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SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Requirement for CE's Report

This report is a requirement of section 12 (4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) whereby the Planning Authority is obliged to 'prepare a report on any submissions or observations received' within a specified submission/observation period. Not later than 22 weeks after publishing notice of the preparation of the draft development plan, the planning authority shall prepare the CE report. Therefore, this CE report is required to be circulated to the Elected Members of Mayo County Council for their consideration.

The Chief Executive is required to prepare a report on any submissions and observations received and submit the report to the Members of the Authority for their consideration. The Chief Executive's Report is required to be published on the website of the planning authority as soon as practicable followings its preparation.

The following requirements are also set out under Section 12 (4)(b) of the Act:

- 1. List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations, as well as any persons or bodies consulted by the planning authority;
- 2. Summarise the recommendations, submissions and observations made by the Office of the Planning Regulator;
- 3. Summarise the submissions and observations made by any other persons in relation to the draft development plan;
- 4. Summarise the issues raised, and recommendations made by the relevant regional assembly and outline the recommendations of the Chief Executive, in relation to the manner in which those issues and recommendations should be addressed in the draft development plan;
- 5. Give the response of the Chief Executive, including recommendation on the issues raised taking account of any directions of the members of the authority or the committee under section 11(4), the proper planning and sustainable development of the area; the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area; and any relevant policies or objectives of the Government or of any Minister of the Government.

The County Development Plan is a land use plan which sets out a vision and an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the County for a six-year period. The Draft Mayo County Development Plan comprises six volumes (Volume I Written Statement and Volume 2 Settlement Plans).

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The CE report is required to be published on the website of the planning authority as soon as practicable following its submission to the elected members.

The CE's Report is required to:

- List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations.
- Summarise the recommendations, submissions and observations made by the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR).
- Summarise the submissions and observations made by any other person.
- Give the response of the CE on the issues raised taking account of (a) any directions of the members of the authority, (b) the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, (c) the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area, and (d) any relevant policies or objectives of the Government or of any Minister of the Government.
- Summarise the issues raised and the recommendations made by the Northern and Western Regional Assembly in its written submissions and outline the recommendations of the CE in relation to the manner in which those issues and recommendations should be addressed in the Development Plan.

1.2 Format of Report

There are six sections in this report.

Section 1 (this section) gives a brief introduction and outlines the public consultation process on the Draft Plan. It lists the persons or bodies who made submissions; gives an overview of the topics raised in the submissions; and outlines the role of the elected members.

Section 2 addresses the submissions made by (i) the Office of the Planning Regulator and (ii) the Northern and Western Regional Assembly.

Section 3 addresses the remaining submissions.

Section 4 sets out the Chief Executive's supplementary recommendations following internal consultation and other matters arising in relation to the Draft Plan.

Section 5 reports on the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening of amendments proposed by the Manager in this report.

SECTION 2 OVERVIEW OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

2.1 Preliminary Consultation Process: Pre-Draft Plan

The Pre-Draft consultation stage was undertaken from April 18th, 2018 until June 14th, 2018. Thirtyone (31) submissions were received during the Pre-Draft consultation period. The review process of the Mayo County Development Plan 2014-2020 was subsequently paused on July 19th, 2018 under the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2018 and recommenced on January 29th, 2020, to allow the Northern and Regional Assembly prepare its Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (2020-2032).

The opinions and views set out in the pre-draft submissions, and of those expressed and recorded at the public consultation events/stakeholder meetings, were considered and a Chief Executive Report dated 16th of June 2020 set out the response of the Chief Executive to the issues raised together with recommendation for the preparation of the Draft Plan.

2.2 Current Consultation Process: Draft Plan and Next Stages

The Draft Plan consultation stage was originally advertised to take place from December 23rd, 2020 until March 16th, 2021. 1,267 submissions were received during this Draft Plan consultation period, of which 5 no. were subsequently withdrawn (See Appendix I of the CE Report). Mayo County Council wishes to express its appreciation to those who made submissions/observations and/or attended the webinar and workshops. The extent and detail of the submissions and observations received highlights the significant level of public interest in the plan-making process. The consultation process comprised a number of elements:

a) Publicity

Notice advising of public consultation on the Draft Plan was placed in the Irish Independent; Connacht Telegraph; Western People; Mayo News; and Mayo Advertiser on the 22nd and 23rd of December 2020. The notice provided details of where the Draft Plan was available for inspection and directed the public to a dedicated online Consultation Portal. Details of the duration of the formal consultation period was also set out. Details of consultations were also advertised on all Council social media platforms.

The Draft Plan was made available in all public libraries; Municipal District Offices; Area Offices and on the dedicated Development Plan review webpage, and forwarded to all Elected Members, prescribed bodies, stakeholder groups; the Mayo Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and the Mayo Public Participation Network (PPN) groups within the County.

b) Webinar

In response to requirement to restrict movements owing to the Covid-19 Pandemic, a live webinar event was held by Mayo County Council on March 2nd, 2021, in relation to the Draft Plan. Presentations were provided on the content of the Plan; the Housing Need Demand Assessment (HNDA) and Housing Strategy; the associated environment appraisals (SFRA, SEA & AA) which influenced the Draft Plan; and a demonstration was given on how to submit an observation to the Draft Plan, by way of the Mayo Public Consultation Portal. A question-and-answer session were also conducted as part of the webinar. Approximately 200 attendees joined the live event.

c) Online and Social Media

A dedicated webpage and a specific Public Consultation Portal was employed to keep members of the public up-to-date with the process of the preparation of the Development Plan. The majority of submissions received in relation to the Draft Plan were via the post. All valid submissions received were also published for public viewing on the Mayo Consultation Portal for the Draft Plan. Regular notifications relating to the Plan review were issued through the Council's Facebook and Twitter feeds.

d) Other Public Consultation

Public consultation was also conducted out through phone calls and meetings with individuals and groups over the consultation period. A workshop on the Draft Plan was also held on Wednesday, 3rd of March 2021, with the Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC).

2.3 Next Stages

Not later than 22 weeks after the notice of the Draft Plan going on display, the Chief Executive is required to produce a report which lists the submissions received, summarises the issues raises, and sets out a responses and recommendations accordingly.

Following consideration of the Draft Development Plan and Chief Executive's Report, Members may accept the Draft Plan without material amendments and make the Development Plan. Should amendments be made which would constitute material alterations to the Draft Plan, there is a further public display period giving people an opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments only.

Where, following the consideration of the Draft Plan and the Chief Executive's Report, it appears to the Members that the Draft Plan should be accepted or amended, they may, by resolution, accept or amend the Draft and make the Development Plan accordingly. Where a proposed amendment would, if made, be a material alteration of the Draft Plan, notice of the proposed amendment must be published in inviting submissions from the public.

This is followed by the preparation of a Chief Executive's Report on any submissions or observations received on the proposed amendments. Members may then make the Development Plan with or without the proposed amendments or with modifications of a minor nature to the proposed amendments as they consider appropriate.

2.4 Consideration of Submissions

Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the CE Report contains a summary of the 1,267 of submissions received as part of the Draft Plan consultation process, and the response of the CE to the recommendations / submissions / observations raised therein.

Section 3 includes the key strategic and group submissions received, including from the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) and the Northern and Western Regional Assembly (NWRA).

Section 4 includes other submissions received on chapters 3 to 12 of the written statement (Volume I), excluding Section 3 of the CE Report. Where submissions have made observations on multiple chapters, the CE Report places these submissions in the chapter, which best represents the predominant issued.

Section 5 includes other submissions received on Volume II development management guidelines (excluding Section 3).

Section 6 includes submissions received on Volume III Book of Map, which relate to zoning proposals.

Appendix I of the CE Report lists the reference numbers and accompanying names of all submissions.

Appendix II of the CE Report contains amended tables relating to the CE Recommendations on the OPR and RSES submissions.

Appendix III of the CE Report contains amended town and village maps.

Appendix IV of the CE Report contains amended Housing Strategy and Housing Need Demand Assessment

The CE's response on the issues raised take account of (a) any directions of the members of the authority, (b) the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, (c) the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area, and (d) any relevant policies or objectives of the Government or of any Minister of the Government.

Recommended proposed new text as an amendment to the Draft Plan is coloured in red in the CE Recommendations, whilst recommended text to be removed from the draft Plan is indicated by strikethrough in red.

All submission numbers in the CE Report include an electronic link to the original submission received.

Recommended proposed new text as an amendment to the Draft Plan is coloured in green in the CE Recommendations, whilst recommended text to be removed from the Draft Plan is indicated by a strikethrough coloured in red in the CE Recommendations.

SECTION 3 KEY STRATEGIC AND GROUP SUBMISSIONS

3.1 Office of the Planning Regulator Submission

Submission No.	MYO-C11-749	
Submission by:	Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR)	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	See below.	
Summary of Submission:		

The submission sets out the role of the OPR and includes 17 no. Recommendations and 10 no. Observations under 8 no. Key Themes relating to the Draft Plan, as follows:

Key Theme 1: Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy (*Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 and Observations 1 & 2*)

Key Theme 2: Compact Growth and Regeneration (*Recommendations 8 & 9 and Observations 3 & 4*)

Key Theme 3: Rural Housing and Rural Regeneration (*Recommendations 10 & 11 and Observation 6*)

Key Theme: 4: Economic Development and Employment (*Recommendations 12 & 13 and Observation 6*)

Key Theme 5: Sustainable Transport and Accessibility (*Recommendation 14 & Observation 6*)

Key Theme 6: Climate Action and Renewable Energy (*Recommendations 15 & 16 and Observation 7*)

Key Theme 7: Environment, Heritage and Amenities (*Recommendation 17 and Observations 8, 9 & 10*)

Key Theme 8: General and Procedural Matters (*Mapping, Inconsistencies & Extent of Documents*)

The submission states their recommendations as listed above relate to clear breaches of relevant legislative provisions, of the national or regional policy framework and/or of the policy of Government, as set out in the Section 28 Ministerial guidelines. The Planning Authority is required to implement or address recommendation(s).

Observations take the form of a request for further information, justification on a particular matter, or clarification regarding particular provisions of the Plan on issues that are required to ensure alignment with policy and legislative provisions. The planning authority is requested by the Office to action these observations.

Key Theme 1: Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy – *Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6*& 7 and Observations 1 & 2.

OPR Recommendation 1: Review of the Proposed Core Strategy

1a. The OPR requests that the Core Strategy (including settlement strategy and associated identification of development potential and zoning exercises) and HNDA is reviewed and revised, as necessary, to comply with the requirements of the Section 28 Guidelines: Housing Supply Target

Methodology for Development Planning 2020 and Appendix 1 of the accompanying Ministerial Circular.

1b. The OPR submission requests that the Core Strategy Table (Chapter 2) is amended to quantify, in hectares, existing and proposed residential zoned lands, and lands zoned for a mix of residential and other uses which are permitted to accommodate residential use for each settlement. The Planning Authority are advised that the total figures for the county should align with the housing supply targets.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- **1a.** At the time of making the Draft Plan (December 14th, 2020), these guidelines were yet to be issued. The Core Strategy and HNDA/Housing Strategy of the Draft Plan have been reviewed and revised to comply with the housing targets for County Mayo arising from the guidelines and changes set out in CE Recommendation 1a.
- **1b.** The revised Core Strategy Table includes the quantity (hectares) of land of 'Existing' and 'New' residential and Town Centre (Mixed Use) for Tier II settlements only. However, the adopted consolation land use zoning approach for Tier III, Tier IV and Tier V towns and villages does not formally identify existing and new residential, and therefore, it is not possible to quantify such lands for individual settlements in the Core Strategy.

Town/village core areas have been identified for Tier III to V towns and villages, which have been quantified for inclusion in the revised Core Strategy Table.

The revised Core Strategy Table has been modified to include the required quantity of land uses for Tier 1 towns of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport following the adoption of the local area plans.

Recommendation:

- **1a.** Amend Core Strategy and HNDA/Housing Strategy of the Draft Plan to accord with the requirements of the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines, as per Appendix II (Core Strategy) and Appendix IV (HNDA/Housing Strategy) of the CE Report.
- **1b.** Amend Core Strategy Table, as per Recommendation 1(a) to quantify, in hectares, existing and proposed residential zoned lands, and lands zoned for a mix of residential and other uses for Tier II settlements and include a combined figure at tier level for Tier III, Tier IV and Tier V town/village centres. The relevant period for population and housing supply growth targets in the revised Core Strategy Table shall be 2022 to 2028.

OPR Observation 1: Core Strategy Table

The Planning Authority is requested to amend and supplement the information in the Core Strategy Table (Table 2.4) to include 2016 Census of Population figures for Tier V (Rural Villages), with interpolated forecast of population figures for the years 2021, 2027 and 2031, with specific reference to the Tier I – Tier III settlements.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

CSO population figures for Tier V villages are not readily available, as they were not identified in Census 2016 as settlements due to their population levels below the minimum 50 persons threshold. Notwithstanding same, the Planning Authority have established baseline population figures for Tier V village utilising to geo-directory data for residential properties within each plan areas. The suggested interpolated forecast of population figures for the year 2031 is not considered relevant for inclusion in the revised Core Strategy Table, given the 6-year timeframe of the plan.

Recommendation:

-See CE Recommendations 1a and 1b.

OPR Recommendation 2: Settlement Strategy

- **2a.** The Planning Authority is required to change the designation/reference of the Tier 1 towns of Ballina and Castlebar from Strategic Growth Centres to Key Towns to align with the RSES (Table 4, s.3.8 & RPO 3.1) and NPF (NPO 9).
- **2b.** The Planning Authority is required to amend wording in the draft Plan that references Westport as a Key Town, and also to reconsider its position within the settlement hierarchy to ensure consistency with its identified role in the RSES, as a location with strategic development potential of a regional scale with intrinsic links with Castlebar.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- **2a.** The Draft Plan currently categorises Ballina, Castlebar and Westport as Tier I Strategic Growth Towns. The Planning Authority acknowledges that Ballina and Castlebar are Key Towns in the RSES and have a higher defined role in regional strategy, in comparison to Westport, and therefore will review and amend the Draft Plan to take account of the requirement of the OPR in this regard.
- **2b.** Westport was referenced in error as a Key town in Policy EDP 8 of Chapter 4 (Economic Development), and therefore this policy has been amended.

Recommendation:

- **2a.** Amend Tables 2.4 (*Core Strategy*), 2.5 (*Settlement Hierarchy*) & 12.1 (*Settlement Hierarchy for the Draft Mayo County Development Plan*), as per Appendix II of the CE Report.
- Amend Figure 2.2 (Synergy Between Rural and Urban through Settlement Hierarchy (Figure 2.2, as per Appendix II of the CE Report.
- Amend Sections 2.8.1.1 (Chapter 2), 2.8.1.2 (Chapter 2) & 3.1.1 (Chapter 3) below to read as follows:

2.8.1.1 Self-Sustaining Growth Towns (Tier II) - Paragraph two:

On an individual level, it is considered that Swinford also merits inclusion based on its strategic location on the N5, along the Atlantic Economic Corridor and in close proximity to Ireland West Airport Knock and the Strategic Growth Centres Key Towns of Ballina and Castlebar. Béal an

Mhuirthead also merits inclusion being an important Gaeltacht Service Town along the Coastal Zone and Wild Atlantic Way. The town plays a key role in the delivering services and supporting employment for the northwest region of Mayo which is at a remove from other growth towns.

2.8.1.2 Keys Towns and Strategic Growth Towns

The towns included in Tier I of the settlement strategy are described as Tier 1(a) Key Towns and a Tier I (b) Strategic Growth Towns. These towns are the main urban centres of scale in the county. The RSES designates Castlebar and Ballina as Key Towns. Key Towns are defined as regionally, strategic employment centres of significant scale that can act as regional drivers that complement and support the higher-order urban areas within the settlement hierarchy. Westport, a Strategic Growth Town in the settlement hierarchy, is identified in the RSES as an urban centre with strategic development potential, which and seeks to build on the strong physical, economic and social intrinsic links with between-Castlebar and Westport. The future growth of Castlebar and Westport is best achieved by building on these intrinsic links to grow in tandem as a driver of economic development for the county and region.

3.4.8 Rural Single Housing

Category 1 - Rural Areas under Strong Urban Influence: These areas include the open rural countryside around the Tier I (Key Towns and Strategic Growth Towns) and Tier II (Self-Sustaining Growth Towns) towns. They have been designated to support the sustainable growth of the urban areas, to provide for the immediate, local rural community who have a genuine housing requirement, while directing urban generated housing into designated settlements, maintaining their vitality and viability. Planning applications for single dwellings in these areas must have a demonstrable economic or social need to live in these areas and should be accompanied by supporting documentation.

- Amend Policy SSP2 and Objective SSO 2 of the Draft Plan to read as follows:
 - **SSP 2:** Support the continued growth and sustainable development of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport, as designated Tier I(a) Key Towns and a Tier I(b) Strategic Growth Towns in the Settlement Strategy, capitalising on Ballina's designation as a Key Town in the context of the Sligo Regional Growth Centre and Castlebar/Westport as a linked growth driver in the region.
 - **SSO 2:** To facilitate the development of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport to underpin their roles as designated Tier I(a) Key Towns and a Tier I(b) Strategic Growth Towns in the Settlement Hierarchy and to ensure that the growth of these towns takes place in an orderly and sustainable fashion that will not detract from the vitality and viability of their town centres.
- **2b.** Amend Policy EDP 8 to read as follows:

EDP 8: To support and grow the role of Westport as a key economic driver in the county and as a national tourism hub, capitalising on its significant tourism related assets, including its designation as a Heritage Town and its status as a Key Town Strategic Growth Town with strategic development potential of a regional scale with intrinsic links to the Key town of Castlebar, within the context of Galway Metropolitan City, Sligo Regional Growth Centre, Key Towns and its location in relation the Atlantic Economic Corridor, in order to facilitate long-term economic growth within the context of a high quality environment, supporting a wide range of services and amenities.

OPR Recommendation 3: Distribution of Population Growth

The OPR requires a rebalancing of the overall allocation of population growth and housing supply targets across the settlement hierarchy to achieve a more sustainable distribution of growth focused on towns and villages across the county.

- **3a.** The Planning Authority is required to increase the population/ housing growth rate for the Key Towns of Castlebar and Ballina to recognise their role as key drivers supporting the higher-order centres, distinct from Westport and the Tier II settlements, and consistent with the RSES (s.3.4 and RPOs 3.1 & RPO 7.16).
- **3b.** The Planning Authority is required to increase the Core Strategy population/ housing allocation to the Tier III Self Sustaining Towns, with particular regard to the larger towns of Charlestown, Kiltimagh, Foxford and Crossmolina.
- **3c.** The Planning Authority is required to reduce the Core Strategy population growth allocation of 42% to the Open Countryside to facilitate the required population/ housing allocation increases to Tier I and Tier III (*OPR Recommendation 3 a & b*), and to redirect the remaining allocation from the Open Countryside to the rural villages within Tier IV and Tier V, in order to target the reversal of decline in small towns and villages and to contribute to their regeneration and renewal consistency with NPF (NPOs 16, 18a, 18b) and RSES (RPO 3.3).

In addition, the submission requires a clear evidence-based approach to determine the demand for one off rural housing in the open countryside over the plan period, as required under the NPF (NPO 20) and the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2005).

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

3a. The population and housing growth rate allocation to the Key Towns of Castlebar and Ballina have been increased in the revised Core Strategy Table (as appended). This will provide a clear distinction from Westport and the Tier II settlements, whilst recognising their regional roles as Key Town supporting the higher-order regional centres.

In addition, it is considered the population/housing growth rate allocations to Westport and the Tier II settlements in the Draft Plan are appropriate, though the actual housing target figures have been adjusted to comply with the Section 28 Housing Target Guidelines in the revised Core Strategy Table, as per Response 1(a).

- **3b.** The aggregate population and housing growth rate allocation to the Tier III Self Sustaining Towns in the revised Core Strategy Table has been increased.
- **3c.** The population growth allocation of 42% to the Rural Remainder (Open Countryside and Tier V) shall be appropriately adjusted to accommodate an appropriate increase of the population/housing growth allocations to the upper tiers.

In response to the requirement to establish an evidence-based approach to determining the demand for single rural houses in the open countryside, the Planning Authority have carried out an analysis of applications received from 2010 to 2020, inclusive, which shows an average demand of 33% (include Tier V) for single rural houses.

Recommendation:

3a. to 3c - See CE Recommendation 1(a) and Appendix II.

OPR Recommendation 4: Development Approach for Settlements

4a The OPR requires a review to the approach and to provide greater clarity and transparency, in the delivery of the Core Strategy objectives for the Key Towns of Ballina and Castlebar, and the town of Westport. The Planning Authority is required to clearly set out how the objectives in Section 10(2) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) are to be achieved in the interim and pending the adoption of Local Area Plans for these settlements.

4b At a minimum, the OPR requires the planning authority to prepare maps and stronger policy objectives (S.10(2) of the PDA) for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport, identifying strategic objectives for each town consistent with Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (s.3.4, s.3.8 & s.3.9). Interim settlement plans should include a settlement boundary; compact growth area; core retail area; key regeneration sites; strategic employment sites; constraints such as flooding; sustainable mobility and relevant key future priorities.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

4a & b The preparation process for new Local Area Plans (LAPs) for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport has commenced and is currently at the pre-draft stage. Pre-draft consultations have already been completed, including workshops with the elected members, and the Chief Executive Reports on same are currently being prepared on same. It is intended that Draft LAPs for the three towns will be on public display in Q4 of 2021, and adopted in Q1/Q2 of 2022.

As Section 18(3)(a) of the PDA specifically requires the Planning Authority/Board to have regard to the provisions of any local area plan in the consideration of planning applications and considering the limited timeframe which may occur between the final adoption of the County Development Plan and the LAPS, it is not considered necessary to provide interim plans for these towns.

In addition to the provisions of the Draft LAPs, additional objectives have been included in the Draft Plan to further safeguard the requirements of Section 10(2) of the PDA in relation to the three towns.

Mayo County Council considers that this approach provides clarity and transparency as requested. This was the process that was presented to the elected members and the public in the preparation of the Draft Plan, at elected members workshops on the Draft Plan, at the public consultation webinar on the Draft Plan as well as at the pre-draft workshops on the three LAPs.

Recommendation:

a. Include new objectives after Objective SSO 12 in Chapter 2 of the Draft Plan to read as follows:

SSO: The land use zoning provisions of the existing town and environs development plans for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport shall continue to be implemented on an interim basis until such time as local area plans are adopted for these towns, whilst also having regard to any draft local

area plan, and subject to compliance with the provisions of the Mayo County Development Plan, including the Core Strategy population/housing targets.

SSO: Development proposals in Ballina, Castlebar and Westport shall be assessed on an interim basis taking account of the principles of proper planning and sustainable development inter alia traffic safety, residential amenity, flood risk, cultural, natural and built heritage, and in accordance with the provisions of the Mayo County Development Plan, including the Core Strategy population/housing targets.

SSO: To support and facilitate the achievement of the key priorities identified for the Key Towns of Ballina and Castlebar to maximise opportunities of regional scale, as set out in Section 3.8 of the RSES (2020-2032).

Insert new objective after BEO 11 to read as follows:

BEO: To protect the built heritage of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport, including the protected structures listed in the existing town and environs development plans, and seek to review the Record of Protected Structures for County Mayo to incorporate protected structures from the plan areas of these towns.

b. No change to the Draft Plan.

OPR Recommendation 5: Development Approach to Settlements

The OPR requires a review of the development approach for the Tier III to Tier V settlements, and to provide a strategic and structured approach to the implementation of the plan's policy framework, to ensure consistency with the NPF (NPOs 3c, 6 & 7) and the RSES (RPO 3.1 & 7.16). In this regard the planning authority is required to:

- **5a.** Provide formal land use zoning maps for all Tier III settlements, consistent with objectives set out in the written statement of the Settlement Plans, cognisant of their position within the settlement hierarchy and of projected future population growth.
- **5b.** Review the development boundaries and reduce the extent of consolidated zoning in Tier IV and Tier V towns and villages to reflect the extent of the established settlement and promote sequential compact growth to ensure compact growth and avoid ribbon development consistent.
- **5c.** Refine the consolidated approach to zoning in Tier IV and Tier V towns and villages to include specific local objectives, such as for the town/village core area, focal spaces, amenities, sustainable mobility/movement, and opportunity sites.
- **5d.** Identify land with development constraints, such as flooding, on the consolidated zoning maps for Tier IV and Tier V towns and villages. Where land subject to flood risk is sequentially preferable and could contribute to compact growth, it will be necessary to undertake a Justification Test within the context of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (refer to Recommendation 9).

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

5a. The Draft Plan adopts a single category mixed-use zoning approach to the Tier III towns to provide a flexible land use approach to the future development of these towns. Six of these towns,

namely Charlestown, Louisburgh, Killala, Kiltimagh, Knock and Newport adopt a formal zoning approach in the current Mayo County Development Plan (2014-2020), and over the plan period have experienced a decline in their population and construction levels. Therefore, the consolidated zoning approach is considered the appropriate response to meet housing targets and encourage investment in these Tier III towns.

The growth of Tier III settlements will be guided by the principles of proper planning and sustainable development and the provisions of the Draft Plan, including the revised population/housing targets, which will ensure new development is commensurate with the character, capacity and connectivity of each settlement.

- **5b.** The extent of consolidated zoning in Tier IV and Tier V towns and villages have been reviewed and amended, in some cases, based on surveys, having regard to the extent of the established settlement, the maximisation of existing infrastructure/services, the promotion of sequential compact growth and ensuring suitable lands are available for new development, while accounting for land constraints, such as flooding and ecology.
- **5c.** The Draft Plan provides grouped policies and objectives for Tier IV and V towns and villages, as set out in Section 12.18. Given the scale, number and spatial distribution of Tiers IV (18 no.) and Tier V (37 no.) towns and villages, it is not considered appropriate to provide specific individual objectives for each plan area. Notwithstanding same, the policies and objectives have been reviewed to ensure they promote the consolidation of town/village core areas, sustainable mobility/movement, focal spaces and amenities, including heritage.

Furthermore, a more focused plan-led approach is proposed for the Tier IV and Tier V rural towns and villages by identifying core areas, opportunity sites, public realm village enhancement works, opportunity sites, public amenity areas and mobility improvements on each consolidation map. The approach will offer greater guidance on the appropriate development of the rural villages, including investment/funding opportunities, thereby creating an attractive alternative to single rural housing. Additional objectives have been included to give effect of the reviewed approach.

5d. - Land with development constraints, such as flooding, has been identified on the consolidated zoning maps for Tier IV and Tier V towns and villages, as identified in the revised SFRA. In relation to Justification Test, the SFRA ensures the application of the sequential approach to these settlements.

Recommendation:

- **5a.** No change recommended to the Draft Plan.
- **5b.** Amend extent of consolidated land use maps for Tier IV and V towns, as per Appendix III of the CE Report.
- **5c.** Amend Tier IV and V consolidation maps by identifying core areas, opportunity sites, public realm village enhancement works, opportunity sites, public amenity areas and mobility improvements, as per Appendix III of the CE Report.
- Insert new objective after Objective RSVO 16 to read as follows:

RSVO: Seek to progress the appropriate development of identified core areas including village enhancement works, opportunity sites, amenity areas and safe access routes on the consolidation zoning maps for Tier IV and Tier V towns and villages, in accordance with proper

planning and sustainable development of the area.

RSVO: Identify buildings and structures of local importance in Tier IV and Tier V towns and villages which are considered to contribute to and assist in defining the character of the rural towns/village, and safeguard identified buildings and structures from inappropriate development which is considered unsympathetic to their character.

5d. Insert new additional consolidated land use maps for each relevant Tier III, Tier IV and Tier V towns and villages to include flood and ecological map overlays, as per Appendix III of the CE Report.

OPR Observation 2: Self-Sustaining and Rural Consolidation Zoning

The Planning Authority is requested to clarify the specific wording in relation to the Self Sustaining and Rural Consolidation Zoning to ensure that Part V social & affordable housing is delivered in accordance with section 94(4)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is considered the inclusion of land use zoning objectives in the Draft Plan for Tier III, Tier IV and Tier V towns and villages would provide greater clarity on acceptable uses, such as housing, within the mixed-use single category zoning approach for these towns and villages. Such land use zoning objective(s) would also ensure that Part V social & affordable housing can be delivered for proposed residential scheme in accordance with the requirements of section 94(4)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Recommendation:

Amend Land Use Objectives Table 12.2 in Chapter 12, as per Appendix II of the CE Report.

OPR Recommendation 6 - Quantity of Zoned Land

The OPR requires clarity and transparency regarding the potential quantity of land required to meet the housing supply targets in each settlement, to ensure the effective delivery of compact growth, as the quantity of land zoned for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses in the Draft Plan remains in excess of the population and housing growth targets set out in the Core Strategy.

In this regard the planning authority is required to:

- **6a.** Reconsider and appropriately reduce the provision of all zoned residential land and land zoned for a mix of residential and other uses, to align with the quantity of land necessary to accommodate housing supply targets in the (revised) Core Strategy.
- **6b.** Review the quantity of land zoned strategic residential reserve to reflect the longer-term Housing Supply Targets (refer to Recommendation 1: *Section 28 Guidelines: Housing Supply Target Methodology for Development Planning*). The revised zoning maps should ensure that there is a clear distinction between developed and undeveloped zoned land and between residential zoned land and strategic residential reserve zoned land.

- **6c.** Review density assumptions used to estimate the quantity of zoned land arising from the Housing Supply Targets in the revised Core Strategy. These densities should comply with the recommended residential densities for large towns, small towns and villages in the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009).
- **6d.** Adopt a sequential approach to the zoning of lands, such that lands identified for residential development in proximity to the town core are prioritised over land removed from the town core.
- **6e.** Clarify the Strategic Residential Reserve Objective to ensure that no residential development proposals, including single housing, will be considered by the planning authority, until after the full lifetime period of the development plan 2021-2027.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

6a. Following a review of residential land and land zoned for a mix of residential and other uses in the Tier II settlements of Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Belmullet, Claremorris and Swinford, the land use zoning maps for these settlements have been amended to identify 'New Residential' zoned land, (now reduced in quantity and referred to as New Residential in place of Strategic Residential Reserve Boundary Lands) to meet housing targets over the plan period, as set out in the revised Core Strategy. This results in a reallocation of the previously identified Strategic Residential Reserve Boundary Lands to Strategic Residential Reserve Lands Tier I, which have also been mapped.

A tiered approach is now adopted for the Strategic Residential Reserve Lands. Strategic Residential Reserve Lands Tier I (as outlined above) and Strategic Residential Reserve Lands Tier II (refers to such lands already zoned in the Draft Plan). It is intended that the Strategic Residential Reserve Lands Tier I and Tier II may be examined for their potential to meet housing targets, where it is apparent that 'New Residential' lands cannot or will not be developed within the plan period.

- **6b.** See Response 6a above. It is considered that the extent of Strategic Residential Reserve lands is appropriate to meet the longer terms needs of Tier II settlements. It is further considered appropriate that the revised land use zoning map for Tier II settlements only identify 'Existing Residential' lands as all other residential lands are undeveloped.
- **6c.** It is considered that the density assumptions used to estimate the quantity of zoned land arising from the Housing Supply Targets in the revised Core Strategy are appropriate for Tiers II to Tier V towns and villages as they respect the scale, character and prevailing densities within these essentially rural settlements. Furthermore, cognisance has been afforded to the recent circular issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (Circular Letter: NRUP 02/2021), which notes that the NPF recognises that there is a need for more proportionate and tailored approaches to residential development and that it is necessary to adapt the scale, design and layout of housing in towns and villages, to ensure that suburban or high density urban approaches are not applied uniformly and that development responds appropriately to the character, scale and setting of the town or village.
- **6d.** It is not considered appropriate to prioritise the release of new residential lands from the town centre outward, as it could have an adverse impact on the delivery of housing targets. All revised

'New Residential', as per Response 6a above, are located within the built-up area of the Tier II settlements in close proximity to town centres.

In relation to Tier III, Tier IV and Tier V towns and villages, the Draft Plan contains policies and objectives to promote compact growth and sequential development for these settlements. In addition, the identification of core areas for Tier IV and Tier V towns and villages, as per CE Response/Recommendation 5c above, will assist in the application of sequential development from the town/village centre outwards.

6e. The Strategic Residential Reserve Land Use Objective(s) (and land use matrix) has been reviewed, having regard to the tiered approach outlined in Response 6a above. Strategic Residential Reserve Tier I and Tier II land use objectives have now been included in the Draft Plan to give effect to the aforementioned tiered approach.

Furthermore, as the overarching objective for Strategic Residential Reserve lands is to safeguard lands for future housing developments, it is considered appropriate to accommodate single houses on a limited basis, based on a demonstrable economic or social need, as per Objective RHO 1, and where such proposals do not undermine the future development potential of these land for residential development to meet future housing targets.

Recommendation:

- **6a.** Amend the land use zoning maps for Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Belmullet, Claremorris and Swinford to identify the New Residential' lands required to meet housing targets over the plan period and to identify the extended Strategic Residential Reserve lands, as per Appendix III of the CE Report.
 - Amend Section 12.3.1.1 (Tier II Settlements) to read as follows: In order to ensure the effective delivery of new housing targets for each settlement as set out in the Core Strategy, a greater quantity of lands is provided for proposed residential development outside of the defined town centre area. All such lands identified for residential purposes are zoned on serviceable lands. Upon reaching the 70% new household target outside the town centre area for each town, (as set out in the Core Strategy), all remaining undeveloped zoned residential lands will revert to strategic residential reserve lands. Land use zoning maps for Tier II settlements (Volume III: Book of Maps) identify 'New Residential' zoned land to accommodate housing targets over the plan period, as set out in the Core Strategy (Chapter 2). To safeguard and facilitate the delivery of housing targets allocations in each plan area, a twotiered approach has been adopted for the Strategic Residential Reserve Lands. Strategic Residential Reserve Lands Tier I and Tier II will be assessed for their potential to meet settlement housing targets, where it is apparent that lands zoned New Residential cannot or will not be developed within the plan period. In this instance, the identified quantum of land required to accommodate housing targets in each settlement will not be exceeded. An effective monitoring system will be developed and implemented to ensure projected residential unit housing targets for each Tier II towns are not exceeded over the plan period.
- **6b.** Amend the land use zoning maps for Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Belmullet, Claremorris and Swinford to identify 'Existing Residential' lands only as other residential lands are undeveloped, as per Appendix III of the CE Report.
- Amend the Strategic Reserve Land Use Zoning Objective in Table 12.2 and amend Table 12.3

under Strategic Residential Reserve, as per Appendix II of the CE Report.

- **6c.** No change recommended to the Draft Plan.
- **6d.** See CE Recommendation 6(a) above.
- **6e.** Amend the Strategic Reserve Land Use Zoning Objective in Table 12.2 and amend Table 12.3 under Strategic Residential Reserve, as per Appendix II of the CE Report.

OPR Recommendation 7: Tiered Approach to Zoning

The Planning Authority is required to demonstrate that the tiered approach to zoning (TAZ) required under the NPF (NPOs 72a-c) has been applied, which should have regard to the provisions of an Infrastructural Assessment Report, details of which must be included in the Development Plan.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Mayo County Council have engaged comprehensively with Irish Water (IW) in the preparation of the Draft Plan. In the absence of updated Development Plan Guidelines, the advice from both IW and the Council's Water Services Department informed zoning decisions.

In this regard, the Draft Plan indicates that lands have only been identified for development where they can connect to existing development services, i.e. road and footpath access including public lighting, foul sewer drainage, surface water drainage and water supply, for which there is service capacity available, and can therefore accommodate new development. These lands are also positioned within the existing built-up footprint of established settlements or contiguous to existing developed lands.

Recommendation:

No change recommended to the Draft Plan.

Key Theme 2: Compact Growth and Regeneration – *Recommendations 8 & 9 and Observations 3 & 4.*

OPR Recommendation 8: Regeneration Delivery

8a. The Planning Authority is required to quantify and identify those areas of settlements which will contribute to the cumulative delivery of 30% of all new homes within the built-up footprint of existing settlements. Consistency should also be demonstrated with the housing and population requirements set out in the amended Core Strategy.

Policy promoting compact growth through the application of the brownfield definition as set out in the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Area Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009) should also be demonstrated.

8b. The Planning Authority is required to amend Objective BEO 35 to ensure that adequate lands (not just town centre lands) are identified for the specific purpose of renewal and regeneration under the Urban Housing and Regeneration Act 2015 for the purposes of application of the Vacant

Site Levy, including lands covered by the Self Sustaining and Rural Consolidation Zoning, where necessary.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

8a. The requirement to delivery at least 30% of all new homes within the built-up areas (CSO settlement boundary) of existing settlements relates only to the settlements of Ballina, Castlebar, Westport, Claremorris, Ballinrobe and Ballyhaunis, as specified in RPO 3.2 (c) of the RSES (i.e. populations of 1,500 or above). In relation to Ballina, Castlebar and Westport, it is intended to identify all 'New Residential' lands within the CSO built-up area in the forthcoming LAPs, thereby meeting the minimum 30% requirements for these settlements.

All 'new residential' lands for Tier II settlements have been identified within the CSO built-up areas, in compliance with the revised Core Strategy. Map 3 for the settlements of Claremorris, Ballinrobe and Ballyhaunis to identify all new residential lands which could deliver the urban (and rural) minimum housing targets, as per RPO 3.2(c), and consistent with the revised Core Strategy.

In relation to policy promoting compact growth through the application of the brownfield definition of the Sustainable Residential Development Guidelines for Urban Areas (2009), is considered the Draft Plan adequately includes provisions to promote compact growth through the redevelopment of brownfield sites in the written text and through policies BEP 24 & RSVP 4, and objectives SSO3, SSO6, HSO 4, EDO5, BEO 32, BEO36 and RSVO 3. However, the definition of brownfield sites, as contained in the glossary of terms of the Draft Plan, has been revised to incorporate the brownfield definition as set out in Section 5.7 of said guidelines.

8b. Observation noted.

Recommendation:

- **8a.** Amend Tier II, Map 3 for the settlement of Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis and Claremorris to identify 30% of all new homes within the built-up footprint (See Appendix 6).
- Amend the definition of Brownfield Site in the glossary of terms in the Draft Plan to read as follows:

Brownfield Site: A site which has been subjected to building, engineering or other operations, including but not limited to residential, commercial, industrial buildings/land no longer in use and has become abandoned/obsolete/vacant.

8b. See CE Recommendation to OPR Observation 3 below.

OPR Observation 3: Active Land Management

The Planning Authority is requested to set out a clear timeline and strategic approach to carrying out the Active Land Management proposals and to set measurable targets (perhaps by settlement at the upper levels) and timelines against which the implementation can be monitored and measured, having regard to RPO 3.1 and regional policy objectives for regeneration and revitalisation in Chapter 3 of the RSES.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The revised housing growth targets for County Mayo, as transposed in the revised Core Strategy Table (see CE Recommendation 1(a)) provides housing targets for each Tier. Mayo County Council will continue to place sites on the Vacant Site Register and pursue a vacancy levy on an annual basis in compliance with the requirements of the Urban Housing and Regeneration Act 2015, an important element of the Active Land Management Strategy. The Active Land Management Strategy and 2-year review of the plan will provide vital information regarding implementation of all relevant sections of the plan, and alternative measures will be explored (see Response 6a above) to ensure the delivery of said housing targets in the upper Tier settlements should the vacancy levy fail to result in the realise of developable land into the market. In addition, Objective BEO 35 has been amended to include an annual timeline.

Recommendation:

Amend Objective BEO 35 to read as follows:

1. BEO 35: To use specific powers, such as the Vacant Sites register to address issues of vacancy and underutilisation of strategic lands in town centres locations and within the built-up footprints of Tier I to V towns and villages, including the implementation of the Vacant Sites Levy in accordance with the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015. Each year of the plan period, the planning authority will assess the county's settlements for the purposes of identifying vacant sites for addition to the Vacant Site's Register and accordingly implement the statutory provisions for same.

OPR Recommendation 9: Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)

The Planning Authority is required to review the SFRA to ensure consistency with the Planning System and Flood Risk Assessment Guidelines and Circular PL 2/2014. In this regard, the planning authority is required to:

- **9a.** Produce a suitably detailed flood risk assessment for all settlements, inclusive of Tier 1 settlements and the town of Westport, drawing on and extending existing data and information, leading to a suite of clear and transparent flood risk maps, that support the application of the sequential approach and enable comprehensive determination as to whether measures to deal with flood risks to the area proposed for development, can satisfactorily reduce the risks to an acceptable level.
- **9b.** Determine if there is sufficient information to inform the land use zoning decisions, including the proposed Consolidated Zoning, in each settlement or if further detailed analysis is required. For land that is deemed to be of moderate or high flood risk and is sequentially preferable and could contribute to compact growth and higher density development, it will be necessary to undertake a Justification Test within the context of the SFRA.
- **9c.** Ensure that specific requirements emanating from the SFRA inform the overall planning framework as set out in the draft Plan and that proposed mitigation measures are comprehensively translated into practical policies within the draft Plan.

9d. The Office of Public Works should be consulted in relation to the matters raised in this recommendation.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- **9a.** SFRA for the Tier I settlements of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport will be addressed through the forthcoming local area plans.
- 9b. Recommended noted.
- 9c. Recommended noted.
- 9d. Consultations were held with the OPW in April 2021.

Recommendation:

- 9a. No change to the Draft Plan.
- **9b.** Review the existing settlements in the SFRA, with respect to the applicable of the Justification Test and vulnerable land uses.
- **9c.** Amend Draft Plan to include all flooding requirements and mitigation measures from the revised SFRA.
- 9d. No change to the Draft Plan.

OPR Observation 4: Standards and Guidelines

- **4a.** The Planning Authority is requested to provide relevant information to show that the draft Plan and Housing Strategy are consistent with the specific planning policy requirements (SPPRs) specified in the 'Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (2018) by more fully demonstrating consistency with SPPR 1 and explicitly addressing SPPR 2, SPPR 3 and SPPR 4.
- **4b.** The Planning Authority is requested to review the car parking standards promoted in the draft Plan to ensure that appropriate maximum standards are included for both residential and commercial developments in urban areas in accordance with NPO 13.
- **4c.** The Planning Authority is requested to review the minimum separation distances between opposing windows, minimum private open space provision and minimum garden depth for houses, and plot ratio and site coverage standards for commercial development within brownfield and infill sites in urban areas and instead focus on assessing individual development proposals on performance-based criteria, dependent on location and individual site characteristics, in accordance with the provisions of NPO 13.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

4a. The Draft Plan and Housing Strategy through Policy TVHP 1 and Objective TVHO 5 of the Written Statement (Vol. 1) and Section 3.3 (Building Heights) of the Development Management Guidelines (Vol. II) give general effect to SPPR 1-4 of the Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines

(2018), with respect to quality of residential developments, appropriate densities, adequate mix of building heights and typologies appropriate to the urban context consistent with said guidelines.

