and Tier 3 towns and villages equating to a potential 1,168 households. Combined, the total household yield for both ‘New Residential’ and ‘Mixed Use’ in Tiers 1 – 3 could cater for an additional 2,978 population.

Further to a review of these lands as zoned in the above-mentioned Tiers, a total of 25 No. new builds on 2 No. sites (in Ballinamore and Dromod) for which commencement notices were received in the 2nd year of the County Development Plan were on 1.539 ha of lands zoned ‘New Residential’. None of the new builds for which commencement notices were received within the 2nd year of the CDP were on lands zoned ‘Mixed Use’. Between Year 1 and Year 2 of the CDP, a total of 2.02 ha of the 81.3 ha of zoned lands have been built on providing 28 dwellings.

The zoned lands in question are all Tier 1 lands (no Tier 2 lands were identified for residential zoning in the County Development Plan). It is evident from that above that the amount of existing lands zoned for residential development (including mixed use which allows for residential) that remains without a commenced planning permission is sufficient to cater for the forecasted housing requirements to 2029.



Legend	
	Existing Residential
	New Residential
	Town/Village Centre
	Mixed Use
	Enterprise & Employment
	Social & Community
	Low Density Residential
	Open Space & Amenity
	Tourism
	Agriculture
	Utilities
	Constrained Land Use
	Development Envelope
	Phase 2 Enterprise and Employment

4.3 Residential Pipeline Development

This section outlines the pipeline residential developments that have been granted, in the various Tier 1 – 5 settlements but for which no commencement notice was submitted and also includes the number of units for which an application for residential development was made but which was not determined within the 2nd year of the County Development Plan. The pipeline developments are identified as residential developments that either:

- ⇒ have been granted planning permission within the 2nd year of the County Development Plan but for which no commencement notice was submitted within the 2nd year and
- ⇒ all residential developments that were received within the 2nd year of the County Development Plan but which were not determined within the 2nd year.

These pipeline developments, where granted and developed, will contribute to the number of dwelling completions and the achievement of the objectives of the Core Strategy over the lifetime of the Plan.

Further to the number of residential units granted in the Tier 1-5 Settlements during the 2nd year of the Development Plan (35 in total) a commencement notice for 18 of these was not received with the 2nd year of the County Development Plan. In addition, decisions on applications received within the 2nd year that were pending or not determined within the 2nd year of the Development Plan amount to 37 units, giving a total of 55 no. residential units in the pipeline, assuming all those applications to be determined are granted planning permission. Details of the location and number of pipeline developments are outlined in Table 4.6 on the following page.

Assuming all Applications to be Determined are Granted Planning Permission then there are 55 No. Residential Units in the Pipeline in the 2nd Year of the County Development Plan.



Level	Settlement	No. of Units Granted Within 2 nd Year	No. of Units Granted and Commencement Notice Received within 2 nd Year	No. of Units Granted But No Commencement Notice Received within 2 nd Year	No. of Units Pending Decisions	Total No. of Units—Pipeline
Tier 1	<i>Key Town</i>					
	Carrick-on-Shannon	7	2	5		5
Tier 2A	<i>Self-Sustaining Growth Town</i>					
	Ballinamore	17*	10*	7	4	11
	Manorhamilton	1		1		1
Tier 2B	<i>Support Towns</i>					
	Mohill	4		4	14	18
	Kinlough	4	4			
Tier 3	<i>Key Villages</i>					
	Dromod				19	19
	Leitrim	1		1		1
Tiers 4	<i>Villages</i>					
	Jamestown	1	1			
Tier 5	<i>Graigs</i>					
Total		35	17	18	37	55

Table 4.6: Residential Pipeline Development in Tier 1-5 Settlements *Includes a retention application for a change of use from store/garage/office to 2 No. apartments included as no commencement notice required.

4.4 Residential Indicator 3 — Residential Planning Applications— Rural

For the purposes of this report rural areas are defined as all rural areas not located within one of the 5 Tier Settlements identified in the Core Strategy i.e. the category identified as 'Other' in the Core Strategy.

