

APPENDIX - relevant policies and objectives

Carlow County Development Plan 2022-2028

CS O6

It is the objective of the Council to actively promote the redevelopment and renewal of areas in need of regeneration through appropriate active land management measures including availing of statutory powers under the Derelict Sites Act, Housing Act, Vacant Site Levy and supporting implementation of the Residential Zoned Land Tax together with other statutory provisions to actively promote regeneration of urban and rural areas within the County.

CS O12

It is the objective of the Council to promote measures to reduce vacancy and the underuse of existing building stock and support initiatives that promote the reuse, refurbishment and retrofitting of existing buildings within urban centres and targeted settlements in the county.

RA O1

It is the objective of the Council to encourage and facilitate the appropriate development of sites and areas in need of development and renewal in order to prevent:

- Adverse effects on existing amenities in such areas, in particular as a result of the ruinous or neglected condition of any land
- Urban blight or decay
- Anti-social behaviour, or
- A shortage of habitable houses or of land suitable for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses.

TVP5

It is the policy of the Council to promote the re-use and regeneration of vacant and derelict buildings and brownfield sites in towns and villages throughout the county which are recognised as essential catalysts to transforming the capacity and potential of these settlements.

TV O1

It is the objective of the Council to target vacant premises and facilitate regeneration in towns and villages throughout the county by supporting appropriate re-use of such properties including social enterprises which seek to develop commercial activities at appropriate locations.

BH P5

It is the policy of the Council to co-ordinate significant infrastructural projects such as public realm works, flood relief works and new transport routes to the benefit of surviving historic sites in order to improve their enjoyment, presentation and enhanced accessibility.

UD P1

It is the policy of the Council to provide high-quality public realm and urban spaces through support for and the promotion of good urban design and placemaking, to reinforce a people centered approach to the creation of the built environment.

UD P2

It is the policy of the Council to apply the following key attributes when considering public realm enhancements:

- Attractive and visually pleasing urban spaces with high-quality design, materials, and installations (street lighting, furniture and signage).
- Distinctive urban spaces with reference to local context and existing built heritage, character, and identity.
- Accessible, connected and linked permeable urban spaces that facilitate ease of movement.
- Functional urban spaces that foster activity and are safe and adaptable.

CGR P1

It is the policy of the Council to promote and support the regeneration of underused town centre, village centre and brownfield/infill lands, in conjunction with the delivery of existing zoned and serviced lands.

CGR P2

It is the policy of the Council to facilitate the delivery of compact and sequential growth and urban regeneration in towns and villages by consolidating the built footprint through a focus on regeneration and development of key infill /brownfield /backland sites.

WC P3

It is the policy of the Council to ensure that connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists is maximised in new communities and improved within existing areas particularly towns and villages throughout the county including associated infrastructure, to maximise access to local shops, educational facilities, public transport services, employment locations and other amenities.

ACA P1

It is the policy of the Council to protect and enhance the historic character, heritage value and visual setting of Architectural Conservation Areas and to carefully consider any development proposals that would affect the special interest of such areas.

ACA O2

It is the objective of the Council to address dereliction and promote appropriate and sensitive reuse and rehabilitation of buildings, building features and sites within Architectural Conservation Areas.

Carlow Graiguecullen Joint Urban Local Area Plan 2024-2030

CS O8

It is an objective of Carlow County Council to promote and support the role of active land management measures in the redevelopment of buildings and land in Carlow Graiguecullen, in need of regeneration, including the use of statutory powers available through the Derelict Sites Act, Housing Act, Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, and Residential Zoned Land Tax, together with the role of the Town Centre First Policy, Town Regeneration Officers Croi Conaithe (Towns), and Vacant Homes Officer.

UVD P1

It is the policy of Carlow County Council to encourage and facilitate the appropriate regeneration and reuse of underutilised, vacant and derelict buildings and sites. Both Councils will continue to use their statutory powers, where appropriate, to consider such buildings and sites for inclusion in the Residential Zoned Land Tax or Register of Derelict Sites.

URD P2

It is a policy of Carlow County Council to promote the consolidation of the town centre with a focus on the regeneration of underutilised/vacant buildings and strategic sites and the establishment of a mix of uses to encourage greater vibrancy outside of business hours.

URD P3

It is a policy of Carlow County Council to encourage that urban regeneration and new development enhances the character of the built environment of the joint urban area and the quality of the public realm, taking account of the Key Design Principles referred to in Section 5.2.

UR P2

It is a policy of Carlow County Council to support the effective and efficient use of land in Carlow-Graiguecullen, prioritising compact growth in preference to greenfield land consumption through the development and regeneration of vacant and underutilised brownfield/infill land and buildings within the existing built-up footprint of the joint urban area.

SO 3

It is the objective of the Council to improve the public realm and attractiveness of Carlow Graiguecullen through the delivery of high-quality urban design outcomes, taking account of the need to respond to the social and physical characteristics of the existing built environment and those features that should be protected and/or enhanced by, and inform, new development.

RT. O12

It is the policy of the Council to support and facilitate further public realm upgrades within Carlow Town Centre, particularly along Dublin Street and Tullow Street, which would benefit from enhanced landscaping and pavement improvements. The provision of street furniture such as benches, and the delivery of the 30km/hr zone will enhance the experience, safety and comfort of pedestrians living in, studying, working, and visiting the Town Centre.