With respect to SPPRs 1-4:

SPPR 1: It is considered that paragraph 1.10 of the Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines references city and town centre areas as suitable locations in development plans and local area plans, with particular reference to Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Galway and Waterford and other major towns as identified and promoted for strategic development in the National Planning Framework and Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies'. Ballina and Castlebar are identified in the RSES as Key Towns for strategic growth and accordingly they are the only settlements in Co. Mayo considered appropriate for consideration of taller buildings at appropriate locations.

A new objective has been included in the Draft Plan to identify suitable locations in the forthcoming local area plans for Ballina and Castlebar for increased height, density and appropriate mix of uses in line with SPPR 1 and SPPR 2 of the guidelines.

SPPRs 2-4: Section 3.3 (Building Heights) of the Development Management Guidelines requires applicants to demonstrate an appropriate mix of uses, comply with stated development management criteria from the Guidelines, achieve minimum densities and provide an adequate mix of building heights and typologies, appropriate to the urban context within which it is situated.

The development management standards of forthcoming LAPS can also provide suitable guidelines to comply with the development management requirements of SPPRs 3 and 4 of the guidelines, as appropriate.

- **4b.** A new objective has been included to review of the car parking standards over the lifetime of the plan. This objective also provides a mechanism to consider a reduction of said parking requirements for urban infill and brownfield sites to comply with the requirements of NPO 13 of the NPF and promote urban renewal.
- 4c. Observation noted.

Recommendation:

- **4a.** Amend the Draft Housing Strategy to ensure consistency with the Section 28 Urban development and Building Height Guidelines (2018).
- Include new objective after Objective SSO 12 in Chapter 2 of the Draft Plan to read as follows: SSO: To identify and facilitate higher and increased building heights for appropriate uses at suitable locations in the Tier I (a) Key Towns of Ballina and Castlebar consistent with SPPRs 1-4 of the Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (2018).
- **4b.** Include new objective after Objective TVHO 11 to read as follows:

TVHO: To review the car parking standards (Table 7 of Section 7.12.1 Vol. II) over the lifetime of the plan to include maximum parking standards. In the interim period, a reduction of parking standard requirements will be considered for urban infill and brownfield locations, subject to the individual merits of each development proposals, with respect to performance-based criteria, in accordance with the provisions of NPO 13.

4c. Insert new objective after BEO 37 to read as follows:

BEO: To facilitate appropriate densities and compact growth within urban settlements, the Planning Authority will consider a relaxation of relevant the development management guidelines to assist the delivery of appropriate uses on urban brownfield and infill sites, based on the individual merits of each development proposal, with due cognisant to NPO 13.

Key Theme 3: Rural Housing and Rural Regeneration – *Recommendations 10 & 11 and Observation 6.*

OPR Recommendation 10: Draft Plan policy Housing in the Open Countryside

The planning authority is required to revise the draft Plan's policy in respect of Housing in the Open Countryside (Section 3.4.8) to ensure consistency with NPO 19 including:

- **10a.** Reconsider the extent and possibly increase the Rural Areas under Urban Influence to comply with NPO 19, having regard to the national road network, and in particular the recently upgraded N5. Areas under urban influence should be based on clear criteria, including realistic commuter catchments of the larger towns and centres of employment and their relationship to the national road network, and in particular the realigned N5 corridor, which has reduced journey times between the east of the county and Castlebar.
- **10b.** Amend rural housing policy Objective RHO 1 to ensure that the specific criterion for consideration is linked to *demonstrable social or economic 'need'* (not 'links' as stated in the draft Plan) such that policy measures for rural one-off housing in 'Rural Areas Under Strong Influence' are distinct and separate to other defined areas.
- **10c.** Amend policy in respect of areas zoned as 'Rural Transition' on the edge of Tier II towns to ensure that single houses are not promoted, and the emphasis is on delivering compact and sequential growth and preventing ribbon or ad-hoc development on the edges of settlements.
- **10d.** Clarify the rural typologies and associated policies and amend Map 3.1 of the draft Plan to reflect the two rural area types with additional designations identifying scenic routes and coastal locations in accordance with the principles of the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2005).
- **10e.** Amend and strengthen Objective RHO 3 to encapsulate the more restrictive need criteria necessary to manage and protect sensitive landscapes, scenic routes and coastal locations, outside of identified rural areas of urban generated growth.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

10a. Section 3.4.8 of Chapter 3 (Housing) sets out the criteria used to inform 'Rural Areas under Strong Urban Influence', as identified in Map 3.1. This map was informed by (1) mapping of the density and spatial distribution of existing rural dwellings (Geo-directory) and (2) planning applications received for rural housing since 2014; (3) examining current urban pressure areas in the 2014-2020 Mayo CDP; (4) examining commuting patterns for Tier I and II settlements using POWSCAR figures at Electoral District level; and (5) commuter times. It was found that the density and spatial distribution of existing and proposed rural dwellings (Geo-directory) against existing

urban pressure area was the most appropriate metric to establish 'Rural Areas under Strong Urban Influence'. It reflects developable lands where rural housing pressure exists and takes account of undevelopable land where topographical/physical constraints exist.

10b. Recommendation noted.

10c. Rural Transition Zone land use objective (Table 12.2) and provisions in the Land Use Matrix (Table 12.3) have been reviewed and revised to only consider single houses where there is a clear demonstrable economic or social need, as per Objective RHO 1.

10d. Map 3.1 identifies two rural typologies, as set out under Section 3.4.8 (Rural Single Housing), including Category 1 (Rural Areas under Strong Urban Influence) and Category 2 (Remaining Rural Areas) in accordance with the principles of the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2005).

Scenic routes and coastal locations relating to Objective RHO 2 and RHO 3 are illustrated in Map 10.2 of Chapter 10 (Natural Environment). The Planning Authority have reviewed and amended Map 3.1 to include identified scenic routes and views from Map 10.2.

10e. The provisions of Objective RHO 3 extend beyond the identified rural areas of urban generated growth, as shown in Map 10.2. A consolidation map of Map 3.1 and Map 10.2, as per Response 10d above 10.d will clearly illustrate the related areas associated with Objective RHO 3.

Recommendation:

10a. No change to the Draft Plan.

10b. Amend RHO 1 to read as follows:

RHO 1

To facilitate single houses in the open countryside, however in Rural Areas under Urban Influence, applicants will be required to establish demonstrate a demonstrable social or economic need-link to build in the rural area in which they want to live build.

An economic need would include applicants who are functionally dependent on the local rural area for employment, where they seek to build their first home i.e. employment is rural based.

A social need would include applicants who have a long standing local intrinsic links to the rural area, where they seek to build their first home i.e. growing up in the area, educated in the area and continue to have a strong social links to the rural area.

Note: An occupancy clause will be attached to any grant of planning permission.

10c. Amend the provisions of Rural Transition Zone in Tables 12.2 and 12.3 of Chapter 12, as per Appendix II of the CE Report.

10d. Amend Map 3.1 to include Mayo's Scenic Routes/Scenic Routes with Scenic Views or Coastal Areas/Lakeshores, as per Appendix III of the CE Report.

10e. No change to the Draft Plan.

OPR Recommendation 11: Rural Regeneration

Having regard to National Policy Objective 19 and Regional Planning Objective (RPO) 3.4 and RPO 3.7, the planning authority is required to include a more proactive policy and implementation strategy for the regeneration of its rural settlements and villages (Tiers IV & V), including:

- **11a.** Provision of objectives to identify areas that will be promoted as an attractive alternative to one off housing in the open countryside, including the provision of serviced sites.
- **11b.** Inclusion of proactive measures to ensure that the 20% target for the delivery of all new housing in rural areas on brownfield sites can be achieved as per RPO 3.3 in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.
- **11c.** Provision of clear targets and provisions for monitoring residential development permitted as single rural houses.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

11a. A revised plan-led approach has been adopted for Tier IV and Tier V rural towns and villages to provide an alternative for those seeking to live in a more rural setting, while supporting existing local services and facilities, as set out in CE Response 5c above. The revised approach includes the identification of opportunity sites, which can be utilised for serviced sites, where applicable, as per Policy RSVP 9 of the Draft Plan.

In relation to the RPOs 3.4 and 3.9, as highlighted by the OPR, additional policies have been included in Section 12.18 to reflect these RPOs.

11b. Objective CS06 of Chapter 2 (Core and Settlement Strategy) seeks to deliver at least 20% of new homes in rural towns and villages with existing footprint. Noting the OPR's recommendation, this objective has been amended to include brownfield sites in rural towns, villages and the open countryside, as a proactive measure.

In terms of implementation, Objective BEO 36 of Chapter 9 (Built Environment) seeks to establish a database of strategic brownfield and infill sites, as part of an active land management process. This objective has been amended to provide a two-year timeframe to establish the database, with particular reference to Objective CSO 5 (urban targets) and CSO 6 (rural targets).

11c. With regard to the stated request to provide clear targets and provisions for monitoring residential development permitted, as single rural houses, Objective HSO 8 of Chapter 3 (Housing) of the Draft Plan supports the ongoing monitoring and review of the HNDA, in accordance with the forthcoming guidance on HNDA methodology. This objective has been amended in the Draft Plan to include monitoring and maintenance of a record of residential development permitted as single rural houses, and also to account for the recent publication of the HNDA guidance (April 2021).

Recommendation:

11a. Amend Section 12.8 to include a new policy after RSVP 14 to read:

RSVP: To support the regeneration and renewal of small towns and villages in rural areas.

- Amend Section 12.8 to include a new objective after RSVO 17 to read:

RSVO: To work with key stakeholders, including the NWRA, in identifying and prioritising a program for the provision of serviced sites for Tier IV and Tier V rural towns and villages, as an alternative to single rural housing in the open countryside, where appropriate, as per the requirements of RPO 3.8 of the RSES, and in keeping with the character and capacity of each rural town and village.

11b. Amend Objective BEO 36 to read:

BEO 36: To establish a database of strategic brownfield and infill sites within two years of the adoption of the Mayo County Development Plan, to ensure brownfield land re-use can be managed and co-ordinated across multiple stakeholders, as part of an active land management process, and to monitor the brownfield housing targets urban and rural areas, as set out in Objectives CS05 and CS06.

11c. Amend Objective HSO 8 to read:

HSO 8: To support the ongoing monitoring and review of the HNDA, in accordance with the forthcoming guidance on HNDA methodology to be issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, and Heritage. This will include monitoring and maintenance of a record of residential development permitted as single rural houses.

Key Theme: 4: Economic Development and Employment – *Recommendations 12 & 13* and Observation 6.

OPR Recommendation 12: Employment Zoned Land

Having regard to the designation of Claremorris as a Tier II Self-sustaining Growth Town and its anticipated population growth over the plan period, the planning authority is required to provide an evidence-based justification for the quantity and location of all employment generating land use zonings (or for a reduced area zoned for such uses in the absence of a robust justification).

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is considered that the quantity and location of employment generating land uses in the Claremorris land use plan are justifiable. Claremorris is the 4th largest urban settlement in Mayo and is strategically located to maximise from the opportunities arising from the town's location within the Atlantic Economic Corridor (AEC) corridor and its proximity to Ireland West Airport Knock and associated economic SDZ, both of which are key economic drivers of the County and wider region.

In addition, the future development of land uses such as enterprise and employment and industrial lands are dependent on a range of external factors beyond the control of the Local Authority such as land ownership, funding etc., therefore, it is essential that there is a sufficient provision of employment generating land uses in the town to accommodate likely future demand.

Furthermore, the quantity of employment generating land uses in Claremorris will contribute to the realisation of Strategic Objective SO 3 (Employment and Investment) of the Draft Plan, which seeks to establish Mayo as a premier investment location, capitalising on the county's existing and emerging key economic drivers, including the Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis and Claremorris Growth

Cluster. A reduction of employment generating land uses would be detrimental to the economic growth of the town and Mayo, and the future potential of an economic growth cluster in South Mayo (Objective EDO 39).

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

OPR Observation 5: Rural Economy and Tourism

- **a.** The Planning Authority is requested to review the wording of Objective EDO 52 to ensure that the only commercial type development that is acceptable in rural areas, outside towns and villages, is that which is location specific or resource based.
- **b.** The Planning Authority is requested to clarify policy and objectives relating to the provision of tourist and holiday accommodation (in particular TRP 26, TRO 16 and TRO 20) to ensure that such accommodation is encouraged in the first instance to locate in towns and villages.
- **c.** The Planning Authority is requested to ensure that the tourism strategy promoted in the draft Plan promotes sustainable rural transport modes, to tourist locations.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- **5a.** Observation noted.
- **5b.** Section 5.4.3.2 (Tourism Accommodation) of the Draft Plan seeks to locate new tourist accommodation in towns and villages, in close proximity to services and amenities, whilst also recognising that some forms of tourism developments, due to their scale or nature, may require a location outside of settlement boundaries. Notwithstanding same, Policy TRP and Objectives TRO 16 & TRO 20 have been reviewed and amended to ensure they encourage tourism accommodation to locate in towns and villages in the first instance.
- 5c. Observation noted.

Recommendation:

- 5a. Amend Objective EDO 52 to read as follows:
 - **EDO 52:** To support rural entrepreneurship and the development of micro businesses (generally less than 10 no. employees) in rural areas, outside towns and villages, which are location specific, or resource based, where environmental and landscape impact is minimal and such developments do not generate significant or undue traffic. This objective shall not apply to sites accessed from the National Road Network.
- **5b.** Amend Policy TRP 26 and Objective TRO 16, TRO 20 to read as follows:
 - **TRP 26:** To encourage proposals to reinstate, conserve and/or replace existing ruinous or disused dwellings for holiday home purposes, in towns and villages in the first instance. In rural areas, such proposals exclude single holiday homes, and are subject to normal planning considerations, including design, safe access and provision of any necessary wastewater facilities.

TRO 16: To facilitate the sustainable development of a variety of quality tourist accommodation types at suitable locations in towns and villages throughout the county, in the first instance, unless the type of tourism accommodation, owing to its nature and scale, is more appropriate to a rural location.

TRO 20: To locate and facilitate the development of hostels, in towns and villages in the first instance. In rural areas, proposals for the development of hostels may be considered along established walking/hiking routes and adjacent to existing tourism/recreation facilities, where they seek to reinstate, conserve and/or replacement existing semi-ruinous or disused dwellings/buildings, subject to normal planning criteria.

5c. Include new objective after TRO 13 to read as follows:

TRO: To work with key stakeholders, including transport providers, to promote, support and facilitate the provision of sustainable rural transport modes to key tourist locations within the county.

OPR Recommendation 13: *Retail*

Having regard to Section 3.5 of the Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012), and pending the preparation of a new Retail Strategy for the County, the timeframe for which should be clarified in the Plan, the Planning Authority is required to:

- **13a.** Clarify the nature and extent of retail type that is appropriate within each Tier in the Settlement Hierarchy, having regard to the anticipated population growth over the plan period and relevant policies in the RSES, in particular for key towns.
- **13b.** Make a distinction in retail policy terms between areas designated as Town Centre Inner Core and Town Centre Outer Core in Tier II and Tier III towns.
- 13c. Review and make any necessary changes to the retail strategy for the Tier 1 settlements of Castlebar and Ballina and Westport town, in order to ensure the plan is fully aligned with the Section 28 Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012), while recognising the important regional retailing functions of Castlebar and Ballina. At a minimum, and as already referenced in Recommendation 4, the Planning Authority it will be necessary to define core shopping areas, identify town centres and opportunity sites and provide policies to address the high commercial vacancy rates in the towns Section 3.5 of the Retail Planning Guidelines (RPGs) relates to Joint or Multi-Authority Retail Strategies, where the retail catchment of a county or local area plan transcends into the functional areas of another location authority, thereby necessitating a joint retail strategy of Castlebar and Ballina.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

In terms of a timeframe for a County Retail Strategy, Objective EDO 41 (Chapter 4) has been reviewed and revised to indicate a review timeframe.

13a. The Settlement Capacity Assets Matrix (Appendix I) of the Draft Plan has informed nature and extent of retail type considered appropriate and commensurate each Tier in the Settlement Hierarchy. The matrix assessing each settlement, in terms of retail, on whether the town or villages

has a department stores, shopping centres, retail parks, supermarket/shop, pubs and petrol stations.

However, noting the OPR's requirement and the Section 28 Retail Planning Guidelines (RPGs), in particular the retail hierarchy (Tiers I to V) in Section 2.2 of the RPGs, the retail hierarchy of the Draft Plan has been revised and amended to be consistent with the RPGs in this regard.

Section 2.7.8 (Retail Strategy) and Objective SSO9 of Chapter 2 has been reviewed and revised ensure comply with the RPG's retail hierarchy. Additional objectives have been included in Section 4.4.6 (Retail) of Chapter 4 to ensure compliance with the retail RPOs of the RSES, in particular RPOs 4.15, 4.16 and 4.17.

13b. The distinction between the Town Centre Inner Core and Town Centre Outer Core in Tier II and Tier III towns seeks to assist in the identification of the Retail Order of Priority, as set out in Section 4.4.2 of the RPGs, and the subsequent applicable of the Retail Sequential Approach. The Town Centre Inner Core is the Town Centre, as per the RPGs, whereas the Town Centre Outer Town Centre identifies the Edge-of-Centre Sites.

Section 2.7.8 (Retail Strategy) of Chapter 2 (Core and Settlement Strategy) has been reviewed and revised to provide a distinction between town centre inner and outer areas.

13c. See CE Response to 4a and 4b. It is considered appropriate to define core shopping areas, identify town centres and opportunity sites through the LAP process for these towns, supported by policies and objectives to address the high commercial vacancy rates in these towns.

Furthermore, it is not considered appropriate at this juncture to prepare a joint retail strategy of Castlebar and Ballina, as the County Retail Strategy will be review over the lifetime of the plan period. The strategy will support the regional roles of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport, including their catchments.

Recommendation:

- Amend Objective EDO 41 to read as follows:

EDO 41: To implement/review the Mayo County Retail Strategy in accordance with the Retail Planning Guidelines 2021, as amended or superseded, within 3 no. years of the final adoption of the Mayo County Development Plan.

13a. Amend text of Section 2.7.8 (Retail Strategy) to read as follows:

Section 2.7.8 Retail Strategy

The Mayo County Development Plan recognises a three-four tier retail hierarchy in the county (See Table 2.6 below). This retail hierarchy is consistent with the RSES (2020-2020), Section 28 Retail Planning Guidelines (2012) and top three tiers of the Settlement Strategy, and aims to concentrate higher order shopping functions in Castlebar, Ballina and Westport.The sequential approach to development will be applied to proposals for retail development in accordance with the Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DoEHLG 2012). The land use maps for Tiers I to III, inclusive, identifies inner (town centre) and outer (edge of town centre) town centre areas to assist in the applicable of the sequential approach, whilst ensuring edge of-centre sites are within easy walking distance of the identified primary retail area of each town.

- Insert Retail Hierarchy Table, as per Appendix II of the CE Report.
- Amend Objective SSO 9 to read as follows:
 - **SSO 9:** To ensure that all applications for retail developments are appropriate to the retail role, function and capacity of settlements within the settlement hierarchy and County Retail Hierarchy (Table 2.6) and have regard to the Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DoEHLG 2012, as amended or superseded).
- Include the following additional objectives to Section 4.4.6 (Retail) of Chapter 4 (Economic Development) after objective EDO 47 to read as follows:

EDO: To support retail in town and village centres through the sequential approach, as provided within the Retail Guidelines, and to encourage appropriate development formats within the town and village centres.

EDO: To encourage new (and expanding) retail developments to locate close to public transport corridors, to enable sustainable travel to and from our Town and Village Centres, where applicable.

EDO: To adopt a presumption in favour of the reuse, and restoration of town centre buildings for use as retail space, subject to satisfying other planning criteria and standards.

- **13b.** See CE Recommendation 13(a) above.
- **13c.** No change to the Draft Plan.

Key Theme 5: Sustainable Transport and Accessibility - *Recommendation 14 & Observation 6.*

OPR Recommendation 14: Modal Share and Sustainable Transport

In order to ensure the effective planning, implementation and monitoring of the development plan requirements under section 10(2)(n) of the Act, the planning authority is required, in consultation with the National Transport Authority (and Transport Infrastructure Ireland), as appropriate, to:

- **14a.** Expand Tables 6.1 and 6.2 in the draft Plan which provide existing baseline figures for modal share for the overall county, to include targets for settlements. It is recommended that this could best be provided at individual settlement level for the larger settlements, and at aggregate level for rural towns and villages and the open countryside, as identified in the Core Strategy as revised in accordance with Recommendations 3 6 above.
- **14b.** Provide an effective monitoring regime for the implementation of the Planning Authority's sustainable transport strategy and the modal share targets in particular.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

14a. The inclusion of baseline modal share figures for Mayo is only considered applicable to Tables 6.2 and 6.3 of Chapter 6. Table 6.1, as referenced in the recommendation, relates to the daytime populations in Tier I and Tier II settlements and does not provide any modal share breakdown.

In terms of setting realistic targets, as outlined in the recommendation, the Planning Authority have engaged with the NTA, who have advised on the difficulty of setting realistic measurable targets at

County level and consider the appropriate approach should be to set realistic targets for the Tier I settlements arising from the forthcoming Local Transport Plans (LTPs) for these towns. A new objective has been included in the Draft Plan to reflect this position.

Notwithstanding this, the Council is committed to continued co-operation with the NTA for the purpose of developing further analysis in relation to modal shift and targets across the county and in deriving a realistic modal change target for Mayo and as such, a policy to this extent should be included as part of the Plan.

14b. It is considered that an effective monitoring regime for modal share targets can be developed for Tier I towns through the LAPs, as informed by the LTPs.

Recommendation:

14a. Amend Table 6.2 and 6.3 to include CSO 2026 modal share figures for County Mayo, as per Appendix II of the CE Report.

Insert new objective after MTO 4 to read as follows:

 MTO: To establish modal shift targets and a monitoring regime to increase the usage of sustainable modes of transport in the towns of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport, as informed by local transport plans.

Insert new policy after MTP 5 to read as follows:

 MTP: Work with the NTA to undertake analysis in relation to modal shift between settlements and derive a realistic modal change target for increased usage of sustainable modes of transport for the county.

14b. See CE's Recommendation 14a. above.

OPR Observation 6: Compliance with DMURS

The planning authority is requested to review the Development Management Standards Volume II to ensure compliance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS), with specific reference to Section 7.6 - 7.10 Access Visibility Requirements and specifically Table 4.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Observation is noted.

Recommendation:

Amend Sections 7.4 of the DM Guidelines (Vol. II) to read as follows:

7.4 Access onto Other Non-National Roads.

Road infrastructure shall allow for safe and efficient movement of vehicles and pedestrians. Access points shall be kept to a minimum and shall provide safe ingress/egress for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.

Access onto Urban Roads to comply with Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) 2013 (as amended).

- Amend Table 4 (Access Visibility Requirements), as per appendix II of CE Report.

Key Theme 6: Climate Action and Renewable Energy – *Recommendations 15 & 16 and Observation 7.*

OPR Observation 7: Climate Action

Given the importance attributed to climate action by Government, as evidenced by, inter alia, the recent Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Bill (October, 2020) and the Climate Action Plan 2019, the Planning Authority is advised that section 2.4 should also include an objective to consider a variation of the development plan within a reasonable period of time, or to include such other mechanism, as may be appropriate, to ensure the development plan will be consistent with the approach to climate action recommended in the revised Development Plan Guidelines as adopted or any other relevant guidelines.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noting the Observation to include an additional objective in Section 2.4 of the draft Plan, it is considered that the reference to Section 2.4 of the Draft Plan was an error, as this section relates to the cross-cutting themes of the Draft Plan.

The importance of climate action is acknowledged. Climate action is one of the cross-cutting themes of the Draft Plan and accordingly has also been afforded a stand-alone chapter.

The absence of revised Development Plan Guidelines to support the preparation of the Draft Plan should be noted and, in this regard, it is considered appropriate that the outcomes of any future guidelines will be reviewed by the Planning Authority over the lifetime of the plan and that any steps considered necessary to review the Plan be taken on foot of this. A new objective has been included in Chapter 11 of the Draft Plan to reflect same.

Recommendation:

Insert new objective after REO 22 to read as follows:

REO: To review the outcomes of the Development Plan Guidelines, as adopted, and take any steps considered necessary to align with the approach to climate action recommended in the guidelines over the lifetime of the Plan.

OPR Recommendation 15: Renewable Energy

In accordance with the provisions of section 28(1C) of the Act, the planning authority is required to review the identification of a minimum target of 100MW for County Mayo over the plan period in the draft Plan. In the absence of any nationally or regionally determined targets for County Mayo specifically, you are advised to demonstrate appropriate metrics in this regard, which could include Mayo's share of estimates of additional national renewable electricity target (4GW) as defined by the % of national land area represented by the county, linked back to the cumulative renewable energy production potential of the areas designated for renewables development.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noting the OPR's recommendation to review the minimum renewable energy target of 100MW for County Mayo over the plan period, the Planning Authority considers of the minimum renewable energy target to 600MW to be appropriate, as an interim target, pending target being set at the regional level.

The Draft Plan acknowledges that current best practice in the wind energy industry would suggest that an area of 400 square kilometres in Mayo can generate a maximum potential of 10,000MW. However, this maximum target does not take account of grid connections/capacity, local environmental conditions/constraints, legal challenges etc.

In setting a realistic deliverable target for Mayo, due regard is had to the Irish Wind Energy figures of installed capacity in the County. IWE data for 2020 shows that Mayo has 15 no. wind farms connected across the county, which collectively have an installed operational capacity of 266MW. An increase figure of 600MW would more than double the existing installed capacity and demonstrate Mayo County Council's commitment towards contributing to the national renewable electricity target (4GW). A minimum target of 600MW would represent 6% of the land potential suitable for renewable energy in County Mayo.

To give effect to the revised target, a new objective has been included in the Renewable Energy Section of Chapter 11 (Climate Action and Renewable Energy).

Recommendation:

Include new objective after REO 22 to read as follows:

REO: To support and facilitate the achievement of the minimum renewable energy target of 600MW for County Mayo over the plan, and to review/revise this target to ensure consistency with any future renewable energy strategies for the Northern and Western Region.

OPR Recommendation 16: Renewable Energy

Having regard to the requirements of Section 9(4) of the PDA and the RSES objectives RPO 4.16 and RPO 5.2(b), the Planning Authority is required to coordinate the objectives for wind energy development in the development plan, with those of the neighbouring counties to ensure a coordinated Wind Energy Strategy across the region. Particular coordination shall be required with Roscommon County Council where current conflicts arise in the identification of preferable locations for wind energy and with Sligo County Council's Landscape Characterisation Map.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noting the OPR's recommendation to coordinate the objectives for wind energy development in the development plan with those of the neighbouring counties, in particular Sligo County Council and Roscommon County Council, the Planning Authority's considers that any future review of the Renewable Energy Strategy (RES) and Landscape Appraisal for County Mayo should ensure consistency with the preferable locations for wind energy of adjoining counties, including

Roscommon County Council, Galway County Council and Sligo County Council, to ensure a coordinated Wind Energy Strategy across the region.

The review of the RES and Landscape Appraisal for County Mayo will be undertaken over the lifetime of the plan, as any revision at present would be premature pending the completion of the National Landscape Character Assessment, and any associated statutory Guidelines, and subsequent Regional Landscape Character Assessment, as per RPO 5.2 (c) of the RSES. Furthermore, the review of the RES would also be premature pending the identification of any potential renewable energy sites of scale in the region, as per RPO 4.18 of the RSES, in which such sites are required to be identified within 3 years following the adoption of the regional strategy.

To ensure consistency with the RSES and a consistent approach with adjoining counties in the future review and preparation of the Renewable Energy Strategy and Landscape Appraisal, Objectives NEO 25, NEO 7 and NEO 8 b of the Draft Plan have been revised to include reference to RPO 4.16 and RPO 5.2 (b).

Recommendation:

b. Amend Objectives NEO 25, REO 7 and REO 8 to read as follows:

NEO 25: To review the Landscape Appraisal for Mayo and update this plan as appropriate, following publication of the statutory guidelines for Planning Authorities on Local Landscape Character Assessments, as detailed in the National Landscape Strategy 2015-2025, and ensure consistency with the provisions of RPO 4.16 and RPO 5.2(b) of the RSES, 2020-2032.

REO 7: To review/amend the Mayo County Renewable Energy Strategy 2011-2022 in accordance with future legislative guidelines and consistency with the provisions of RPO 4.16 and RPO 5.2(b) of the RSES, 2020-2032.

REO 8: To encourage the development of wind energy, in accordance with Government policy, and having regard to the *Landscape Appraisal of County Mayo* and the Wind Energy Development Guidelines (2006) and Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy, or any revisions thereof or future guidelines, and ensure consistency with the provisions of RPO 4.16 and RPO 5.2(b) of the RSES (2020-2032).

Key Theme 7: Environment, Heritage and Amenities – *Recommendation 17 and Observations 8, 9 & 10.*

OPR Recommendation 17: Landscape Appraisal for County Mayo

Consistent with the Section 28 Wind Energy Development Guidelines (2006) and associated 2017 Interim Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Statutory Plans, Renewable Energy and Climate Change, the Planning Authority is required to review and amend the Landscape Appraisal for County Mayo (and associated Landscape Sensitivity Matrix) to ensure consistency with the Wind Energy Map appended to the Renewable Energy Strategy in Volume 4 of the draft Plan, which identifies a number of preferred areas for wind energy development.

Response:

It is considered that the review of the Landscape Appraisal for County Mayo would be premature pending the completion of the National Landscape Character Assessment, and any associated statutory Guidelines, and subsequent Regional Landscape Character Assessment.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

OPR Observation 8: Public Rights of Way

To ensure consistency within the Draft Plan and in compliance with the provisions of Section 10(2)(o) Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Planning Authority is requested to include a list and provide the location of public rights of way in the county thereby ensuring compliance with Section 10(2)(o) of the Act.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Having regard to the large size of County Mayo (3rd largest in the State), the legality surrounds verifying public rights of way and the Covid-19 restrictions, it was considered that the appropriate course of action in the Draft plan was to include an objective (**TRO 27**) in Chapter 5 (Tourism and Recreation) in relation to identifying, preserving and enhance existing accesses and public rights of way over the lifetime of the Plan, and where necessary, establish new public rights of way. Consequently, it is not possible to include a list and provide the location of public rights of way in the county, as per the requirements of Section 10(2)(0) of the PDA.

Recommendation:

No change recommended to the Draft Plan

OPR Observation 9: Irish Language Plans

In compliance with National Policy Objective 29 and RSES Objectives RPO 5.8 and 5.12, the Planning Authority is requested to include an objective in the Draft Plan to support and assist the formulation and implementation of Irish Language Plans for the Gaeltacht Service Towns of Belmullet, Ballinrobe and Castlebar in accordance with policies RPO 5.8 and RPO 5.12.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Observation noted.

Recommendation:

- Insert new objective after SCO 22 to read as follows:

SCO: To support and assist the formulation and implementation of Irish Language Plans (Plean Teanga) for the Gaeltacht Service Towns of Béal an Mhuirthead, Ballinrobe and Castlebar, and to promote the development of the Gaeltacht in Mayo in a manner that protects and enhances

the distinctive linguistic and cultural heritage, whilst meeting the needs and aspirations of both residents and visitors alike.

OPR Observation 10: *Environmental Reporting*

The Planning Authority is advised that in order to give full meaning to the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process as set out in the Directive, it should ensure that as/when material amendments stage arise, the environmental reporting is iterative and transparent with the decision-making process at that stage.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Any subsequent changes to the Draft Plan, including at material amendments stage, if this stage arises, shall be reflected in the SEA's environmental report.

Recommendation:

No change recommended to the Draft Plan.

Key Theme 8: General and Procedural Matters – *Mapping, Inconsistencies & Extent of Documents.*

Mapping

- 1. The two separate maps prepared for Tier II and Tier III settlements should be consolidated into one map for each settlement.
- 2. The flood extent maps contained in the SFRA should be overlaid on the land use zoning maps.
- 3. A clear and transparent distinction should be made between land that is developed and undeveloped and land that is zoned for 'Existing Residential', 'New Residential' and 'Strategic Residential Reserve'.
- 4. The Core Strategy Map should be further refined to include existing and proposed transport corridors
- 5. The Town Centre Zoning appears to be missing from the legend on some of the maps e.g. Ballyhaunis and Belmullet.
- 6. The Rural Typology Map should be refined to reflect the Rural Settlement Strategy, including the identification of rural typologies and other rural designations; and to adequately reflect the Rural Settlement Strategy, including the identification of rural typologies and other rural designations.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

1 to 3 - Noted.

- 4. See Response to OPR Recommendation 10(a).
- 5. Noted.

6. See Response to OPR Recommendation 10(d).

Recommendation:

- 1. Insert an additional land use zoning map (Map 4) with for Tier II and Tier III settlements, as per Appendix III of the CE Report.
- 2. Include an additional land use zoning map with flood overlay, as identified in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, as per Appendix III of the CE Report.
- **3.** Amend land use zoning maps for Tier II to identify land zoned for 'Existing Residential', 'New Residential' and 'Strategic Residential Reserve', as per Appendix III of the CE Report.
- **4.** No change recommended to Draft Plan.
- **5.** Amend land use map legend in the Tier II settlement maps for Ballyhaunis and Belmullet, as per Appendix III of the CE Report.
- **6.** No change recommended to Draft Plan.

Inconsistencies

- 1. The number of units required for the Tier I to Tier V settlements as per the Core Strategy Table is stated to total 3,237 units. However, when the number of units as detailed in the Core Strategy Table are aggregated, the sum total actually equals 3,503 units. The figure within the Core Strategy table, therefore it needs to be reviewed to ensure consistency.
- **2.** Table 2 Residential Density in Volume II Development Management Standards specifies 'minimum' density standards, whereas the text refers to them as 'maximum' standards.
- **3.** Sites identified in Tier II settlements are labelled Town Centre Consolidation Sites whereas sites identified in Tier III settlements are labelled Opportunity Sites. The labelling should be standardised as it is noted there is no policy distinction between both in the draft Plan.
- 4. The national average for walking as preferred mode to travel to work, study or other services is 9.3% (CSO). The Tier II Settlement Plans set out in Chapter 12 of the draft Plan, present different national average standards for walking as a mode of travel. For example, In the Belmullet and Swinford plans, the national average is 9.07%, In the Ballinrobe and Ballyhaunis plans, the national average is 9.3%, In the Claremorris plan, the national average is 12.07%.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

1 to 4 - Noted.

Recommendation:

- **1.** Amend revise Core Strategy Table to provide consistent figures.
- **2.** Amend Table 2 (Residential Density) of the Development Management Guidelines (Volume 2) to replace 'minimum' with 'maximum', as per Appendix II of CE Report.
- **3.** Amend terminology to use Opportunity Sites in the Tier III settlement plans throughout the Draft Plan.
- **4.** Amend the national average for walking figure in the Sustainable Travel Sections of the settlement plans for Béal an Mhuirthead, Claremorris and Swinford, and the daily walking

figure for Claremorris to ensure consistency with Tables 6.1 and 6.2 of Chapter 6 to read as follows:

Béal an Mhuirthead (Section 12.6.9)

......The number of people who walk to their place of work, study and other services in town is above the national average (9.13 07%). According to 2016 POWCAR, 10.95% of the daily population walk.

Claremorris (Section 12.7.9)

....... The number of people who walk to their place of work, study and other services in town is above the national average (9.13 $\frac{0712.07}{8}$). According to 2016 POWCAR, 12.07 $\frac{15.71}{8}$ % of the daily population walk.

Swinford (Section 12.8.9)

....... The number of people who walk to their place of work, study and other services in town is below the national average (9.13 07%). According to 2016 POWCAR, 8.53% of the daily population walk.

Extent of Documents

- 1. Whilst the Written Statement of the draft Plan is well structured, with the 12 no. chapters presented in a standardised format that is easily followed and understood, the Office is concerned that the overall length of the document, including Appendices, may discourage public access and engagement with the planning process. There may be an opportunity to reduce the extent of text within the Plan and to replace with more visual aids, including consolidation of existing mapping and the preparation of new maps.
- 2. Mindful of the fact that the Ireland West Airport Knock (IWAK) Planning Scheme for the Strategic Development Zone is an independent statutory document in its own right, the planning authority should consider omitting Volume VI of the draft Plan.
- **3.** The Natura Impact Statement (NIS) comprises 1,657 pages of which 388 pages comprise the main body of text and 1,269 pages are conservation objectives extracted from the DoCHG. The planning authority should reconsider the need to append such extensive information to the NIS.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

1. The Planning Authority generally consider the overall length of the Draft Plan to be acceptable and necessary to provide sufficient information and understanding to the public.

2 & 3 - Noted.

Recommendation:

- 1. No change recommended to Volume One (Written Statement) of the Draft Plan.
- 2. Omit Volume 6 and include the SDZ Planning Scheme Map in the Book of Maps (Volume III).
- 3. Amend Natura Impact Statement to only include the main body of text.

3.2 Northern and Western Regional Assembly

Submission No.	MYO-C11-193
Submission by:	Northern & Western Regional Assembly
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	See below.

Summary of Submission:

The Regional Assembly commends Mayo County Council on the scope and content of the DMCDP and is of the view that a very high level of consistency with the RSES exists. Their submission provides a review of each chapter of the written statement (Volume I), with respect to their consistency with the RSES. The provisions of chapters 5, 6, 9 and 1 were considered fully consistent with the regional strategy.

The Assembly provides 3 no. Recommendations and 10 no. Observations relating to Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10 to ensure full consistency with the RSES, as follows:

Chapter 2 - Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy: Recommendations 1 & 2 and Observations 1& 2.

Chapter 3 - Housing: Observation 3

Chapter 4 – Economic Development: Observations 4, 5, 6 & 7.

Chapter 7 – Infrastructure: Observation 8

Chapter 8 - Sustainable Communities: Recommendation 3

Chapter 10: Natural Environment: Observation 9

Chapter 12 – Settlement Plans: Observations 10, 11 & 12

Chapter 1: Monitoring and Implementation – Observations 13 & 14.

Chapter 2 - Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy: Recommendations 1 & 2 and Observations 1 & 2

NWRA Recommendation 1: Settlement Hierarchy Terminology

The Planning Authority is required to improve the alignment between the draft Plan and the RSES, through the terminology associated with the designations in the settlement hierarchy (and throughout the plan). In this regard, Ballina and Castlebar are designated as Key Towns in the RSES, and Westport is identified as a place of strategic potential, not a Key Town.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See CE Response for OPR Recommendation 2(a).

Recommendation:

See CE Recommendation for OPR Recommendation 2(a).

NPWS Recommendation 2: Brownfield Targets

The Planning Authority is required to include brownfield development targets CS06 to apply to all rural areas consistent with RPO 3.3 (deliver at least 20% of all new housing in rural areas on brownfield sites).

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Recommendation noted.

Recommendation:

Amend Objective CSO 6 to read as follows:

CSO 6: To deliver at least 20% of all new homes in the rural area on suitable brownfield sites, including rural towns, villages and the open countryside within the existing built up footprint of settlements. For the purpose of clarity, rural towns/villages are settlements with population levels less than 1,500 persons.

NWRA Observation 1: Ballina, Castlebar and Westport Plans and Policy Direction

The Assembly expresses concern over the absence of zoned lands and policy direction for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport, and requests the Planning Authority consider options to fill this vacuum and provide greater certainty, enabling planned sustainable development to occur in these settlements

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See CE's Response for OPR Recommendation 4.

Recommendation:

See CE's Recommendation for OPR Recommendation 4.

NWRA Observation 2: Quantum of Zoned Land in Tier II Towns

The Planning Authority is required to review the quantum of land zoned within Tier II towns, ensuring it is commensurate with its functional needs and provides for achievement of compact growth appropriate to the settlement.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See CE's Response for OPR Recommendation 6a.

Recommendation:

See CE's Recommendation for OPR Recommendation 6a.

Chapter 3 - Housing: Observation 3

Observation 3: Section 28 Housing Supply Target Guidelines (2020)

The Planning Authority are requested to satisfy itself that the provisions of the draft Plan are not significant divergence between generally consistent with the Section 28 'Housing Supply Target Guidelines.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response: See CE's Response for OPR Recommendation 1(a).

Recommendation: See CE's Recommendation for OPR Recommendation 1(a).

Chapter 4 – Economic Development: Observations 4, 5, 6 & 7.

NWRA Observation 4: Job Creation Ratio

The Planning Authority is requested to include reference to the overarching guidance in the NPF that job creation should follow population increase at a ratio of 0. 66:1 (NPO 1c) - thus enabling it to be an indicator that can be monitored.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Section 4.3 (National and Regional Position) has been altered to include reference to the overarching guidance in the NPF that job creation should follow population increase at a ratio of 0. 66:1 (NPO 1c). The Planning Authority will use the job creation/population growth ratio in urban areas as a guiding metric and not a specific objective in the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:

Amend the first paragraph in Section 4.3 (National and Regional Position) of Chapter 4 (Economic Development) to read as follows:

The NPF and the RSES also recognise the important economic role of urban settlements at a county and regional level, and rural settlements at a local level, whilst identifying the need to strengthen rural economies and communities by broadening the employment base of rural areas, improving connectivity and addressing infrastructural deficits. In terms of job creation in urban areas, the overarching guidance provided in the NPF is that job creation should follow population increase at a ratio of 0. 66:1 (NPO 1c).

NWRA Observation 5: Over Concentration of Uses

The Planning Authority is requested to consider inclusion of a methodology for the assessment of over concentration of uses (ED0 46).