This section examines:

- the number of valid planning applications lodged for single dwellings located in the rural areas of Leitrim within the 2nd year of the County Development Plan 2023-2029;
- the number of grants of planning permission for rural houses within the 2nd year of the County Development Plan 2023-2029;
- the number of rural applications refused/withdrawn within the 2nd year of the County Development Plan 2023-2029 and
- The number of rural dwellings completed during the 2nd year of the County Development Plan 2023-2029.

Note: the figures for b-d include applications lodged prior to the coming into effect of the current County Development Plan and/or lodged within Year 1 but decided/completed within the 2nd year.

Level	Settlements	Planning Applications Lodged within 2 nd Year	Permissions Granted within 2 nd Year	Applications Refused/Withdrawn within 2 nd Year	Rural Dwellings Completed within 2 nd Year
Other	<i>Rural Areas</i>	32*	27*	2*	60
Total		32	27	2	60

Table 4.7: Rural Applications – One Off Houses. * These figure excludes provision of any dwellings on brownfield sites – e.g. replacement dwellings

There were a total of 32 applications lodged for rural housing within the 2nd year of the County Development Plan, which exceeds the number provided in the Core Strategy by 33%. It is noted that of the 32 planning applications for rural housing that were lodged, 21 of them were granted planning permission with the remaining 11 no. planning applications either undecided or no final decision issued within that 2nd year period. The 2 no. applications that were refused/withdrawn during the 2nd year of the CDP were applications received during the 1st year of the CDP. A total of 27 permissions were granted for one-off rural housing during the 2nd year of the CDP.

It should be noted that excluded from the figures presented with an * in Table 4.7 are 8 grants of planning permission which related to rural houses on brownfield sites (e.g. the renovation or replacement of derelict dwellings), as for the purposes of the Core Strategy, redevelopment on brownfield sites constituting replacement houses is not considered to constitute additional houses.

Also excluded from the figures provided are change of use applications resulting in additional dwelling units. In the 2nd year of the County Development Plan there was 1 additional dwelling unit granted planning permission in a rural area arising from a change of use.

The Core Strategy allocated 145 no. additional dwellings in the rural areas, equating to an average of 24 no. dwellings per annum. For the second year of the Plan being in place, 27 no. rural one-off dwellings have been granted planning permission, which exceeds the number allocated in the Core Strategy.

Having regard to the CSO’s New Dwelling Completions and the Department’s Housing Delivery Tracker data for the period in question (Q.2, Q.3 and Q.4, of 2024 and Q.1 of 2025) it is estimated that approximately 60 no. units have been completed in the rural areas outside of the Tier 1-5 Settlements.



In the assessment of rural housing, the county has been categorised into two areas – namely areas of low capacity and other rural areas. While the Core Strategy does not differentiate between these two categories in terms of household allocations, Table 4.8 below shows the breakdown of the number of dwellings permitted in low capacity areas and other rural areas in the first year of the county development plan.