Response:

It is considered that Sections 5.7 to 5.9 of the Development Management Guidelines (Volume II) of the Draft Plan provides sufficient guidance to prevent an excessive concentration of particular uses in town centres, which could adversely impact on the vitality and viability of its retail primacy.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

NWRA Observation 6: Data Centres

The Planning Authority is requested to elaboration on the criteria for the successful siting of data centres (EDD 49) would be informative.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Key determinants for the location of data centres includes a quality electricity supply, robust fibre broadband infrastructure and affordability. However, it is not considered necessary to include criteria in the Draft Plan for the siting of data centres.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

NWRA Observation 7: *Remote Working Guidance*

The identification of the potential of remote working as a boost to the rural economy is welcome by the Assembly. The Draft Plan states that remote working is to be delivered at an appropriate scale and further guidance on what constitutes an appropriate scale would benefit the plan.

Response:

It is considered that Sections 2.9 and 4.15 of the Development Management Guidelines provides sufficient guidance on the design and scale of remote working units in rural and urban locations, respectively. Objectives RHO 11 (Rural) and TVHO 11 (Urban) in Chapter 3 (Housing) cross references with the applicable sections of the development management guidelines.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Chapter 7 – Infrastructure: Observation 8

NWRA Observation 8: Waste Management

The Planning Authority is requested to consider the opportunity for the policies and objectives in relation to waste management to be expanded to give guidance on the siting of waste infrastructure and the proximity principle (refer Section 8.4 of the RSES).

Response:

The policies and objectives relating the waste management in Section 7.4.2 of the Draft Plan have been revised to provide guidance on the siting of waste infrastructure consistent with RPOs 8.8 to 8.11 in the RSES, and refer to the EU's "proximity principle", which requires all forms of waste must be treated as close as possible to its source.

Recommendation:

Amend Policy INP 7 to read as follows:

INP 7: To support the implementation of the Connacht Ulster Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021(as amended) or replacement plan with particular emphasis on reuse, recycling and disposal of residual waste, including the provision of waste infrastructure, in the most appropriate manner where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment, the integrity of the Natura 2000 network, traffic safety, residential or visual amenity.

- New policies after INP 8 to read as follows:

INP: The siting of waste infrastructure shall in urban areas generally be on lands zoned for industrial use and in non-urban areas shall accord with the principles of proper planning and sustainable development.

INP: To support the move towards regional and national self-sufficiency, in terms of waste management infrastructure, in accordance with the proximity principle and with the circular green economy.

INP: To support the requirement that the provision of waste infrastructure is integrated and coordinated with economic development and the planned development of the region, in accordance with the RSES and NPF.

- Amend INO 10 to read as follows:

INO 10 - Promote prioritising prevention, reuse, recycling and recovery, and to sustainably manage residual waste. New developments shall take account of the provisions of the Connacht Ulster Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021(as amended) and observe those elements of it that relate to waste prevention and minimisation, waste recycling facilities and the capacity for source segregation. Account shall also be taken of the proximity principle and the inter-regional movement of waste.

Chapter 8 - Sustainable Communities: Recommendation 3

NWRA Recommendation 3: Zoned land for Nursing Homes

The Planning Authority is required to provide for lands to be zoned specifically for nursing homes and specialised housing in accordance with RPO 7.14 of the RSES.

Response:

It is considered a specific zoning for nursing homes and specialised housing would be limiting and that the appropriate approach would be to review and amend Table 12.2 (land use zoning objectives) and Table 2.3 (Land User Zoning Matrix) of Chapter 12 (Settlement Plans) to ensure these facilities are facilitated in appropriate land zoning categories, such as town centre, residential and community.

Recommendation:

Amend Tables 12.2 and 12.3 to ensure nursing homes and specialised housing can be accommodated in suitable land use zoning categories, as per Appendix II of the CE Report.

Chapter 10: Natural Environment: Observation 9

NWRA Observation 9: Landscape Appraisal

The Planning Authority is requested to review the landscape appraisal to ensure the designated landscape alongthe county boundary is compatibility with designation in adjoining counties.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See CE's Response for OPR Recommendation 17.

Recommendation:

See CE's Recommendation for OPR 16.

Chapter 12 - Settlement Plans: Observations 10, 11 & 12

NWRA Observation 10: Quantum of Zoned Lands

The Planning Authority, as outlined in Observation 2, is requested within Tier II towns, and where necessary, provide for the prioritisation of the release of residential land, ensuring it is commensurate with its functional needs and provides for achievement of compact growth, appropriate to the settlement.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See CE's Response for OPR Recommendation 6d.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

NWRA Observation 11: Flood Layers

The Planning Authority is requested to consider the inclusion of flood areas as a layer on the zoning maps together with the areas in hectares allocated to different uses.

Response:

Observation noted.

Recommendation:

See CE's Recommendation for OPR Mapping 2 (Theme 8)

NWRA Observation 12: Increased Guidance for Tiers III to V

The Planning Authority is requested to consider the inclusion of greater level of guidance for the development of lower tier settlements below tier 2.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See CE's Response for OPR Recommendation 5a and 5c.

Recommendation:

See CE Recommendation for OPR Observation 5a and 5c.

Monitoring and Implementation - Observations 13 & 14.

NWRA Observation 13: *Implementation and Monitoring*

The Assembly recommend that Section 1.11 of the Draft Plan would benefit from the implementation and monitoring regime being strengthened. It could provide co-ordination and direction for investment that delivers on the necessary infrastructure for the county.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Observation is noted.

Recommendation:

Amend Section 11.1 (Implementation and Monitoring) of the Draft Plan to include an Implementation and Monitoring Table (Table 1.2), as per Appendix II of the CE Report.

NWRA Observation 14: Review of Policies/Objectives for Monitoring Purposes

The Assembly recommends that the Draft Plan would benefit from a review of policies/objectives to ensure they are sufficiently specific for monitoring purposes.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Observation is noted.

Recommendation:

See CE Recommendation for NWRA Observation 13 above.

3.3 Department of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Submission No:	MYO-C11-711
Submitted by:	Development Applications Unit Dept of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 1 Introduction, Chapter 2 Core and Settlement Strategy, Chapter 5 Tourism, Chapter 10 Natural Heritage, Chapter 12 Settlement Plans, Volume 2 Development Management Standards, Chapter 9 Built Environment, Volume 5 Environmental Assessments.

Summary of Submission:

1: Chapter 1 - Introduction

<u>Topics: Definition of Sustainable Development, UN Development Goals</u>

- 1.1- The submission requests clarification regarding the definition of sustainable development in Chapter 1 Section 1.4 of the Draft Plan in terms of the use of environmental and natural resources. The definition in the draft plan is a direct quote from the NPF and the submission suggests that this should link appropriately with RPO 5.5 (Natural Assets) in the RSES.
- 1.2 UN Development Goal 15, Life on the Land, should be considered in further aspects of the plan, and SEA Table 3.

2: Chapter 2 - Core and Settlement Strategy

Topics: Strategic Objectives

- 2.1 The DAU notes that S09 (b) should also reference Ecological Impact Assessments (EcIA) and include Annex IV species. The submission recommends that the title of SO 9 changes to: "Ecological Impact Assessment, Appropriate Assessment, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment."
- 2.2 In order to align with RPO 1 it is recommended that SO 9 (b) should change to reflect this. This amendment should also be cross-referenced to all other relevant sections in the plan.

3: Chapter 5 – Tourism

Topics: UN Development Goals, Flagship Projects

- 3.1 It is suggested that the inclusion of UN Sustainable Development Goals 14 and 15 are referenced at the beginning of Chapter 5.
- 3.2 The submission raises concerns regarding the environmental effects of TRP 3, including on Natura 2000 sites, the flagship projects listed in TRP 3 and TRP 6 (c) and TRO 26 and projects listed in the text of the chapter under WAW Discovery Points, which are located within or close to European Sites. The DAU consider that these plans must be given consideration under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and not adversely affect the integrity of European Sites.

4: Chapter 10 – Natural Environment

<u>Topics: Environmental RPO's, Designated Sites, Protected Species, Language, Ecological Connectivity, Lighting, Environmental Assessments</u>

- 4.1 The DAU considers that the overarching environmental RPO's of the RSES should be reflected in this chapter and specifically quotes text from the RSES.
- 4.2.1 The Dept considers that the description of NHA's and pNHA's in the draft plan is not accurate. NHA's are designated under the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000, while pNHA's were published on a non-statutory basis in 1995.
- 4.2.2 The Dept recommends that all pNHA's should be listed in the written statement and indicated in the development plan mapping and in the SEA report.
- 4.3 The DAU state that the reference to protected bat species in Section 10.4.3 should also refer to their protection as "strictly protected species" under Annex IV (Habitats Directive), which also protects their key habitats.
- 4.4 (1-8) The Dept recommend that NEP's 1,2,3,9,11,12 and NEO's 7,8 and 9 are strengthened to reflect the council's overall strategy aim to "continue to protect and enhance the county's natural heritage and biodiversity."
- 4.5 The DAU request that all references in the draft plan to Ballycroy National Park and Wild Nephin should be aligned with the current name; Wild Nephin and Ballycroy National Park. The submission also notes that Mayo Dark Skies Park is within the National Park.
- 4.6 The submission welcomes NEP 4 but recommends the inclusion of a broader focused policy.
- 4.7 The DAU ask to include an objective to augment NEO 2 and NEO 4 and support blue and green infrastructure policies.
- 4.8 The DAU welcomes the commitment to develop a Peatland Management Strategy for Co. Mayo and commends the Council for committed peatland policies, notably NEP10 and NEP15.
- 4.9 The DAU welcomes the Council's commitment to protecting Mayo Dark Sky Park from light pollution in NEO 43. The Department recommends that NEO43 is expanded to include sites of ecological sensitivity, notably those identified as designated sites.
- 4.10.1 The DAU recommends that ecological assessment requirements are clearly set out in NEO11 to reflect SO9 and that NEO11 is re-worded.
- 4.10.2 -The DAU also recommend an additional NEO.
- 4.10.3 The DAU recommend use of the acronym EcIA, as in 4.10.1 above, should also be cross referenced through all relevant policies and objectives in Volume 1 and where required in Volume 2.

5: Chapter 12 - Settlement Plans

Topics: Settlement Plan Policy, Land Use Zoning

5.1 - The DAU suggest that land use zoning decisions should take biodiversity into account and that careful consideration should be given to the identification and mapping of ecologically sensitive sites within existing settlements. The submission cites 3 examples of sites that it would consider as environmentally sensitive in Killala, Balla and Keel and says that the Plan should provide for the conservation and management of these sites while at the same time providing for development.

6: Volume 2 - Development Management Standards

Topics: National Biodiversity Objectives, Lighting

6.1 - The DAU request that the National Biodiversity Plan objectives are incorporated into all DM standards.

- 6.2 The DAU recommend inclusion of this link for guidance in relation to lighting in dark sky areas in Section 8.7 of the DM Standards, https://www.darksky.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/BestPracticesInPublicLighting BEspey2020.pdf
- 6.3 The DAU recommend changing the title of Section 12.1 of the DM standards from-Landscape Designations to Natural Heritage Designations and Biodiversity.
- 6.4 The DAU recommends that the inclusion of a list of ecologically sensitive sites, thus reflecting the Biodiversity provisions of the Written Statement, together with amendments suggested earlier in the submission under 2.2 and 4.3 (e.g., Annex IV species)

7: Chapter 9 – Built Environment

Topics: Archaeology/Built Heritage and Climate Change

7.1 - The Dept recommends the inclusion of several policies and/or objectives designed to protect the Archaeological and Built Heritage from effects of climate change.

8: Volume 5 - Environmental Assessments

Topics: SEA

- 8.1 The DAU state that SEA process is based on the precautionary principle and represents a preventative approach to environmental concerns and constraints. The Department acknowledges that environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan-making process as set out in the Environmental Report. The Department recommends that the mitigation measures are implemented in full and recommends that the monitoring plan clearly outlines how it is proposed to record the impacts of the plan's implementation on biodiversity, both in terms of biodiversity loss and biodiversity enhancement.
- 8.2.1 The cover photo of the SEA document is of Rhododendron Ponticuum, which is an Invasive Alien Species (IAS). It is recommended that this photo is replaced with a photo of a native flora and/or fauna, or habitat relevant to County Mayo
- 8.2.2 In Table 3, the 'Guiding Principle for Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna' is not included. This should be included to reflect the guiding principles of the SEA ER of the RSES i.e. "No net contribution to biodiversity losses or deterioration".
- 8.2.3 Reference to NHAs and pNHAs should be amended to reflect 1.4.1 of this Departmental submission.
- 8.2.4 Figure 8 refers to Nature Reserves, but it is a map of Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park.
- 8.2.5 It is recommended that the reference to coastal inventories are included in the document as an information source. It is also important to include mention of Clew Bay Complex Special Area of Conservation (cSAC 001482).
- 8.2.6 It is recommended that the River Moy SAC (002298) is referred to in the Riparian Zone section.
- 8.2.7 The section on Protected Species within the Plan should include Annex IV species that are subject to a regime of strict protection pursuant to the requirements of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) as transposed in Irish law in Regulation 51 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended). Further information available on https://www.npws.ie/legislation

- 8.2.8 Biodiversity Issues and Threats (4.4.12) The Department notes the number of issues that are highlighted and recommend that Blanket Bogs as well as Raised Bogs (which are included) are listed given that large parts of the Development Plan area are covered by Blanket Bog (an Annex I habitat).
- 8.2.9 Environmental Sensitivity Mapping (4.11) should use as a reference https://airomaps.geohive.ie/ESM/ which is a SEA mapping tool.
- 8.2.10 Table 26 (BFF1 Target) It is recommended that hedge-cutting operators are familiar with working methods in guidance document 'Irish Hedgerows: Networks for Nature', Chapter 6

Response Chapter 1

- 1.1 Comments regarding RPO 5.5 are noted, and it is considered that a reference to same should be included in the text of Section 1.4 of the draft plan.
- 1.2 It is considered that UN Development Goal 15-Life on Land should be included.

Recommendation Chapter 1

1.1 - Insert the following text in Section 1.4 of Chapter 1 of the draft plan:

The NPF states: "sustainability is at the heart of long-term planning and the NPF seeks to ensure that decisions we take today meet our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs". RPO 5.5 of the RSES expands on the concept the sustainable use of natural assets by seeking to: Ensure efficient and sustainable use of all our natural resources, including inland waterways, peatlands, and forests in a manner which ensures a healthy society a clean environment and there is no net contribution to biodiversity loss arising from development supported in this strategy. Conserve and protect designated areas and natural heritage areas. Conserve and protect European sites and their integrity. Development plan objectives....

1.2 - Include UN Development Goal 15 – Life on Land in Chapter 5 - Tourism

Response Chapter 2

- 2.1 The recommended changes to the title of SO 9 are noted
- 2.2 The recommended changes to So 9 (b) are noted.

Recommendation Chapter 2

2.1 – Amend the title of SO9 from:

Appropriate Assessment, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment to

Ecological Impact Assessment, Appropriate Assessment, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

- 2.2 change as follows SO 9 (b):
- b) To require project planning to be fully informed by ecological and environmental constraints at the earliest stage of project development and any necessary assessment to be undertaken, including Ecological Impact Assessments (EcIA) and assessments of disturbance to species protected under the Wildlife Act and/or the Flora Protection Act and of Habitat IV species protected under the Habitats Directive.

Cross-referenced amendment to all other relevant sections in the plan.

Response Chapter 5

- 3.1 The Council acknowledges the recommendation to include UN Development Goals 14 and 15 at the beginning of the chapter.
- 3.2 Regarding the Flagship Tourism Projects referred to in the submission, it is unfeasible to consider all the projects listed in the context of the Appropriate Assessment to be undertaken for this plan and the SEA process which is being undertaken. The Council would instead refer to SO 9 (3) whereby all plans and projects must meet the requirements of Article 6 (3) and where necessary 6 (4) of the Habitats Directive.

Recommendation Chapter 5

- 3.1 Include UN Development Goal 14 Life on Land (see 1.2 above) and UN Development Goal 15 Life below Water at the beginning of Chapter 5.
- 3.2 No change to the Draft Plan

Response Chapter 10

- 4.1 The comment in relation the Environmental RPO's of the RSES is noted.
- 4.2.1 The comments regarding NHA's and pNHA's are acknowledged and it is proposed to amend the text in Section 10.4.2 in order to provide a more accurate description of these designations.
- 4.2.2 It is considered that a full list of NHA's pNHA's and all Natura 2000 sites is included in Appendix IV.
- 4.3 The comment regarding the protection of bats in Section 10.4.3 is acknowledged.
- 4.4 (1-8) -The recommendation regarding the strengthening of NEP's 1,2,3,9,11,12 and NEO's 7,8 and 9 in relation to the protection and enhancement of natural heritage and biodiversity is acknowledged.
- 4.5 The comments in relation to the naming of Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park and Mayo Dark Skies are acknowledged.
- 4.6 The recommendation for the inclusion of a broader focused policy in addition to policy NEP 4 is acknowledged.
- 4.7 The recommendation for the inclusion of an additional objective to augment NEO 2 and NEO 4 and support blue and green infrastructure policies is acknowledged.
- 4.8 The comments welcoming the commitment to develop Peatland Management Strategy are acknowledged.
- 4.9 The comments regarding Mayo Dark Skies and NEO are acknowledged.
- 4.10.1 The changes proposed to objective NEO 11 are acknowledged.
- 4.10.2 The recommendation regarding the inclusion of an additional objective requiring the submission of an EcIA in specific circumstances is noted.
- 4.10.3 The recommendation requiring the use of the acronym EcIA where relevant throughout Volume 1 and 2 of the draft plan is noted.

Recommendation Chapter 10

4.1 - Insert the following text onto the end of Section 10.3:

This aim is reflected in the following quote:

"The environment and our health and wellbeing are inextricably linked, and we need to look beyond simply protecting people from threats in their environment to considering how the environment can deliver a much wider range of social, economic and environmental benefits whilst ensuring no net contribution to biodiversity loss" (p193, RSES).

4.2.1 - Amend the text in Section 10.4.2 as follows:

Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs) are designated due to their national conservation value and/or geological/geomorphological heritage. They seek to protect habitats, landforms or geomorphological features, wildlife plant and animal species or a diversity of these natural attributes. NHAs are designated under the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000. and proposed Proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHAs) are sites that are designated or proposed for designation under the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000. were published on a non-statutory basis in 1995, because of their important for wildlife and habitats, but have not been statutorily proposed or designated. These are sites that are of national importance and support a range of habitats, plant and animal species and in some cases, geological features. There are 15 NHAs in County Mayo. The Plan provides protection for these sites.

- 4.2.1 List all pNHA's in Appendix IV and indicate on Development Plan Mapping.
- 4.3 Insert the following text into Section 10.4.3:

...Wildlife Acts 1976-2000. Bats are also protected as 'strictly protected species under Annex IV (Habitats Directive) species of flora and fauna, which also protects their key habitats (i.e. breeding sites and resting places), wherever they occur. It is particularly

4.4.1 - Amend Policy NEP 1 as follows:

To support the protection, conservation and enhancement of the natural heritage and biodiversity of County Mayo, including the protection of the integrity of European sites, that form part of the Natura 2000 network, the protection of Natural Heritage Areas, proposed Natural Heritage Areas Ramsar Sites, Nature Reserves and Wild Fowl Sanctuaries (and other designated sites including any future designations).

4.4.2 - Amend Policy NEP 2 as follows:

To protect and enhance the county's natural heritage and biodiversity To support by supporting the implementation of the National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-2021, the National Pollination Plan 2015-2020 and County Mayo Biodiversity Plan 2015- 2020 and any future editions, in partnership with relevant stakeholders, subject to available resources.

4.4.3 - Amend Policy NEP 3 as follows:

To protect and enhance the county's natural heritage and biodiversity To support through supporting the implementation, in partnership with the County Mayo Heritage Forum, relevant stakeholders and the community, of the objectives and associated actions in the County Mayo Heritage Plan and future editions thereof, which relate to the remit and functions of Mayo County Council.

4.4.4 - Amend Policy NEP 9 as follows:

To enhance the county's natural heritage and biodiversity through supporting To support the protection and restoration of peatlands in County Mayo, where appropriate, in order to transition towards a low-carbon and circular economy.

4.4.5 - Amend Objective NEO 7 as follows:

To seek the protection of the riparian zones of watercourses throughout the county, recognising the benefits they provide in relation to flood risk management, their protection of the ecological integrity of watercourse systems and the role they play in the enhancement of the county's natural heritage and biodiversity.

4.4.6: Amend Objective NEO 8 as follows:

To maintain, protect and where possible enhance the natural heritage and biodiversity of bogs, fens and turloughs, where appropriate, in County Mayo.

4.4.7 - Amend Objective NEO 9 as follows:

Recognise the importance, in terms of their natural heritage and biodiversity, of woodlands, tree lines, hedgerows, stonewalls, watercourses and associated riparian vegetation and the role they play in supporting to support bat populations and where possible developments will be encouraged to retain such features.

- 4.5 Change all references in the draft plan to Ballycroy National Park and Wild Nephin to Wild Nephin and Ballycroy National Park.
- 4.6 Include new objective NEO x which reads as follows:

To protect and enhance the ecological network throughout the county to improve the ecological coherence of the Natura 2000 network in accordance with Article 10 of the Habitats Directive

4.7 - Insert new objective NEO x which reads as follows:

To create a database of the Local Biodiversity Areas and ecological networks (including green infrastructure) and develop a corresponding GSI dataset as an important tool for future biodiversity and natural heritage conservation planning in Mayo.

- 4.8 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 4.9 Amend NEO 43 as follows:

To protect the Mayo Dark Sky Park at Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park and any adjoining sites that form part of the designated network, from adverse levels of artificial light pollution and encourage the use of Dark Sky Friendly lighting for all new lighting and lighting upgrades.

4.10.1 - Amend Objective NEO 11 as follows:

To ensure that the impact of development within or adjacent to national designated sites, Natural Heritage Areas, Ramsar Sites and Nature Reserves likely to result in significant adverse effects on the designated site is assessed by requiring the submission of an Ecological Impact Assessment report (EcIA), Environmental Report (ER), an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) if deemed necessary and/or a Natura Impact Assessment (NIS) if deemed necessary, prepared by a suitably qualified professional, which should accompany planning applications.

- 4.10.2 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 4.10.3 Amend all policies and objectives in Volume 1 of the draft plan and standards in Volume 2 Development Management Standards so that wherever Ecological Impact Report is mentioned it is immediately followed by (EcIA).

Response Chapter 12

5.1 - The Council consider that all developments on ecologically sensitive sites within our settlements will be subject to the most rigorous and appropriate environment assessment deemed necessary and that this commitment is reflected in SO 9 (3) whereby all plans and projects must

meet the requirements of Article 6 (3) and where necessary 6 (4) of the Habitats Directive and in policies objectives in the draft plan such as NEP 1 and NEO 11 (see 4.10.1).

Recommendation Chapter 12

5.1 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Volume 2 DM Standards

6.1 - The Council consider that, although not stated explicitly, there is a commitment in the DM standards to nature conservation and enhancement when it is stated in Section 1.1 that:

All planning proposals should comply with the standards applicable to particular development types, be consistent with the policies and objectives set out within Volume I and be compliant with legislative requirements. The Council would instead refer to SO 9 (3) whereby all plans and projects must meet the requirements of Article 6 (3) and where necessary 6 (4) of the Habitats Directive and to policies objectives in the draft plan such as NEP 1 and NEO 11 (see 4.10.1 and 5.1)

- 6.2 The recommendation in relation to the inclusion of a link to a guidance document for lighting in dark sky areas is acknowledged.
- 6.3 The recommendation to change the title of Section 12.1 of the DM Standards is acknowledged.
- 6.4 The recommendation to include the list of ecologically sensitive sites in Section 12.1 of the Development Management Standards is acknowledged and it is considered that in the interests of clarity and to avoid repetition that the list proposed replaces the existing list.

Recommendation Volume 2

- 6.1 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 6.2 Attach additional bullet point and the link onto Section 8.7 of DM Standards as follows:

For Guidance in relation to lighting visit:

https://www.darksky.ie/wpcontent/uploads/2020/04/BestPracticesInPublicLighting

- 6.3 Change the title of Section 12.1 of the Development Management Standards as follows:
- 12.1 Landscape Designations to Natural Heritage Designations and Biodiversity.
- 6.4 Amend the existing list of ecologically sensitive sites in Section 12.1 of the Development Management Standards as follows:
- Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas (including candidate areas).
- Ramsar Sites. Salmonid Waters and Freshwater Pearl Mussel catchments.
- Green infrastructure including features of the landscape that provide linkages / connectivity to designated sites (e.g. watercourses, areas of seminatural habitat such as linear woodlands, etc.).
- Proposed Natural Heritage Areas; and
- Areas likely to contain a habitat listed in Annex I of the Habitats Directive
- Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Areas (SPA) (including candidate areas).
- Wetlands of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention.
- Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs) and proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHAs).
- Annex IV (Habitats Directive) species of flora and fauna, and their key habitats (i.e. breeding sites and resting places), which are strictly protected wherever they occur, whether inside or outside the above sites, e.g. otter and bats.

- Areas likely to contain a habitat listed in Annex I or Annex II species and their habitats of the Habitats Directive.
- Other species of flora and fauna and their key habitats which are protected under the Wildlife
 Acts, 1976-2018, wherever they occur, including species protected under the Flora Protection
 Order. Birds Directive Annex I bird species and other regularly occurring migratory species,
 and their habitats (wherever they occur).
- Salmonid Waters and Freshwater Pearl Mussel (Margaritifera) sensitive catchments.
- Green infrastructure including features of the landscape that provide linkages / connectivity to
 designated sites (e.g. watercourses, areas of semi-natural habitat such as linear woodlands,
 etc.). These are features of the landscape which are "stepping stones" and are ecological
 corridors, as referenced in Article 10 of the Habitats Directive.
- Areas that are recognised as locally important for biodiversity or nature (e.g. in County Biodiversity and/or Development Plans, semi-natural habitats including wetlands and woodlands).

Response Chapter 9

7.1 -Insert new objective.

Recommendation Chapter 9

7.1 - Insert new Objective in Section 9.4.4.1 as follows:

BEO: To promote awareness and the appropriate adaptation of Ireland's built and archaeological heritage to deal with the effects of climate change with reference to the Built and Archaeological Heritage Climate Change and Adaptation Plan.

Response Volume 3

- 8.1 Noted. Monitoring is a key requirement in the SEA process and recommendation are made regarding same.
- 8.2.1 Noted. It is considered appropriate to replace as requested.
- 8.2.2 Noted, the SEA ER Table 3 shall be corrected.
- 8.2.3 Noted, reference will be amended in the SEA ER
- 8.2.4 Noted, the map will be replaced in the SEAR
- 8.2.5 Noted, and agreed, the SEA ER will be updated. Also, specific reference to Clew Bay Complex will be noted in this regard.
- 8.2.6 Riparian zones will include River Moy SAC
- 8.2.7 Noted, reference to Annex IV species will be included in this section.
- 8.2.8 Noted, the SEA ER Section 4.4.12 shall be updated to include reference to Blanket Bogs.
- 8.2.9 Noted, acknowledgement of ESM maps will be provided
- 8.2.10 Noted, this is a positive recommendation and will be included.

Recommendation Volume 3

- 8.1 No change to SEA
- 8.2.1 Amend cover Photo.
- 8.2.2 Correct SEA-ER Table 3

- 8.2.3 Amend reference to SEA-ER
- 8.2.4 Replace map in SEA-ER
- 8.2.5 Updater SEA-ER and note reference to Clew Bay Complex
- 8.2.6 Insert River Moy in Riparian Zones
- 8.2.7 Insert reference to Annex IV species
- 8.2.8 Update SEA ER Section 4.4.12 to include reference to Blanket Bogs
- 8.2.9 Provide acknowledgement of ESM maps
- 8.2.10 Amend Table 26 (BFF1 Target) so that hedge-cutting operators are familiar with working methods in guidance document 'Irish Hedgerows: Networks for Nature', chapter 6.

3.4 Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport

Submission No.	MYO-C11-1027	
Submission by:	Department of Transport	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement and Transport	
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Summary of Submission:

- Regarding Greenways the submission states that all the planned Greenways are in the west of
 the County and would welcome future examination of Greenway options in the East of the
 County in line with aim of the Strategy for the future development of National and Regional
 Greenways.
- 2. The submission would welcome protection of the Western Rail Corridor as a "Transport Corridor" rather than solely as a Railway line and states that this would not prohibit the reinstatement of the Railway line, but it would also ensure that consideration could be given at a future time for the construction of a Greenway on or beside the alignment of the railway line.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. There are a number of greenways in East Mayo denoted as Town Greenways on Map 6.1 'Proposed County Greenway Plan Linear long distance and Town Greenway Network' and identified in Table 6.4 'Walking and Cycling Projects'. Furthermore, a linear inter-urban greenway is proposed for Castlebar to Ballina. There are policies and objectives listed in the Draft Plan in support of these town greenways and the interurban greenway namely MTO 6, MTO 9, MTO 10, MTO 12, TRP 29. The towns identified in the plan for town greenways are Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Charlestown, Claremorris, Kiltimagh, Knock, Swinford.
- 2. Regarding proposals for a Transport Corridor along the WRC The Draft Plan must comply with the National Planning Framework and the NWRA RSES. The National Planning Framework includes 'Enhanced Regional Accessibility' as a National Strategic Outcome and recognises the crucial role that the provision of high-quality connectivity and enhanced accessibility plays in addressing opportunities and challenges. It is stated in the NPF that 'a strengthening of the urban and employment structure of the wider North-Western region, will provide new

opportunities, to be complemented by enhanced east-west accessibility'. The Western Rail Corridor is an important transport corridor in this regard. The RSES also highlights the importance of the WRC stating that 'The Western Rail Corridor is of strategic importance as it represents a piece of key enabling and sustainable transport infrastructure for the region that presents an opportunity to effect 'transformational change' in the realisation of the Atlantic Economic Corridor. It can link the economies of three major centres in this part of the region (Limerick, Galway and Sligo) and IWAK SDZ. It also offers a sustainable alternative to car travel and advancing Ireland's sustainable development goals'. Objective RPO 6.11 of the RSES is 'To seek commencement and completion of the review of the Western Rail Corridor project as a priority for passenger and freight transport'. Any proposals that would impact on the reopening of this important transport corridor would mitigate against Strategic Objective 2 of the NPF and the objective RPO 6.11 of the RSES.

Recommendation:

1-2 No change to the Draft Plan

3.5 National Transport Authority

Submission No.	MYO-C11-721
Submission by:	National Transport Authority
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6 - Movement and Transport
Summary of Submission:	

- It is recommended that the preparation of the Development Plan should be guided by and include land use policies and objectives, which support the consolidation of urban-generated development within existing urban areas, to complement the integration of land use and transport planning, as per the NWRA RSES. Guiding principles are listed.
- 2. Regarding Local Transport Plans the submission recommends that LTPs should be prepared in tandem with LAPs rather than subsequently, and that a timeline for the delivery of each LAP/LTP should be provided. The NTA further recommends that the development of larger sites within the subject settlements should be contingent on the completion of the LAP/LTP process.
- 3. The Local Link Service and the new plan for rural transport Connecting Ireland are highlighted. It is recommended that the Plan acknowledges the role rural transport services and the 'Connecting Ireland' plan should be included in the Plan. It is also suggested that objectives in relation to the promotion of public transport use should also include improvement in access to public transport stops including the enhancement of permeability.
- 4. It is suggested that the Plan seeks to ensure that new development areas are fully permeable for walking and cycling and it should be an objective that the retrospective implementation of walking and cycling facilities should be undertaken where practicable.
- 5. It is recommended that development objectives should be in accordance with the DOECLG *Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines* (2012), and that this should be referenced in the Development Plan.
- 6. Under Car Parking Standards it is stated that these should be expressed as maximum. The

- submission also notes that parking standards in relation to schools are not in line with encouraging sustainable transport and modal shift. It is also recommended that there is a requirement to provide locker, shower and changing facilities for proposed developments.
- 7. It is recommended that specific objectives should be included for universal design and requiring that Accessibility Audits be carried out for transport infrastructure.
- 8. The submission also highlights specific policies and objectives for consideration to be included in the plan

Response:

- 1. Mayo County Council take full cognisance of the NPF and RSES and the Plan is guided by the strategic outcomes of both, including the consolidation of urban generated development in urban areas and the integration of land use and transport planning. The plan promotes an integrated approach to land-use and transportation which aligns with the Core Strategy and directs future development into existing towns and settlements within County Mayo, in order to reduce car dependency. Strategic Objective SO 6 addresses this as does the Strategic Aim of Chapter 6. Policies MTP 1-3 and objective MTO 1 also reflect this.
- 2. Local Transport Plans will be prepared alongside the Local Area Plans later this year. Mayo County Council is committed to ensuring the development of larger sites are developed with an integrated transport approach and this is reflected in MTO 2. In accordance with Development Management standards, Traffic and Transport Assessments will be required as part of the operation of Development Management procedures, as appropriate. Planning applications for major developments with significant potential to generate traffic and or which could have a significant impact on a major road, particularly national roads will be considered with reference to the outcome of such assessments.
- 3. The importance of public rural transport is highlighted throughout the plan. Section 6.4.1.3 highlights the importance of the connectivity between settlements via bus services and provides details of the work of The Local Link Service in Mayo. It is considered appropriate to include a policy regarding the Connecting Ireland Plan and support of same. Objectives regarding public transport and enhanced permeability are included in the plan in Section 6.4.1.2 and through Policies MTP 4 and SSP6, objective BEO 22 and the settlement plans.
- 4. Objectives regarding walking and cycling and enhanced permeability are included in the plan in Section 6.4.1.2 and through Policies MTP 4 ,6, 7 and SSP 6, objectives MTO 5 -13, BEO 22 and the settlement plans.
- 5. Volume 2, Section 7.2 Access onto Nation Roads refers to 'Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines (2012)'. It is considered appropriate to reference this policy document in the key policy documents listed in Appendix 2 of the plan.
- 6. It is considered that specific parking standards around educational facilities should be considered under the forthcoming Local Area Plans for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport which will be informed by the Area Based Local Transport Plans for these towns. Regarding shower and changing facilities, this is outside the remit of the CDP and the responsibility of the inclusion of such facilities rests with the employer.

- 7. Universal Design is adequately addressed throughout the plan. It is considered acceptable to include an objective in the Plan requiring that Accessibility Audits be carried out for transport infrastructure.
- 8. It is considered appropriate to include the requested objectives and policies in the plan.

Recommendation:

- 1. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 2. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 3. Insert new policy in Section 6.4.1.3 (Bus) after Policy MTP 8:

MTP: To support the implementation of the Connecting Ireland Plan where appropriate.

- 4. No change to the Draft Plan.
- Insert the following policy document to Key Documents listed in Appendix 2 –
 DOECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines (2012)
- 6. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 7. Insert the following policy to Chapter 6 Section 6.4.1.2 Sustainable Mobility under policy MTP 3

 MTP: To work with the NTA and Bus Eireann to make all existing public transport services throughout the county more accessible for wheelchair users and those with disabilities and require that proposals for new transport infrastructure are subject to an Accessibility Audit.
- 8. Insert the following Policies to Chapter 6 Section 6.4.1.1. Integrated Land Use and Transportation, under Policy MTP 3:

MTP: To ensure new development areas and employment land-uses are permeable for walking and cycling and are laid out in such a way as to facilitate the operation of and access to public transport by residents and employees.

MTP: To ensure that the layout and design of new developments provide for bus stops, passenger waiting facilities, and bus turning and service regulatory layover facilities, as required.

Insert the following policies to Chapter 6 Section 6.4.1.2. Sustainable Mobility under MTP 5:

MTP: To support and develop public transport routes throughout the County through collaboration with the National Transport Authority.

MTO: To retrospectively provide public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure and facilities in existing development areas to achieve growth in sustainable mobility

MTO: To provide suitable infrastructure on public transport corridors to improve safety and efficiency for public transport users

3.6 Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Submission No:	MYO-C11-319
Submitted by:	Transport Infrastructure Ireland
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 2, Core and Settlement Strategy Chapter 6 Movement and Transport, Chapter 4 Economic Development, Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable

Energy,	Chapter	5	Tourism	and	Recreation,	Volume	2
Develop	ment Mai	nag	ement Sta	andar	ds		

Submission Summary:

1: Chapter 2 - Core and Settlement Strategy

Topics: TEN-T, National Road Network, LAP's LTP's

- 1.1 Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T) are a planned set of transport networks across Europe. The N5 and N17 through Mayo are identified as part of the TEN-T Comprehensive Network. Mayo County Council in collaboration with TII has overseen significant investment in the County improving strategic national road connectivity to and within the County. The TII request the inclusion of a Core Strategy Map that identifies the strategic national road network in the County. The submission also identifies a lack of text in the Core Strategy.
- 1.2 The TII comment on the lack of text in the Core Strategy associated with improvement to the national road network in accordance with National Development Plan investment objectives and safeguarding the existing networks in accordance with the provisions of official policy. To reflect the importance of the national road network in the county the submission recommends the inclusion of an additional Strategic Aim alongside Movement and Transport in Section 2.3.
- 1.3 TII request consultation on the Local Area Plans proposed for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport under CSO 3
- 1.4 TII request consultation on the preparation of the Local Transport Plans for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport.

2: Chapter 6 - Movement and Transport

Topics: Rural Housing, Exceptional Circumstances, Junctions, Road Schemes

- 2.1 -The TII welcomes the inclusion of National Road Policies. To assist applicants for rural housing, TII recommends including a similar policy provision to that outlined in Policy MTP 16 in Section 3.4.8 of the Draft Plan relating to Rural Single Housing. The submission refers to the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines related to Spatial Planning and National Roads which outlines that the control of development accessing national roads applies to 'all categories of development, including individual houses in rural areas, regardless of the housing circumstances of the applicant'. The TII state that a policy of the type proposed would provide clarity to prospective applicants at an early stage in the planning process.
- 2.2- The TII consider that Objective MTO 19, which allows for a less restrictive approach to non-residential developments considered to be of strategic or national importance or extensions to such developments along the national road network, is not in compliance with Section 26 of the DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities as it does not identify stretches of national routes in the draft plan where such a relaxing of restrictions might apply, but instead proposes to identify cases on a case-by-case basis deferring to the development management function. To address they recommend the attachment of additional text to Objective MTO 19.
- 2.3 -The TII recommended that a new specific policy be included in the Draft Plan Section 6.4.1.2 outlining the specific policy requirement to safeguard the strategic capacity of national roads and associated junctions in accordance with the provisions of official policy.

- 2.4 TII welcomes that the NDP Schemes identified above are included in Table 6.5 of the Draft Plan, however they note that there is no policy or objective safeguarding from development encroachment which could prejudice their delivery. They recommend therefore the insertion of a new policy regarding this matter.
- 2.5 (1-2)- TII would welcome the Council giving consideration to incorporating reference to TII Standard DN-GEO-03084 'The Treatment of Transition Zones to Towns and Villages on National Roads' into MTO 6 and MTO 8 in association with reference to DMURS, in the interests of clarification given that such a standard will be applied, in the interests of road user safety, on national roads. in association with reference to DMURS, in the interests of clarification given that such a standard will be applied, in the interests of road user safety, on national roads.
- 2.6 TII recommends that the Council should consider extending policies and objectives in the Draft Plan relating to Workplace Travel Plans/Mobility Management Planning to address existing and established trip intensive locations.
- 2.7 Where there may be implications for the national road network in the area, the TII would welcome consultation on proposed long distance county greenways and the Town Greenway Network for Mayo.
- 2.8 Section 2.8 of the DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines indicates the requirement for a forward planning approach to the provision of off-line motorway service areas at national road junctions and addresses roadside service facilities on non-motorway national roads and their junctions. TII welcomes Policy MTP 14 of the Draft Plan which address requirements in that regard.
- 2.9 Having regard to the extensive national road network in Mayo, the TII would welcome a new Objective included in the Development Plan regarding surface water drainage.
- 2.10 The TII comment that objective MTO 22 and MTO 24 both refer to reviewing speed limits in consultation with TII. The Council will be aware that any revision to a speed limit on a national road is subject to a statutory process which must be applied.

3: Chapter 4 – Economic Development

Topics: Strategic Employment Sites, IWAK SDZ, Growth Clusters, Rural Enterprise, Retail

- 3.1 The TII note that Objective EDO 25 outlines the objective to promote development of the key strategic employment sites identified in the Economic Development Strategy for County Mayo. The TII advises that it has no record of consultation on the Councils Economic Development Strategy and would welcome early engagement in relation to development of key strategic employment sites where there may be implications for the national road network in the area.
- 3.2 TII also notes proposed Objective EDO 27 outlines the Councils commitment to work with Eirgrid to ensure power infrastructure is available for the development of zoned employment lands within the N5 corridor. The TII notes that where the Council proposes zoning additional lands in this regard, requirements of the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines on 'Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DoECLG, 2012) should be applied and TII and requests prior consultation on this matter.
- 3.3 The TII previously submitted observations on the IWAK SDZ in July 2019. The submission indicated that it was unclear that the extent of development planned in the SDZ Planning Scheme can be accommodated with the existing N17/R376 junction or if any mitigation or interventions are

required to facilitate development and safeguard the strategic function of the national road network in the vicinity. The TII advises that these comments remain the position of the Authority.

- 3.4 -The TII request to be consulted on the Atlantic Economic Corridor and Growth Clusters policies and development objectives, as outlined in sections 4.4.4 and 4.4.5.
- 3.5 Having regard to the location and potential nature of developments facilitated by policies promoting rural enterprise and economic development and rural tourism, the TII requests that an appropriate cross reference with policies included in Section 6.4.2.1 National Roads relating to policy on access to national roads is included in Sections 4.4.9, 4.4.10 and 4.4.12, relevant rural tourism policies and related Development Management Standards, including Section 5.10.
- 3.6 The TII would request a new policy or objective to reference the explicit presumption against large out of town retail centres located adjacent or close to existing, new or planned national roads/motorways reflecting policy outlined in the Retail Planning Guidelines, 2012.

4: Chapter 11 – Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Topics: Grid Connections

4.1 - In relation to renewable energy developments requiring grid connection to the national grid, TII recommends the inclusion an objective requiring that an assessment of all alternatives for grid connection routing should be undertaken. In TII's experience, grid connections accommodated on national roads has the potential, inter alia, to result in technical road safety issues such as differential settlement due to backfilling trenches and can impact on ability and cost of general maintenance and safety works to existing roads. The TII also suggest that consideration to including a similar statement in Volume 4 Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy would also be welcome.

5: Chapter 5 - Tourism and Recreation

Topics: Signage

5.1 - The TII note that objective TRO 1 of the Draft Plan outlines proposals to address signage for tourism facilities, TII recommends that where there are implications for the national roads network regard should be had to TII's Policy on the Provision of Tourist & Leisure Signage on National Roads (March 2011). TII would welcome Objective TRO 1 updated to reflect this requirement.

6: Chapter 12 – Settlement Plans

Topics: Swinford/Foxford Road Plans, Knock/Colloney

- 6.1 The TII note that the Swinford and Foxford Settlement Plans make no reference to the N5/N26/N58 Scheme identified in Table 6.5 of the Draft Plan and they considered it critical that corridors for national road schemes are safeguarded pending the delivery of any scheme; Section 2.3 and Section 2.9 of the DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines refers, even where schemes may currently be suspended. The TII would welcome the Council acknowledging support for the N5/N26/N58 Scheme in the Swinford and Foxford Settlement Plans.
- 6.2 The TII note that the Knock Settlement Plan makes no reference to the N17 Knock to Collooney Road Scheme identified in Table 6.5 of the Draft Plan. The TII would therefore welcome the Council acknowledging support for the N17 Knock to Collooney Road Scheme in the Knock Settlement Plan and including the objective to safeguard the scheme from development encroachment that could prejudice its delivery. The Council is requested to review the proposed zoning map in the Draft Plan

to ensure proposals do not prejudice scheme delivery; consultation with the local National Road Design Office is recommended in this regard.

6.3 - The TII welcomes the close alignment of development plan zoning and settlement boundary designations with existing speed limits on the national road network in the Settlement Plans contained in the Draft Plan; Section 2.11 of the DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines refers.

In the interests of consistency with the application of official policy, TII recommends review of the settlement boundaries identified for Ballycroy (Tier V) and Breaffy (Tier V) on the N59 and N60, national roads, respectively to ensure development objectives are appropriately aligned with national road speed limits in the interests of road user safety and the application of official policy.

7: Volume 2 – Development Management Standards

Topics: TII Standards, RSA's

- 7.1 -The TII note Volume 2 Section 7.2 of the Draft Plan addresses requirements for access to national roads and requests that in the interests of clarity, any alterations to a national road are required to conform to TII Publications Standards. TII would welcome reference to this requirement included in the Draft Plan.
- 7.2 -The TII acknowledge that the requirement for TTA is outlined in National Roads Objective MTO 20 and Volume 2 Section 7.5 of the Draft Plan.

While this is welcome TII would also welcome the Draft Plan including reference to Table 2.3 of the TTA Guidelines. Table 2.3 addresses the application of sub-threshold criteria for Traffic and Transport Assessment, particularly where national roads are impacted. TII would welcome the Draft Plan updated to reflect the requirements of Table 2.3 also, in the interests of consistency.

7.3 - The TII welcomes reference to the requirement for RSA in Volume 2 Section 7.5 but fails to specifically mention any development proposal that results in alteration to a national road should be subject to RSA.

TII would therefore welcome the Draft Plan clarifying that any development proposal that results in alteration to a national road will be subject to RSA in accordance with TII Publications GE-STY-01024 Road Safety Audit.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response Chapter 2

- 1.1 The Council considers the inclusion of a map identifying the strategic national road network in the county in this chapter as appropriate.
- 1.2 The comments regarding the importance of the national road network in the county to supporting and enhancing the economic drivers is noted, as are the comments regarding improving and maintaining the national road network in accordance with NPF and NDP policies and Section 28 Guidelines. It is therefore considered appropriate to include an additional Strategic Objective as recommended.
- 1.3 The TII will be consulted in relation to the preparation of Local Area Plan's for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport.
- 1.4 The TII will be consulted in relation to the proposed Local Transport Plans for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport.

Recommendation Chapter 2

- 1.1 Insert map showing the strategic road network in the county.
- 1.2 Insert additional Strategic Aim in Section 2.3 directly beneath Movement and Transport to read as follows:

Strategic Road Network - To maintain the strategic function, capacity and safety of the national roads network, including planning for future capacity enhancements, and to ensure that the existing extensive transport networks, are maintained to a high level to ensure quality levels of service, safety, accessibility and connectivity to transport users.

- 1.3 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 1.4 No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 6

- 2.1 -The Council notes the recommendations in relation to the inclusion of a new policy in Section 3.4.8 of the draft plan regarding rural housing involving the creation of any additional access points or generating of increased traffic from existing accesses to national roads to which speed limits greater than 60 kmh apply. It is considered that it would be more appropriate to attach additional text to the end of MPT 16 stating that the policy applies to all forms of development.
- 2.2_- Comments are in relation to compliance with Section 2.6 of the DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines are noted. It is proposed to replace MTO 19 with a new objective which gives a commitment on behalf of the Council to carry out a survey of such sites subject to consultation with the Tii over the lifetime of the plan.
- 2.3 The Council consider that the protection of junctions along the national road network can be achieved by amending Policy MTP 15 in appropriate manner.
- 2.4 The comments in relation to the need to protect preferred route corridors is noted and it is considered that the insertion of a new objective as recommended is justified.
- 2.5 -(1-2)- The comments in relation *to* TII Standard DN-GEO-03084 'The Treatment of Transition Zones to Towns and Villages on National Roads' are noted and it considered appropriate to amend objectives MTO 6 and MTO 8 accordingly.
- 2.6 The comments are noted. It is considered that this is a matter that could be addressed as part of any future Local Transport Plans in our major settlements, as outlined in Objective MTO 1.
- 2.7 The TII will be consulted.
- 2.8 Noted.
- 2.9 Noted and agreed.
- 2.10 Noted

Recommendation Chapter 6

2.1 - Amend Policy MTP 16 as follows:

To avoid the creation of any additional access points from new development or the generation of increased traffic from existing accesses to national roads to which speed limits greater than 60 km/h apply. This provision applies to all forms of development.

2.2 - Replace Objective MTO 19 as follows:

To apply a less restrictive approach to non-residential development of strategic or national importance or extensions to such developments accessing onto the National Road Network in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.6 of the 'Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for planning authorities' (2012)

No new non-residential accesses or development that generates increased traffic from existing accesses onto National Roads outside the 60km/hr speed limits of such roads shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.5 of the DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines. A less restrictive approach to this policy may apply to development considered to be of national or regional strategic importance and in accordance with Section 2.6 Spatial Planning and National Roads 2012 (DoECLG). Exceptions are required to be identified for incorporation into the Development Plan and the Council will undertake a survey to identify such sites and agree cases in consultation with the TII where 'exceptional circumstances will apply in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.6 of the DoECLG Guidelines. Such exceptions may also include extensions to existing permitted developments along National Roads. In such cases the existing access may require mitigation measures and upgrading where it is found to be substandard.

2.3 - Amend Policy MTO 15 as follows:

To protect the capacity, efficiency and safety of the national road network and associated junctions in Mayo by complying with the 'Spatial Planning and National Roads -Guidelines for planning authorities' (2012).

2.4 - Insert new objective in Section 6.4.2.1 to read as follows:

MTO- To protect the study area, route corridor options and thereafter the preferred route corridor selected for the national road schemes being progressed in the Development Plan in accordance with National Development Plan Objectives and to prohibit development that could prejudice their future delivery.

2.5.1 - Amend Objective TPO 6 as follows:

To support the establishment of a network of interlinked cycle ways and walk ways in the county and the adjoining counties, having regard to best practice standards including the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets and, the NTA Cycle Manual and TII Standard DN-GEO-03084 'The Treatment of Transition Zones to Towns and Villages on National Roads, or any amending/superseding national guidance or manuals

2.5.1 - Amend Objective TPO 8 as follows:

To encourage, where appropriate, the incorporation of safe and efficient cycleways, accessible footpaths and pedestrian routes into the design schemes for town/neighborhood centres, residential, educational, employment, recreational developments and other uses, with the design informed by published design manuals, including the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets and, the NTA Cycle Manual and TII Standard DN-GEO-03084 'The Treatment of Transition Zones to Towns and Villages on National Roads, or any amending/superseding national guidance or manuals

- 2.6 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 2.7 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 2.8 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 2.9 Insert new Objective in Section 6.4.2.1

MTO: To protect the capacity and efficiency of the national road network drainage regimes in the County for national road drainage purposes.

2.10 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 4

- 3.1 Noted. The TII will be consulted.
- 3.2 Noted. The TII will be consulted.
- 3.3 The IWAK SDZ no longer forms part of the draft plan and Volume 6 has been removed on foot of a recommendation from the Planning Regulator.
- 3.4 -Noted. The TII will be consulted.
- 3.5 The Council consider that their policy in relation to the creation of access points onto the national road network is adequately stated under MPT 16 as amended in point 2.1.
- 3.6 The comments are noted however it is considered that the matter of the control of out-of-town retail developments is adequately covered under MTO 10 and MTO 13.

Recommendation Chapter 4

3.1 to 3.6 No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 11

4.1 - Noted. It is considered that this matter would be best dealt with as a part of any review of our Renewable Energy Strategy.

Recommendation Chapter 11

4.1 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 5

5.1 - It is recommended that TII's Policy on the Provision of Tourist & Leisure Signage on National Roads (March 2011) is added to the list of Key Documents in Appendix III of the Draft Plan.

Recommendation Chapter 5

5.1 - Add TII's Policy on the Provision of Tourist & Leisure Signage on National Roads (March 2011) to the list of Key Documents in Appendix III of the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 12

- 6.1 Noted. It is considered that National Road Schemes are adequately protected in the draft plan under proposed new objective MTO 23 as recommended in point 2.4 above.
- 6.2 Noted. It is considered that National Road Schemes are adequately protected in the draft plan under proposed new objective MTO 23 as recommended in point 2.4 and 6.1 above.
- 6.3 Noted. The settlement boundaries of both Breaffy and Ballcroy are aligned with national road speed limits.

Recommendation Chapter 12

6.1 to 6.3 No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Volume 2

- 7.1 Noted and agreed.
- 7.2 Noted, however it is considered that as the Table 2.3 referenced forms part of the TTA Guidelines, there is no need to refer to it explicitly.

7.3 - Noted and Agreed

Recommendation Volume 2

- 7.1 Insert reference to TII Publications Standards in Section 7.2 of Volume 2 Development Standards as follows:
- 1. Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines (2012)
- 2. Traffic and Transport Assessment Guidelines (2014)
- 3. TII Publications Standards
- 7.2 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 7.3 Insert the following text to Section 7.5 of Volume 2 Development Management Standards, as follows:

A Road Safety Audit (RSA) shall be carried out for all significant developments proposed and submitted as part of the planning application. A 'significant development' includes development(s) which generate 40+ Traffic Movements per day or results in a modification to the road layout and for any development proposal that results in alteration to a national road will be subject to RSA in accordance with TII Publications GE-STY-01024 Road Safety Audit.

3.7 Irish Rail

Submission No:	MYO-C11-696	
Submitted by:	larnrod Eireann/Irish Rail	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6 Movement and Transport	

Summary of Submission:

1: Chapter 6 - Movement and Transport

Topics: Heavy Rail, Freight, Accessibility, Electrification. WRC, Velo rail

- 1.1 -IR outline their core objectives and in relation to heavy rail.
- 1.2 IR outline the Dart+ program which will facilitate a desired increase in rail services to Mayo. IR envisage an upgrading of the existing intercity services to Mayo by 60% in the period to 2027.
- 1.3 In relation to MTO 15, IR note that freight facilities in Mayo are located in Ballina and Westport and not Claremorris.
- 1.4 IR requests that the development plan supports their upcoming Accessibility Programme and Customer Information Services Strategy.
- 1.5 IR state that Ireland has set a target to develop a low-near zero transportation network by 2050 and the electrification of the rail network is fundamental to this aim. IR request that the draft plan to support the electrification of Inter City routes.
- 1.6 IR request the development plan to support the implementation of the Sustainable Interchange Program.
- 1.7 The NDP affirms that the WRC phase 2/3 from Athenry /Tuam/Claremorris could play an important role in the development of the Atlantic Economic Corridor, this is also recognised in the RSES. The independent review on foot of the NPF concluded that the reasons for opening the WRC

were weak, however MCC should note that an all-island study is proposed to formulate an all-island strategy for the future of rail on the island. IR will support the outcomes of the study when completed.

- 1.8 IR notes the council's support for the planned velorail on the WRC (MTO 18), as an interim use for the rail line pending its reopening. IR state that they will continue to provide conditional support for the development of greenways on lines which are not viable for rail services in the short to medium term, and this support applies to the WRC north of Claremorris.
- 1.9 IR request the support of MCC when they identify level crossings that can be eliminated to increase public safety

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations

Response

- 1.1 Comments are noted
- 1.2 Comments are noted
- 1.3 It is considered appropriate to amend MTO 15 to include Westport and remove Claremorris.
- 1.4 Any proposed changes or upgrades to stations as part of the upcoming Accessibility Program and Customer Information Services Strategy are supported in the draft plan under objective MTO 16.
- 1.5 This is sufficiently addressed under objective MTO 16.
- 1.6 See response to 1.5 above.
- 1.7 A commitment to supporting the reopening of the WRC is contained in policies MTP 9 and MTP 10 in the draft plan. Irish Rail's comments in relation to the outcome of the DoT Nfi (NI) study are noted.
- 1.8 The Chief Executive notes IR's comments in relation to their support for the use of rail lines that are currently considered not viable for rail services as greenways in the short to medium term. The Council also await the outcome of the DoT Nfi (NI) study, (as referenced in Point 7 above), with regards to this matter.
- 1.9 It is considered that the proposed closure of level crossings is not a matter that should be dealt with in the county development plan as the mechanisms for such a procedure are outlined under Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993.

Response

- 1.1 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 1.2 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 1.3 Amend Objective MTO 15 as follows:

To liaise with and encourage larnród Éireann to: (a) Continue investment in rail freight facilities at Ballina & Claremorris Westport.

1.4 to 1.9 - No change to the Draft Plan.

3.8 Department of Environment, Climate and Communications

Submission No.	MYO-C11-3	
Submission by:	Department of Environment Climate and Communications	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s): Chapter 7 Infrastructure		
Summary of Submission:		
In respect of waste, the Department request that Mayo County Council consult directly with their		

In respect of waste, the Department request that Mayo County Council consult directly with their respective Regional Waste Management Planning Office regarding development of the final plans.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted. This is adequately addressed in Objective INP 7.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

3.9 Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine

Submission No.	MYO-C11-703
Submission by:	Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Volume 5 – Environmental Assessments, Chapter 11
Commons of Columbiacions	

Summary of Submission:

1. Volume 5: Environmental Assessments, SEA

Topics: Marine Economic Policies

The Department note that in the SEA, under Marine Economic Policies, that the Common Fisheries Policy is the EU regulation that governs sustainable commercial fisheries

2. Chapter 11: Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Topics: Offshore Wind Farms

Regarding offshore windfarms or other areas potentially affecting commercial fisheries, The Department note that commercial sea fishing is a long standing, pre-existing and traditional activity in the marine environment. The evaluation and consideration of potential impacts on any commercial sea fishing activities needs to be given consideration as part of any planning/proposal process and during the development process. It is requested that engagement should be sought with the fishing industry and other relevant stakeholders.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response:

1. Noted. It is considered appropriate to modify EDO 62 to include Common Fisheries Policy

2. Noted. It is considered that this issue would be more appropriately addressed as part of the review of the Renewable Energy Strategy and any Marine Plans adopted upon publication of the Marine Spatial Strategy. It is also proposed to amend REO 12.

Recommendation:

- Amend comment regarding Objective EDO 62 on page 229 of the SEA as follows:
 Full adherence and application of environmental protection measures and requirements in the
 MSP (forthcoming) Common Fisheries Policy, IFI plans and environmental charter and the
 MCDP will be essential to avoid adverse effects on W and BFF SEOs in particular.
- 2. Amend REO 12 as follows:

To support offshore and tidal renewable energy developments subject to environmental considerations and the protection of commercial fishing and of the amenities of the surrounding areas in accordance with the OPEDP, subject to proper planning and environmental considerations

3.10 Department of Education

Submission No.	MYO-C11-717	
Submission by:	Department of Education	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 8 Sustainable Communities	

Summary of Submission:

- The submission states that the Department anticipates that some requirements for additional
 educational accommodation may emerge over the lifetime of the Plan, should the projected
 population increases materialise. The submission requests the inclusion of a specific objective
 in the Plan explicitly supporting the intensification of development on existing school sites.
 Furthermore, in order to strengthen the zoning provision on existing school sites it would be
 welcome if education is specifically referenced.
- 2. Under Tier 1 towns the Department requests to zone a future primary school site for Castlebar based on the population projections.
- In Ballina and Westport, it is stated that there will be a requirement for extra school place provision at post-primary level which may be served by the potential expansion of existing facilities.
- 4. Under Tier 2 and 3 towns the submission states there may be some requirement in both Ballinrobe (Tier 2) and Balla (Tier 3) in regard to school place provision at post-primary level which may be served by the potential expansion of existing facilities.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

1. It is considered appropriate to include a specific statement to an existing objective to reflect this. Regarding the proposal to zone existing school sites 'Educational', Community Facilities zoning in towns includes educational facilities. Therefore, this is already covered by a proposed zoning objective.

- 2. Observations raised are noted and educational provision will be explored further and consultation with the DoES will take place as part of the Castlebar Local Area Plan process.
- 3. Observations raised are noted and educational provision will be explored further, and consultation with the DoES will take place, as part of the Ballina and Westport LAP processes.
- 4. Observation is noted.

Recommendation:

1. Amend objective SCO 16 to include the following:

To support the provision of childcare facilities and new and refurbished schools on well located sites, within or close to existing built-up areas, that meet the diverse needs of local populations and to support the intensification of development on existing school sites, where appropriate, and in accordance with Department of Education's guidelines and Development Management Guidelines (Volume II).

2 – 4. No change to the Draft Plan.

3.11 Environmental Protection Agency

Submission No.	MYO-C11-87
Submission by:	Environmental Protection Agency
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Volume 5, Environmental Reports
Summary of Submission:	

Volume 5 Environmental Reports

Topics: Mapping

- 1. The EPA state that their funded Environmental Sensitivity Mapping webtool may be a useful resource to also consider in the context of identifying environmental sensitivities in the Plan area. This is available at www.enviromap.ie
- 2. The submission welcomes the commitments in the plan to greenways and blueways which will be subject to the relevant environmental assessments. The submission also recommends the use of the recent HSE NUIG & UCD research reports and toolkits in relation to the health benefits of blue and green spaces. This toolkit could be used in the monitoring for the plan.
- 3. The submission contains advice as regards the identification of mitigation measures in the Environmental Report to avoid or minimize any significant effects and on the need for the plan to include clear commitments to implement any mitigation measures identified.
- 4. The submission also asks that the Monitoring Programme be flexible, should consider both positive and negative effects and if adverse effects are identified during implementation of the plan, suitable remedial action should be undertaken. Guidance on SEA-related monitoring is available on the EPA website.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations

Response:

1. Noted. ESM has been used in the SEA ER and SEA would support its use in monitoring.

- 2. Noted. This research has been referenced and key recommendations have been included in the draft plan as a SEA recommendation particularly around designing quality blue and green space.
- 3. Noted
- 4. Noted.

Recommendation:

1 - 4 No change to the Draft Plan.

3.12 Office of Public Works

Submission No.	MYO-C11-369
Submission by:	OPW
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Volume 5, Flood Risk Assessment
Summary of Submission:	

Volume 5 Flood Risk Assessment

- 1. The OPW recommend that Separate Flood Zone Maps which clearly illustrate the mapped flood zones with the land use zonings be produced.
- 2. No comment can be provided by the OPW on the application of the sequential approach to planning in relation to flood risk management for settlements with no planning zones, or with a single category consolidation land use zoning. It is recommended that the Sequential Approach be applied to all stages of the planning and development management process.
- 3. The OPW note that proposed land use zones, some of which are classified as Highly Vulnerable development in the Guidelines within Flood Zones A and B are shown in the settlement zoning maps (examples of these are detailed in points 16, 19 and 21 below). The submission notes that no commentary has been provided to demonstrate that the Plan Making Justification Test has been applied in proposing vulnerable development zoning within Flood Zones A and B. The submission contends that where it is intended to zone or otherwise designate land which is at moderate or high risk of flooding, then the appropriateness of the particular development should be rigorously assessed through the application of the Justification Test. The Guidelines set out that land use zoning, informed by the suitable level of FRA and if necessary, a Justification Test, should be concluded at the Plan-making stage.
- 4. Where ICPSS mapping has been examined for settlements at risk of coastal flooding, the data has been merged into the PFRA outlines. The PFRA indicative flood maps are indicative mapping, while the ICPSS maps are strategic, predictive hazard mapping. For these settlements it is recommended that the ICPSS mapping should be included separately in the list of flood zone data.
- 5. In a number of settlements listed in the submission, the information provided states that the flood map information comes solely from PFRA, without any commentary stating that this was validated through a site visit.
- 6. It is noted that in addition to the Crossmolina Flood Relief Scheme referred to in Objective INO26 and CAO4, there are also Flood Relief Schemes planned for Ballina and Cois Abhainn Flood Cell in Westport.

- 7. The Guidelines recommend that the SFRA provide guidance on the likely applicability of different SuDS techniques for managing surface water run-off at key development sites. The Guidelines recommend that the SFRA identifies where integrated and area-based provision of SuDS and green infrastructure are appropriate in order to avoid reliance on individual site by site solutions.
- 8. It is noted in Table 2.1 that Historical Event information is taken from www.floodmaps.ie. This website is no longer in use, and the current OPW portal for flood information is www.floodinfo.ie
- 9. **Aghleam -** The only Flood Zone Data source listed for this settlement is Blue Line. This data source is not listed in Section 4 Data Collection.
- 10. **Ballinrobe** Existing development land use zoning within Flood Zone A/B and Justification Test should be provided.
- 11. **Ballyhaunis** Existing Town Centre development land use zoning within Flood Zone A/B and Justification Test should be provided.
- 12. **Belmullet** Submission notes existing Town Centre development land use zoning within Flood Zone A/B and Justification Test should be provided
- 13. **Charlestown -** Notes climate change impacts and policy requirement.
- 14. Claremorris Notes existing Town Centre and residential development land use zoning within Flood Zone A/B and Justification Test should be provided. Notes inconsistent policy referral INO18/20
- 15. Crossboyne Notes inconsistent policy referral INO18/20.
- 16. **Crossmolina** Areas in Flood Zone B have been suggested for Opportunity Sites 1 and 2 which have been identified for Highly Vulnerable Residential purposes. Justification Test should apply. Notes climate change impacts and policy requirement.
- 17. **Kilalla -** Some historic flooding not noted.
- 18. Kilmaine Data source for flood risk in this settlement should be clarified.
- 19. **Louisburgh** Areas in Flood Zone A/B have been suggested for Opportunity Site 1 which have been identified for Highly Vulnerable Residential purposes. Justification Test should apply.
- 20. Moygownagh Data source for flood risk in this settlement should be clarified.
- 21. **Newport** Some historic flooding not noted. Area in Flood Zone A/B have been suggested for Opportunity Site 1 which have been identified for Highly Vulnerable Residential purposes. Justification Test should apply.
- 22. **Swinford** Notes existing residential, Town Centre and Community Service Facilities development land use zoning within Flood Zone A/B and Justification Test should be provided. Notes climate change impacts and policy requirement.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations

Response Volume 5:

- 1. Larger maps can be provided in the Appendix.
- 2. The SFRA will ensure application of the sequential approach to settlements where there is no zoning or single category consolidation is used.
- 3. All settlements to be reviewed and the Justification Test applied to existing developed land where specific land use zonings or Opportunity Sites are specified.

- 4. This will be undertaken/updated within the SFRA.
- 5. This will be updated within the SFRA to clarify.
- 6. This will be referenced within the SFRA report as Crossmolina and Westport are to be added.
- 7. There are 69 settlements reviewed under the Draft Plan and specific guidance on key development sites is beyond the scope of assessment. General policy on Surface Water Management ensures the implementation of SuDS and this issue could be specifically investigated in a higher level of detail under the LAPs.
- 8. The report reference will be updated.
- 9. This will be updated.
- 10. The Justification Test will be applied for existing development within Flood Zone A/B.
- 11. The Justification Test will be applied for existing Town Centre development within Flood Zone A/B and policy recommendation for climate change made.
- 12. The Justification Test will be applied for existing Town Centre development within Flood Zone A/B.
- 13. Policy recommendation for climate change can be made
- 14. The Justification Test will be applied for existing Town Centre and residential development within Flood Zone A/B. Policy referral can be updated.
- 15. Policy referral can be updated.
- 16. Insert new objective requiring FRA to be carried out prior to any development on Opportunity Sites in Tier III Settlements
- 17. SFRA can be updated.
- 18. This will be clarified.
- 19. See 16 above.
- 20. Noted. In exceptional cases however, proposed (residential) developments within the consolidated zone boundary, that extend partially beyond the consolidated zone boundary, may be considered if it can be demonstrated that the development is compatible with the intrinsic character and scale of the settlement.
- 21. See 16 above.
- 22. The Justification Test can be applied for the identified existing development within Flood Zone A/B. Policy recommendation for climate change can be made.

Recommendations Volume 5:

- 1-15-No change to the Draft Plan.
- 16. Insert New Objective after Section 7.4.3.2 as follows:

INO: Developments on all Opportunity Sites in all towns and villages in the Settlement Hierarchy will be subject to Flood Risk Assessments if required, in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management (DoEHLG/OPW 2009) and Circular PL2/2014. This assessment shall be appropriate to the scale and nature of risk to the potential development. and this will determine the scale and nature of the development.

- 17. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 18. No change to the Draft Plan.

- 19. See CE Recommendation 16 above.
- 20. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 21. See CE Recommendation 16 above.
- 22. No change to the Draft Plan.

3.13 Environmental Health Service Mayo-HSE WEST

Submission No:	MYO-C11-313
Submitted by:	Environmental Health Service Mayo – HSE WEST
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 1: Introduction
	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: Transport, Cycling, Walking
	Chapter 7: Infrastructure
	Topic: Waste
	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities
	Topic: Health, Inclusion
	Chapter 9: Built Environment
	Topic: Regeneration
	Chapter 10: Natural Environment
	Topic: Green Infrastructure, Noise, Air Quality,
	Chapter 11: Climate Action & Renewable Energy
	Topic: Climate Action

Summary of Submission:

1: Chapter 1 – Introduction

1.1 - This observation notes that there is no review of the Mayo Development Plan 2014-2020 or an implementation report on its strategic objectives. It is requested that MCC should monitor the implementation of objective throughout the plan period and seek involvement from local communities in the monitoring process.

2: Chapter 6 - Movement & Transport

Topic: Transport

This observation seeks MCC to:

- 2.1 Identify common commuter routes to ensure sufficient public transport is provided.
- 2.2 Set specific targets for bicycle and walking trips for Mayo and continually monitor targets.
- 2.3 Provide Park and Ride facilities with designated/free car parking for car shares or go cars.
- 2.4 Consider banning/reducing traffic in areas of towns to improve pedestrian environment.
- 2.5 Specify maximum parking standards for commercial sites which are served by suitable public transport facilities.

- 2.6 Restrict out-of-town retail centres except in exceptional circumstances, consider parking charges into existing retail centres that have suitable public transport systems.
- 2.7 Set target for every school in Mayo to have a school travel plan. A new strategic aim should aim to develop safe walking & cycling routes to/from schools and other educational facilities as well as disabled access.
- 2.8 Consider the provision of secure bike parking, showering facilities at places of employment in public buildings to encourage staff to cycle/walk to work.
- 2.9 Develop a transport application which outlines all sustainable options available to the user.
- 2.10 Encourage the modal shift to sustainable transport options
- 2.11 Improve customer experience of public transport
- 2.12 Identify sustainable transport works along commuter routes to ensure future funding.

Topic: Cycling, walking, transport

- 2.13 Walkability audit of all settlements in Mayo
- 2.14 Make cycling/walking routes green
- 2.15 Carry out public engagement with communities on sustainable travel routes.
- 2.16 Consider providing Park & Stride facilities outside town centre and designate in CDP.
- 2.17 Suggests MCC implement a cycling strategy, segregated cycle paths, secure bike parking etc.
- 2.18 MCC to provide maps in all settlements highlighting cycling/walking routes, provide guided walks in towns, support and promote local park runs, close sections of some towns for cycling.
- 2.19 Recommend MCC to implement measures set out in "Get Ireland Active National Physical Activity Plan for Ireland".

3: Chapter 7 – Infrastructure

Topic: Waste

- 3.1 Implement waste prevention measures for business & community groups.
- 3.2 Facilitate community waste prevention demonstrations.
- 3.3 Encourage more public recycling bins.
- 3.4 Set and implement food waste reduction targets.
- 3.5 Implement education campaign to highlight sustainable food waste management

4: Chapter 8 – Sustainable Communities

Topic: Health

- 4.1 MCC implement measure to prevent proliferation of fast-food outlets.
- 4.2 Support community initiatives that support health lifestyles that prevent obesity.
- 4.3 Promote healthy eating through planning and the built environment.
- 4.4 Support developments that aim to improve the health of the population.
- 4.5 Facilitate community gardens/allotments through release of publicly owned land.
- 4.6 Provide shared kitchen or production units to assist small food enterprises.
- 4.7 Work with agriculture community to ensure sustainable farming.
- 4.8 Implement food poverty strategy

4.9 – Consider providing drinking water facilities in towns

Topic: Inclusion

- 4.10 The provision of a diverse variety of household types in settlements.
- 4.11 Ensure availability of adequate emergency accommodation.
- 4.12 Identify and designate sites close to town for age friendly living (ie elderly).
- 4.13 Ensure garden/recreational areas are included in any Nursing or Residential Care Facility submitted for planning.
- 4.14 Ensure public realm is age friendly.
- 4.15 Expand the Age Friendly County Initiative to include Dementia Friendly Communities.
- 4.16 Prepare a local re-housing plan with the HSE to focus on meeting the housing needs for people with disabilities.
- 4.17 Support access to employment/education for people with disabilities.
- 4.18 Promote dialogue with disadvantaged groups to address health inequalities and develop a more inclusive society.
- 4.19 Develop initiatives to encourage people of all ages to contribute to their community.
- 4.20 Consult & provided additional facilities for adolescents such as playgrounds, skate parks etc.
- 4.21 Ensure rural transport schemes cater for young adolescents who may experience disconnection.
- 4.22 Recommends facilities listed under SCO 9 are developed as 'Alcohol Free' venues with late night opening and have young people involved with managing such facilities.
- 4.23 Make all community facilities provide shared services
- 4.24 Implement measures to tackle isolation and exclusion of young people from minority backgrounds.

5: Chapter 9 - Built Environment

- 5.1 Zoning of retail/housing in town/village centres should be accessed in Draft CDP.
- 5.2 Implement a targeted retail strategy for towns with town centre first approach.
- 5.3 Consider measures which limit traditional shop fronts and bring housing back to main streets
- 5.4 Improve broadband connectivity.
- 5.5 Strategies which improve marketing and destination shopping should be implemented.
- 5.6 Continue to support community initiatives to improve the public realm of their settlements.
- 5.7 Provide facilities for remote working that facilitate networking.

6: Chapter 10 - Natural Environment

Topic: Green Infrastructure:

- 6.1 Requests more tree planting
- 6.2 Green spaces and green infrastructure
- 6.3 Identify and protect areas in the county of biodiversity and ecological value.
- 6.4 Consider leaving vacant sites alone for rewilding purposes and protect from development.
- 6.5 All towns and villages should commit to a pollinator plan.

- 6.6 All new development should be required to incorporate green infrastructure, nature-based solution and planting by way of condition.
- 6.7 Flooding in urban environments should implement nature-based solutions
- 6.8 Carry out a water usage audit for public buildings and implement water conservation measures.

Topic: Noise

- 6.8 Require noise impact assessments for development which may give rise to significant noise impacts.
- 6.9 New developments must consider existing noise sources such as: new roads/airports, recreational areas, nightclubs, public houses, industrial operations etc. Existing quiet areas in the County should be mapped and protected through planning measures.

Topic: Air Quality

6.10 - MCC should aim to reduce emissions.

7: Chapter 11 - Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Topic: Climate Action:

- 7.1 Expand CAO3 and set out specific targets with regards to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, transport emissions and reducing energy demands in civic buildings.
- 7.2 Outline actions that seek to combat, reduce or eliminate the emissions of greenhouse gases
- 7.3 Key indicators for the monitoring of progress on climate action must be outlined to ensure progress is achieved.
- 7.4 Identify infrastructure in the county which is vulnerable to climate change and implement proactive adaption measures to ensure the long-term resilience of this infrastructure.
- 7.5 An integrated approach to flooding issues and surface water management in the entire catchment of areas of flooding should be implemented to prevent such issues from reoccurring.
- 7.6 Natural flood plains and wetlands of local rivers should be zoned to designate them as protected from development.
- 7.7 Implement initiatives which aim to actively rehabilitate riparian buffer zones with habitat restoration techniques.
- 7.8 The restoration of freshwater ecosystems should be considered as part of water source protection work.
- 7.9 Implement buffer zones and SUDS features.
- 7.10 Engage in meaningful consultation with the agricultural sector and actively promote sustainable farming practices within the county.
- 7.11 Identify and investigate the feasibility of certain towns and villages becoming sustainable energy communities.
- 7.12 Provide educational initiatives to the public.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation

Response Chapter 1:

1.1 – See response to NWRA observation 13 as per Appendix II of CE Report.

Recommendation Chapter 1:

1.1- See recommendation to NWRA observation 13 as per Appendix II of CE Report.

Response Chapter 6:

- 2.1 Commuter routes have been identified within the plan and will be further investigated regarding the provision of public transport during the preparation of Local Transport Plans for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport in tandem with the preparation of LAP's for these towns.
- 2.2 See response to OPR observation 5 (14A) regarding targets for Modal Shift.
- 2.3 Park and Ride facilities are not proposed for Mayo but instead Park in Stride facilities are being explored. MTO 11 supports Park and Stride.
- 2.4 This will be examined during the preparation of the Local Transport Plans for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport in tandem with the preparation of LAP's for these towns.
- 2.5 See response to Item 2.4 above.
- 2.6 Core shopping areas are identified in the Settlement Plans (Chapter 12) and it is a strategic aim to re-establish the primacy of town centres as commercial/retail hubs. The sequential approach to development will be applied to proposals for retail development in accordance with the Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DoEHLG 2012).
- 2.7 This is outside the scope of the CDP which is a strategic land use plan.
- 2.8 This is outside the scope of the CDP. The onus of providing shower facilities is with the employer.
- 2.9 See response to item 2.7 above.
- 2.10 See response to item 2.7 above.
- 2.11 See response to item 2.7 above.
- 2.12 See response to item 2.4 above.
- 2.13 It is not a statutory obligation of the Council to carry out such audits.
- 2.14 This is currently the case with the edible greenway on the route to Turlough. Further proposals in this regard would be best placed in the Healthy Mayo Plan or Outdoor Play and Recreation Strategy.
- 2.15 This will be undertaken when the Local Transport Plans are being prepared for the towns of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport.
- 2.16 Objective MTO 11 supports Park and Stride.
- 2.17 This suggestion would be more appropriately placed in the Healthy Mayo strategy or Mayo Sports Partnership Strategic Plan.
- 2.18 See response to item 2.17 above.
- 2.19 See response to item 2.17 above.

Recommendation Chapter 6:

- 2.1 No change to the Draft Plan
- 2.2 See recommendation to OPR observation 5 (14A) regarding targets for Modal Shift.
- 2.3 2.19 No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 7:

- 3.1 The Draft Plan supports waste management through Policies 1NP 7 and 8 and Objectives INO 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. The Implementation of specific waste prevention measures for business &
- community groups is under the remit of the Environment Section, where numerous environmental awareness campaigns are run. The Public Participation Network also assist with awareness campaigns for community groups.
- 3.2 Facilitation of community waste prevention demonstrations are carried out through the Environmental Awareness Office, which is part of the Environment Section.
- 3.3 Encouragement of more public recycling bins is supported through Objective INO 11.
- 3.4 The implementation of food waste reduction targets is under the remit of the Environment Section.
- 3.5 See response to item 3.2 above

Recommendation Chapter 7:

3.1 - 3.5 - No change to the Draft Plan

Response Chapter 8:

- 4.1 This is adequately addressed in Section 5.8, Volume 2 Development Management Standards on fast food restaurants and take-aways.
- 4.2 This work is carried out through the Mayo Sports Partnership and Healthy Mayo Initiative.
- 4.3 See response to item 4.2 above.
- 4.4 See response to item 4.2 above.
- 4.5 Community gardens/allotments are supported through section 8.4.6 Recreational Facilities and Provision and 9.4.3. Placemaking and Objective BEO 22. Community garden initiatives are supported through the LECP, SICAP and Healthy Ireland programmes also.
- 4.6 This suggestion would be more appropriately placed in an RDP plan.
- 4.7 Sustainable farming initiatives including Social Farming are run through the Community Section of Mayo County Council in collaboration with various groups and organisations and through the Environment Section of the Council
- 4.8 Food poverty strategies are outside the remit of the CDP and would be more suitably placed through the work of social inclusion groups.
- 4.9 Drinking water provision has been provided in several towns within the county.
- 4.10 The provision of a diverse variety of household types in settlements is supported in the plan through various policies and objectives including HSP 3.
- 4.11 The availability of adequate emergency accommodation is outside the scope of the CDP and is within the remit of the housing section.
- 4.12 The designation of town centre sites for age friendly living is supported throughout the plan particularly policies HSP 1- 4, SPC 10 and 15.
- 4.13 Section 9.7 of Volume 2 Development Management Standards relates to nursing or Residential Care Facilities and one of the factors for assessment at planning application stage is the availability of external open space for recreational activities suitable open space shall be provided for the development.
- 4.14 Age friendly public realm areas are supported through policies BEO 22 and 27.

- 4.15 The expansion of the Age Friendly County Initiative to include Dementia Friendly Communities is outside the scope of the CDP and would be more appropriately placed in the Age Friendly Strategy.
- 4.16 The preparation of a local re-housing plan with the HSE to focus on meeting the housing needs for people with disabilities is a topic for inclusion in a housing strategy.
- 4.17 Support access to employment/education for people with disabilities is outside the scope of the CDP which is a strategic land use plan and would be more appropriately placed in the Mayo LECP or a SICAP annual plan.
- 4.18 The promotion of dialogue with disadvantaged groups to address health inequalities and develop a more inclusive society is outside the scope of the CDP which is a strategic land use plan and would be more appropriately placed in the County LECP, Healthy Mayo Strategy, Sports Partnership Strategy or a SICAP annual plan.
- 4.19 The development of initiatives to encourage people of all ages to contribute to their community is outside the scope of the CDP which is a strategic land use plan and would be more appropriately placed with the Public Participation Network or in the County LECP or a SICAP annual plan.
- 4.20 The provision of facilities for adolescents such as playgrounds, skate parks, graffiti walls, playing courts etc. are supported in the plan in Section 8.4.6 Recreational Facilities and Provision and policy SCP 22 and objectives SCP 12 and 13. Further details are placed in the County Outdoor Play and Recreation Strategy.
- 4.21 Ensuring rural transport schemes cater for young adolescents who may experience disconnection is outside the scope of the CDP which is a strategic land use plan.
- 4.22 It is outside the scope of the CDP to recommend facilities listed under SCO 9 as 'Alcohol Free' venues with late night opening and have young people involved with managing such facilities. These suggestions would be better placed in a youth strategy for the county.
- 4.23 It is outside the scope of the CDP to make all community facilities provide shared services making them more sustainable and provide increased access to school facilities outside of school hours.
- 4.24 It is outside the scope of the CDP to implement measures to tackle isolation and exclusion of young people from minority backgrounds. This would be more appropriately placed in a social inclusion strategy such as the SICAP plan.

Recommendation Chapter 8:

4.1 - 4.24 - No change to the Draft Plan

Response Chapter 9:

- 5.1 Zoning maps are provided for Tier I, II, III, IV and V towns and villages in the CDP.
- 5.2 Objective EDO 41 is to implement/review the Mayo County Retail Strategy. Supporting objectives include EDO 42 and 43.
- 5.3 Measures which bring housing back to main streets are supported by the principle of compact growth throughout the plan including CSP 4, SSO 6, BEP 26.
- 5.4 There are numerous objectives and policies listed in the CDP supporting the roll out of high speed broadband including EDP 15, INP 14, and INP 15.

- 5.5 Strategies which improve marketing and destination outlets would be best placed in the Economic Strategy for the County.
- 5.6 Public Realm works for all towns and villages are supported in the plan through numerous objectives and policies around urban renewal and regeneration. Strategic Objective 11 specifically relates to public realm enhancements and healthy placemaking. Other policies and objectives are BEP 20, BEP 21, BEP 22, BEO 22, BEO 28, BEO 29, BEP 6.
- 5.7 Remote working has been identified as a strategic economic driver in the CDP and is supportive of same through policy EDP 18 and objectives EDO 53 and SCO 13.

Recommendation Chapter 9:

5.1 - 5.7 - No change to the Draft Plan

Response Chapter 10:

- 6.1 Green planting is supported in the plan through objective INO 16′. Other supportive objectives and policies are BEO 22, CAP 2, SDO 9 and KKP 2.
- 6.2 The co-ordination of green spaces with local communities is achieved through various strategies including The County Play and Recreation Strategy, which is supported in the CDP.
- 6.3 The protection of areas in the county of biodiversity and ecological value is supported throughout the plan including NEO 4.
- 6.4 Leaving vacant sites alone for rewilding purposes and protection from development is outside the scope of the CDP.
- 6.5 The CDP is supportive of pollinator-friendly management of public open space, as cited in objective TVHO 7. However, it is outside the scope of the CDP to include specific objectives regarding the preparation of pollinator plans for all towns and villages.
- 6.6 Green infrastructure is a cross cutting theme in the plan and is supported throughout the plan particularly section 10.4.7 Green Infrastructure and policies NEP 11-13 and objectives NEO 17-21
- 6.7 As stated in Section 7.4.3.1 Surface Water Management Mayo County Council advocates surface water management through Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS). SuDs is widely recognised as a green infrastructure-based approach to drainage and storm water management.
- 6.8 This suggestion is outside the scope of the CDP.
- 6.8- Section 10.4.11 relates to noise and policies in place for noise disturbance include NEP 24. Furthermore, requirements for prevention of noise disturbance for various types of developments are listed in Volume 2 Development Management Standards
- 6.9 See response to item 6.8 above.
- 6.10 Section 10.4.11 relates to air quality and specific policies and objectives are set out in the plan including NEP 23 and NEO 41. Furthermore, standards for air quality are listed in Volume 2 Development Management Standards.