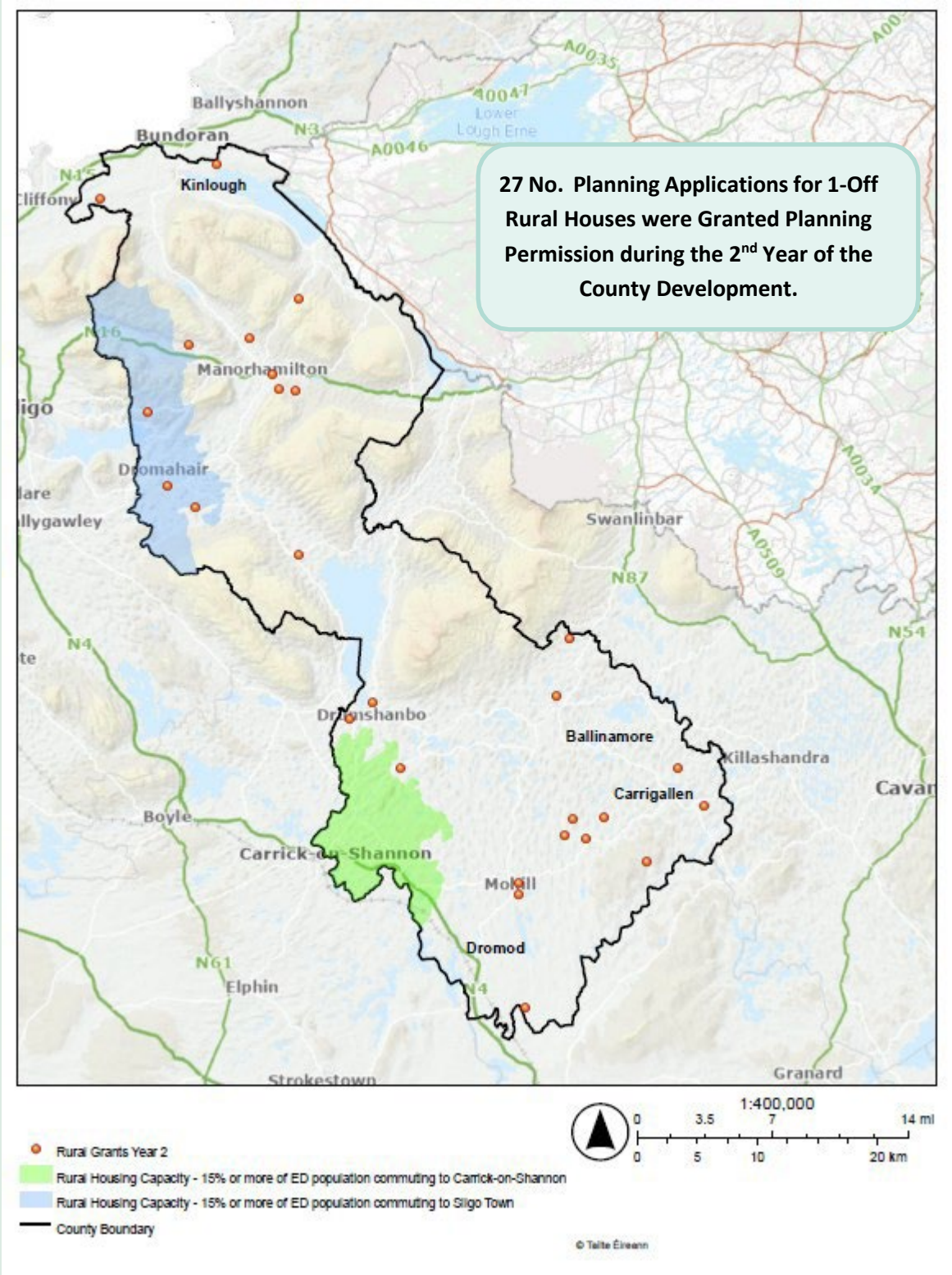
Level	Settlements	Rural Housing Category	Permissions Granted within 2 nd Year	Applications Refused or Withdrawn within 2 nd Year
Other	<i>Rural Areas</i>			
		Low Capacity Areas	3	0
		Other Rural Areas	24	2
Total			27	2

Table 4.8: Distribution of One off Houses into Rural Categories

Of the 27 No. rural one off dwellings that were granted planning permission during the second year of the Plan, 3 of them were located in low capacity areas which are areas under strong urban pressure from commuting towns of Carrick-on-Shannon and also from parts of the county generally west of Dromahair towards the Sligo border. Of these 3 dwellings, all 3 were permitted within the low capacity area surrounding Dromahair. These low capacity areas are indicated in green and blue on Map 4.2 on the following page.

A total of 27 commencement notices for one off rural houses were received within the second year of the County Development Plan coming into effect. It should be noted that 4 of these commencement notices were for planning applications that would have been submitted and determined under the previous County Development Plan while the remaining 23 commencement notices were for rural dwellings permitted under the current County Development Plan.

The distribution of the 27 No. rural houses which were granted planning permission within the 2nd year of the County Development Plan is indicated on Map 4.2 below.



Map 4.2: Spatial Distribution of Grants of Planning Permission for One Off Rural Houses during the 2nd Year of the County Development Plan.

4.5 Commercial Indicators 5 and 6—Commercial Floor Space and Permissions

This section sets out the amount of commercial floorspace granted in the various settlements in the 2nd year following the Leitrim County Development Plan coming into effect. Table 4.9 below shows the distribution and breakdown of the permitted commercial floorspace granted within that time period.