Recommendation Chapter 10:

6.1 - 6.10 - No change to the Draft Plan

Response Chapter 11:

7.1 – Targets, specific actions and key indicators around the reduction of greenhouse gas are listed in the Mayo Climate Adaptation Strategy - Climate Ready Mayo (2019), which is supported in the plan through CAP 1 and CAO 1 and CAO 2. These items are also underpinned in the Strategic Aim of

Chapter 11. Section 11.6.5.2 Built Environment indicates that Mayo County Council has been proactive in reducing emissions.

- 7.2 See response to item 7.1 above.
- 7.3 See response to item 7.1 above.
- 7.4 Section 11.6.4.2 states that Mayo County Council will develop and implement a climate change screening checklist and guidance document to ensure new developments take account of climate change over the lifetime of a development, especially with regard to its location.
- 7.5 Section 7.4.3 relates specifically to flood risk and surface water management identifies an integrated approach to both issues through policies INP 9-13 and objectives INO 16-26
- 7.6 Objective INO 26 of the Plan is to identify and preserve vulnerable floodplains, wetlands and coastal areas to the maximum possible extent in both urban and rural areas. All areas are screened through the SFRA and areas of possible flood risk are identified on flood risk maps. However, it is outside the scope of the CDP to zone these areas.
- 7.7 This is supported through objectives NEO 7, NEO 9, BEO 5, BSO 7, LHO 5, NTO 4.
- 7.8 This is supported through objective NEO 6.
- 7.9 —Mayo County Council advocates surface water management through Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS), identified particularly in Section 7.4.3 Surface Water management. Buffer zones and SuDS implementation are supported through objective INO 17.
- 7.10 The Environment Section have prepared an Agriculture Plan for the county, which included public consultation and engagement with the agriculture sector. This is supported in the plan.
- 7.11 Decarbonising zones are proposed for a number of towns in the county and supported through policies and objectives including CAO 5.
- 7.12 Suggestions regarding energy audits and awareness raising are carried out by the Environment Section. Chapter 11 of the plan promotes climate action measures.

Recommendation Chapter 11:

7.1 - 7.12 - No change to the Draft Plan

3.14 Geological Survey Ireland

Submission No:	MYO-C11-5
Submitted by:	Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI)
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 10 Natural Environment, Chapter 5 Tourism, Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy, Chapter 4 Economic Development, Volume 5 Environmental Assessments,
Summary of Submission:	
1: Volume 5 - Draft SEA	
Topics: GSI Database, Audit of GSI Sites, Geo Hazards	

- 1.1 The GSI recommend that Mayo County Council avail of all the datasets available on their website when undergoing the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), planning and scoping process and to reference the GSI whenever material from the website is used.
- 1.2 The GSI states that the Audit of County Geological Sites of County Mayo was carried out in 2014 and updated in 2019, but Table 15 in the draft SEA, only lists 32 of the 122 sites identified therein. It is recommended that table 15 in the SEA be appropriately updated.
- 1.3 The GSI notes that map indicated in Figure 19, Chapter 14 of the draft SEA report, while attributed to the GSI, appears to be an amended representation, and recommends that an alternative less detailed map be used instead.
- 1.4 The GSI outlines the threats posed by landslides and flooding and advises where data in relation to past landslides, landside susceptibility and groundwater flooding can be accessed on their website. The submission recommends the council considers the use in the draft SEA of GSI's online mapping data for landslides events and susceptibility.

2: Chapter 10 - Natural Heritage

Topics: Protection of County Geographical Sites/Geo Hazards

- 2.1 The GSI recommend the inclusion of County Geological Sites (CGS's) in the text of Section 10.4.3 Non-Designated Sites of the draft plan.
- 2.2 The GSI recommends changing policy NEP 6 to include County Geological Sites.
- 2.3 The GSI requests the inclusion in the draft plan of an additional objective that specifically protects the CGS's to be listed in Table 15 of the Draft SEA (see 1.1 above) from inappropriate development.
- 2.4 The GSI views all local authorities as partners, through the Geological Heritage Program in protecting CGS's as part of the planning process, while simultaneously acknowledging that in some cases development may in fact enhance the understanding of geologically significant sites.
- 2.5 The GSI recommend that when Geological NHA's become designated during the lifetime of the plan, objectives be included for their protection.
- 2.6 The GSI notes the increasing importance geological sites play in Irish Tourism and welcomes the support given in Objective NEO 12 of the draft plan to Joyce Country and Western Lakes Geopark as the aim of the project is to achieve UNESCO Geopark Status by 2023.
- 2.7 The GSI outlines the threats posed by landslides and flooding and advises where data in relation to past landslides, landside susceptibility and groundwater flooding can be accessed on their website. The submission recommends the council considers the use of GSI's online mapping data for landslides events and susceptibility in in Chapter 10, Natural Environment.
- 2.8 The GSI recommends use of their Groundwater Programme, which also runs GWClimate a groundwater monitoring and modelling program to assess impacts of climate change.

3: Chapter 5 - Tourism

Topics: Geo heritage, Marine Mapping

- 3.1 The GSI notes Failte Ireland's Visitor Experience Plans listed in Policy TRP3 of the draft plan. In relation to the promotion of Clew Bay GSI have consulted with Failte Ireland in relation to same and would also be available to also consult with MCC in relation to this matter.
- 3.2 The GSI request Geoheritage policies and objectives are listed in chapter 5 of the draft plan.

3.3 - The GIS notes the importance of the marine environment and highlights their co-management, with the Marine Institute, of INFOMAR, the offshore mapping system. The submission states that use of INFOMAR would benefit the Marine Economy section of chapter 4 of the draft CDP and the marine related sections of chapter 5 Tourism and Recreation.

4: Chapter 11 - Climate Action & Renewable Energy

Topics: Geothermal Energy

- 4.1 The GSI highlights the recently published roadmap, Assessment of Geothermal Resources for District Heating in Ireland and the Roadmap for a policy and Regulatory Framework for Geothermal Energy in Ireland.
- 4.2 The GSI recommend the use of Geothermal Suitability maps on their website to identify the best locations for the use of heat pump technology.

5: Chapter 4 - Economic Development

Topics: Extractive Industries

- 5.1 The GSI request the inclusion of a commitment to have regard to their Geological Heritage Guidelines for Extractive Industries in section 4.4.10.
- 5.2 The GSI request the inclusion of a reference to their Geological Heritage Guidelines for Extractive Industries in objective EDO 60.
- 5.3 The GSI requests that consideration be given to potential Aggregate Sterilisation in the draft SEA and CDP.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response Volume 5:

- 1.1 Noted.
- 1.2 Noted. Baseline data will be updated to reflect this. The information on the updated audit County Geological Sites and the recommendation to update Table 15 in the draft SEA is acknowledged.
- 1.3 Noted. It is considered appropriate to amend the relevant map in the SEA and ER
- 1.4 Noted. It is considered appropriate to amend the SEA ER baseline to reflect this.

Recommendation Volume 5:

- 1.1 No change to Draft Plan
- 1.2 Update Table 15 in the draft SEA to reflect the most recent audit of County Geological Sites.
- 1.3 Change the map in Figure 19, Chapter 14 of the Draft SEA to a larger scale with a simplified legend.
- 1.4 Use GSI's online mapping data for landslides events and susceptibility and update SEA ER baseline to reflect this.

Response Chapter 10:

- 2.1 It is considered that there is no need to specifically refer to CGS's in the text of Section 10.4.3 of the draft plan as they will be specifically referenced and protected in NEP 6 (see 2.2 below)
- 2.2 It is considered appropriate to amend NEP 6 as suggested.

- 2.3 It is considered that the County Geological Sites will be sufficiently protected under NEP 6 (see
- 2.2 above), and that no additional objectives are required.
- 2.4 The comments in relation to the protection of the geological heritage through consultation with the GSI as part of the planning process are noted.
- 2.5 It is not considered appropriate to vary the Development Plan to include additional objectives for the protection of Geological Natural Heritage Areas when they become designated, but instead to consult with the GSI as part of the statutory planning process if and when any such sites might be impacted upon by any future plan or development.
- 2.6 The comments in relation to NEO 12 are welcome and noted.
- 2.7 The comments in relation to geohazards are noted. In relation to the inclusion of online mapping data in Chapter 10, it is suggested that this data might instead be mapped on our GSI mapping system as a tool when registering and assessing future plans and developments.
- 2.8 The reference to policies and objectives in relation to the protection of groundwater in the draft plan are welcome and noted, as is the advice about the use of the GIS's Groundwater Program and GWClimate.

Recommendation Chapter 10:

- 2.1 Include list of CGS's in Appendix IV.
- 2.2 Amend NEP 6 as follows:

To support the maintenance and protection from inappropriate development, of all County Geological Sites (CGS'S), of geological and geomorphological heritage values of County Geological Sites and through consultation with the Geological Survey of Ireland and seek to promote access to such sites, where possible.

2.3 - 2.8 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 5:

- 3.1 The comments in relation to TRP 3 are noted.
- 3.2 In relation to the inclusion of Geoheritage in the policies and objectives of Chapter 5, It is considered that the wording of objective TRO 9 be amended to refer to Geoheritage features.
- 3.3 The Chief Executive notes the information and advice in relation to the INFOMAP offshore mapping system, however in relation to its use benefitting chapter 5 of the draft plan it is considered that the information available on INFORMAR might be more appropriate used in any review of the Destination Mayo Tourist Strategy.

Recommendation Chapter 5:

- 3.1 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 3.2 Amend TRO 9 as follows:

Encourage sensitively designed and located development which provides for the appreciation, interpretation, upgrade and provision of access to natural habitats, scenic vistas and heritage and geoheritage features for the benefit of rural tourism, subject to normal planning and nature conservation consideration.

3.3 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 11:

- 4.1 The comments in relation to REO 15 and 16 and the recently published roadmap, assessment of Geothermal Resources for District Heating in Ireland and the Roadmap for a policy and Regulatory Framework for Geothermal Energy in Ireland are noted.
- 4.2 The comments in relation to the use of the Geothermal Suitability maps on the GSI website are noted and it is envisaged that this could be a useful tool in the upcoming review of the County's Renewable Energy Strategy.

Recommendation Chapter 11:

- 4.1 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 4.2 No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 4:

- 5.1 It is recommended to insert a reference to the GSI's Geological Heritage Guidelines for Extractive Industries in the text of Section 4.4.10 of the draft plan.
- 5.2 It is recommended to insert a reference to the GSI's Geological Heritage Guidelines for Extractive Industries in objective EDO 60.
- 5.3 Comments in relation to role of the extractive Industries in Building for Ireland 2040 are noted.

Recommendation Chapter 4:

5.1 - Amend the text in Section 4.4.10 of the draft plan as follows:

The Planning Authority will have regard to the Department of the Environment's Guidelines for Planning Authorities for Quarries and Ancillary Activities 2004 (and any updated editions) and to the GSI's Geological Heritage Guidelines for Extractive Industries, when assessing applications relating to the extraction industry in the county.

5.2 - Amend EDO 60 as follows:

Have regard to the Quarry and Ancillary Activities Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities DoEHLG (April 2004) and to the GSI's Geological Heritage Guidelines for Extractive Industries, or any new or subsequent quarry guidance.

5.3 - No change to the Draft Plan.

3.15 Bord Na Mona

Submission No:	MYO-C11-720
Submitted by:	Bord Na Mona
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 4 Economic Development, Chapter 5 Tourism, Chapter 7 Infrastructure, Chapter 10 Natural Environment, Chapter 11 Climate Change and Renewable Energy.
Summary of Submission	
1: Chapter 4 Economic Development, Chapter 4 Economic Development	
<u>Topics: Green Economy</u>	

1.1 - BnM identify their landholding as a resource of national significance with the potential to support national, regional, and local policy objectives across a range of sectors. In this context, BnM welcome policies and objectives EDP 33, EDO 64 and EDO 66.

2: Chapter 5-Tourism

Topics: Recreation/Amenity Tourism

2.1 - BnM welcome the policies and objectives relating to cultural and Amenity Tourism, walking and Greenways (no specific policies or objectives are cited in this section). BnM highlights the Mount Lucas project as an example where both greenway infrastructure and renewable energy opportunities can exist successfully side by side.

3: Chapter 7-Infrastructure

Topics: Circular Economy, Electricity Infrastructure

- 3.1 In relation to the Circular Economy, the submission references BnM's increasing involvement and investment in the management, recovery and recycling of waste. The submission welcomes policies and objectives, INP 7, INP 8, and INO 10.
- 3.2 Bord na Móna welcomes the commitments in Section 7.4.5 with respect to the delivery and facilitation of electricity infrastructure projects, in particular Policy INP 18 and Objective INO 38.

4: Chapter 10 - Natural Environment

Topics: Rehabilitation, Peatlands, Land Use/Green Infrastructure

4.1 - BnM note the references throughout this section of the Draft Plan in particular the policies and objectives with respect to Biodiversity, Designated and Non-Designated Sites. BnM have also committed to being a partner in the Wild Atlantic Nature Integrated LIFE Project, which has started this year. BnM notes NEO 15 NEP 9 and NEP 10 and welcomes Section 10.4.7 Green Infrastructure. BnM welcome the focus on the tourism potential of peatlands and how they might be used to connect greenways and blue ways and again cites the success of their Lough Boora Discovery Park and the connection of the Oweninney project with the Great Western Way.

5: Chapter 11 - Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Topics: Wind Energy

5.1 - BnM welcomes the content and policies outlined in Chapter 11. The submission notes that the suitability of peatlands for renewable energy developments and the submission notes the inclusion of text in Section 11.7.6 of the Draft Plan that recognises the importance of onshore and offshore wind energy in achieving national targets.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response:

1.1 to 5.1-Noted.

Recommendation:

1.1 - 5.1 - No change to the Draft Plan.

3.16 EirGrid

Submission No:	MYO-C11-559
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Submitted by:	EirGrid
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 7: Infrastructure
	Chapter 10: Natural Environment

Summary of Submission:

EirGrid welcomes the emphasis placed on electricity transmission particularly Section 7.4.5 of the Draft CDP and makes two suggestions for inclusion in the CDP.

- In relation to specific policies/objectives EirGrid understands the principle underlying objective INO 37 and will always examine the feasibility of same. It is noted that this is not always possible due to technical, economic or environmental grounds. EirGrid seeks for MCC to exclude INO 37 from the plan.
- 2. With reference to the Landscape Sensitivity Matrix and associated maps, EirGrid states 110kv lines which are used throughout Mayo, use wooden pole sets and steel angle masts and do not agree that powerlines and such infrastructure have an adverse impact upon the landscape character as stated on the matrix and refers MCC to their publication on visual effects of high voltage electricity infrastructure in Ireland.

EirGrid discusses the North Connacht Project and their progress to date in selecting a route which is due to be finalized in mid-2021. They state it is critical that the Draft CDP resolves the above issues in terms of undergrounding and landscape in order or the strengthen the transmission system with reference to RPO 180 of the RSES.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. INO 37 states 'where feasible' electrical cable should be located underground. The requested removal of the objective is not considered acceptable.
- 2. Noted, however no change to the Landscape Sensitivity Matrix is recommended.

Recommendation:

1-2. No change to the Draft Plan.

3.17 Inland Fisheries

Submission No:	MYO-C11-743
Submitted by:	Inland Fisheries Ireland
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 10 Natural Environment, Chapter 7 Infrastructure, Chapter 12 Settlement Plans
Summary of Submission:	

The IFI recognise that County Mayo provides some of the most important salmonid and trout fisheries in Ireland, as well as coarse angling and sea angling resources, the river Moy for salmon and Lough Carra for trout, being examples.

The IFI is of the view that the CDP in considering the protection of the quality of the aquatic environment must address not only water quality but also include the protection of the physical environment, hydrological processes and biodiversity.

1: Chapter 10 - Natural Environment

<u>Topics: Aquatic Habitat Protection, Integrated Constructed Wetlands (ICWs), Riparian Habitat</u> Protection, Invasive Species, River Crossing Structures.

- 1.1 IFI ask that a policy in relation to aquatic habitat protection should be included in the new CDP.
- 1.2 IFI expects that wetland wastewater treatment systems should satisfy the criteria detailed in the November 2010 publication "Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Integrated Constructed Wetlands, Guidance Document for Farmyard Soiled Water and Domestic Wastewater Applications". IFI believe that ICWs must be viewed as an adjunct to good agricultural practice and not as a low-cost way of getting rid of farm waste.
- 1.3 IFI requests a policy for the protection of aquatic and riparian habitat be included in Chapter 12 Settlement Plans, which should also include a section on freshwater aquatic habitat.
- 1.4 IFI request increased policy measures to protect riparian buffer zones from inappropriate development. The policy would reserve riparian/buffer zones free from inappropriate development along banks of rivers and streams for the purposes of providing habitat, river maintenance, access for anglers, walkers, recreational area and pollution buffer zone and undertaken to maintain such corridors.
- 1.5 IFI request the Council to protect of habitats outside of designated areas.
- 1.6 The IFI request the Council to reject developments that would interfere with natural flood plains.
- 1.7 IFI recommend that they be consulted in relation to any development that could potentially impact on the aquatic ecosystems and associated riparian habitat. IFI request that new urban development proposals incorporate the Planning for Watercourses in the Urban Environment guidance and that this document be incorporated into the CDP.
- 1.8 IFI request inclusion of policies to ensure that developments do not lead to the spread of invasive species. Landscaping proposals etc. should require the use of native species from local stock. See www.invasivespeciesireland.com
- 1.9 IFI state that impacts of poorly designed river/stream crossing structures can be serious in terms of habitat loss. IFI recommends that the draft plan should include a clear policy on the use of clear span structures where possible on fisheries waters and that IFI should be consulted on any such proposed developments.
- 1.10 The IFI raises concerns that the 1997 Habitats Regulations and Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) Directive does not extend to the inclusion of all aquatic habitats of fish bearing importance or of amenity value. The reliance of the Development Plan on these area designations solely will exclude significant numbers of waterways which need protection. The IFI requests that the Development Plan provide for the maintenance and preservation of all watercourses and associated riparian habitats.

2: Chapter 7 – Infrastructure

<u>Topics: Water Conservation/Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) Municipal and Package</u> Wastewater Treatment Plants

- 2.1- IFI identify the development Plan as an opportunity to promote policies and awareness of water conservation which may ultimately result in a reduction in water use. Best practice should be promoted in respect of water conservation in all developments through methods such as rainwater harvesting.
- 2.2 IFI are supportive of the inclusion of SUDS for surface water disposal and such a design should be included in all development design proposals and incorporate elements of green infrastructure such as green roofs, swales and open surface water attenuation ponds instead of underground tanks.
- 2.3 IFI consider that the policy of granting planning permissions for developments with associated increased loading on inadequate or already overloaded municipal sewage treatment plants is not a sustainable practice. The submission considers that in areas where treatment facilities necessary for development do not exist, planning permissions should either be refused on the grounds that such development is premature, or the developer should be constrained by an appropriate condition requiring that connections to sewer will not be permitted until sewage works upgrading is completed and operational.
- 2.4 IFI does not support the installation of package treatment plants and has significant concerns regarding the long-term management and maintenance of privately operated communal proprietary effluent treatment systems serving a number of dwelling houses. In the event of a breakdown, there is a high potential for surface and groundwater contamination. It is often difficult to locate the person or company responsible for the system.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response Chapter 10:

- 1.1 It is considered that there are already sufficient objectives regarding the protection of aquatic habitats in the draft plan such as, NEO 4, NEO 5, NEO 6 and NEO 7.
- 1.2 There are no references to the use of ICW's in the draft plan, however it is considered that the Nitrates Directive is the appropriate instrument for the protection of waterways against agricultural pressures.
- 1.3 There is already an objective to protect riparian zones of watercourses, in both urban and rural locations in NEO 7 and the recognition of the need for physical corridors to protect the ecology, and accessibility of watercourses is also evident in Volume 2 Development Management Standards, Section 2.6.
- 1.4 It is considered that the appropriate protection of riparian corridors is predominantly the responsibility of the IFI and the OPW who have the requisite knowledge and expertise and that the adequate protection of these areas will be dealt with as part of the planning process, which will involve consultation with said parties, and others, when required.
- 1.5 Regarding the protection of habitats outside of designated areas in the draft plan, the Council would point to Section 10.4.3 Non-Designated Sites, which deals specifically with this matter and contains policies and objectives designed to protect such areas such as NEP 4, NEP 5, NEO1 NEO 2, NEO 4, NEO 5.
- 1.6 It is considered that objectives protecting floodplains in the county are already present in the draft plan under INO 27 and NEO 21.

- 1.7 Mayo County Council consult with IFI in relation to developments that could potentially impact on aquatic ecosystems and associated riparian habitat and our GIS planning application mapping system is designed to automatically flag developments with this potential, so that the application is referred to the IFI and other bodies with similar briefs and expertise for comment and advice. The request to consult the guidance document Planning for Watercourses in the Urban Environment and incorporated this document into the plan is noted.
- 1.8 It is considered that the control of invasive plant species is adequately addressed in the draft development plan under NEP 8, NEO 14 and DM Standards Section 4.0.
- 1.9 It is considered that the issue of the potential impact of proposed clear span structures on the aquatic environment and riparian zones, when it arises, is best dealt with under the planning application/Part 8 process, subject to consultation with the IFI and other agencies such as the OPW and NPWS when considered appropriate.
- 1.10- It is considered that the provisions of the Draft Plan adequately deal with the items raised.

Recommendation Chapter 10:

- 1.1 1.6 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 1.7 Insert the IFI guidance document Planning for Watercourses in the Urban Environment into the Key Documents Table in Appendix 3 of the draft plan.
- 1.8 to 1.10- No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 7:

- 2.1 It is considered that promotion of best practice in respect of water conservation and the use of sustainable drainage systems is present in the draft plan through objective INO 16, INO 17 and DM standards Section 2.1 and 8.2.
- 2.2 INO 17 requires the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage Techniques (SUDS), which is regarded as offering a "total" solution to rainwater management. Section 8.2 of the Development Management Standards requires the provision of on -site storm water ponds to store and/or attenuate additional run-off for new developments, and in respect of rural housing Section 2.1 requires the provision of rainwater collection and storage.
- 2.3 It is not a policy of MCC to grant planning permission where there is insufficient wastewater treatment capacity for the development and our ongoing efforts to work with Irish Water to ensure that all settlements in the settlement hierarchy have adequate wastewater capacity to cater for appropriate levels of development is reflected in INP 4.
- 2.4 The draft plan does not allow for the use of package wastewater treatment plants in private housing developments serving multiple dwelling houses, either in the open countryside or in unserviced rural settlements, as reflected in objective RSVO 16, which requires that all houses in small scale residential cluster are serviced by individual septic tanks/treatment systems.

Recommendation Chapter 7:

2.1 - 2.4 - No change to the Draft Plan.

3.18 Irish Water

Submission No:	MYO-C11-710
Submitted by:	Irish Water
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 7 Infrastructure, Chapter 12 Settlement Plans, Volume 5 Environmental Reports

Summary of Submission:

The main body of the submission from Irish Water outlines their activities infrastructure and plans on both a national and county specific level. Reference is made to their Capital Investment Plan 2020-2024, The National Water Resources Plan and their Drinking Water Safety Plans. They state their support for inclusion in the draft plan of measures in relation to Suds and blue/green infrastructure. The written statement is accompanied by a table outlining the existing capacity as regards drinking water and wastewater in all settlements in Tiers I-III in the Settlement Strategy and a menu of appropriate policies/objectives for water services in Development Plans.

1: Chapter 7 Infrastructure

Topics: Drinking Water and Wastewater Services

- 1.1 IW state in relation to Section 7.4.1 Drinking water and Wastewater, that a list of Irish Water's WWTPs can be found in the 2019 wastewater treatment capacity register issued to Mayo CC in June 2020. There are 43 no. Irish Water WWTPs in Mayo, increasing to 44no. when Newport WWTP is completed
- 1.2 IW state that the Srah to Westport extension of the Lough Mask Regional Water Supply Scheme has been completed. The full options assessment stage of the NWRP is currently progressing in consultation with the water services department of Mayo County Council. This will identify the preferred interim and long-term interventions required to ensure a sustainable water supply in Mayo, and nationally.
- 1.3 IW propose that the water supply projects included in Table 7.1 are replaced with the preferred solutions, which IW will provide in the future.
- 1.4 IW give an updated in relation to proposed works listed in relation to INO9.
- 1.5 IW handles public foul/ combined sewer and supports the removal of surface water from Irish Water's networks and encourages the use of sustainable drainage systems and proposes changes to INP10.
- 1.6 Irish water attach a list of 16 no. policies/objectives that might be included in Development Plans. The policies and objectives relate to matters such as cooperation with IW in relation to the protection and delivery of water services, planning in accordance with the availability of water services and the protection of water sources.
- 1.7 New policy suggested outlining support for IW in implementing National Water Resources Plan.
- 1.8 IW suggest new policy to support IW with regards to water conservation.
- 1.9 IW suggest new policy about the promotion of effective management of trade discharges to sewers.

2: Chapter 12 – Settlement Plans

Topics: Water Services Capacity in Tier I-III Settlement

2.1 - The IW submission is accompanied by a Summary Table which contains information as to the drinking water and wastewater capacity in all Tier I, II and 3 towns in the Settlement Strategy. The table indicates that all settlements bar Kiltimagh have no known major network constraints. In relation to Kiltimagh, it is stated that network constraints need to be resolved to allow for significant further development, investigations underway.

3: Volume 5 - Environmental Assessments

Topics: SEA

- 3.1 The submission notes that in Section 12.3.6 of the SEA it is stated that the capacity of the new WWTP at Killala is 3,155pe, however it is 2,300.
- 3.2 SEA, Section 7.3 Turlough WWTP: Turlough WWTP has 220p.e. spare capacity as per the updated wastewater treatment capacity register issued in June 2020.
- 3.3 SEA, Section 7.3 Within many rural areas and settlements throughout the county there is either no WWTP present, they are over capacity or insufficient treatment is occurring. As a pre-requisite to any development taking place on zoned lands within the county. The submission states that it is critical to have the infrastructure upgrade in place to accommodate future developments.
- 3.4 The submission requests that the 2019 wastewater treatment capacity register is referred to for details on spare capacity and treatment capability of Irish Water's WWTPs.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response Chapter 7:

- 1.1 1.4 Noted.
- 1.5 Noted. It is considered appropriate to make change as suggested.
- 1.6 It is considered that the existing provisions in the Draft Plan adequately address the issues raised in the 16 policies and objectives suggested apart from 1.7 and 1.8 and 1.9 below.
- 1.7 Noted. Insert new policy.
- 1.8 Noted. Insert new policy.
- 1.9 Noted. Insert new policy.

Recommendation Chapter 7:

- 1.1 1.4-No change to the Draft Plan.
- 1.5 Amend INP 10 as follows:

To support, in conjunction with Irish Water, the improvement of storm water infrastructure to improve increase the use of sustainable drainage and reduce the risk of flooding in urban environments.

- 1.6 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 1.7 Insert new Policy as follows:

INP: To support Irish Water in the development and implementation of the National Water Resources Plan for Ireland's public water supplies which seeks to address issues around the availability of water

1.8 - Insert New Policy as follows:

INP: 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, including innovative solutions in specific situations.

1.9 - Insert new Policy as follows:

INP: To support Irish Water in the promotion of effective management of trade discharges to sewers in order to maximise the capacity of existing sewer networks and minimise detrimental impacts on sewage treatment works.

Response Chapter 12:

2.1 - It is considered appropriate to insert a new objective into the Kiltimagh Settlement Plan requiring the Council to work with Irish Water to increase the capacity/upgrade the Kiltimagh Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Recommendation Chapter 12

2.1 - Insert new objective in Kiltimagh Settlement Plan Objectives:

KTO: To actively work with Irish Water to increase the capacity/upgrade Kiltimagh wastewater treatment plant.

Response Volume 5:

- 3.1 The EPA will be updated accordingly.
- 3.2 Noted, this will also be updated for Turlough WWTP
- 3.3 Noted, subject to changes to the settlements /land use zonings which will be assessed through the SEA processes. It is also considered that existing Policies INP 5-7 and INO6 addresses this.
- 3.4 Noted

Recommendation Volume 5:

- 3.1 Amend stated capacity of WWTP in Killala in Section 12.3.6 of SEA from 3,155pe to 2,300pe
- 3.2 Updated SEA accordingly for Turlough WWTP
- 3.3 Assess through SEA process if required.
- 3.4 No change to SEA

3.19 ESB Property Group

Submission No.	MYO-C11-1036
Submission by:	ESB Property Group
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy, Chapter 7 Infrastructure, Volume 2 Development Management Standards.
Summary of Submission:	
1-Core and Settlement Strategy	
Topics: Decarbonisation	

1.1-The submission commences by giving a general overview of ESB's strategy and objectives both nationally and in the context of County Mayo, with particular emphasis on their objective to decarbonise the electricity sector and generate 40% of their electricity by renewable means by 2030. The submission also refers to their strategy for the roll out of EV and telecoms/communications infrastructure. Regarding these issues, the ESB welcome the inclusion of SO4

2-Chapter 7 Infrastructure

<u>Topics: Safeguarding and Protection of Electricity Infrastructure, Renewable Energy</u>

2.1-The submission welcomes the inclusion in the Draft Plan of INP 20 and INP 18

3-Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Topics: Wind Energy, Marine Renewable Energy, Emerging Technologies

- 3.1-The ESB welcome the Climate Action Strategic Aim set out in Section 2.3 of the Draft Plan.
- 3.2-The submission welcomes the commitment to wind energy in 11.7.5 of the Draft Plan and the commitment to review the RES under REO 7.
- 3.3-The submission welcomes the support of the marine renewable energy sector as evident in REP 2 and REO 14.
- 3.4-The submission then highlights what they see as the importance of emerging renewable technologies and infrastructure such as solar energy, Energy Storage, Hybrid Renewables and Renewables Enabling Plant. Regarding these technologies, they welcome the inclusion of REO 9 in relation to Solar Energy and suggest the inclusion of specific policies in the Draft Plan supporting these technologies.

4-Volume 2 Development Management Standards

Topics: Telecommunications Infrastructure, Sustainable Transport and EV's

- 4.1-The ESB welcome the support given to the development of telecommunications Infrastructure in Section 7.4.4.4 of the Draft Plan, along with the commitment in Section 8.10 of the DM Standards to support telecommunications infrastructure at appropriate locations throughout the county in accordance with national guidelines.
- 4.2-The ESB welcome the support for the provision of EV charging points as set out in MTO 3 and the requirement under Section 7.2 of the DM standards that 10% of all parking spaces in the developments outlined in the Parking Standards are provided with EV charging points. However, they note that the EU Performance of Buildings Directive comes into force soon and this calls for the provision of 20% of all new parking spaces to have EV parking points. For this reason, they suggested the inclusion of additional standards into Section 7.12 of the DM Standards

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response Chapter 2:

1.1-Noted.

Recommendation Chapter 2:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 7:

2.1-Noted.

Recommendation Chapter 7:

No change to Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 11:

3.1-3.3-Noted.

3.4-Noted. It is considered that the support of emerging renewable energies in the Draft Plan is provided under REO 3.

Recommendation Chapter 11:

3.1-3.4-No change to Draft Plan.

Response Volume 2 DM Standards:

- 4.1-Noted.
- 4.2-Amend Section 7.12 of DM Standards.

Recommendation Volume 2 DM Standards:

- 4.1-No Change to the Draft Plan.
- 4.2-Amend Section 7.12.1 as follows:

A minimum of **10%** of the proposed car parking spaces required for the category of development listed in car parking standards below shall be provided with **electrical connection points**, to allow for functional electric vehicle charging. The remaining car parking spaces shall be fitted with ducting for electrical connection points to allow for the future fit out of charging points at up to 20% of car parking spaces.

3.20 SSE Airtricity

Submission No.	MYO-C11-747
Submission by:	SSE Airtricity
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Summary of Submission:

SSE acknowledge in the document submitted that many of the observations and recommendations outlined therein pertain more to the future review of the 2011 Renewable energy Strategy (RES). but nonetheless they avail of the opportunity presented by the review of the CDP to suggest some policies and objectives that might influence the content on any future RES review and influence policies and objectives in the interim. The central thesis of the submission is that when the lands zoned Tier 1 and Tier 2 in the current RES are analysed in terms of a number of criteria such as environmental sensitivities and designations and proximity to housing, then the extent of these lands actually available for wind farm development is significantly reduced.

Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

- 1. SEE request specific policies/objective be included in the draft plan outlining the future content of any review of the RES as regards areas designated for wind energy projects
- 2. SSE request that the minimum target of 100mw of electricity generated by renewable energy

- during the lifetime of the plan, as stated in **Section 11.7.4**, should only be considered a "minimum" on a policy basis.
- 3. SSE seek for the clear and concise implementation of the draft Wind energy Guidelines through the revised RES when eventually adopted.
- 4. That MCC when reviewing the RES take cognisance of recent advancements in turbine technologies which can overcome constraints which might heretofore have been identified when using out of date wind energy resource data.
- 5. SSE seek that grid constraints not be considered as hard constraints when drafting the RES.
- 6. SEE request that new consents for wind farms are given an operation life span of 30-35 years.
- 7. SEE request to consider repowering and extension of existing windfarm developments on their merits, taking account of advances in technology.
- 8. SEE seek to encourage MCC to recognise importance of security of ongoing supply in draft plan and continued need for flexible, low carbon generation capacity.
- 9. See seek that MCC recognise importance of ensuring continued use, reuse of existing infrastructure where appropriate.
- 10. Identify opportunities for shared CCS and hydrogen infrastructure to decarbonise conventional generation, industry and transport.
- 11. Recommend that draft plan reflects Action 64 of Climate Action Plan which seeks to increase energy efficiency of Local Authority social housing stock
- 12. Strengthen objective MTO3 by identifying areas where EV charge points could be installed.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response to Chapter 11

- 1. 1-Noted. It is considered that these are matters to be addressed only as part of the review of the RES.
- 2. See response to point 15 of OPR submission.
- 3 11. All Local Authority Houses comply with Part L of the current Building Regulations.
- 12. It is considered that objective MTO 3 as drafted provides sufficient latitude as to the location of EV points. The County Development Plan is a strategic Planning document, and it is not possible to include details of all plans and projects therein.

Recommendation to Chapter 11:

- 1. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 2. See recommendation to point 15 of OPR submission.
- 3-12. No change to the Draft Plan.

3.20 Coillte

Submission No.	MYO-C11-256
Submission by:	Coillte

Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):

Chapter 5 Tourism, Chapter 12 Settlement Plans, Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy, Chapter 7 Infrastructure, Chapter 4 Economic Development

Summary of Submission:

1-Chapter 5 -Tourism and Recreation

Topics: Holiday Accommodation

1.1 - With respect to policies and objectives related to tourist accommodation Coillte reference their involvement in the development of Centreparcs in Longford and specifically requests that TRO 16 and TRP 18 be amended to include specific reference to forest-based tourist accommodation.

2: Chapter 12 – Settlement Plans

Topics: Breaffy Village, Zoning on Coillte Lands

2.1 - Coillte refer to lands in their ownership near Breaffy Village (Tier 5 Settlement) and although no accompanying map outlining the land in question is included Coillte requests that the council has regard to these lands in any future review of the MCDP 2017-2023 (sic), including with respect to the N60 bypass of Breaffy Village and to policies that would support development on Coillte owned lands.

3: Chapter 11 – Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Topics: RE Targets

- 3.1 The submission goes on to refers to Section 11.7.4 where a target of 100mw of energy from onshore wind turbines over the lifetime of the plan is set. Coillte considers this target as too low for a county with the wind generating capacity of Mayo.
- 3.2 The submission requests that the updated RES takes account of the 2019 Draft Wind Energy Development Guidelines, most specifically SPPR 1 in relation to the identification of lands as part of the RES where wind energy developments would be acceptable, considered or discouraged.
- 3.3 Coillte request that no time limit be placed on the life-span of wind energy developments by way of a planning condition, as in the commonplace with many local authorities and that detailed decommissioning proposals be sought as part of all planning permissions which can be triggered once the wind farm ceases to operate.

4: Chapter 7 Infrastructure

Topics: Non-Wire Solutions

4.1 - In relation to the upgrading of the grid the submission specifically requests that policy INP 18 be altered to take account of the potential of new long-term storage solutions or "non-wire solutions". The recommended to amend policy NP18 in this regard.

5-Chapter 4-Economoc Development

Topics: Promote Sustainable Timber

5.1 - Coillte requests that the council promotes the use of sustainable timber products in the draft plan.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response Chapter 5:

- 1-1 TRO 16, in conjunction with other policies and objectives in the Draft Plan such as TRO 14, provides adequate scope as drafted for the Council to consider proposals for a wide variety of tourist accommodation which will be assessed on an individual basis.
- 1.2 TRP 18 relates to the development of tourism and recreational facilities within Coillte owned lands and any proposals for tourist accommodation on Coillte owned lands would be considered under policies and objectives such as TRO 16 and TRO 14.

Recommendation Chapter 5:

1.1 - 1.2 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 12:

2.1 - Noted.

Recommendation Chapter 12:

2.1 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 11:

- 3.1 Noted. See response to submission MYO-C11-726.
- 3.2 Noted. This will be addressed under the review of the RES.
- 3.3 This is an operational matter and not relevant to the Development Plan process.

Recommendation Chapter 11:

3.1-3.3 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 7:

4.1 - INP 18 addresses this issue.

Recommendation Chapter 7:

4.1 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 4:

5.1 - This is not a matter for the Development Plan.

Recommendation Chapter 4:

5.1 - No change to the Draft Plan.

3.21 Gas Networks Ireland

Submission No.	MYO-C11-645
Submission by:	Gas Networks Ireland (GNI)
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 2: Core & Settlement Strategy
	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Chapter 7: Infrastructure
	Chapter 11: Climate Action & Renewable Energy
Summary of Submission:	

This submission outlines the services/works for which Gas Networks Ireland are responsible. The submission makes four observations of four separate chapters.

1. Chapter 2: Core & Settlement Strategy

This observation suggests by helping Mayo transition to a low-carbon economy it should promote renewable gas from Anaerobic Digestion (AD) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG).

2. Chapter 6: Movement & Transport

This observation suggests supporting the development of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) in the County and to input an additional section and objective for Compressed Natural Gas in the CDP.

3. Chapter 7: Infrastructure

This observation welcomes the inclusion of section 7.4.2.1 Circular Economy and policy INP 21 which supports the extension of the gas network in the county. GSI believes that AD can play an important in waste management in Mayo and that the AD process aligns with RPO 8.7 of the RSES and policy INP 8 of the Draft CDO which identifies the need to promote new ways of managing waste in the county.

4. Chapter 11: Climate Action & Renewable Energy

The observation suggests a new section and objective on Anaerobic Digestion to be included within Chapter 11.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response:

1-4. Noted.

Recommendation:

1-4. No change to the Draft Plan.

3.22 Irish West Airport Knock

Submission No.	MYO-C11-656
Submission by:	Ireland West Airport Knock (IWAK)
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Volume 6: IWAK SDZ

Summary of Submission:

This submission welcomes recognition of the SDZ for IWAK and the importance of the airport to the region and how the SDZ has the potential to consolidate the Atlantic Economic Corridor as a magnet for business/employment. The airport welcomes the proposed objectives supporting the IWAK in the Draft CDP and is requesting an additional objective to be added to the CDP:

'To prioritize the SDZ for job creation as part of an overall balanced regional development strategy and to work with the Airport Authority in drafting a development plan in parallel with designated state agencies to address the areas of a range of comprehensive relevant financial incentives that will be required to attract business to the zone, as well as addressing the existing infrastructure deficits around the airport.'

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response:

It is considered that the provisions of the Draft Plan adequately address these items.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-664
Submission by:	Ireland West Airport Knock (IWAK)
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 – Tourism & Recreation
	Topic: Tourism
	Chapter 6 – Movement & Transport
	Topic: Western Rail Corridor
	Chapter 11 – Climate & Renewable Energy
	Topic: Renewable Energy, Decarbonising, Carbon

Summary of Submission:

This submission makes three observations covering three separate chapters, these are summarised below:

1. Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation

Topic: Tourism

This observation discusses the ongoing challenges facing IWAK and the losses sustained as a result of Covid-19 and the challenges ahead for the aviation sector in the coming years. It is requested that MCC should:

- 1.1 Work with tourism stakeholders and IWAK in facilitating a regional air access development fund focused on new European and US services to address to regional imbalance in new air access to the west.
- 1.2 That the airport partnership with 7 Local Authorities is leveraged across the region to enable further joined up marketing and promotional initiatives as well as cooperative funding with other regional tourism stakeholders.

2. Chapter 6: Movement & Transport

Topic: Western Rail Corridor

This observation acknowledges the inclusion of a rail link to the airport from the WRC and the N5, N17 road projects. IWAK state that the re-opening of the WRC has the potential to provide the greatest transformational change in both a model shift to low carbon but also at a regional level as a key enabler for growth to the strength the functionality of the AEC and capitalise on the SDZ at IWAK. IWAK state it is challenging to promote the west of Ireland to international visitors due to the very limited public transport options available.

3. Chapter 11: Climate Action & Renewable Energy

Topic: Renewable Energy, Decarbonising, Carbon

This observation discusses how the airport is part of the Airport Councils International (ACI) Carbon Accreditation Programme which sets out a framework to reduce the airports carbon footprint. It requests MCC to:

3.1 – Continue to support IWAK in its objective to achieve 'net zero' for its carbon emissions by 2050 without using offset initiatives such as carbon credits.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response Chapter 5:

1.1 - 1.2 - This is outside the remit of the County Development Plan.

Recommendation Chapter 5:

1.1 – 1.2 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 6:

2. Noted.

Recommendation Chapter 5:

2. No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 11:

3.1 – Noted.

Recommendation Chapter 11:

3.1 – No change to the Draft Plan.

3.23 Irish Farmer's Association

Submission No.	MYO-C11-198
Submission by:	Irish Farmers Association
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 3 Housing, Chapter 4 Economic Development, Chapter 8, Sustainable Communities, Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy.