Level	Settlement	Office Space (m ²)	Industrial Space (m ²)	Retail Space (m ²)	Warehousing/Logistics Space (m ²)	Overall Total Floorspace (m ²)
Tier 1	<i>Key Town</i>					2,293 m ²
	Carrick-on-Shannon	523 m ² *	1,684 m ² *	86 m ² *		
Tier 2A	<i>Self-Sustaining Growth Town</i>					0 m ²
Tier 2B	<i>Support Towns</i>					410m ²
	Drumshanbo	80 m ²		330 m ² *		
Tier 3	<i>Key Villages</i>					42m ²
	Drumkeeran	42 m ²				
Tiers 4	<i>Villages</i>					263m ²
	Kiltyclogher		263 m ²			
Tier 5	<i>Graigs</i>					0 m ²
Other	<i>Rural</i>					135 m ²
	Kiltoghert				135 m ²	
Total		645 m ²	1,947 m ²	416 m ²	135 m ²	3,143 m ²

Table 4.9: Distribution of Permitted Commercial Floorspace. * Figures include Retention permissions

The uses as identified in Table 4.9 are as per the Section 28 Guidelines and include office, industrial, retail, and warehousing/logistics. There are some additional potential employment generating uses that were granted planning permission in the County in the second year of the County Development Plan which are not captured in Table 4.9, such as education, tourism and cultural uses.

A substantial majority of all commercial developments granted planning permission within the 2nd year of the County Development are located within Tier 1 as would be expected. It is notable though that neither of the Tier 2B Support Towns featured.

A total of 86% or 2,698 m² of the floor area of the commercial developments permitted are for new builds with the remaining 14% of the total permitted floor areas consisting of extensions, changes of use of existing buildings and retentions of existing uses.

Of the 416m² of retail space (which includes pub extensions/beer gardens) 66% or 276m² of the floorspace was proposed as an extension to an existing unit with the remaining 34% or 140m² of the floorspace relating to retentions of existing uses.

All of the office space granted, (645m²) was associated with an application for either retail use or an industrial use, as opposed to stand alone office use.

No commencement notices were submitted for any of these developments within the 2nd year of the County Development Plan coming into effect (not applicable to retention permissions).

Industrial use formed the largest use permitted of all commercial developments granted, of which 91% or 1,775m² was new builds with the remaining 9% consisting of retention.



86% of the commercial developments permitted are for new builds.

4.6 Settlement Consolidation Sites Indicator 7 (Opportunity Sites)

The *Development Plan Guidelines* provide that ‘settlement consolidation sites’ are sites of relative strategic scale and importance within the existing built-up area such that they have a critical role to play in achieving the Core Strategy and, in particular, policy objectives for consolidation and compact growth. There is a need for each settlement with a population greater than 10,000 people to designate such sites. While there are no settlements in County Leitrim that exceed 10,000 the Guidelines state that Planning Authorities may also consider identifying Settlement Consolidation Sites in towns of less than 10,000 persons. Given the considerable emphasis on the overarching development goal of ‘compact growth’ in both national and

regional planning which is reflected in the Core Strategy, the focus of new development within our settlements should ideally be within the existing built-up footprint thereby making more efficient use of existing services and negating the need for private car transport to the maximum extent possible. Accordingly, this approach required the identification of suitable brownfield/infill sites, known as ‘Opportunity Sites’ in the County



Manorhamilton - Opportunity Site 1: Site of Vacant former Farrell's Café

Development Plan 2023-2029, for targeted regeneration and development.

Opportunity Sites have been identified in the Tier 2A, 2B and Tier 3 Settlements in the County Development Plan 2023-2029, with further Opportunity Sites identified now identified in the JLAP 2025- 2031 for the Tier 1 - Key Town of Carrick-on-Shannon, which was just recently adopted. Given the nature of the Settlement sizes, the Opportunity Sites as identified in the Tier 1 and Tier 2A Settlements only i.e. Carrick-on-Shannon, Ballinamore and Manorhamilton, are considered the relevant towns to review for the purposes of this report.

Table 4.10 below identifies the location of the various Opportunity Sites (excluding those identified for Open Space/Parks) in the Tier 1 and Tier 2A settlements and outlines the current status/progress for the development of these sites. As indicated below, no development has taken place in the 2nd year period since the adoption of the County Development Plan 2023-2029.