Summary of Submission:

1: Chapter 3 - Housing

Topics: Selling sites, Pre-Planning, Rural Conditions

- 1.1 The IFA request that all landowners retain the right to sell a site.
- 1.2 The IFA request that that greater pre-planning consultation takes place between landowners and planners.
- 1.3 IFA Mayo request that people that build or buy a house in the countryside agree to not impede or object to normal farming practices.
- 1.4 The IFA oppose any increase in development charges for one-off rural housing.

2: Chapter 4- Economic Development

<u>Development Charges, Rural Enterprise, Rates:</u>

- 2.1 The IFA request that agricultural, equestrian and forestry developments continue to be exempt from development charges and that enterprises on farms and in rural villages be exempt from development charges and rates
- 2.2 To support the commercial regeneration of village and town centres, the IFA request double tax relief on rental expenditure for establishing businesses is suggested.
- 2.3 The IFA request a fully resourced action plan with a dedicated budget to ensure the full potential of rural Ireland can be realised.
- 2.4 The submission requests that the non-acceptance of food-based projects for funding from the Mayo Development Company be reviewed.

3: Chapter 6 - Movement and Transport

Topics: Greenways, Accessibility,

- 3.1 IFA Mayo request that any greenway projects in the county be only implemented after consultation with landowners and adjoining landowners without the use of CPO procedures. The new IFA Code of Practice should also be implemented.
- 3.2 Mayo IFA see the need to provide greater accessibility to services in isolated rural areas through the promotion and enhancement of the Rural Link transport service.

4: Chapter 7-Infrastructure

<u>Topics: Accessibility, Parking at Amenity Sites, Tunnels, Broadband, Rural Roads, Private Wells</u> <u>Dog Attacks</u>

- 4.1 The IFA also ask for improvements in infrastructure to provide greater accessibility to our offshore islands.
- 4.2 The submission also asks for greater provision of facilities such as parking and set down areas at recreation and amenity sites.
- 4.3 The IFA request that MCC should encourage tunnels and underpasses. and that all costs and bureaucracy in relation to same should be reviewed.
- 4.4 Mayo IFA suggests that the Council complies with the national broadband plan and the broadband is delivered to all farmers and rural dwellers.
- 4.5 The submission requests that the rural road network be maintained and that a formal complaints mechanism with regards to road conditions be established.
- 4.6 Mayo IFA requests acknowledgement from MCC that every farmer has the right to bore a well as a source of water for family and livestock and where MCC maintain a bore hole for public use, the issue of compensation for the landowner needs to be addressed.
- 4.7 The problem of dog attacks is highlighted.

5: Chapter 10 - Natural Environment

Topics: Hedge Cutting

5.1 - Mayo IFA requests that the annual startup date for hedge cutting is moved to 1st August.

6: Chapter 11 - Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Topics: Micro-Renewables, Biomass

- 6.1 IFA Mayo requests that MCC facilitates and encourages the micro generation of renewable energies by the exemption of development charges up to 1 megawatt.
- 6.2 The submission references the IFA document 'Harnessing the Potential of Ireland's Agriculture & Forestry for Renewable Energy Production and Greenhouse Gas Emissions'.
- 6.3 IFA Mayo sees the forestry sector as having a central role in achieving Ireland's renewable energy targets, but this requires a proper planning system as they feel that the current forestry licensing system needs addressing.
- 6.4 The submission also requests that a biomass industry must take precedence in the county.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response Chapter 3:

- 1.1 Rural housing policies and objectives are set out in Section 3.4.8 of the Draft Plan.
- 1-2 Pre-planning consultations are an operational matter and not relevant to the Development Plan process.
- 1.3 The rights and procedures to object to any form of planning application are set out in the Planning and Development Act and Planning and Development Regulations and are not a matter for the Development Plan.
- 1.4 The application of development charges is not a matter for the Development Plan and is a separate procedure.

Recommendation Chapter 3:

1.1-1.4 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 4:

- 2.1 See 1.3 above.
- 2.2 Taxation policy is a matter for the National Government.
- 2.3 Noted.
- 2.4- This is not a matter to be considered as part of the Development Plan.

Recommendation Chapter 4:

2.1-2.4 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 6:

- 3.1 This matter is addressed under TRP 9.
- 3.2 Noted.

Recommendation Chapter 6:

3.1 - 3.1 - No Change to the Draft plan.

Response Chapter 7:

- 4.1 This matter is supported under MTP 23.
- 4.2 Noted.
- 4.3 Tunnels and underpasses will be addressed on an individual basis as part of the development management process.
- 4.4 This matter is addressed under INP 14.

- 4.5 The upkeep of rural roads is an operational matter.
- 4.6 This matter is addressed in INO 3.
- 4.7 This is not a matter for the Development Plan.

Recommendation Chapter 7:

4.1-4.7 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 10:

5.1 - This is not a matter for the Development Plan.

Recommendation Chapter 10:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 11:

- 6.1 This is addressed in Section 11.7.10.
- 6.2 Noted.
- 6.3 The licensing of forestry is not a matter for the Development Plan.
- 6.4 This is dealt with adequately under existing provisions of the Draft Plan.

Recommendation Chapter 11:

6.1-6.4 - No change to the Draft Plan.

3.24 Mayo Greens

Submission No.	MYO-C11-592
Submission by:	Mayo Greens
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	General Comments, Chapter 2 Core and Settlement Strategy and all remaining chapters
Summary of Submission:	

1: General Comments

Topics: Yearly Review, Mapping

- 1.1 The submission requests yearly targets and measurable outcomes to realise the plan.
- 1.2 The Mayo Greens express scepticism regards the Draft Plan achieving its stated ambitions in relation to climate change and the prevention of the loss of biodiversity.
- 1.3 The submission considers the maps used in the draft plan to be old and obsolete and incapable of reflection the true nature of the settlements and other features in the county.

2: Chapter 2 - Core and Settlement Strategy

Topics: Local Consultation, Impacts of Pandemic on Population Projections

2.1 – The submission notes a lack of consultation with local communities, through properly constituted and managed Community Councils as part of the plan making process.

2.2 – The submission states that sufficient account is not taken in the population projections, of the impact of the covid pandemic and the possible increase in the number of people coming to live in Mayo.

3: Chapter 3 - Housing

<u>Topics: BER Ratings, Social housing, Traveller Accommodation, Accommodation of Victims of Domestic Violence</u>

- 3.1 The Greens want all publicly funded new builds should have at least an A3 energy rating, and that there should be a road map with clear measures on when the council will bring all existing stock up to at least an B3 energy rating.
- 3.2 The submission feel that the plan does not go far enough in the provision of social/affordable housing.
- 3.3 The Mayo Green Party would like to see much stronger targets for assisting those on housing waiting lists and a greater mix of LA housing.
- 3.4 The Submission would like to see greater detail in the plan regarding Traveller Accommodation.
- 3.5 The Greens feel the Council should take a lead in working with NGO's, in providing shelter for traumatised and vulnerable people.

4: Chapter 4 Economic Development

Topics: Broadband Provision, Remote Working

- 4.1: The submission feels that Mayo should be doing more than expressed in the draft plan in promoting and assisting broadband roll-out, especially in assisting local providers.
- 4.2: Given the impact of Covid 19, the submission feels the Council must revisit the economic policy significantly to front end the role and importance of remote working.
- 4.3 The submission asks that the plan provides more supports for local shops and shops that sell local based produce, such a relaxing of rates for local producers.
- 4.4 -The submission feels that EDO 47 does not go far enough in providing support for Street/farmers markets.

5: Chapter 5 – Tourism

<u>Topics: Community Consultation, Use of local resources, access to Tourist/Heritage Sites, Sea</u> Swimming.

- 5.1 The submission criticises what is sees as the lack of community involvement in many flag-ship tourist related projects in the county.
- 5.2 The submission seeks that where tourism projects are approved that local resources are used to ensure local buy-in.
- 5.3 The Council needs to take a micro-approach to heritage, in conjunction with other bodies.
- 5.4 The Council should actively promote sea swimming.

6: - Chapter 6 - Movement and Transport

<u>Topics: Need for new Roads, Transport Hierarchy, WRC, Walking/Cycling on Rural Roads. EV Charge</u> Points.

6.1 – The submission feels that there needs to be much less focus on building new roads.

- 6.2 The submission feels that a practical and symbolic measure to show commitment to reversing the transport hierarchy would be to change the sequencing of all traffic lights to priorities pedestrians.
- 6.3 The submission states that the Council needs to provide for gravel paths at the sides of rural roads.
- 6.4 The submission states that the Council needs plans to develop walking and cycle ways in urban areas.
- 6.5 There should be strictly enforced speed limits on rural roads.
- 6.6 The submission feels that the Council should lead incentivising the provision of electric vehicle charging points in public car parks.

7: Chapter 7 Infrastructure

Topics: Septic Tank Changeover, Waste Reduction

- 7.1 The submission believes that INP 6 which encourages change over from private septic tanks to the public sewer is not ambitious enough due to lack of financial or advisory support.
- 7.2 The submission feels that there is not enough emphasis on the reduction of waste in the first place in the waste management plan set out in the Plan.

8: Chapter 8 Sustainable Communities

Topics: Community Councils, Remote Working in Libraries

- 8.1 The submission states that there is a need to empower Community Councils.
- 8.2 The Council should be actively providing hot desks and soundproof meeting kiosks in libraries.

9: Chapter 9 Built Environment

Topics: Pocket Parks, Tree Planting

- 9.1 The Council should encourage the identification and development of small pocket parks in towns and villages.
- 9.2 Planting trees and including the planting of trees in all developments should be a key consideration for the Council in this Development Plan.

10: Natural Environment

Topics: Support for Farmers, Hedge Cutting

- 10.1 -The submission asks for a policy signal from the council supporting farmers for supporting the biodiversity and natural heritage aspects of sights on their land.
- 10.2 The Plan should commit to an end to what is seen as destructive hedge cutting.

11: Chapter 11 - Climate Action and Renewable Energy

<u>Topics: Climate Action Director, Energy Hubs, Anaerobic Digesters, EV Charging, Battery Facility,</u> Litter

- 11.1 -The submission wants to see the appointment of a Climate Action Director in the Council.
- 11.2 The submission suggests the co-op based Energy Hubs, Council owned and run Anaerobic Digestion Plants, Smart PV Charging Points linked to the national grid and the conversion of the former swimming pool building in Castlebar to a Salt Water Battery facility.

11.3 - The submission asks that the Council enforces a zero-litter policy.

12: Chapter 12 - Settlement Plans

Topics: Community Consultation, Zoning in Moygownagh, New Greenway

- 12.1 The submission welcomes the many of the proposals in this section but feels it could be improved with direct consultations with local Community Councils through their Local Councillors.
- 12.2 The submission includes a map of Tier V Settlement Moygownagh showing additional land to the north of the village which it says that the Community wished included within an expanded village boundary.

13 Appendix III Municipal Projects

Topics: Foxford to Pontoon Greenway, Castlebar Military Barracks, New Military Barracks

- 13.1 The submission queries why there is no mention of the Foxford to Pontoon Greenway.
- 13.2 The Submission proposes a new greenway from Tirawley to Ballycastle.
- 13.3 The submission criticises what it sees as the lack of detail on the redevelopment of the Castlebar Military Barracks.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response General Comments

- 1.1 See response to NWRA observation 13 as per Appendix II of the CE Report.
- 1.2 Noted. This is not relevant to the Draft Plan.
- 1.3 Noted. The maps are considered fit for purpose.

Recommendation General Comments:

- 1.1- See recommendation to NWRA observation 13 as per Appendix II of CE Report.
- 1.2 1.3 No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 2:

- 2.1 Consultation is conducted in accordance with statutory requirements and also includes utilising the Public Participation Network forum as a mechanism to reach out to community groups and organisations.
- 2.2 Please refer to Section 2.7.2 of the Draft Plan.

Recommendation to Chapter 2:

2.1-2.2 - No change the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 3:

- 3.1 All Local Authority housing is built in accordance with Part L of the current Building Regulations.
- 3.2 The figure of 436 refers to the number of households, not individuals, requiring social and affordable housing over the lifetime of the plan.
- 3.3 Noted. Please refer to policies and objectives HSP 2, HSP 3, HSP 4, HSP 5, HSO 3 HSO, 4 and HSO 5 which address this issue.
- 3.4 Noted. See HSO 10.
- 3.5 This is not a matter for the Development Plan.

Recommendation Chapter 3:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 4:

- 4.1 This is covered in policies and objectives such as Strategic Objective S08 and others such as INP 15, INO 28, INO 29, INO 30. These are also underpinned by the forthcoming Mayo Digital Strategy 2021-2024.
- 4.2 Noted. It is considered that this issue is addressed in policies and objectives such as Strategic Objective S08 and others such as INP 15, INO 28, INO 29, INO 30.
- 4.3 The setting and application of commercial rates is not a matter for the Development Plan.
- 4.4 This is not a matter for the Development Plan.

Recommendation Chapter 4:

4.1-4.4 - No change to the Draft Plan

Response Chapter 5:

- 5.1 The Mayo Tourism Strategy Destination Mayo 2016-2021 involved extensive consultation with community groups, stakeholders, and the wider community through the public consultation process, under which many flagship projects were identified.
- 5.2 Projects of this nature are required to go out to public tender.
- 5.3 The issue is addressed under TRP 17, TRO 5 and TRO 9.
- 5.4 This is not a matter for the Development Plan.

Recommendation Chapter 5:

5.1-5.4 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 6:

- 6.1 -This is addressed under Strategic Objective SO 4, Strategic Aim: Movement and Transport and Policies MTP 1-3.
- 6.2 This is not a matter for the Development Plan.
- 6.3 Comments supporting the reopening of the WRC are noted. As regards the conversion of the disused rail line into greenways, the Council await the results of the all-island study as part of DoT Dfi(NI), which is proposed to formulate an all-island strategy for the future of rail on the island.
- 6.4 Noted. This can be considered under any future Sustainable Mobility Plan.
- 6.5 This issue is addressed under MTO 5, MTO 6, MTO 7 and MTO 8.
- 6.6 The enforcement of speed limits is not a matter for the Development Plan.
- 6.7 Noted. This issue is addressed under MTO 3.

Recommendation Chapter 6:

6.1 - 6.7 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 7:

- 7.1 This is a matter for Irish Water.
- 7.2 Noted. The issue of waste reduction may be addressed to a greater degree in any review of the Connacht Ulster Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021(as amended).

Recommendation Chapter 7:

7.1-7.2 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 8:

- 8.1 The PPN is the consultative arm which communities must consult.
- 8.2 It is considered that this issue is addressed under INO 30 and SCO 14.

Recommendation Chapter 8:

8.1-8.2 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 9:

- 9.1 Noted. It is considered that this issue is addressed under SCO 12.
- 9.2 Noted It is considered that this issue is addressed in INO 16, Cap 2 and Section 4.10 of Volume
- 2, Development Management Standards.

Recommendation Chapter 9:

9.1 - 9.2 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 10

- 10.1 Support for farmers as outlined is dealt with under Mayo County Councils' A Sustainable Agricultural Strategy Mayo, which has a Strategic Aim to "Ensure sustainability from an environmental perspective".
- 10.2 This is not a matter for the Development Plan.

Recommendation Chapter 10:

10.1 - 10.2 - No change to Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 11:

- 11.1 This is not a matter for the Development Plan.
- 11.2 This is addressed is addressed under REP 1, REP 5, REO, 3 and REO 5 and any review of County Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy.
- 11.3 This is not a matter for the Development Plan.

Recommendation Chapter 11:

11.1 - 11.3 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 12:

- 12.1 Consultation is conducted in accordance with statutory requirements and also includes utilising the Public Participation Network forum as a mechanism to reach out to community groups and organisations.
- 12.2 In exceptional cases, proposed (residential) developments within the consolidated zone boundary, that extend partially beyond the consolidated zone boundary, may be considered if it can be demonstrated that the development is compatible with the intrinsic character and scale of the settlement.

Recommendation Chapter 12:

12.1-12.2 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Appendix III:

- 13.1 Noted. The proposed Foxford to Pontoon forms part of the Inter-Urban Greenway between Ballina and Castlebar, see Map 6.1 in Chapter 5, Volume 1.
- 13.2 The proposed greenway is noted; however, it is not always feasible to list all proposed projects in the county in the Draft Plan.
- 13.3 Noted. The Project has been allocated funding under the URDF. It is not required to go into greater detail on the project in the Draft CDP.

Recommendation to Appendix III:

13.1 - 13.3 - No change to the Draft Plan.

SECTION 4 OTHER SUBMISSIONS RELATING TO CHAPTERS 3 TO 12 (VOLUME II)

Chapter 3 – Housing

Submission No:	MYO-C11-292
Submitted by:	Orla Reilly
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 3: Housing
	Topic: Housing

Summary of Submission:

This submission requests more consideration for granting planning permission for local landowners who work and grew up in the Westport Town area. Locals should be considered first especially if they have a family site (2km from Westport Town Centre) to build upon.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The rural area around Westport, Tier I towns and most Tier II towns are designated as a Rural Areas Under Strong Urban Influence in the Draft Plan (see Map 3.1). The identification and designation of such areas and their distinction from other rural areas where such pressure is not a factor, is required under National Policy Objective 19 in the NPF. Under RHO 1 applicants for houses in these areas are required to demonstrate a social or economic need to the rural area in which they want to build, see OPR point 10 (b) subject to considerations of proper planning and development.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-309
Submitted by:	Shane Conway
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 3: Housing
	Topic: Housing

Summary of Submission:

This submission requests more consideration for granting planning permission for local landowners who work and grew up in the Westport Town area. Locals should be considered first especially if they have a family site (2km from Westport Town Centre) to build upon.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Submission MYO-C11-292.

Recommendation:

Submission No:	MYO-C11-480
Submitted by:	Michael Geraghty
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: Roads

This submission seeks to amend MTP 20.

The author states that young people in Westport and other major towns are being refused planning permission near their family home because of prohibitive conditions and states if all safety measure, priority consideration of planning applications shall be given to local people with strong links to the area.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is considered that the provisions set out in MTP 20 of the Draft Plan are sufficient. See response to MYO-C11-292.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-458
Submitted by:	Conor Geraghty
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 3: Housing
	Topic: Housing

Summary of Submission:

This submission requests strong consideration for granting planning permission for local young people intrinsically linked and living within 2km of Westport and other towns in Mayo.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to MYO-C11-292.

Recommendation:

Submission No:	MYO-C11-417
Submitted by:	Michael Geraghty
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 3: Housing
	Topic: Housing

This submission seeks to amend RHO1 to give priority to local farming and non-farming families.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to MYO-C11-292.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-415
Submitted by:	Ger Geraghty
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 3: Housing
	Topic: Housing

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks to prioritise 'backlands' that are not linked to the primary residence and believe it would feed into TVHP5 as it would promote higher densities in Westport town centre.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

This submission is specific to Westport Town Centre which does not fall within the scope of the CDP and will be dealt with separately through the impending Draft Westport Local Area Plan (LAP) which is envisaged to go display in Q4 of 2021. A repeat submission would be welcomed when the Draft Westport LAP goes on public consultation. Any future consultation will be available to view/comment on www.consult.mayo.ie

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-522
Submitted by:	Ciara Beirne
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 3: Housing
	Topic: Housing

Summary of Submission:

This submission requests strong consideration for granting planning permission for local young people intrinsically linked and living within 2/3km of Westport town.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to MYO-C11-292.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-651
Submission by:	Ciara Moylette
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 3 – Housing
	Topic: Housing

Summary of Submission:

This submission discusses the authors wishes to build a dwelling on family-owned land within 2.5km of Westport. The author queries whether the CDP will allow Westport natives build on a family site in the area they grew up in.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to MYO-C11-292.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-648
Submission by:	Lynda McNally
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 3 – Housing
	Topic: Housing

Summary of Submission:

This submission discusses the authors planning concerns in attempting to build a house within 5km of Westport and her will to reside closer to Westport town centre. The author believes the council should give consideration to the amount of revenue she generates/employee numbers for the town when considering a planning application. The author refers to an attached document, however no document was attached.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Submission MYO-C11-292.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-292.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-687
Submission by:	Colin McDonagh
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Affordable Housing in Westport

The submission requests that Mayo County Council include a provision in the Development Plan for affordable housing in Westport.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The Draft Plan includes specific objectives regarding social and affordable housing in the county. These are HSO 2 and HSO 3.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-258
Submission by:	Fiona O'Grady
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Zoning outside Westport

Summary of Submission:

The submission requests that Mayo County Council include a provision in the Development Plan that would allow a person intrinsically linked to Westport be allowed to build a house on a green field site within a 2km radius of Westport.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Submission MYO-C11-292.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-292.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1002
Submitted by:	Sean Hallinan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Rural Housing

Summary of Submission:

This submission makes a number of suggestions for rural Mayo for inclusion in the CDP.

1. Covid 19 has illustrated that many people have returned to rural areas and are capable of working online and this trend shall be supported by MCC by having no impediments for people gaining planning permission for them reside locally.

- 2. The submission suggests an update to the list of Tier V settlements, the villages who participated in the Community Futures Programmes should be incorporated into the plan.
- 3. It is also suggested that MCC should give a 5-year rates exemption to help small rural businesses.
- 4. The submission also suggests grants shall be made available to upgrade derelict properties and other measures to support development in rural such as provision of services sites.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. Map 3.1 Rural Areas under Urban Influence illustrates that over 70% of Mayo is not within an area under urban pressure, there is no requirement to demonstrate an economic or social link when outside an urban pressure area. See response to MYO-C11-292.
- 2. The Community Futures process allows communities to identify their own ambitions for their overall community, it is not the same process in identifying settlements which are identified by a range of physical markers.
- 3. This does not fall within the remit of the County Development Plan
- 4. The provision of grants to improve derelict/vacant sites does not fall within in the remit of the CDP. GSO 4 & RSVP 9 supports the delivery of serviced sites in settlements.

Recommendation:

1 - 4. No change to the Draft CDP.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-989
Submitted by:	Ballintubber Gaa
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Rural Housing

Summary of Submission:

This submission on behalf of Ballintubber GAA discusses the issues are around rural decline and recent benefits the pandemic such as remote working and living in the countryside.

The club suggest a range of measure to address rural decline such as relaxation of strict planning conditions on planning application and make suggestions for MCC to provide a financial incentive to encourage people to renovate derelict properties and rejuvenate villages in their parish.

The club compliment MCC on the environmental efforts to save our lakes with reference made to Lough Carra. They suggest MCC to include contingency measures to address the pollution problems and continue to liaise with other environmental agencies.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to MYO-C11-292.

Recommendation:

Submission No.	MYO-C11-719	
Submission by:	Westport Chamber of Commerce	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 2 Core Strategy, Chapter 3 Housing, Chapter 4 Economic Development, Chapter 7 Infrastructure	

WCC submission welcome many aspects of the Draft Plan and raise the following issues:

1: Chapter 2 Core and Settlement Strategy

Topics: Town Boundary

1.1-The WCC would like to see the extension of the town boundaries to accommodate any increase in the town population.

2: Chapter 3 Housing

<u>Topics: Eligibility Criteria, Short Term Rentals</u>

- 2.1-WCC wish to see a review of the eligibility criteria for social housing which they see as too restrictive in terms of income.
- 2.2-They would also like to see new measures and greater monitoring to control the amount of short-term rental accommodation in the town in order to increase the number of properties available for long-term letting.

3: Chapter 4 Economic Development

Topics: Commercial/Industrial Zones, Work Pods, High Street Retail

3.1-WCC want MCC to identify and develop zones for the development of enterprise appropriate to the evolving Commercial and Industrial Markets, including the splitting of commercial and industrial zones, to recognise the different need that both require.

They would also like to see a plan for work pods and more space made available to support enterprise hubs growth in towns.

- 3.2-WCC would like to see greater emphasis in the draft plan around addressing the ongoing changes to the high street retail environment due to the increasing move to digital shopping. Perhaps incentives to investigate experiential experiences in retail based around grants or rates concessions.
- 3.3-WCC welcomes the forthcoming application for a Technical University for Castlebar and asks that MCC encourages large enterprises in the county to work with the TU on building appropriate courses.

4: Chapter 6 Transport and Movement

Topics: N5/N17 Connections, Electrical Demand, EV Charging Points

- 4.1-WCC wish to see greater investment to improve road connections linking the N5 to the N17 south of Claremorris, to enhance road connectivity to Galway and Sligo. They also wish to see continued investment to upgrade the Dublin/Westport/Ballina rail link for both passengers and freight.
- 4.2-WCC also wish to see a review of public transport links to IWAK/SDZ for the benefit of tourism and FDI in the county.

- 4.3-WCC want MCC to ensure the continuous and transparent review of the electrical demand and supply of major utilities in the county.
- 4.4-WCC wish to see greater supports around micro generation projects and sustainable transport.
- 4.5-WCC wish to see smart charging for electric vehicles introduced after engagement with all major manufactures of the most up to date technology.

5: Chapter 9 Built Environment

Topics: Dereliction

5.1--WCC feel that the draft plan should have specific policies or objectives on how to address derelict buildings in our towns and should consider selling off any council owned buildings if no plan for their redevelopment is included in the draft pan.

6: Chapter 5 Tourism

Topics: Coastal Areas

6.1-WCC would like to see greater development plans for coastal areas and the development of a Blue Way including beaches and marinas in the plan.

7: Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Topics: Offshore wind Energy

7.1- They also feel that MCC is not taking full advantage of potential offshore industries and the services around these industries, e.g., offshore wind energy.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response Chapter 2:

1.1-The demand for Residential lands in Westport shall be assessed as part of the upcoming Local Area Plan as per revised Core Strategy Table, see Appendix II.

Recommendation Chapter 2:

1.1-No change to Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 3:

- 2.1-This is not a matter for the Development Plan.
- 2.2-This is not a matter for the Development Plan.

Recommendation Chapter 3:

2.1-2.1 - No change to the Development Plan.

Response Chapter 4:

- 3.1 It is considered that the existing zoning categories in the Draft Development Plan can accommodate all forms of industry and enterprise.
- 3.2 This is not a matter for the Development Plan.
- 3.3 Noted.

Recommendations Chapter 4:

3.1-3.3 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 6:

4.1 - Investment in National Road Projects is a matter for Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

- 4.2 Noted.
- 4.3 Such a review is a matter for electricity providers and not the Local Authority.
- 4.4 Micro-generation projects are supported under Section 11.7.10.
- 4.5 This issue will be considered in the drafting of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) for Westport, which is committed to under MTO 1.

Recommendation Chapter 6:

4.1-4.5 - No change to Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 9:

5.1 - Measures to address dereliction in the Draft Plan are contained in SSO 6, BEP 12 and BEO 37 and it is envisaged that similar measures will be included in the Westport LAP when drafted. The sale of Council property is an operational matter and not a matter for the Development Plan.

Recommendation Chapter 9:

No change to Draft Plan.

Recommendation Chapter 5:

6.1 - This issue is addressed in TRP 28, TRP 29 and TRO 23.

Response Chapter 5:

6.1 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 11:

7.1 - Policies and objectives supporting offshore renewable energy projects include REP 2, REO 12, REO 13 and MTO 30.

Recommendation Chapter 11:

No change to Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-621
Submission by:	Breege Grealis
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 3 – Housing
	Topic: Social

Summary of Submission:

This submission discusses demountable cabins which are being provided by the council for persons whose homes are no longer fit for habitation.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The matter is addressed under HSP 5.

Recommendation:

Submission No.	MYO-C11-597
Submission by:	Mulranny Community Futures
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Mulranny Housing

The submission requests -

- 1. Additional housing in Mulranny
- 2. Expanded facilities for residential care including an Alzheimer's Unit.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. Mulranny is identified as a Tier IV Rural Settlement in the CDP. A single category mixed-use zoning applies to the rural settlement plans i.e. Rural Settlement Consolidation Zoning. Facilitating population growth through the provision of housing of suitable scale and character in these villages is considered paramount to ensuring their future vitality and viability. It is not considered appropriate to provide specific objectives for individual housing projects including in Mulranny in the written statement. The Draft Plan includes specific objectives regarding social and affordable housing in the county. These are HSO 2 and HSO 3. The Mayo Housing Needs Demand Assessment and Housing Strategy (Vol 4) will guide the development of social housing in County Mayo and objective HSO 1 supports this. Also, the development plan lists objective HSO 7 in Chapter 3, which supports Voluntary Housing Associations and other providers of social housing to secure the delivery of new housing of appropriate design and at appropriate locations.
- 2. The CDP acknowledges the requirement for residential care facilities and their appropriate citing into towns and villages through policy SCP 10. The CDP also acknowledges and supports the requirement for social infrastructure and health and wellbeing services through the following policies SPC 6, SPC 16, SPC 17, SPC 18.

Recommendation:

1-2. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-528
Submitted by:	Fintan Morrin (The Planning Partnership) on behalf of Brian Moran
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 2: Core & Settlement Strategy

Summary of Submission:

This submission makes two requests for inclusion in the CDP:

- 1. Confirmation from MCC that the planned Northern Regional Route which was proposed as part of the Castlebar Town Development Plan 2008-2014 is not an objective of the Planning Authority.
- 2. It is also requested that the CDP is more explicit in its provision for a range of housing densities

including service sites and appropriate flexibility to accommodate emerging and future housing/household requirements.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. This route relates to the Castlebar Town LAP, which will be reviewed in 2021, and is not within the remit of the Draft Plan.
- 2. A range of housing densities, house types and tenures are supported throughout the plan including the following: HSP 3, TVHP 2, TVHP 3, TVHP 5, TVHO 1, TVHO 2, TVHO 5.

Recommendation:

1–2. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1034
Submitted by:	Cllr. John O'Hara
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 3: Housing
	Topic – Density

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks provisions in the CDP to support the re-development of existing housing located near Tier I Strategic Growth Town Centres (Ballina, Castlebar & Westport) to achieve higher densities. The author states often residential areas near town centres are of a lower density and are highly energy inefficient and higher densities are being curtailed by green space requirements. It is also suggested to achieve higher densities/energy efficiencies, development should be encouraged upwards comprising of 2 and 3 storey units.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The provision of higher densities within Tier 1 Settlements is covered within the Draft Plan under Settlement Strategy Objective (SSO) 4 and Volume 2: Development Management Standards. Towns & Village Policy (TVHP) 5 also promotes higher residential densities in appropriate locations close to the town centre and along public transport corridors.

Recommendation:

Submission No.	MYO-C11-690
Submission by:	Balla CRD
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 3 - Housing

	Topic - Social	Housing in	ı Balla &	HNDA
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The submission requests the following to be included in the CDP –

- 1. Incentive from Mayo County Council to encourage property owners to make their properties available to rent, revamp or sell.
- 2. An affordable/social housing development in Balla.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. The Draft plan includes objectives regarding the procurement of vacant homes to facilitate the regeneration and repopulation of town and village centres for social and affordable housing provision including HSO 4 and HSO 5.
- 2. The Draft Plan includes objectives regarding social and affordable housing in the county. These are HSO 2 and HSO 3 The Mayo Housing Needs Demand Assessment and Housing Strategy (Vol 4) will guide the development of social housing in County Mayo and objective HSO 1 and HSO 7 supports this. It is therefore not considered appropriate to provide specific objectives for individual social housing projects including in Balla in the written statement.

Recommendation:

1 – 2. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-598
Submission by:	Cllr. Gerry Coyle
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 3 Housing

Summary of Submission:

The submission states that homes being built by returning Irish emigrants should not be considered as holiday homes and the proof of housing need should not apply to them.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Proof of housing need is not required for applicants outside of areas designated as being under strong urban influence or along scenic coastal routes, as outlined in RHO 2 and Rho 3 (see Map 3.1) and these non-designated areas equate to over 70% of the county. Housing need is required in areas where housing demand is driven by people living and working in urban areas, who wish to live in the countryside and includes second homes. MCC support strong and vibrant rural communities as identified through policy RHP 1 of the draft CDP, whilst also seeking to ensure that a balanced approach is taken to ensure the vibrancy of identified settlements in the county, as per Policy RHP 2.

Recommendation:

Chapter 4 – Economic Development

Submission No.	MYO-C11-311
Submission by:	Irish Concrete Federation
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 4: Economic Development
	Topic: Economy

Summary of Submission:

The submission made eight points; these are summarised below:

- 1. The ICF supports extractive industry policies/objectives in the Draft CDP.
- 2. The extractive industry needs appropriate support in the planning process.
- 3. Stronger control and enforcement are suggested on unauthorised development. A range of extractive industry publications/guidelines are suggested for inclusion in the Draft CDP.
- 4. Commit to granting longer permissions with terms commensurate with the resources available for extraction and further significant extensions to existing professionally managed quarries.
- 5. Amendments to the Development Contribution (DC) scheme for this industry.
- 6. A specific objective is requested regarding soil recovery and C&D waste.
- 7. Commitment to referring extractive development proposals to GSI would be welcomed.
- 8. Whole Life Cycle should be expressly stated in policies and objectives under section 9.4.2

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1-2. Noted.
- 3. Not a CDP matter.
- 4. Noted.
- 5. Development Contribution scheme will be reviewed in the near future, it is a separate process.
- 6 8. Noted.

Recommendation:

Submission No.	MYO-C11-312
Submission by:	SLR Consulting on behalf of Roadstone Ltd.
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 1: Introduction
	Chapter 2: Core & Settlement Strategy
	Chapter 4: Economic Development
	Volume 2: Development Management Standards
Summary of Submission:	
1. Chapter 1: Introduction	

1.1 - The observation suggests that MCC should consider using ICF's publications when compiling extractive industry policies for the CDP.

2. Chapter 2: Core Strategy

This observation discusses the proposed population growth as set out in Chapter 2 of the Draft CDP and the important role the extractive industry will play in facilitating this growth. The author suggest that the CDP should have an aim to:

2.1 - Safeguard areas of significant resources from incompatible developments to ensure the continued viability of the extractive industry.

3. Chapter 4: Economic Development

It is requested to add the following policies to:

- 3.1 Ensure provision of adequate aggregate recourses.
- 3.2 Safeguard valuable un-work deposits of aggregate resources.

4. Volume 2: Development Management Standards

It is requested to add the following to the CDP:

- 4.1 Restrict non extractive development in areas of significant extractive potential.
- 4.2 To ensure consistency with the DoEHLG and EPA environmental management guidelines for the sector, it is recommended that the term 'at the site boundary' under the <u>Noise</u> section on page 100 of the DM Standards is replaced by 'at the nearest sensitive receptor'.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1.1 4.1. Noted.
- 4.2 It is considered appropriate to follow best practices as set out by the EPA guidance, on a case-by case basis.

Recommendation:

1.1 – 4.2. - No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-734
Submission by:	Margaret Tallott
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5: Tourism, Chapter 2 Core and Settlement Strategy, Chapter 4: Economic Development

Summary of Submission:

1: Chapter 2 Core and Settlement Strategy

Topics: Coastal Corridor, Tier III Towns

1.1-The submission queries why the Coastal Corridor, which is recognised as a Strategic Economic Driver in Chapter 2 -Core and Settlement Strategy, is omitted entirely from Chapter 4-Economic Development.

1.2-The submission queries why Belmullet is the only Tier II town in the settlement strategy not to form part of an economic cluster and feels that this omission negates its potential to contribute to the economic development of the county.

2: Chapter 4 Economic Development

Topics: Circular Economy

2.1 - The submission contends that the potential of the Circular and bio economy needs to be reflected to a much greater degree in Chapter 4 and clear policy objectives outlined.

3: Chapter 5 Tourism

Topics: Belmullet Destination Town

- 3.1 The submission considers that, while Béal an Mhuirthead (Belmullet) was designated by Failte Ireland as a Tourism Destination Town in 2020, and while funding has been awarded to MCC from Failte Ireland to develop tourist facilities within the town, no strategic tourism projects are outlined within the draft development plan and therefore, Integration of these plans and other proposed tourist facilities should be outlined in the County Development Plan.
- 3.2 The submission states that Béal an Mhuirthead (Belmullet) should be designated as a 'Tourism Hub' in addition to Westport and Ballina due to its isolated location and the opportunity to market the town and the entire Erris peninsula under the Wild Mayo brand.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response Chapter 2:

- 1.1 Noted. The Coastal Zone Corridor is a high-level strategic concept as reflected in Map 2.1, whereas Chapter 4 includes policies and objectives promoting enterprise on a county level and also in relation to specific sectors such as agriculture and the marine.
- 1.2 See response to item 2.2 of Submission MYO-C11-674.

Recommendation Chapter 2:

1.1-1.2 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 4:

2.1 - Noted. The Council will support circular economy principles, prioritising prevention, reuse, recycling and recovery over the disposal of waste. Mayo County Council also provides an educational and awareness role among various groups and supports the Green Schools Programme to promote Environmental Education from a young age. INP 7 supports the implementation of the Connaught Ulster Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021(as amended) and the circular economy is central to this strategy.

Recommendation Chapter 4:

3.1 - No change to Draft Plan.

Recommendation Chapter 5:

- 3.1 As the CDP is a strategic land use plan it is not considered appropriate to include all individual projects. The request outlined about would be more appropriately placed in the Tourism Strategy 'Destination Mayo' or other specific tourism or Heritage plans.
- 3.2 The designation of Belmullet as a Tourism Hub is a matter for Failte Ireland and VDPs are supported under TRP 3.

Chapter 5 Recommendation

No change to Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-693
Submission by:	Iorras Domhnann Belmullet Tourist Office
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 - Tourism & Recreation
	Chapter 7 – Infrastructure
	Chapter 8 - Sustainable Communities
	Chapter 10 - Natural Environment
	Chapter 11 - Built Environment

Summary of Submission:

1. Chapter 5 - Tourism and Recreation

Topic: Belmullet: Destination Town

1.1 - Belmullet as a designated 'Destination Town on the Wild Atlantic Way' is not mentioned in the draft development plan, with no specific development projects outlined to progress.

Topic: Trails and greenways

1.2 - The submission requests that Mayo County Council should carry out a comprehensive survey of existing infrastructure. Planned trails requested for inclusion are listed. It is suggested that improvements to the N59 should accommodate the creation of a segregated cycleway.

2. Chapter 7 - Infrastructure

Topic: Marine facilities

- 2.1 Key objectives in terms of investment in landing facilities, floating dock and other marine infrastructures, are requested for inclusion in the CDP.
- 2.2 It is suggested that the channel of Broadhaven Bay on approach to the town docks, must be dredged.
- 2.3 It is suggested that the fixed road traffic bridge spanning the canal at Belmullet should be replaced with a swivel bridge.
- 2.4 The establishment of a marina facility, including safe harbour for smaller recreational vessels at Broadhaven is requested.

Topic: Roads

2.5 - The submission notes that there are no road projects in Erris is included in the outlined works listed in the plan. The N59 and R312 are cited.

3. Chapter 8 – Sustainable Communities

Topic: Cultural Centre

3.1 - Aras Inis Gluaire, Erris's bilingual arts centre is omitted from the plan. Strategic objectives to strengthen the arts and culture sector should be included as well as collaboration between the county's arts centres.

4. Chapter 9 – Built Environment

Topic: Belmullet Town Bellacorrick Bangor Erris, Ballycroy improvements, Environmental Hazards

- 4.1 It is suggested that Belmullet Town should be assessed for designation as an Architectural Conservation Area. A town development buffer zone is also suggested.
- 4.2 Public realm works (details listed) for Belmullet town is also requested for inclusion in the CDP.
- 4.3 It is suggested that Bangor Erris and Bellacorick and Ballycroy should receive village design statements and significant public realm improvement works.
- 4.4 It is suggested that key infrastructure developments should be integrated into the villages to further develop these rural villages.
- 4.5 The submission lists the former mushroom factory site at Barhauve, Belmullet as an environmental concern for the Erris region, and suggests that an environmental assessment should be undertaken to correctly decommission the site of any hazardous waste.

5. Chapter 10 - Natural Environment

Topic: Heritage Protection Dark Skies

- 5.1 The protection of the heritage assets of the region (listed) should be added to the list of National Monuments and actively protected.
- 5.2 The submission requests that further investigations to support the extension of the Ceide fields into Erris is undertaken.
- 5.3 The further protection of Ballycroy area dark skies and its expansion across the entire Barony of Erris should be outlined as a key objective.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response Chapter 5:

- 1.1 Belmullet designation as a Destination Town is listed in the draft plan in Section 5.4.2 which states 'Béal an Mhuirthead (Belmullet) has been designated as a Destination Town'. The destination town experience is supported through Policy TRP 5. There are numerous policies and objectives which support the work of Failte Ireland and other tourism organisations, and the tourism product in the county including TRP 1, TRP 3, TRP 4, TRP 7, TRO 1, TRO 2. As the CDP is a strategic land use plan it is not considered appropriate to include all individual projects. The request outlined above would be more appropriately placed in the Tourism Strategy 'Destination Mayo' or other specific tourism plans.
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Recommendation Chapter 5:

1.1 - 1.2 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 7:

2.1 - 2.4 - This is supported through policy MPT 23. Specific marine measures and marine related projects will be included in the County Marine Spatial Plan which is supported by the CDP through objective EDO 61. The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is therefore not considered appropriate to provide specific objectives for all individual marine related projects in the written statement.

2.5 - Both the N59 and R312 are listed for roads improvements in table 6.5 of the CDP. Supporting policies and objectives for roads projects throughout the county including Erris are MPT 18, 19, 20, 21 and MTO 23, 24, 25, 26, 27.

Recommendation Chapter 7:

2.1 - 2.5 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 8:

3.1 - Aras Inis Gluaire is highlighted in Section 8.4.8.1 Arts Centres and Libraries. It is supported through the County Councils Arts Strategy, Culture and Creative Strategy and Creative Ireland Programme, all of which are listed in the CDP and supported through policy SCP 25 and objective SCO 19. The request to include an objective for collaboration between arts centres is not considered appropriate for the CDP but would be better placed in one of the aforementioned strategies.

Recommendation Chapter 8:

3.1 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 9:

- 4.1 The Plan provides policies and objectives relating to the protection and conservation of the Architectural and Archaeological Heritage and includes an objective to investigate the feasibility of designating additional Architectural Conservation Areas during the Plan period including objective BEO 11. Further investigations will be taken during the plan period regarding the inclusion of Belmullet as an ACA. A town boundary has been identified for Belmullet on Map BT 1.
- 4.2 As a public realm plan for Belmullet is currently being prepared, it is considered acceptable to include a policy in support of public realm enhancements in the Belmullet Settlement plan.