Level	Settlement	Opportunity Site	Description/Status/Progress
Tier 1	Key Town		
	Carrick-on-Shannon	Site 1: Lands to the rear of Bridge St. & Main St.	The lands are zoned Town Core and consist of lands to the rear of properties facing onto both Bridge St. and Main St. including a number of associated outbuildings. The lands are in a prime location adjacent to the town centre with opportunities for compact mixed tenure development, the provision of public realm, connectivity and permeability. The lands have no infrastructural requirements. The site was not identified in the RZLT Final Maps 2025 as the lands were not zoned at that time (due to the expiration of the last Carrick-on-Shannon LAP) but would not in any case feature as they don't meet the criteria for inclusion. This site was just included in the recently adopted Carrick on Shannon JLAP 2025-31 and so no development has taken place on this site to date.
		Site 2: Site adjacent to Carrick on Shannon Post Office	The lands are zoned Town Core and consist of an existing carpark and access road to land to the rear used as a telecoms exchange and telecommunications structure. The lands form a gap in the streetscape where there was previously a 3-storey structure, presenting an opportunity to continue the streetscape of Main St. with potential for a Landmark Building given the prominence of the site. Given its strategic location in relation to the core of the town, the site presents significant potential for reinforcing the use, function and character of the Town Centre. The site has no infrastructural requirements. The site was not identified in the RZLT Final Maps 2025 as the lands were not zoned at that time (due to the expiration of the last Carrick-on-Shannon LAP) but would not in any case feature as they don't meet the criteria for inclusion. This site was just included in the recently adopted Carrick on Shannon JLAP 2025-31 and so no development has taken place on this site to date.
		Site 3: Lands to the rear of Main St., accessed off Church Lane	The lands are zoned Town Core and consist of lands to the rear of properties facing onto Main St., including a number of associated out buildings all in single ownership. The lands have been identified as being in a prime location adjacent to the town centre with opportunities for compact mixed tenure development, the provision of public realm, connectivity and permeability. The site has no infrastructural requirements. The site was not identified in the RZLT Final Maps 2025 as the lands were not zoned at that time (due to the expiration of the last Carrick-on-Shannon LAP) but would not in any case feature as they don't meet the criteria for inclusion. This site was just included in the recently adopted Carrick on Shannon JLAP 2025-31 and so no development has taken place on this site to date.
		Site 4: Lands on Leitrim Road (adjacent to Leitrim Hardware	The lands are zoned Town Core and consist of two storey residences, which have fallen into severe disrepair. The site forms part of the northern approach to the town and so plays an important role in defining the arrival to the town. The development opportunities identified include the exploration of high-density forms of development to ensure a more efficient and effective use of land. The site has no infrastructural requirements. The site was not identified in the RZLT Final Maps 2025 as the lands were not zoned at that time (due to the expiration of the last Carrick-on-Shannon LAP) but would not in any case feature