<u>Topic: Bellacorrick Bangor Erris, Ballycroy improvements</u>

- 4.3 Public Realm works for all towns and villages are supported in the plan through numerous objectives and policies around urban renewal and regeneration. Strategic Objective 11 applies. Other policies and objectives are BEP 20, BEP 21, BEP 22, BEO 22, BEO 28, BEO 29, BEP 6. It is not considered necessary to include specific objectives or policies for every town and village as the aforementioned ones cover all towns and villages in the county.
- 4.4 It is considered that public realm proposals for specific spaces within each of these settlements would be an appropriate approach to enhancing these places, as opposed to VDS's as proposed. It is not considered necessary to list various infrastructure projects for every town and village. These proposals warrant inclusion in a specific tourism strategy or plan.

Topic: Environmental Hazards

4.5 - This request is outside the scope of the CDP and any development of this site would be dealt with under the development management process.

Recommendation Chapter 9:

- 4.1 No change to the Draft Plan
- 4.2 Insert policy to the Belmullet Settlement Plan as follows –

BTP: To support, where appropriate, proposals for the enhancement of the public realm within the town core.

4.3 - 4.5 - No change to the Draft Plan

Response Chapter 10:

- 5.1 The request to make additions/deletions to the RPS cannot be considered at this time as no deletions or additions to the RPS are proposed under the CDP. A review of the RPS will be undertaken separately from the CDP process, within a year of the adoption of the CDP and will include additions and deletions at County level. The review will be carried out in accordance with Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act to align with the reviews of the Town Development Plans being undertaken in 2021/2022.
- 5.2 Investigations into studies regarding the Ceide Fields and Whaling site are not considered appropriate for inclusion in the CDP. These investigations would be best placed in a Heritage Plan or similar. The County Mayo Heritage Plan is being reviewed in 2021 and will include an objective to carry out an industrial heritage survey which will make recommendations for inclusion in the RPS. The buildings and sites listed above will be examined at that point for inclusion in the RPS.
- 5.3 The plan includes numerous policies and objectives to support and protect the Dark Skies Park such as RSVP 6, TRO 7, TRP 20, NEO 43. It is not considered necessary to include an additional objective as stated above into the CDP.

Recommendation Chapter 10:

5.1 - 5.3 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 694
Submission by:	Avison Young on behalf of Tesco Ireland
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 4: Economic Development
Summary of Submission:	

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- The submission notes that lands where the Tesco store is located in Ballinrobe are zoned for Enterprise and Employment under the Draft Development Plan and feel this is not appropriate.
 A number of zoning objectives are suggested for the Ballinrobe Tesco site.
- 2. The importance of supporting existing retail operators through the safeguarding of delivery and access routes and spaces to undertake deliveries is cited in the submission. A retail survey and strategy could assess current retail provision in the County and explore ways to enhance the retail environment.
- 3. The submission points out that convenience retailing has specific requirements relating to the access, servicing, shape, size and morphology of sites and that larger convenience retailers will require extensive open areas of floorspace with associated car parking. Flexible land-use zonings should also be considered, when identifying potential sites for retail convenience developments. Also, the delivery process typically undertaken by large convenience retailers, involves large goods vehicles which may not be suited to using roads in tight urban areas.
- 4. The submission states the new Development Plan should reflect that modern stores are designed to be efficient and spacious and includes back of house areas 'click and collect' facilities as important factors.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. It is imperative that the core retail area is protected. Therefore, it is considered that in order to provide an adequate zoning allocation to reflect the use on the existing Tesco site in Ballinrobe, that will not impinge on the core retail area in town centres in Ballinrobe and other Tier II towns, it is necessary to add a footnote to the existing zoning matrix included in the plan.
- 2. The safeguarding of delivery and access routes and spaces to undertake deliveries is outside the scope of the CDP and will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis at development management level. Objective EDO 41 is to implement/review the Mayo County Retail Strategy. Supporting objectives include EDO 42 and 43.
- 3. All retail developments will be assessed in accordance with the sequential approach as set out in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012.
- 4. See response to item 3 above.

Recommendation:

- Amend Table 12.3: Land Use Matrix for Tier II Settlement Plans, Enterprise and Employment, to include the following after ...aforementioned uses. Extensions to existing retail premises will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 2 4 No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 634
Submission by:	Eoin McMahon
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 4: Economic Development
	Chapter 6: Movement and Transport

Summary of Submission:

- 1. The submission requests that Mayo County Council to take a proactive approach in preserving existing retail outlets, fostering native enterprises and converting vacant commercial premises into residential units. Suggestions are included.
- 2. The submission urges Mayo County Council to investigate the potential to utilise the now vacant Bank of Ireland premises in Ballyhaunis, Kiltimagh and Charlestown as remote working centres.
- 3. Reduce the amount of on street parking by relocating the main parking areas to short term parking areas on back land or on the periphery of the urban area. Convert the empty parking spaces into areas of greenery or seating linking to existing amenity areas.
- 4. The submission urges Mayo County Council to view the benefits of a greenway in relation to a rail network and to consider the establishment of dedicated greenways between the major population centres and cites the reconditioning of the Western Rail Corridor as a greenway.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

1. It is recognised that the retail sector is pivotal to regeneration and renewal of town centre areas, their economic viability and delivery of a high-quality public realm, built environment

and sense of place. Core shopping areas are identified in the Settlement Plans (Chapter 12) and it is a strategic aim to re-establish the primacy of town centres as commercial/retail hubs. The sequential approach to development will be applied to proposals for retail development in accordance with the Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

- 2. See response to item 5.7 of submission MYO C11 313. It is not considered appropriate to list all individual projects for conversion to remote working. This would be more suitably placed in a Chamber of Commerce Plan or similar.
- 3. See response to item 5.6 of Submission MYO-C11-313.
- 4. There is a comprehensive list of walking and cycling trails and greenways identified in the Plan and numerous supporting objectives and policies for same. It is considered that the suggested use of the WRC as a Greenway, (temporary or otherwise) would compromise the Council's objective of seeking its reinstatement as a railway and ultimately undermine the above objectives and obligations to the detriment of the long-term growth and sustainable development of the County and other counties through which it runs.

Recommendation:

- 1. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 2. See recommendation to item 5.7 of submission MYO-C11-313.
- 3. See recommendation to item 5.6 of Submission MYO-C11-313.
- 4. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-169
Submission by:	John Moran
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 4: Economic Development

Summary of Submission:

The submission relates to a rural development approach entitled '360 Degree Development'. The submission states that there is a case for remote working but not productive in the long term and that Mayo must be presented as a modern and progressive and 'right' place to work.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to item 5.7 of submission MYO-C11-313 regarding remote working. The overall vision for County Mayo as cited in Section 2.2 of the Draft Plan is in line with the vision put forward in the submission.

Recommendation:

Submission No.	MYO-C11-482
Submission by:	Peter Jordan

Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 4 – Economic Development
	Blue way marketing North Mayo

The submission requests that the Ceide Coast Blueway Brand is developed to promote tourism activity in the North Mayo area, which has a wealth of cultural resources and outdoor activities.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

The MCDP states that the RSES identifies the potential to develop additional tourism attractions of scale, building upon a significant number of outstanding natural assets and existing recreational attractions, as key to enabling the region to become a prominent destination for tourism, leisure and recreation activities. It highlights the need to build on the significant tourism potential of Ballina through investment in tourism-related infrastructure. Policy TRP 6 supports this. It is outside the scope of the CDP to develop a branding as requested. This request would be more appropriate for the tourism strategy Destination Mayo.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-674
Submission by:	Ballina Chamber of Commerce
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 4 - Economic Development
	Chapter 5 – Tourism and Recreation

Summary of Submission:

1. Chapter 5 – Tourism and Recreation

<u>Topic: Moy Estuary Development Plan</u>

- 1.1 The submission suggests that the MCDP includes a strong commitment to elements of the Moy Estuary Development Strategy 'A Shared Vision'
- 1.2 The submission requests the following should be included: Development of an off-road mixed-use Greenway linking Killala Ballina Enniscrone and development of the Quay area.
- 1.3 The Local Authority is asked to take leadership role in the action plan on marketing, the steering group and also the provision of resources and expertise.

2. Chapter 4 – Economic Development

Topic: Greening of Ballina

2.1 - Under Economic Development, greater emphasis on a green economy is proposed with particular reference to Ballina, as it works towards Irelands Greenest Town initiative, and it's commitment to becoming a Decarbonising Zone.

Topic: Growth Clusters

2.2 - Under Growth Clusters and Policy EDP 6 it is requested that the following are identified and included in the CDP - The Salmon Tech Valley Plan and Spatial and Economic North Mayo Plan.

Topic: AEC

2.3 - Regarding the Atlantic Economic Corridor, the submission suggests a further integration of AEC Development Principles in the CDP (These are listed in submission).

5. Chapter 7– Infrastructure

Topic: Roads Projects

3.1 - Regarding roads projects it is requested that MCC support and identify the lack of infrastructural investment in North Mayo in particular on the N26, in the CDP and highlights the need for support towards the N26.

Topic: Rail and Freight

3.2 - Regarding rail the submission requests investment in rail freight facilities at Ballina.

6. Chapter 1– Climate Action and Renewable Energy

- 4.1 The submission suggests that the Mayo County Development identify and use the basis of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals as a further core base for the development plan, but also to include Programme for Government Mission: A Green New Deal (principles listed).
- 4.2 The submission states that the Plan must acknowledge and include its commitment to a Low Carbon High Value (LCHV) Economy.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response Chapter 5:

- 1.1 It is considered appropriate to amend Policy TRP 6 by including an addition which supports the implementation of the Moy Estuary Plan in the Chapter 5 Tourism and Recreation.
- 1.2 The proposed Killala-Enniscrone Greenway is identified in the CDP on Map 6.1 which shows the existing and proposed strategic greenway network in County Mayo. TRP 6 already includes a section regarding the development of Ballina Harbour.
- 1.3 It is outside the remit of Mayo County Council to take a leadership role in a plan that was not written by or commissioned by the Council, which has not undergone an environmental assessment or is a statutory document. It is also outside the scope of the CDP to include such a policy or objective.

Recommendation Chapter 5:

- 1.1 Amend TRP 6 General Tourism Policies to include the following:
- TRP 6 To promote and support the continued strategic development of Westport, Ballina and Castlebar as tourist destinations through:
- (f) To support the implementation of the feasibility study entitled Moy Estuary, A Development Strategy, A Shared Vision, where appropriate.
- 1.2 to 1.3 No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 4:

2.1 - Objective CAO 7 is one of support for Ballina, as it works towards Irelands Greenest Town initiative. Reducing our Carbon footprint is a fundamental element of the Draft CDP and forms part of the vision for County Mayo within the Draft CDP. There are numerous policies and objectives listed throughout the plan which support this including – SO4, CSO 7, EDO 64, EDO 65, EDO66, MTP 5, MTP 7, NEO 19, CAP 1, CAP 6, REO 16.

- 2.2 An economic growth strategy has now been prepared for Ballina and North Mayo. It is considered appropriate to update and amend objective EDO 38 to reflect this.
- 2.3 In Sections 2.5.2 and 4.4.4 of the draft plan the AEC has been identified as a strategic economic driver. Principles of the AEC are referenced in section 4.4.4. There are numerous policies and objectives listed throughout the plan which support this including EDP 4, EDP 5, EDO 32, EDO 33, EDO 34, EDO 35, EDO 36.

Recommendation Chapter 4:

- 2.1 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 2.2 Amend objective EDO 38 as follows -

To prepare an economic growth strategy for Ballina and its supporting catchment To seek to support the implementation of the recommendations of the Ballina/North Mayo Growth Cluster Study to advance the economic development of North Mayo.

2.3 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 7:

3.1 - The N26 is listed in the table of road projects for improvement in the draft plan and objective MTO 27 supports this.

Appendix 3 lists proposed projects for the Ballina MD which includes a new Ring Road to the east of the town linking N26 (south of Ballina) to the N59 (north of Ballina), incorporating a new river crossing and a western relief road, from N26 (south of Ballina) to N59 (west of Ballina)

3.2 - Rail and Freight services are supported through policies MTP 9, 10 and 11 and objectives MTO 15-18. Local Transport Plans will be prepared in tandem with Local Area Plans for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport. Further details regarding rail will be included in these plans.

Recommendation Chapter 7:

3.1 - 3.2 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 1:

4.1 - The draft plan is underpinned by the UN Sustainable Development Goals (Section 1.4) and the strategic aims and development objectives in the Plan are proofed against the SDGs.

The European Green Deal includes key policies aimed at ambitiously cutting emissions, preserving Europe's natural environment and investing in cutting-edge research and innovation. It sets out an achievable roadmap that will ensure the EU's economy becomes sustainable by turning climate and environmental challenges into opportunities across all policy areas that will result in economic growth and jobs. It is considered appropriate to include details regarding the Green New Deal into the plan.

4.2 - Regarding an acknowledgement and commitment to a low carbon high value economy see response to item 2.1 above

Recommendation Chapter 1:

4.1 - Amend Section 1.5 to include the following details on the European Green Deal:

Climate Action

Climate change impacts are currently experienced worldwide. Coastal areas in western parts of Europe, such as Ireland, can expect more heavy rain, higher risk of flooding from rivers and higher risk of storms in winter. County Mayo is particularly vulnerable to river, coastal/tidal flooding,

drought, colder winters as well as surface water flooding arising from heavy rain. Tackling climate change is a top priority for the EU and the European Commission has presented a package of measures designed to make Europe the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050. The European Green Deal includes key policies aimed at ambitiously cutting emissions, preserving Europe's natural environment and investing in cutting-edge research and innovation. It sets out an achievable roadmap that will ensure the EU's economy becomes sustainable by turning climate and environmental challenges into opportunities across all policy areas that will result in economic growth and jobs. Furthermore, the National Climate Action Plan (2019) sets out a course of action to address the impacts of climate change on Ireland's environment, society, economic and natural resources.

4.2 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-6 MYO-C11-600
Submission by:	Joe Mellett
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 4: Economic Development
	Chapter 5: Tourism

Summary of Submission:

- 1. The submission queries how Swinford, a Tier II Self-Sustaining Growth Town in the Settlement Strategy, can be assisted in becoming a smore self-sustaining town and suggests that the town be included in a 4th economic Growth Cluster in the county along with the towns of Charlestown, Kilkelly, Kiltimagh and Foxford.
- 2. The author sees potential to develop a series of greenways throughout the county that link to the shrine at Knock thereby rivaling the Camino in Spain as a world-renowned pilgrim trail.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. Noted. Swinford, Foxford and Charlestown are incorporated into the Cluster Study for Ballina and North Mayo. See response to item 2.2 of Submission MYO-C11-674.
- 2. Noted. The proposal lacks sufficient clarity in terms of location and extent; however, it is considered that the suggestion is addressed in TRP 14 (a).

Recommendation:

- 1. See Recommendation to item 2.2 of Submission MYO-C11-674.
- 2. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-748
Submission by:	Cllr. Mark Duffy
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Economic Development

The submission requests the following - the protection of Green Space in the town centre, master plans, roofing of footpaths/ town centre, an IDA park, protection and enhancement of Augustinian Abbey, astroturf pitch and an indoor dome structure, basketball courts, a Joe Biden Centre, bridges, skate and amenity parks.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

A number of these points are included in Appendix 3 which lists projects for the Ballina MD to be carried out over the plan period. Other points relate to the Ballina Town LAP, which will be reviewed in 2021, and are not within the remit of the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-537
Submitted by:	John Calvey
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 4: Economic Development
	Topic: Employment, Economy

Summary of Submission:

It is requested that the CDP needs to be cognisant of the Remote Working movement as a way to create sustainable jobs and to lobby for legislation which would underpin the right to work remotely and provide facilities to facilitate remoting working through improved broadband and developing work hubs etc.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to item 5.7 of submission MYO-C11-313.

Recommendation:

Chapter 5 - Tourism & Recreation

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 1
Submission by:	Michelle Gavin
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5: Tourism and Recreation

Summary of Submission:

The submission seeks to repurpose the old Castlebar swimming pool as an indoor skate park with a cafe/retail unit and community garden.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

This request relates to the Castlebar Town LAP, which will be reviewed in 2021, and is not within the remit of the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-723
Submission by:	Failte Ireland
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 Tourism and Recreation
	Chapter 6 Movement and Transport
	Chapter 9 Built Environment

Summary of Submission:

1. Chapter 5: Tourism

- 1.1 Regarding Section 5.4.2- Fáilte Ireland's Settlement Approach it is requested that the opening paragraph of this section should be removed and replaced with commentary relating to Regional Tourism Plans (included).
- 1.2 Regarding Destination Experience Development Plans (DEDPs), it is requested to amend the wording of TRP 3. The submission also requests an objective acknowledging and supporting these Destination Experience Development Plans and an objective supporting continued collaboration with Fáilte Ireland and tourism stakeholders.
- 1.3 Regarding Section 5.4 Tourism Map, it is suggested to include a single tourism strategy map which should illustrate key nodes of tourism activity, existing transport links between nodes and identified routes including greenways and blueways, strategic tourism centres, sensitive environments, areas of unrealised tourism potential and branding.
- 1.4 Regarding Section 5.4.3.1 Key Pillar 1: Tourism Categories, it is stated that Mayo County Council should promote accessible tourism in the county. This entails ensuring that facilities are accessible to people with mobility issues, people with learning disabilities, visual or hearing

impairment, young children and elderly people. The submission requests a proposed amendment to text, in Section 5.4.3.1.

- 1.5 Regarding Activity, Adventure and Sports Tourism, it is requested that an objective be included which supports the development of facility centres for water-based activities in the county to help sustainably manage the increased interest in water sports activities in certain locations.
- 1.6 Section 5.4.3.3 Key Tourism Pillar 3: Flagship Infrastructure Projects The submission suggests that specific reference to key strategic tourism projects is incorporated into the CDP.
- 1.7 Regarding the Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Points, it is requested to include a specific policy to develop a masterplan or visitor traffic management plan at Downpatrick Head-Discovery Point.
- 1.8 It is requested to amend wording of TRP 27 to include 'maintenance'.
- 1.9 Regarding the Section titled 'Wild Atlantic Way- Discovery Point' It is considered that an alternative wording should be provided here to more accurately represent the revised proposals.

2. Chapter 6- Movement & Transport

- 2.1 Section 6.4.1.3 Bus it is suggested that the CDP should identify as a priority the provision of a wider range of targeted public transport options. A suggestion for this is the extension of the Rural Transport Network (Local Link Services).
- 2.2 Improved electric vehicle charging facilities for bikes and cars are suggested.
- 2.3 Improved public transport connections between IWAK and the key tourism hubs and along the Wild Atlantic Way. Proposed text on this suggested for Section 6.4.1.2.

3. Chapter 9- Built Environment

- 3.1 Regarding section 9.4.3, the submission outlines the importance of identifying towns and villages as important attractions in themselves and ensuring a strong focus and investment in placemaking to create quality places for all including visitors.
- 3.2- It is suggested to insert a proposed new policy into section 9.4.3 as follows *To support the implementation of a Town & Village Centre Paint Scheme*

Chief Executive Response and Recommendation:

Response Chapter 5:

- 1.1 It is considered appropriate to replace the wording in Section 5.4.2 to reflect the current Failte Ireland strategy as per the submission.
- 1.2- It is considered appropriate to change the wording of TRP 3 to reflect the current strategy being undertaken by Failte Ireland and to include an acknowledgement and support of Destination Experience Development Plans in this section also.

The request for an objective supporting continued collaboration with Fáilte Ireland and tourism stakeholders is already acknowledged through Policies TRP 1-4 therefore it is not considered necessary to include an additional objective stating this.

- 1.3 The tourism map as proposed would be more appropriately placed in the County Council Tourism Strategy, or similar tourism plan.
- 1.4 The importance of an accessible tourism product is highlighted in the plan. It is not considered necessary to include it as a separate category of tourism in the plan, or to include a specific objective around undertaking accessibility audits. It is also considered that Policy TRO2 addresses accessibility.

- 1.5 This is covered by policies TRP 11, TRP 31 and TRO 24
- 1.6 These points are noted, however changes to the draft plan are not considered necessary. A number of these projects are listed throughout the chapter, as is support for Failte Ireland. Flagship infrastructure projects identified in the County Council Tourism Strategy are also listed and therefore No change to the Draft Plan. is warranted.
- 1.7 It is considered appropriate to include a policy to support the development of a master plan for traffic management at Downpatrick Head.
- 1.8 It is considered appropriate to modify the wording of Policy TRP 27 to include the word 'Maintenance'.
- 1.9 It is considered appropriate to include an alternative wording for the description of works at Keem Bay.

Recommendation Chapter 5:

1.1 - Amend Section 5.4.2 as follows:

5.4.2 Fáilte Ireland's Settlement Approach

Fáilte Ireland has identified a strategic approach to building tourism considerations into the settlement hierarchy. This involves the identification, prioritisation and strengthening of the 3-tier concept of 'Always On' (Hub), 'Seasonal' (Service Centre) and 'Attraction', with maximum development and minimal seasonality at the Hub. Westport and Ballina are identified as 'Hubs' as both have the greatest potential offering to tourism. In terms of 'Service Centres', these include settlements such as Newport and Beal an Mhuirthead (Belmullet).

5.4.2 Regional Tourism Plans (RTPs)

Fáilte Ireland are in the process of preparing Regional Tourism Plans for each of the four Regional Experience Brands (Dublin, Wild Atlantic Way, Ireland's Ancient East and Ireland's Hidden Heartlands). The purpose of the Regional Tourism Plans is to identify the sustainable tourism development priorities that will help to unlock the commercial potential of the region bringing benefits to all stakeholders and industry. Each plan will be prepared based on the VICE model which is a methodology for working towards sustainable tourism that seeks to strike an appropriate balance between the needs of the Visitor, the Industry and Community and the Environment. The plans will be for the period to 2025 and will be grounded in the Fáilte Ireland's new Corporate Strategy. There will be a strong spatial element to the plans which will seek to identify where development should take place in order to unlock the tourism potential of the region.

1.2 - Amend wording of TRP 3 as follows:

To support the work of Fáilte Ireland and the strategic growth of tourism development in the County through:

(a)The implementation of Fáilte Irelands designations 'Always On' Hubs, 'Seasonal' Service Centres and 'Attractions' within the county.

To support the implementation of the Wild Atlantic Way Regional Tourism Plan and the implementation of Fáilte Irelands Visitor Experience Development Plans (VEDP's) for Clew Bay and North Mayo/Erris and Destination Experience Development Plans (DEDP's).

- 1.3 1.6 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 1.7 Amend Policy TRP 27 listed in 5.4.3.3 Key Tourism Pillar 3: Flagship Infrastructure Projects to include the following -

- (g) To support the preparation of a masterplan and/or visitor traffic management plan at Downpatrick Head-Discovery Point.
- 1.8 Amend Policy TRP 27 as follows:

To support the promotion of the Wild Atlantic Way in its role to grow the economic contribution of tourism along its route, through the maintenance, upgrade and improvement of the touring network, facilities and visitor attractions through:

- 1.9 Amend section 5.4.3.3 Key Tourism Pillar 3: Flagship Infrastructure Projects, Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Points to include the following –
- "... Planning and design of a unique and architecturally striking interpretation signature discovery point is ongoing for Keem Bay, including improved walk access and improved toilet facilities. It is intended that this Signature Point will magnetise visitors to the Wild Atlantic Way and Achill, in particular".

Response Chapter 6:

- 2.1 This is outside the scope of the CDP which is a strategic land use plan. Local Link Services are supported in the plan through policy MTP 8.
- 2.2 This suggestion is supported throughout the plan including objective MTO 3.
- 2.3 It is considered appropriate to include additional policies regarding improved public transport accessibility to IWAK and key tourist hubs.

Recommendation Chapter 6:

- 2.1 2.2 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 2.3 Insert the following policies in Section 6.4.1.2 under MTP 8

MTP: To support improvements to public transport accessibility to and from Ireland West Airport Knock (IWAK).

MTP: To support improvements to public transport accessibility to and from key tourism hubs and visitor attractions.

Response Chapter 9:

- 3.1 The Plan supports the hierarchy of high quality, vibrant, consolidated and attractive urban and rural settlements, and aims to improve the quality of the built fabric of Mayo's towns and villages by applying the principles of placemaking. Place making is a central theme to the development plan and is highlighted through section 9.4.3 and numerous policies and objectives including BEP 20-25, and BEO 22-32. Public Realm Plans are being prepared for various towns and villages. Support for improved public realm areas is also highlighted throughout the plan.
- 3.2 It is not considered appropriate to include the proposed policy as the CDP is a strategic land use plan. This policy would be best placed in a public realm plan or similar.

Recommendation Chapter 9:

3.1 - 3.2 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-692
Submission by:	Primbrook Investments Ltd

Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 - Tourism and Infrastructure
	Chapter 6 – Movement and Transport

1. Chapter 6 - Movement and Transport

Topic: Roads Policies & Strategy for Downgraded N5

1.1 - The submission notes that with the completion of the ongoing Westport to Turlough Road N5 Road Scheme, the existing N5 passing the subject site would most likely be downgraded to a local road, along with the Castlebar Relief Road as a whole. As a result, the submission suggests that the Planning Authority, at a county level, recognise the importance of the transition of this road to a local road, and the opportunities for its role to transition to intra urban traffic, from its current primary role to serve inter urban traffic. Actions are identified for inclusion in the CDP.

2. Chapter 5 - Tourism and Recreation

2.1- The submission notes that the subject site is intended to provide a substantial tourism element, including hotel with conference facilities. It is also noted that there are limited tourism policies and objectives for Castlebar. It is considered that the County Development Plan would encourage the expansion of tourism facilities in Castlebar, in addition to other settlements, and to outline appropriate policies and objectives. It is also considered appropriate that the County Development Plan would encourage the expansion of conference and associated business tourism facilities in Castlebar, in addition to other settlements, and to outline appropriate policies and objectives. Rationale is provided for the inclusion of business tourism objectives and policies in the plan. The submission requests that the following be included in the CDP:

"TRP 6 (j) Promote the development of Castlebar as a nationally important events, conference and business tourism hub, including through leveraging existing local assets such as Breaffy House Resort, the Royal Theatre and the Castlebar Regional Training Centre, and expanding the scale and capacity of hotel and other accommodation within the town."

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response Chapter 6:

1.1 - 1.3 - The requests proposed are considered premature as the N5 will not be downgraded until such a time as the new N5 route is completed. It has not been determined what status of road the current N5 will become following downgrading.

Recommendation Chapter 6:

1.1 - 1.3 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 5:

2.1 It is considered appropriate to include an addition to Policy TRP 6 in line with the proposed addition in the submission.

Recommendation Chapter 5:

2.1 - Amend Policy TRP 6 to include the following -

TRP 6 To promote and support the continued strategic development of Westport, Ballina and Castlebar as tourist destinations through:

'(j) Promote the development of Castlebar as a nationally important events, conference and business tourism hub, including through leveraging existing local assets such as Galway Mayo Institute of Technology, Castlebar Campus, Castlebar Regional Training Centre, Breaffy House Resort, the Royal Theatre, and expanding the scale and capacity of hotel and other accommodation within the town.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-1006 MYO-C11-786
Submission by:	Castlebar Athletics Group New Castlebar Track Group
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5: Tourism and Recreation

Summary of Submission:

The submissions relate to the proposals for a new running track and associated facilities which forms part of Phase 2 of the National Outdoor Pursuits Academy at Knockaphunta Castlebar. The submission requests the development of the track and associated facilities in Castlebar to be prominently included in the Development plan

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

This request relates to the Castlebar Town LAP, which will be reviewed in 2021, and is not within the remit of the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-257
Submission by:	Peter Jordan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 Tourism
	Branding Wild Atlantic Way

Summary of Submission:

The submission states - Increase visitor numbers exponentially by marketing Co. Mayo as Destination Westport in South Mayo with 'The Ceide Coast Blueway' in North Mayo.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

There are numerous policies and objectives in the CDP relating to tourism and recreation in the Ballina region and North Mayo including – TRP 6, TRP 16, TRO 10 and TRP 24. The MCDP states that the RSES identifies the potential to develop additional tourism attractions of scale, building upon a significant number of outstanding natural assets and existing recreational attractions, as key to

enabling the region to become a prominent destination for tourism, leisure and recreation activities. It highlights the need to build on the significant tourism potential of Ballina through investment in tourism-related infrastructure. Policy TRP 6 supports this. It is outside the scope of the CDP to develop a branding as requested. This request would be more appropriate for the tourism strategy Destination Mayo.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-101
Submission by:	Lisa Gallagher
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 – Tourism and Recreation
	Topic – Trail, Failte Ireland, Walking
Summany of Submissions	

Summary of Submission:

The submission relates to concerns regarding a proposed 6km looped walk/heritage trail at Slievemore, Achill. The project stretches from the Deserted Village to the Megalithic Tomb and onto the Court Tomb. The submission cites the Architectural and Heritage Protection Guidelines, namely article 14.6.3. The submission requests clarification on whether archaeological and environmental surveys have been carried out to completion prior to the commissioning of this development.

The submission states that the use of machinery in the preparation of the trail has been witnessed. Photographs are attached. The submission states that reports of a damaged archaeological structure, caused previously by heavy machinery, within the main site has also been documented.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The proposed trail is currently undergoing archaeological assessments and there is an archaeologist on site carrying out investigations on the trail. Mitigation measures for the protection of the archaeological heritage of the site will be included in the assessment. Details regarding this can be accessed through the Tourism Section of Mayo County Council.

Any illegal works being carried out on this land are a matter for the enforcement section of Mayo County Council and outside the scope of the CDP.

Recommendation:

1-2 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-630
Submission by:	IRD North Mayo West Sligo Ltd
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter (s):	Chapter 5 - Tourism and Recreation
	Topic: Tourism

Chapter 6 – Movement and Transport

Topic: Airport, Roads, Walking

Chapter 7 – Infrastructure

Topic: Waste

Chapter 8 – Sustainable Communities

Topic: Community, Age Friendly, Inclusion, Disability,

Recreation

Chapter 10 – Natural Environment

Topics – Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity, Invasive, Species

Appendix III - Municipal District Projects

Summary of Submission:

1. Chapter 5- Tourism and Recreation

1.1 - The submission supports the Ballina Lions Club recommendation that the MCDP includes a strong commitment to elements of the 'Moy Estuary Development Strategy; A Shared Vision' and also the submissions to the Draft CDP made by the Ceide Coast Community Company.

2. Chapter 6 – Movement and Transport

Topic: Roads Projects Infrastructure and Mobility Waste Management Broadband

- 2.1 The submission raises concerns that the N26 upgrade is not listed in the higher-level National Plans as funding for this scheme is very important for connectivity in the region. The submission also highlights that connectivity between Knock Airport and Ballina needs to be enhanced to increase access to North Mayo and should be prioritised.
- 2.2 It is pointed out that many of the roads in North Mayo should be improved and maintained.
- 2.3 The submission states that maintenance and further development of existing infrastructure is fully inclusive and addresses the needs of those with reduced mobility.
- 2.4 Section 7.4.2 Waste Management additional objectives are recommended for inclusion in the plan.
- 2.5 The submission emphasises the need for the provision of high quality, high speed broadband.

3. Chapter 8 – Sustainable Communities

Topics: Deprived Communities, Supports for older People, Volunteering

- 3.1 Regarding Policy SCP 1 the submission states that there needs to be an increased understanding that communities in deprived areas, with low populations and high emigration will have more often need to build capacity to deliver on community projects and face more challenges securing match funding. This needs to be translated into the allocation of community funding budget allocations.
- 3.2 Regarding Section 8.4.4.3 Older People supports to older people in Mayo should be prioritised and enhanced. It is recommended in Chapter 6 that more detailed recognition of the mobility requirements of older people in our towns and villages as well as access to public transport is included.

- 3.3 Regarding Policy SCP 13 the submission states that volunteering and the Mayo Volunteer Centre should be highlighted in the Draft plan as a significant resource for social inclusion in Mayo.
- 3.4 Regarding Objective SCO 14 the submission highlights the work of Moy Valley Resources on the Military Barracks in Ballina and states that this project needs to be prioritised due to a shift towards remote working.

4. Chapter 10 - Natural Environment

- 4.1 The submission notes a lack of environmental focused projects identified for the Ballina MD and has listed some noteworthy projects for the attention of Mayo County Council
- 4.2 Regarding Section 10.4.5 Invasive Species the submission requests that further objectives on invasive species be included. Another objective requested for inclusion is one outlining the Councils support of the reduction in the use of chemicals.

5. Ballina MD projects

5.1 - The submission requests a commitment to a list of projects for the Ballina Municipal District in the CDP. Development of a cohesive community groups network, as many community groups are working in isolation rather than collectively.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response Chapter 5:

1.1 - See response to Submission MYO-C11-674.

Recommendation Chapter 5:

1.1 – See recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-674.

Response Chapter 6:

- 2.1 The N26 is listed in the table of road projects for improvement in the draft plan and objective MTO 27 supports this.
- 2.2 Roads Projects are listed in Table 6.6 of the Draft Plan. The R312 is a Strategically Important Regional Road and the existing and future capital investment of these roads are safeguarded in Policy MPT 18.
- 2.3 See response to item 3.13 of Submission MYO-C11-678.
- 2.4 Noted. It is not considered noted add an additional objective as requested around illegal dumping. Objective INO 15 supports local communities regarding this issue with the Environmental Enforcement Officer.
- 2.5 See response to item 5.4 of Submission MYO-C11-313.

Recommendation Chapter 6:

- 2.1 2.2 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 2.3 See recommendation to item 3.13 of Submission MYO-C11-678.
- 2.4 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 2.5 See recommendation to item 5.4 of Submission MYO-C11-313.

Response Chapter 8:

- 3.1 Community funding budgets are outside the scope of the CDP. Details regarding areas of deprivation are included in SICAP and RDP plans and are not required to be included in a development plan which is a strategic land use document.
- 3.2 See response to item 3.13 of Submission MYO-C11-678.
- 3.3 It is not considered necessary to list every organisation in Mayo who work in the areas of social inclusion.
- 3.4 It is not considered appropriate to list all individual projects in the CDP which is a strategic land use plan.

Recommendation Chapter 8:

- 3.1 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 3.2 See recommendation to item 3.13 of Submission MYO-C11-678.
- 3.3 3.4 No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 10:

- 4.1 It is not considered necessary to include details of all individual environmental focused projects in the CDP which is a strategic land use plan.
- 4.2 The County Development Plan is primarily a land use plan is not considered the most suitable document through which to spread awareness of invasive species. The subject is discussed in Mayo County Council's Heritage Section publications, the County Mayo Biodiversity Plan 2016-2021 and the Draft Ballina Biodiversity Plan. The website Invasivespeciesireland.com is also a useful source of information. The aforementioned plans along with the suite of plans compiled by the Heritage Section and Environment Section of Mayo County Council are best placed for including objectives regarding vegetation control.

Recommendation Chapter 10:

4.1 - 4.2 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Ballina MD:

5.1 - The following are already supported through various policies and objectives in the CDP – Development of the Harbour area, Festivals, Toilet facilities at tourist sites, pedestrian accesses, tracks and trails including Monasteries of the Moy, Astroturf pitch in Ballina. The CDP is a strategic land use plan and it is not appropriate to list all individual projects. Specific projects would be more appropriately placed in the County Council Tourism Strategy or other strategies. Furthermore, projects specific to Ballina town and environs will be listed in the Ballina LAP when prepared in 2021/2022. The development of a community groups network is outside the scope of the CDP and best placed as a project with the Community Section or LCDC.

Recommendation Ballina MD:

5.1 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-184
Submission by:	Michael McNamara
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5: Tourism and Recreation,

Topic: Tourism
Moy Estuary Study

The submission relates to the Moy Estuary Development Strategy. The submission details the contents of the study. The submission requests that Mayo County Council take a strong leadership role and commit to the action plan including provision of resources and expertise. The submission requests that the recommendations of the Marketing Strategy are included in the Plan.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to item 1 of Submission MYO-C11-674.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to item 1 of Submission MYO-C11-674.

Submission No.(s)	MYO-C11-425
	MYO-C11-426
	MYO-C11-365
Submission(s) by:	Cllr. Seamus Weir
	Cllr. Mark Duffy
	Ballina Lions Club
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Tourism and Infrastructure on the Moy Estuary, Ballina

Summary of Submission:

The same submission has been made by 3 people.

- 1. The submissions recommend that the MCDP includes a strong commitment to elements of the Moy Estuary Development Strategy.
- 2. The submissions request the following should be included: Development of an off-road mixed-use Greenway linking Killala Ballina Enniscrone and development of the Quay area.
- 3. The Local Authority are requested to take a strong leadership role in the action plan on marketing, the steering group and also the provision of resources and expertise.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. See response to item 1 of Submission MYO-C11-674.
- 2. The proposed Killala-Enniscrone Greenway is identified in the CDP on Map 6.1 which shows the existing and proposed strategic greenway network in County Mayo. TRP 6 already includes a section regarding the development of Ballina Harbour.
- 3. It is outside the remit of Mayo County Council to take a leadership role in a plan that was not written by or commissioned by the Council, which has not undergone an environmental

assessment or is a statutory document. It is also outside the scope of the CDP to include such a policy or objective.

Recommendation:

- 1. See recommendation to item 1 of Submission MYO-C11-674.
- 2 3. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-631
Submission by:	Michael O'Boyle
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 – Tourism and Recreation
	Topic: Tourism

Summary of Submission:

This submission discusses the authors involvement with the 'EU Cycle Friendly Employer' project in Ireland and states the objective of this project is to achieve a European standard of Cycle Friendly accreditation for Mayo as Irelands leading cycle-friendly destination.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-728
Submission by:	Bekan Development Committee
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Tourism and Recreation and Sustainable Communities

Summary of Submission:

The submission is for the establishment of a Regional Centre for Football Development at CMS Park, Cloonlee Knock.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is not considered appropriate to list all individual projects in the CDP which is a strategic land use plan. This project would be more appropriately placed in the Healthy Mayo Strategy or County Outdoor Play and Recreation Strategy.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-753

Submission by:	Cllr. Mark Duffy
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 – Tourism and Recreation

The submission is requests that the development of Greenways from Ballina to Killala, Enniscrone, Crossmolina and Foxford should be considered.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

This is adequately addressed in the draft plan. An inter-urban greenway is proposed for Castlebar to Ballina via Foxford and onto Sligo via Enniscrone is supported in the CDP and identified on Map 6.1. Policy TRP 6 includes the development of the greenway from Ballina to Killala. Objective MTO 10 supports the development of a network of greenways.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.:	MYO-C11-481
Submitted by:	Keep Ireland Open KIO
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation
	Topic: Public Rights of Way, Environmental, Heritage and
	Landscape Protection.
Summary of Submissions	

Summary of Submission:

1-General Overview.

Topics: Current Development Plan, Planning Acts, Guidelines.

- 1.1 The submission begins with an overview expressing disappointment that the draft plan does not include policies which were contained in the 2014 Plan, or the provisions of adjoining counties.
- 1.2 The submission also states that the Draft CDP fails to comply with numerous documents including Planning & Development Acts, Plans in adjoining Counties, D0ECLG Guidelines, Heritage Act 1995, National Heritage Plan, NWRAs RSES & Development Plan Guidelines.

2-Chapter 4 Economic Development

Topics: Agriculture, Extractive Industries, Forestry

- 2.1 KIO request the Insertion of an additional paragraph in 4.4.9 stating that Commonage and other rough grazing land should be regarded primarily as an important recreational, environmental and amenity resource.
- 2.2 KIO request Insertion of an additional objective regarding the protection of rural amenity and heritage from agricultural practices.
- 2.3 KIO request the insertion of an additional Objective recognising the role of farmers as custodians of the countryside.

- 2.4 KIO seek insertion of additional objective promoting the adoption of a land use strategy at national level.
- 2.5 KIO propose to Amend EDO 59.
- 2.6 KIO propose to merge EDP 28 with EDO 59.
- 2.7 KIO propose to insert new policies regarding ROW's in quarry developments and developments adjoining quarries.
- 2.8 KIO request the inclusion of a new sub-section titled, Commercial Forestry and suggest text, policies, and objectives to be included therein.
- 2.9 KIO request the inclusion of a new sub-section titled, Commercial Developments in the Countryside and suggest a policy to be included therein.

3. Chapter 5 - Tourism & Recreation

Topics: Walking Trails, Forestry, Coastal Access

- 3.1 KIO request that TRO 3 is amended.
- 3.2 KIO request to amend Map 5.2 showing Spiritual trail running to top of Croagh Patrick.
- 3.3 KIO request the removal of the word "Tourism" from the title 'Spiritual and Pilgrimage Tourism.'
- 3.4 KIO request that TRP 14 (a), (b) & (d) are moved to the to new Commercial Forestry Section. (see 1.8 above).
- 3.5 KIO seek to amend TRP 23.
- 3.6 IKIO seek the insertion of new policy regarding assessment of tourism developments.
- 3.7 KIO request the inclusion of a new sub-section titled, Recreation and Sport and suggest text, policies and objectives to be included therein.
- 3.8 KIO request additional text/paragraphs in the Draft Plan defining Public Rights of Way and how these should be mapped and protected.
- 3.9 KIO requests that TRP 32 is replaced with a new objective.
- 3.10 KIO request additional policies prohibiting /controlling developments on ROW's.

4. Chapter 6 Movement & Transport

Topics: Walking, Cycling

- 4.1 KIO request to amend MPT 6.
- 4.2 KIO request additional policies and objectives in relation to the protection and extension of greenways and walking paths, along with the inclusion of two new subsections in the Draft Plan for walking and cycling objectives.
- 4.3 KIO requests that MTO 6.1 be amended.
- 4.4 KIO request an additional sub-section titled Disused Railways and suggests the inclusion of new policies and objectives therein.
- 4.5 KIO request that MTP 10 be deleted as it is inhibiting a greenway on the WRC.
- 4.6 Requests the deletion of any projects listed on Table 6.7 that would facilitate cruise ships.

5. Chapter 7 Infrastructure

<u>Topics: Telecommunications, Electricity</u>

- 5.1 KIO request amendment INP 16 to include reference to established walking routes.
- 5.2 KIO request additional objective regarding PROW's.
- 5.3 KIO Request addition to INP 18.
- 5.4 KIO request an additional policy regarding electrical infrastructure.
- 5.5 KIO request an addition to INO 37 regarding the undergrounding of electricity cables.
- 5.6 KIO request an additional objective regarding transmission lines in scenic areas.