Level	Settlement	Opportunity Site	Description/Status/Progress
		Site 4 (cont.)	recently adopted Carrick on Shannon JLAP 2025-31 and so no development has taken place on this site to date.
		Site 5: Lands adjacent to Carrick-on-Shannon Fire Station	The lands are zoned Town Core and are currently being used as a Council depot for storage. The opportunity identified for these lands is to develop them as a trailhead for the Carrick-on-Shannon to Battlebridge Blueway project with dedicated cycle lanes and signage improvements. The site has no infrastructural requirements. The site was not identified in the RZLT Final Maps 2025 as the lands were not zoned at that time (due to the expiration of the last Carrick-on-Shannon LAP) but would not in any case feature as they don't meet the criteria for inclusion. This site was just included in the recently adopted Carrick on Shannon JLAP 2025-31 and so no development has taken place on this site to date.
Tier 2A	<i>Self-Sustaining Growth Town</i>		
	Ballinamore	Site 1: Lands Adjoining St. Brigid's Street and The Line	This site has been identified as one which represents a viable and strategic development location to accommodate a mix of residential, commercial and mixed uses. The site has no infrastructural requirements, it is centrally located within the town and is considered to be currently underutilized in terms of the nature of the current uses. The site was not identified in either the RZLT Final Maps 2024 or 2025 as it does not fulfil the criteria for inclusion. No development has taken place on this site within the 2 nd year of the adoption of the current County Development Plan.
		Site 2: Aughnasheelan Road	This site has been identified as one which represents a viable and strategic development location to accommodate a mixed-use model of enterprise/commercial uses with residential uses on the upper floors. The site has no infrastructural requirements, it is centrally located within the town and is considered to be currently underutilized in terms of the nature of the current uses. Sections of site was identified as Mixed Use in the RZLT Final Maps 2024 and 2025. No development has taken place on this site within the 2 nd year of the adoption of the current County Development Plan.
	Manorhamilton	Site 1: Site of Vacant former Farrell's Café	This site serves a prominent location on the junction of Upper Main Street and Monk's Row within the centre of Manorhamilton. It has been identified due to it's potential to accommodate a number of land uses such as residential, commercial, tourism related or mixed use. The site has no infrastructural requirements. The site was not identified in either the RZLT Final Maps 2024 or 2025 as it does not fulfil the criteria for inclusion. No development has taken place on this site within the 2 nd year of the adoption of the current County Development Plan.
		Site 2: Commons Lane, Tea Pot Lane & New Line	This site serves a prominent location on the junction of Upper Main Street and Monk's Row within the centre of Manorhamilton. It has been identified due to it's potential to accommodate a number of land uses such as residential, commercial, tourism related or mixed use. The site has no infrastructural requirements. The site was not identified in either the RZLT Final Maps 2024 or 2025 as it does not fulfil the criteria for inclusion. No development has taken place on this site within the 2 nd year of the adoption of the current County Development Plan.

Level	Settlement	Opportunity Site	Description/Status/Progress
		Site 3: New Line/N16	This site is in a prominent location fronting onto the N.16. It was previously the subject of a grant of planning permission for a c.1,500m ² retail development which was not development and the permission has since expired. This site is considered an excellent location for a retail development having regard to the position of Manorhamilton as a second tier retail centre within the Retail Hierarchy for the County and the provisions contained within the County Development Plan for future retail development. The site has no infrastructural requirements. The site was identified as Mixed Use in RZLT Final Maps 2024 and 2025. No development has taken place on this site within the 2 nd year of the adoption of the current County Development Plan.

Table 4.10: Opportunity Sites—Description/ Status/Progress



Carrick-on-Shannon - Opportunity Site 4: Lands on Leitrim Road



Carrick-on-Shannon - Opportunity Site 2: Lands adjacent to Carrick-on-Shannon Post Office

5. Summary

This Core Strategy Monitoring Report for 2023-2024 has outlined the progress in the residential and commercial indicators specified under Section 10.3.1 of the Development Plan Guidelines 2022 during the second year of the Development Plan, following its adoption in February 2023 and its coming into effect on the 21st of March 2023.

This Report has indicated the development trends relative to the Core Strategy Plan in the second year following the adoption of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 and can be summarised as follows:

During the second year of the County Development Plan+, 113 No. housing units were completed across the County. The majority of these completed units consisted of one-off rural houses (approximately 60) which is not in accordance with the objectives for compact growth (NPO 3) and the Core Strategy. The level of completions in each of the Tier 1-5 Settlements remain significantly below the average annual and quarterly targets, with 3 exceptions, Drumsna, Kinlough and Carrick-on-Shannon, which met 100%, 88% and 52% respectively of its annual target. The number of new homes completed, in the second year of the County Development Plan, as a percentage of the number of units required as per the Core Strategy, while higher than that in year 1, was just 56%. The low completion numbers reflect the current economic climate where the high cost of construction makes the viability of developing, in terms of profitability/ returns on investment, questionable in areas such as Leitrim.



113

**Housing Units Completed
across the County.**

56%

**Of the Annual Target Housing
Units as Required in the Core
Strategy Met.**

15

**Residential Planning
Applications Granted Planning
in the Tier 1-5 Settlements.**

35

**Housing Units Granted
Planning Permission in the Tier
1-5 Settlements.**

With regard to the number of planning permissions granted throughout the County, a total of 15 No. planning applications were granted on land in the various Settlements identified in Tiers 1-5 resulting in the granting of planning permission for 35 No. housing units, 19 of which were apartments. The majority of the housing units permitted in the Settlements comprised of 1 bedroomed units.

While the number of permitted units, 35, is far below the annual target of 177 units as outlined in the Core Strategy for the Tier 1-5 Settlements, the number of commencement notices received within the 2nd year of the County Development Plan coming into effect was for 46 units. However, it should be noted that the vast majority (29) of these were for units permitted under either the previous County Development Plan or within the 1st year of the CDP. With regard to future residential units, there are a total of 55 residential units in the pipeline, either permitted but no commencement notice received or yet to be determined, assuming they are granted planning permission.



46

No. of Housing Units for which Commencement Notices were Received in Tier 1-5 Settlements.

55

Pipeline Residential Units

1.54 ha

The Amount of Zoned ‘New Residential’ Land Developed.

The amount of lands zoned for residential development, that remains without planning permission across all settlements is more than sufficient to cater for the forecasted housing requirements to 2029.

With respect to rural areas (those that do not fall into Tier 1-5 Settlements), a total of 27 no. one off rural houses were granted planning permission during the 2nd year of the County Development Plan. This figure generally accords with the Core Strategy average target of 24 No. units per annum. A total of 27 number commencement notices for one off rural houses were received within the second year of the County Development Plan, 4 of which were for planning applications determined under the previous County Development Plan.



27

No. of 1-Off Rural Houses Granted Planning Permission

2

No. of 1-Off Rural Houses Withdrawn/Refused Planning Permission

27

Commencement Notices Received for 1-Off Rural Houses

60

Completed 1-Off Rural Houses

A combined total of 62 residential units were granted planning permission throughout the County in the second year of the County Development Plan. A combined total of 73 residential units were the subject of a commencement notice received in the second year of the County Development Plan, the majority of which (40) were granted planning permission in the second year of the County Development Plan.



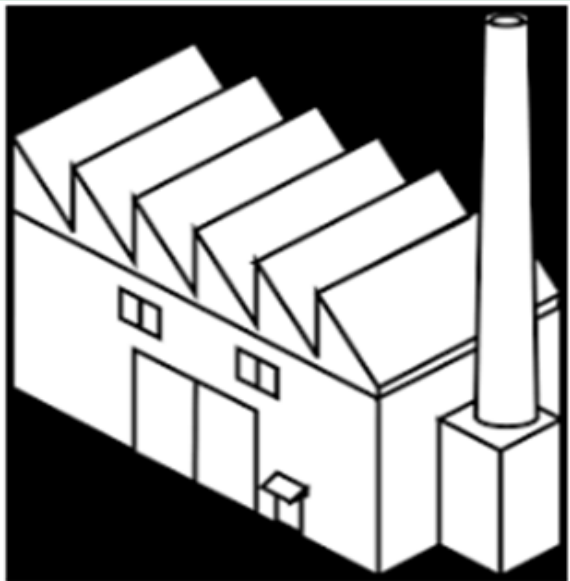
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Total No. of Residential Housing Units Granted throughout the County

73

Total No. of Housing Units for which Commencement Notices were Received throughout the County

The vast majority of the distribution of the permitted commercial floorspace was located in the Tier 1 Settlement, as would be expected, though it is notable that neither of the Tier 2A Self-Sustaining Growth Towns featured. A high percentage – 86%, of all permitted commercial floorspace related to new builds. No commencement notices were received within the 2nd year period for any of these developments.



3,143m²

Total Commercial Floorspace Granted throughout the County

86

Permitted Commercial Floorspace that related to New Builds



With regard to the identified Opportunity Sites referenced in this report, no development has taken place in any of these sites in the 2nd year period since the adoption of the County Development Plan. With the exception of Site No. 5 in Carrick-on-Shannon, which is owned by the Council, there is a reliance on third party owners to progress development/redevelopment.

The population growth trends, in each of the identified Settlements, between the Census periods 2016 to 2022, demonstrates that the Core Strategy has accurately directed population growth towards the designated settlements across the hierarchy of the Plan. It is considered that the spatial pattern of residential development is broadly consistent with the Core Strategy and settlement strategy of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029, though the delivery of housing, again with the exception of the rural 1 off house, falls substantially short of the housing supply targets as set out in the Core Strategy.





Appendix III

Strategic Environmental Assessment Monitoring

See Separate Document