6. Chapter 8 Sustainable Communities

Topics: Graveyards

6.1 - Replace SCP 7 with new policy.

7. Chapter 9 Built Environment

Topics: Chapter Title, Archaeology, World Heritage Sites, Geology

- 7.1 The group request that ARCHAELOGY should be added to the title to better reflect its contents.
- 7.2 KIO request that BEP 1 is replaced with a new policy.
- 7.3 KIO request new policy regarding the RPM.
- 7.4 KIO request the replacement of **BEO 1** with a new objective.
- 7.5 KIO request the inclusion of additional objectives regarding the protection the archaeological heritage of the county, including potential World Heritage Sites and access to same.

8. Chapter 10 Natural Environment

<u>Topics: Geology, Fencing, Amenity Woodlands, National Parks, SAAO's Eskers, Wetlands, Inland Waterways, Natura Sites, Landscapes, Mass Rocks/Holy wells.</u>

- 8.1 KIO request the inclusion of new sub-section called Geology and suggest a number of new policies and objectives relating to protection and access to Geologically significant sites.
- 8.2 KIO request the inclusion of a new sub-section titled, Fencing of Hitherto Open Land and suggest text, policies, and objectives to be included therein.
- 8.3 KIO request the inclusion of a new sub-section titled, Amenity Woodlands and suggest text, policies, and objectives to be included therein.
- 8.4 KIO request the inclusion of a new sub-section titled, National Parks and suggest text, policies, and objectives to be included therein.
- 8.5 KIO request the inclusion of objective to actively propose the designation of Croagh Patrick as a Special Amenity Area.
- 8.6 KIO request the inclusion of a new sub-section titled, Eskers and suggest text, policies, and objectives to be included therein.
- 8.7 KIO request the inclusion of a new sub-section titled, Wetlands and suggest text, policies, and objectives to be included therein.
- 8.8 KIO request the inclusion of a new sub-section titled, Inland Waterways and suggest text, policies, and objectives to be included therein.
- 8.9 KIO suggest new policies and objectives regarding the protection and preservation of Natura other environmentally significant and sensitive sites.
- 8.10 KIO request new policies and objectives regarding the protection of the landscape.

- 8.11 KIO request a new policy on the protection and preservation of mass rocks and holy wells.
- 8.12 KIO request that NEP 15 is amended to provide greater emphasis on public access to coastal zones.
- 8.13 KIO request additional policies for the protection of, and the provision of access to coastal areas.
- 8.14 KIO request new policies and objectives in relation to the protection of, and access to offshore and inland islands.
- 8.15 KIO request the inclusion of a new chapter in the Draft Plan titled Chapter 10A-Heritage and suggest that NEP 1 and NEP 2 be reassigned to this chapter.
- 8.16 KIO suggest policies and objectives to be included in Chapter 10A Heritage, many of which relate to access to the countryside.

9: Chapter 11 - Climate Action & Renewable Energy

Topics: Wind Energy, Hydroelectricity, Solar Energy

- 9.1 KIO request the inclusion of a new sub-section titled, Wind Energy and suggest, policies and objectives to be included therein.
- 9.2 KIO suggest new policies and objectives in relation to Hydro Electricity and Solar Energy.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations

Response General Overview:

- 1.1 The Draft Plan contains additional policies and objectives regarding the protection of PROW's to that contained in the current County Development Plan, including TRO 5, TRO 28, MTO 7 and INP 26.
- 1.2 It is considered that the wording used in the draft plan is consistent with that in the Act and that all statutory obligations have been met.

Recommendation General Overview:

1.1-12. No change to Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 4:

- 2.1 This is not a matter for consideration in the Development Plan.
- 2.2 The is not a matter for consideration in the Development Plan.
- 2.3 The recognition of the role of farmers as custodians of the land is not a matter for consideration in the Development Plan.
- 2.4-2.9 It is considered that the existing provisions of the Draft Plan adequately deal with the items raised.

Recommendation Chapter 4:

2.1-2.9-No change to Draft Plan.

Chapter 5 Response:

3.1- 3.10 - It is considered that the existing provisions of the Draft Plan adequately deal with this item.

Chapter 5 Recommendation:

3.1 - 3.10 - No Change to Draft Plan.

Chapter 6 Response:

- 4.1 4.4 It is considered that the existing provisions of the Draft Plan adequately deal with the items raised.
- 4.5 The WRC aligns with the RSES and the NDP/NPF until such time as an All-Island Rail Review has been finalised and accepted by the Government.
- 4.6 Noted.

Chapter 6 Recommendation:

4.1-4.6 - No Change to Draft Plan.

Chapter 7 Response:

5.1- 5.6 - It is considered that the existing provisions of the Draft Plan adequately deal with the items raised.

Chapter 7 Recommendation:

5.1-5.6 - No Change to Draft Plan.

Chapter 8 Response:

6.1-It is considered that SCP 7 deals adequately with the issue.

Chapter 8 Recommendation:

6.1 - No Change to Draft Plan.

Chapter 9 Response:

7.1 - 7.5 - It is considered that the existing provisions of the Draft Plan adequately deal with the items raised.

Chapter 9 Recommendation:

7.1 - 7.5 - No change to Draft Plan.

Chapter 10 Response:

- 8.1 Noted. See submission MYO-C11-5 (2.2 and 2.3).
- 8.2 8.16 It is considered that the existing provisions of the Draft Plan adequately deal with the items raised.

Chapter 10 Recommendation:

8.1 - 8.16 - No Change to Draft Plan.

Chapter 11 Response:

9.1 - 9.2 - It is considered that the existing provisions of the Draft Plan adequately deal with the items raised.

Chapter 11 Recommendation:

9.1-9.2- No Change to Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1024
Submitted by:	Keep Ireland Open (Michael Murphy)
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation

This submission on behalf of Keeping Ireland Open which seeks public access to Uggool beach near Louisburgh. The submission discusses the history of the beach, and the organisations attempts to gain public access through the years and why the council continues to ignore an Ombudsman's directive on the issue. The group believe Mayo County Council and/or Ireland shall take action to re-open the beach for public access. The group strongly recommend serving a CPO to achieve public access.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation

Response

Enforcement and CPO procedures are operational matters and are not matters for consideration in the Draft Development Plan.

Recommendation

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-439
Submitted by:	Keep Ireland Open (Brian Coffey)
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation

Summary of Submission:

This submission on behalf of Keeping Ireland Open seeks for the creation and the publication within the CDP for a public right of way from the R335 to the summit of Croagh Patrick. The group make comment on Draft CDP public rights of way objectives TRO 27 & TRO 28 and the current objective within the 2014-2020 plan AC-01. They state the objectives are almost identical and since the publication of the 2014-2020 plan, no public rights of way have been created nor has there been a public appeal to submit public rights of way. The group request MCC to issues an appeal to members to submit potential public rights of way, describe the registration process and register the first public right of way in the CDP to the summit of Croagh Patrick. The group also submitted a petition from its members for seeking a public right of way to the summit of Croagh Patrick.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is considered that these matters are addressed under TRO 27 and TRO 28.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-992
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Submitted by:	Urlaur Lake Development Committee
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation
	Topic – Tourism, Greenway

- 1. This submission requests for the inclusion of the lakeside area of Urlaur Lake to be made a priority for development in the CDP.
- 2. The group believe that the area would be an ideal location for a greenway.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- Mayo lakes are identified in Chapter 5 Tourism and Recreation, Section 5.4.3.3 Key Tourism
 Pillar 3: Flagship Infrastructure Projects. Policies and objectives to support the development of
 Mayo lakes are listed in the CDP including TRP 26. It is not considered necessary to list all
 individual projects in the CDP which is a strategic land use plan. This proposal would be best
 placed in the County tourism strategy or similar document.
- 2. Greenways are supported throughout the plan. It is It is not considered necessary to list all individual projects in the CDP which is a strategic land use plan. This proposal would be best placed in the County tourism strategy or similar document.

Recommendation:

1 – 2. No change to the Draft Plan.

MYO-C11-1260
Crossmolina Community Council
Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation
Topic – Tourism, Failte Ireland
Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities
Topic – Community, Age Friendly, Inclusion

Summary of Submission:

- 1. This observation seeks support within the CDP for a strong commitment for the development of a recreation area at Gortnorabbey Pier, Crossmolina in the form of a waterpark.
- 2. The CDP should also refer to the development of the Lough Conn amenity in line with the tourism strategy to develop North Mayo as leading tourism destination.
- 3. The submission requests support for the development of facilities for the elderly through day care and residential units within Crossmolina. A brownfield site has been identified as a medium-term solution by retrofitting an existing building suitable for a day care facility.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

1. The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is not considered appropriate to list all individual projects.

The proposed water park would be best placed in the County Tourism Strategy, Outdoor Recreation Strategy or similar document.

- 2. See response to item 1 of Submission MYO-C11-992.
- 3. Supports for older people are identified in Chapter 8, Section 8.4.4.3 Older People. The CDP acknowledges and supports the requirement for social infrastructure and health and wellbeing services for older people through the following policies - SPC 6, SPC 16, SPC 17, SPC 18. The CDP acknowledges the requirement for residential care facilities and their appropriate citing into towns and villages through policy SCP 10. The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is therefore not considered appropriate to provide specific objectives for individual social and health projects/facilities including in Crossmolina in the written statement.

Recommendation:

1 – 3. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-682
Submitted by:	Ballycroy Greenway Group
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation Topic: Wild Atlantic Way, Greenway

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks that the Western Greenway should be extended northwards from Mulranny. The route is referred to as a project in Chapter 6 Movement & Transport under Table 6.4 but should be included specifically in the 'Tourism' Chapter of the Plan and added to policy TRP 29.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is not considered appropriate to list all individual projects. The proposed extension to the GWC would be best placed in the County Tourism Strategy, Greenway Strategy or similar document.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-19
Submitted by:	Ballycroy Community Council
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation
	Topic: Wild Atlantic Way, Greenway
Summary of Submission:	

This submission seeks that the Western Greenway should be extended northwards from Mulranny to Ballycroy.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to submission MYO-C11-682

Recommendation:

See recommendation to submission MYO-C11-682

Submission No:	MYO-C11-7
Submitted by:	Terrance and Geraldine Collins
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation
	Topic: Wild Atlantic Way, Greenway

Summary of Submission:

The submission proposes that a new public walkway outside Swinford should be developed and included in the Draft County Development Plan. The location of the proposed walkway is the Ballydrum area of Swinford (to the northeast of the town). An O.S. map is included with the submission which highlights the route of the proposed walkway and shows where way markings and signage should be located.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is not considered appropriate to list all individual projects. The proposed walking route would be best placed in the County Tourism Strategy, Greenway Strategy, outdoor recreation strategy or similar document.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No(s).:	MYO-C11-310
	MYO-C11-353
Submitted by:	Swinford Triathlon Club
	Swinford Cycling Club
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation
	Topic: Tourism, Greenway

Summary of Submissions:

- 1. The groups propose six cycling routes (mapped) in the vicinity of Swinford.
- 2. The groups have also proposed three dedicated off-road cycling/walking routes and provide details in the submission.

3. The 25km green route proposed seeks for a cycle path to be developed alongside the WRC track running from Charlestown to Kiltimagh.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is not considered appropriate to list all individual projects. The proposed cycle routes would be best placed in the County Tourism Strategy, Greenway Strategy, outdoor recreation strategy or similar document.
- 2. See response to item 1 above.
- 3. See response to item 1 of WRC Pre Printed Postcard Submission.

Recommendation:

- 1-2. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 3. See recommendation to item 1 of WRC Pre Printed Postcard Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-416
Submitted by:	Cllr Michael Burke
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation
	Topic: Wild Atlantic Way, Tourism, Accommodation, Hotels

Summary of Submission:

This submission from Cllr Burke supports the 'Circling the Great Western Lakes' committees submission MYO-C11-418 which seeks the creation and inclusion in the plan of a new cycling loop route between Westport and Leenane.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Submission MYO-C11-418.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-418
Submitted by:	David Hall on behalf of the Circling the Great Western Lakes Committee
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation Topic: Wild Atlantic Way, Tourism

Summary of Submission:

This submission from the 'Circling the Great Western Lakes' committee is supported by Cllr Burkes submission MYO-C11-416 which seeks the creation and inclusion in the plan of a new cycling loop route between Westport and Leenane.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is not considered appropriate or necessary to list all individual projects. The proposal would be best placed in the County Tourism Strategy or Outdoor Recreation Strategy or similar document.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-494
Submitted by:	Céide Coast Community Company
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation
	Topic: Wild Atlantic Way, Tourism, Greenway, Walking

Summary of Submission:

The group outlines the development of an Environment and Educational Institute/Eco Campus is a key project of the group and seeks an objective to be included within the draft plan for the Eco Campus to be based within the defunct convent & secondary school. The Eco Campus would offer a range of services including educational and training courses.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is not considered necessary or appropriate to include all individual projects.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-189
Submission by:	Peter Jordan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 – Tourism and Recreation

Summary of Submission:

The submission requests the development of a Flagship Tourist Attraction in Ballina using the towns natural assets of Belleek, River Moy, History & Heritage, athletic track, soccer pitches, Ox and Nephin mountains, walking cycling trails to develop the area as a National Outdoor Pursuits area.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

There are numerous policies and objectives in the CDP relating to tourism and recreation in Ballina including – TRP 6, TRP 16, TRO 10 and TRP 24. It is not considered necessary to include further policies and objectives in this regard.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 299
Submission by:	Peter Jordan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter: 5 – Tourism and Recreation

Summary of Submission:

The submission requests that part of the redevelopment of the 1740 English Military Barracks with its 1798 French Rebellion Connection should be converted into an iconic tourist attraction.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Proposals are in place for the redevelopment of the Military Barracks in Ballina which has received Urban Regeneration Funding. There are numerous policies and objectives in the CDP relating to tourism and recreation in Ballina including – TRP 6, TRP 16, TRO 10 and TRP 24. It is not considered necessary to include further policies and objectives in this regard.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-594
Submission by:	Cllr. Gerry Coyle
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Tourism and Recreation

Summary of Submission:

The submission states that Mayo County Council will support a public private partnership to facilitate, both now and into the future, a heated indoor swimming pool in Belmullet, this is to include financial and other necessary supports.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Policy BTP 3 of the Belmullet Settlement Plan is supportive of a swimming pool in Belmullet.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-691
Submission by:	Comhar Dún Caocháin Teoranta
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 – Táin Bo Fliodhaise / Cattle Raid of Mayo Trail
Summary of Submission:	

The Táin Bó Fliodhaise / Cattle Raid of Mayo is a long-distance cultural heritage trail and or cycle route which extends from Ballyhaunis to Barnatra. A draft report is attached which details the history of the trail and maps. The submission requests to include this trail in the CDP.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is not considered necessary to include and provide specific objectives for all individual projects. It is considered that this project would be more appropriately placed in a tourism strategy.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-716
Submission by:	James Burke
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 – After-use of surplus land following completion of new N5

Summary of Submission:

The submission requests that residents should be consulted on the after-use of land arising from the construction of the New N5 for tourism and leisure activities.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

This request is outside the scope of the County Development Plan which is a strategic land use plan.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Chapter 6 - Movement & Transport

Submissions in favour of a greenway on the Western Rail Corridor

The majority of submissions received (circa 994 out of 1267) related to the development of a greenway along the line of the Western Rail Corridor (WRC); some specifically referring to the line north of Claremorris, with others referring also to the section south of Claremorris to the county boundary.

A very large number of the submissions are copies of the same/similar submissions or variations thereof. These are summarised collectively and expanded on as appropriate to reflect additional points made. For such submissions, only the submission numbers are referenced in this section of the report (names are listed in Table 1). Other submissions are summarised individually.

Overall, the main issue raised in the submissions is that until the Council's longer-term objective regarding the restoration of the WRC becomes feasible, it should be used as a temporary greenway as this would:

- protect the route and keep it in public ownership.
- provide a much-needed leisure facility for residents and visitors.
- help boost tourism and help form part of the national cycle network for sustainable transport.
- potentially create jobs.
- promote sustainable transport.
- be more cost effective than the cost of any railway, the re-opening of which is unlikely any time soon.

Submission Nos:	MYO-C11- 8-13, 20-65, 69, 73, 76-83, 88-99, 102-105, 107-
WRC Pre-Printed Postcard Sub.	119, 121-130, 132-147, 150-152, 156-157, 159-168, 176-178,
	181, 190-191, 196-197, 199-212, 214-215, 217-218, 220-242,
	244-255, 260-274, 276-290, 301-306, 314-317, 320-328, 330-
	340, 341-342, 344-345, 347-352, 355-357, 359, 361-364, 366-
	368, 370-375, 377-378, 380-408, 423-424, 427-435, 442-452,
	456-457, 459-473, 475-479, 485-486, 488, 490-493, 496-507,
	509-512, 515-521, 523, 525-527, 529, 531, 533-535, 538-542,
	544-549, 554, 556, 560-564, 566-568, 571, 573-575, 577-585,
	587-588, 590-591, 599, 602-604, 606, 626-627, 629, 632,
	636, 641, 652-653, 659, 661, 665, 671, 676, 679, 686, 698,
	741, 754-784, 788-790, 794-856, 858-906, 908-938, 940-947,
	963-968, 972-975, 977, 981-984, 986, 990-991, 994-996, 998,
	1000-1001, 1007, 1009-1015, 1019, 1037-1041, 1045-1091,
	1093-1104, 1107-1121, 1123-1163, 1165-1185, 1187-1232,
	1234-1240, 1242-1259, 1261-1263 and 1265
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Submitted by:	See Appendix 1 for list of submissions.
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor
Summary of Submission:	

(Item 1) All the above submissions contain the exact text which was on the pre-printed postcards which contain four points relating to the Western Rail Corridor. These points are summarised below:

- 1. Map 6.1 lacks interconnecting greenways in East Mayo compared to West Mayo. A greenway on the WRC would link to proposed adjoining greenways on the WRC and connect to the National Greenway Network and be eligible for funding off the Dept. Of Transport.
- 2. The Council is legally bound to follow RPO 6.11 of the RSES and following the EY & Jaspers Rail Review reports published in January 2021, neither report recommended re-opening the line for rail use and MCC must accept these reports as part of the NDP Ireland 2040.
- 3. The Quiet Man Greenway is listed as a project within the RSES. The postcard again refers to Galway County Council undertaking a feasibility study for the section from Athenry to the Mayo border and that 'Closed railway' projects are supported by the Department of Transport. It is also stated that Mayo County Council must change their terminology from Disused to Closed railway which is claimed to be Irish Rails definition.
- 4. The velorail project is discussed and how it cannot use the existing old track infrastructure and if a velorail is acceptable in the interim, then a greenway is acceptable too. It is also claimed that Mayo County Council can be no longer oppose a greenway as the old railway would have to be removed, a greenway from Charlestown to Claremorris with a parallel greenway on the velorail section at Kiltimagh would make sense.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Item 1 (Post Card Pre-Printed Text)

Response:

The response below is focused on the four bullet points printed upon the pre-printed postcards.

- 1. Map 6.1 within the Draft CDP illustrates the existing and proposed strategic greenway map network within the county including town greenways. There are ten Town Greenways proposed (8km networks within urban areas) illustrated on Map 6.1, six of which are within the East/South Mayo area (Charlestown, Swinford, Kiltimagh, Knock, Claremorris & Ballyhaunis) their development and implementation is supported in MTO 9 which supports the development of a network of greenways within the County, MTO 10 which investigates the potential of looped greenways/walkways for Tier I, II & III settlements and MTO 12 which seeks to advance walking/cycling projects listed within table 6.4, which contains the above town greenways.
- 2. RPO 6.11 sought the undertaking of a review of the WRC for passenger and rail transport. This review was published in 2021, *Review of the Western Rail Corridor: Financial and Economic Appraisal* by Ernst and Young. However, a further all-island study as part of DoT Dfi(NI) is proposed to formulate an all-island strategy for the future of rail on the island and Irish Rail state that they will support the outcomes of the study when completed, see submission MYO-C11-69-point 1.7. The NDP also refers to the independent review of the line and if the findings were approved by Government for reopening the WRC for rail, the project would be prioritised during the NDP period. Definition of use remains undermined until such time as the All-Island Rail Review has been completed and accepted by Government.
- 3. It is noted that a Collooney to Athenry Greenway project is listed within the RSES (p202) and illustrated within Figure 55: Our Natural Networks (Greenways and Blueways), it is also noted

that the WRC rail route is also illustrated on a similar map within Figure 58: Rail Network.

Disused or Closed.

The submissions request the council to change its description of the former railway route from "disused" to "closed". It is considered that there is in effect no difference in meaning, both are taken to mean railway lines where services have been terminated.

Figure 58: Rail Network (p223) of the RSES illustrates the Western Rail Corridor and the unopened section of the route is described as "Closed – Disused line." It is also worth noting that a Letterkenny – Burtonport greenway is described as "Disused Donegal Rail Line". The terminology used throughout the RSES for old railway lines is primarily disused. This is further elaborated on pages 201 & 202, which refers to greenways on Disused rail lines. The RSES consistently refers to old railway lines as "disused" or "former".

4. The velorail project was first supported under RL-03 of the existing CDP 2014-2020. The WRC aligns with the RSES and the NDP/NPF, definition of use remains undermined until such time as the All-Island Rail Review has been finalised and accepted by Government.

Recommendation:

1-4. No change to the Draft Plan.

(Item 2) MYO-C11-9, 12, 13, 31, 55, 68, 73, 82, 104, 145, 156, 168, 181, 209, 211, 212, 231, 330, 331, 371, 377, 387, 396, 420, 424, 433, 461, 466, 491, 493, 495, 496, 497, 539, 575, 757, 907, 977, 983, 997, 1040, 1091, 1099, 1100, 1139, 1142: A Greenway has direct benefits for locals and visitors and will improve access to health related exercise and improve health and wellbeing.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is widely accepted that greenways facilitate and promote physical and mental wellbeing for all ages. MCC have been the leaders of greenway development nationally and were the first Local Authority in Ireland to create a greenway upon the old Great Western rail route from Achill to Westport. The Draft CDP has various policies/objectives which aim to create, extend and facilitate greenways within the county and towns throughout the county, but also creating inter-county greenways/cycle & walkways.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

(Item 3) MYO-C11-669, 755, 1055, 1095, 1124, 1156, 1237, 1240, 1254: Suggest that any future greenway upon the WRC should accommodate a horse trail on/alongside the track.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is noted that all greenways within the county are for off-road cycling and walking purposes. **TRP** 4 of the Draft Plan encourages investment in the tourism industry with specific reference to leisure activities such as equestrian.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

(Item 4) MYO-C11-35, 122, 126, 130, 132-137, 139-141, 143, 252, 433, 435, 1207, 1239: Relate to Community Futures Action Plans for the towns of Kiltimagh & Swinford and that their content/aspirations should be implemented within the County Development Plan with specific reference to creating a greenway.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

MCC are fully supportive of the Community Futures Programme, and this is reflected primarily within Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities and within Chapter 12: Settlement Plans. This support is reflected in policies and objectives SCO 2, SDP 3, CNP 1 and KTP 5.

Community Futures Plans are facilitated by the Mayo Public Participation Network (PPN), in collaboration with Mayo County Council and various other local development companies/groups. The County Development Plan is a strategic land use plan. Therefore, it is not considered necessary to include and provide specific objectives for all individual projects.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

(Item 5) MYO-C11-92, 95, 97, 98, 99, 121, 165, 190, 191, 513 (online), 773: These submissions have pre-printed comments in the rear comment box of the postcard. The comments state that the presence of a greenway on the disused railway through Kiltimagh would not contravene MTO 17 and seek to amend MTO 18 to take into account the support in the community for the provision of a greenway on the alignment pending the reopening of the line for passenger and rail freight.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The velorail project was first supported under RL-03 of the existing CDP 2014-2020. The WRC aligns with the RSES and the NDP/NPF, definition of use remains undermined until such time as the All-Island Rail Review has been finalised and accepted by Government.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

(Item 6) MYO-C11-10, 12, 13, 22, 28, 31, 56, 82, 93, 124, 142, 145, 159, 168, 171, 178, 209, 233-235, 326, 368, 394, 397, 398, 408, 420, 428, 457, 461, 464, 465, 498, 535, 539, 542, 568, 605, 626, 659, 665, 755, 759, 766, 770-772, 857, 911, 983, 1051, 1055, 1058, 1186, 1223, 1251: A greenway would enhance tourism within the towns along the WRC and the wider East Mayo Region. Reference is made in some submissions to the potential of creating Camino style attraction on the greenway and connecting to IWAK.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is agreed that tourism is enhanced in towns/villages where greenway passes, Chapter 5: Tourism Strategy has multiple Policies/Objectives which support the continued development of greenways in Mayo. **TRP 14** of the Tourism Strategy supports the development of a Camino style attraction in the form of a long-distance spiritual pilgrimage trail linking Croagh Patrick – Ballintubber Abbey – Knock.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

(Item 7) MYO-C11-375, 378: A greenway would enhance 'ecotourism' in Mayo.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is agreed that greenways and other cycling/walking paths/trails all support and enhance ecotourism. This is reflected through a range of tourism policies/objectives contained within Chapter 5: Tourism Strategy.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

(Item 8) MYO-C11-110, 205, 210, 254, 317, 366, 487, 669, 778, 998, 1065: Roads are too busy and dangerous for users and a greenway would provide a safe place to travel/exercise etc.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The development of greenways is intrinsic throughout the Draft Plan, Greenways in Ireland are classed as off-road routes for walkers, cyclists and other non-motorised users such as wheelchair users, families with buggies etc.

The list of policies/objectives below are within the Draft Plan and support the development of greenways:

TRP 4, TRP 6, TRP 9, TRP 13, TRP 28, TRP 29, MTO 9, MTO 10, CSO 8, KAP 2, NTO 1

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-84
Submitted by:	Brendan Quinn
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

The submission refers to and quotes from a local newspaper articles regarding comments made by elected members of Mayo County Council at a public council meeting. The author does not agree that the members should be discussing the Western Rail Corridor. The author also refers to the previous CDP where 287 submissions were received in favour of a greenway on the WRC and were ignored by MCC.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Council meeting minutes are publicly available, and Cllrs are free to discuss their thoughts/opinions in the public forum. No proposals are made by the author in relation to the Draft CDP.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-85
Submitted by:	Brendan Quinn
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

The submission refers and quotes from a local newspapers publication regarding comments made by elected members of Mayo County Council at a public council meeting. The author does not agree that the members should be talking the Western Rail Corridor and states that the council are legally bound to accept the rail review reports and integrate them into the plan in accordance with RPO 6.11.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to MYO-C11-84.

See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to MYO-C11-84.

See recommendation to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-100
Submitted by:	Brendan Quinn
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor
Summary of Submission:	

The submission requests MCC to adopt a similar policy to that of Irish Rail in regarding the provision of greenways on closed rail lines. The author also provides quotes from the Irish Rail CEO in relation to licencing of greenways on closed lines. The submission also requests that MTO 18 should be amended to take cognisnace of the Kiltimagh Community Action Plan to have a parallel greenway alongside the Velorail and for the section of line from Charlestown to Claremorris to be a greenway, to align with Irish Rail Policy.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted.

See response to Item 4 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Item 4 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-155
Submitted by:	Brendan Quinn
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

The submission lists a range of documents/historical events and previous petitions. The author lists the Swinford & Kiltimagh Community Action Plans and their requests to have the old rail line converted into a greenway. The author also lists various petitions which seek to have a greenway on the WRC and also refers to previous public consultations (Mayo CDP 14-20 & NWRAS RSES) where there were a high number of submissions seeking a greenway, only to be ignored in the case of the Mayo CDP. The author also refers to local greenway groups on social media. The author also states that the council is under the influence of West on Track and suggest this is a reason why Mayo Co. Council persistently refuse to propose a greenway on the line. The submission also refers to what it sees as the acceptance by Irish Rail and the Dept of Transport of the placing of a greenway on the line and feels that Mayo Coco would be supported by said bodies if they applied for funding for a greenway.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted.

See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-158
Submitted by:	Brendan Quinn
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

The submission refers to notes/minutes taken by the author (Brendan Quinn) from meetings held between Minister Ryan and a group called the Western Rail Trail. The submission details the content of the meeting and comments made by members of the Western Rail Trail group and from Minister Ryan. The author states that Minister Ryan concluded that a 3rd report will be repaired for the WRC, and the reopening of the line between Athenry and Claremorris would be based on findings of 3 reports the author also states that the line north of Claremorris would not be included in such a review.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The submission refers to a private meeting between the Minister of Transport and numerous greenway activists, and its content does not refer to the Draft CDP 2021-2027 content.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-186
Submitted by:	Brendan Quinn
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

The submission provides snippets of press release relating to greenway funding from November 2020.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The submission does not refer to the Draft County Development Plan.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-259
Submitted by:	Brendan Quinn on behalf of Western Rail Trail Campaign
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

This submission refers to both the EY & Jaspers reports and their findings and how RSES RPO 6.11 and the NDP state that these have to be accepted. It is also stated that MCC should have regard to RSES RPO 5.18 which refers to interconnecting regional greenways. It is claimed that Mayo should include a greenway on their section of the WRC to comply with the RSES/NDP and states how Irish Rail Policy fully supports greenways on closed lines until such time as rail is viable and this idea does not conflict with RSES RPO 6.12. The author also requests that reference to RSES RPO 6.11 should be included in the Draft plan as it would deny the delivery of the NDP.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted.

See response to **Item 1** of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

The development of greenways is intrinsic throughout the Draft Plan, Greenways in Ireland are classed as off-road routes for walkers, cyclists and other non-motorised users such as wheelchair users, families with buggies etc. The Draft CDP has various policies/objectives which aim to create, extend and facilitate greenways within the county but also creating inter-county greenways/cycle & walkways, the draft CDP is in compliance with RPO 5.18, through the below policies/objectives which are within the Draft CDP:

The list of policies/objectives below are within the Draft Plan and support the development of greenways: TRP 4, TRP 6, TRP 9, TRP 13, TRP 28, TRP 29, MTO 9, MTO 10, CSO 8, KAP 2, NTO 1

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Items 1(point 1) & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-293
Submitted by:	Brendan Quinn
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks to remove support for the velorail under MTO 18 as it will drain community funding resources and have little benefit for the local community. The author elaborates on funding for the velorail projects and attached numerous documents (mostly from 2017) referring to the funding/part 8 application for the Velorail project.

The submission also refers to the Kiltimagh Community Action Plan which seeks a greenway on the line and how within the draft plan KTP 5 seeks to implement the Kitimagh Community Action Plan.

The author proposes new wording to MTO 18 to support a greenway on the line from Claremorris to Charlestown an a freenway alongside the proposed velorail.

The submission also refers to the published rail reviews and how both the Dept of Transport & Irish Rail support greenways on rail lines. The author also seeks that the WRC line should be referred to as" Closed" and not "Disused". The submission ends by forecasting his thoughts on what will happen in relation to the WRC in Mayo.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Items 1(point 1) & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-680
Submitted by:	Brendan Quinn
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission attaches a link to a tourism policy document available from gov.ie. The submission discusses tourism potential of a greenway. It discusses the funding used to date for the velorail. There is no reference to any policies/objectives of the Draft Plan.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The tourism potential of a greenway is well established, MCC facilitates the implementation of government policies/strategies, the tourism potential of greenways/cycling & walking paths plays an intrinsic role throughout the Draft CDP particular in Chapters 5 Tourism Strategy and Chapter 6 Movement & Transport not only for tourism purposes but also towards a modal shift to help build a sustainable transport network. The velorail project was granted consent by the council and has the support of Irish Rail.

Recommendation:

No change to the draft plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-86
Submitted by:	John Mulligan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

The submission focuses on the legal implications for MCC of opening a veloral in Kiltimagh and the lack of an access track running parallel to the proposed veloral. The submission requests that the veloral should not be opened until a safety path is opened alongside the track for walkers/cyclists.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1(Point 4) of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Items 1(point 1) & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-149
Submitted by:	John Mulligan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

The submission refers to the rail review reports and the unviable, cost/benefit analysis of rail services on the WRC. The author therefore suggests that the WRC should be used for greenways and refers to comments made at a Transport Oireachtas meeting by Irish Rail CEO, where it was stated that greenways are licensed by Irish Rail. The author also states that Mayo County Council is influenced by West on Track and as a result has lost out of significant funding for greenways. The previous CDP submissions for a greenway are referenced, as well as the Swinford Vision for the Future document, which supports a greenway on the WRC. The author also acknowledges that an All-Ireland Rail review is about to take place and is of the opinion that rail north of Claremorris will not be included in such a review and is therefore requesting a greenway at least from Claremorris to Charlestown which would join up with proposed Sligo greenway. It is also claimed building a greenway on the rail track will cost the county nothing but will create jobs/amenities and improve tourism.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Items 1 & 4 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Items 1(point 1) & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-291
Submitted by:	John Mulligan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

The submission states that Mayo County Council and other Western Local Authorities base their decisions often on vague aspirations and that are often incorrect. The author also states the Groupthink within Mayo Coco in relation to the WRC is the reason that all the submissions in relation to the previous plan were ignored. The author refers to the WDC report on freight and the

EY & Jaspers reports which concluded that rail is unlikely between Athenry & Claremorris. The submission seeks the provision of a greenway between Claremorris and Charlestown and includes an attachment to a report from larnrod Eireann.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted. There is no reference made to the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2021-2027 or its contents

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-329
Submitted by:	David Malee
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission refers to the rail review reports and their conclusion of a weak justification for rail and requests that a greenway be provided. The author also refers to comments made at an Oireachtas transport committee regarding licensing of greenways on rail lines. The author also highlights that a greenway would connect five towns in East Mayo and the potential to connect to schools to provide health transport links for students. A greenway in East Mayo would open up the area for activity-based tourism and potentially connect to IWAK and to Knock Shire for religious tourism. The route could also connect to the Turlough greenway on to the Great Western Greenway.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Items 1(point 1) & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Items 1(point 1) & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-650
Submitted by:	David Malee on behalf of East Mayo Greenway Group
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

The submission made on behalf of the East Mayo greenway group notes the commitment in the Draft CDP to create local greenways/walks in East Mayo but laments the lack of interconnecting

greenways between East Mayo and suggest that the WRC corridor be utilised as a greenway to connect towns in East Mayo.

This group also states that the MCC must consider RSES RPO's 6.11 & 5.18 and not focus on RPO 6.13, reference is made to a figure 55 within the RSES. The group also state it is not within the remit of the County Council to deliver a railway and therefore fulfilment of RPO 6.13 cannot take place. Reference is made to quotes made at an Oireachtas Transport Committee, where CEO of Irish Rail described use of railway lines as greenways as a win/win situation.

The group claim if the elected members of MCC support the rail through RPO 6.13 it therefore makes it illegal to support a greenway on the route, then the support of the greenway is also illegal. It is also stated that MCC cannot be selective in its interpretation of the RPO's and following the EY & Jaspers reports, MCC must accept and adhere to RPO 6.11.

The group also refer to RPO 5.18 which promotes all state holders in the region to develop a network of greenways. The group recognise that RPO 6.13 can remain a long-term objective for return of rail, in the interim a greenway would meet the terms of the RSES and the NDP.

The group also makes reference to statutory planning publications including the existing CDP & the NWRA which received large volumes of submissions seeking a greenway and other non-statutory documents such as the Swinford Area Action Plan 13-18, Kiltimagh Community Futures Plan 2019 which received large local support for creation of a greenway in the respective towns. Other documents referred to include the existing numbers of submissions for the Draft Plan, submissions to the Part 8 application for the velorail and two online petitions which all show support for creation of greenway on the WRC.

The group state that the draft CDP is unacceptable for the citizens of East Mayo in terms of not utilising the WRC as a greenway and advises that MCC needs to create a greenway north of Claremorris. The group state that they do not want the velorail extended further north past the N5 and MCC can no longer ignore the volume of local support for a greenway. The group claim that providing a greenway alongside the WRC is more expensive and should be avoided in terms of the Velorail, and that the existing tracks/sleepers are only fit for scrap, according to Irish Rail.

The group highlight that the WRC can be considered in two sections, Milltown to Claremorris and Claremorris to Collooney. The group proposes that MCC investigate providing a parallel track alongside the length of the approved velorail. The group state that there is no economic proof that a railway along the AEC will be the saviour of the West of Ireland.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

See response to MYO-C11-259.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

See recommendation to MYO-C11-259.

ubmission No:	MYO-C11-275
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Submitted by:	Quiet Man Greenway
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

This submission refers to works due to commence on the Sligo section of the WRC for a greenway. It also refers to the velorail being supported by MCC and it being reasonable to consider the remaining sections of the WRC in Mayo for a range of sustainable transport options including a greenway which would be in keeping with objectives MTO5 – MTO12 and MTP3 which commits to investment in smarter travel options.

The group refers to Galway CCs feasibility study for a greenway and suggest Mayo to do same from Ballindine to Claremorris which would be in keeping with RPO5.18 of the RSES which refers to interregional greenway networks.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission. and MYO-C11-650.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission. and MYO-C11-650.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-17
Submitted by:	Frances Coleman
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks the reopening of the Western Rail Corridor from Charlestown to Claremorris as a greenway. The reopening of this line as a greenway would potentially connect with other potential greenways from Sligo & Galway on the WRC and connect to Enniskillen greenway and the National Greenway Network. The submission also states following a report stating that the WRC would not provide value for money that focus should shift for providing a greenway on the line. The submission also states the tourism potential from a greenway and how conversion of old railway stations could lead to employment hubs.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-63
Submitted by:	Norman Keville
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

This submission seeks the reopening of the Western Rail Corridor from Charlestown to Claremorris as a greenway. The reopening of this line as a greenway would potentially connect with other potential greenways from Sligo on the WRC and it would be preferable over a velorail in the Kiltimagh area. The submission also stated that there is no demand for rail which was the conclusion of the EY rail report and requests the inclusion of creating a greenway on the WRC during the lifetime of the plan and that the plan must adhere to the RSES in terms of the WRC. The submission also cites the local support for a greenway in the East Mayo area and requests to amend the term "disclosed" to "closed".

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission

Submission No:	MYO-C11-72
Submitted by:	Colette Shannon
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

The submission seeks a greenway on the rail line in Kiltimagh which would bring much needed tourism. A greenway would be preferable over the Velorail in Kiltimagh and the Kiltimagh IRD did not take on board local comments on the project.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1 (point 4) of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1 (point 4) of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-106
Submitted by:	Kevin Murphy

Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

This submission seeks a greenway to open between Galway & Sligo.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-148
Submitted by:	Seamus Breslin
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission mentions the old rail line between Mullingar to Athlone which has reopened as a greenway and has been a success for Westmeath. It also mentions that a proposed greenway linking Galway to Athlone is in progress which could further link in Athenry with the proposed Quiet Man Greenway in East Galway linking to Tuam and hopefully into Mayo/Galway. The submission also refers to quotes from the CEO of Irish Rail who reportedly said they would continue to own the line if converted to a greenway. The submission seeks the reopening of the Western Rail Corridor from Charlestown to Claremorris as a greenway. The reopening of this line as a greenway would potentially connect with other potential greenways from Sligo & Galway on the WRC and connect to Enniskillen greenway and the National Greenway Network. The submission also highlights that developing a greenway, community centre and amenity park were part of the Kiltimagh Community Futures Action Plan and should be adopted.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1 (Points 1& 4) of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Item 1 (Points 1& 4) of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-153
Submitted by:	Peter Fay
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

This submission seeks for a greenway to be opened on Western Rail Corridor in Mayo which would link into other greenway north and south of the county whilst also connecting to the wider Mayo Greenway network. It states that there is a very small likelihood of the line reopening for rail before 2040. The submission outlines the potential benefits of a greenway such as a recreational/transport facility for local whilst also providing a tourism facility and also other benefits such as health/economic/social etc.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-154
Submitted by:	Sligo Greenway Co-op Ltd
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

The submission from a voluntary group in Sligo wish to see a greenway between Charlestown and Ballindine which would connect to the proposed Sligo greenway which would extend to Enniskillen, it is also suggested connecting the proposed greenway to Castlebar/Turlough. The author also refers to the economic value of a greenway and what it could bring to the rural economy and refers to the rail reports which stated the reintroduction of rail is unviable. The submission also states it would be madness to create a greenway alongside the existing track due to cost etc. and therefore the only solution would be to place a greenway upon the existing rail line and avail of greenway funding which is available for such projects until such time as rail is viable.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted. See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Item 1 (Points 1& 4) of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-170
Submitted by:	Louise Gallagher
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

This submission seeks the reopening of the WRC as a greenway to provide a safe environment for all to travel. The submission discusses safe travel initiatives in Dublin and also the benefits of the Greenway in Westport has had on the area. A greenway can provide a huge boost to areas along the WRC and provide a tourism market to East Mayo.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-172
Submitted by:	Pat Moore on behalf of Swinford Cruisers
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks for a greenway to be opened on Western Rail Corridor between Charlestown & Claremorris. It would provide many business opportunities (bike hire etc) while also bring business to towns along the route. The greenway will also provide health benefits for all users.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to See recommendation to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-173
Submitted by:	Noel Harrington
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks the reopening of the WRC from Charlestown to Claremorris for Greenway purposes. It would provide a quality of life for residents and tourism opportunities and using it as a greenway would not remove the possibility of using it for rail in future.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-175
Submitted by:	Mary Gallagher
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks a designated cycle way on the old railway and would provide a great tourist attraction which there are spectacular views of mountains, rivers and lakes.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No(s):	MYO-C11-183
	MYO-C11-187
Submitted by:	Valerie McEllin
	Laurence M. McEllin
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: Western Rail Corridor

Summary of Submissions:

These identical submissions discuss the benefits of greenway including health, improved economic activity and tourism. Comments made at an Oireachtas transport meeting are referred to and the EY & Jaspers reports findings also. The submission seeks for MCC to undertake a feasibility study similar to what Galway & Sligo Councils have carried out for a greenway to run on the WRC between Charlestown & Claremorris with a parallel section running along the approved Velorail section at Kiltimagh.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Items 1 & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Items 1 & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-188
Submitted by:	Noelle Henry
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

The submission seeks the reopening of the WRC between Charlestown and Claremorris for a greenway which would benefit East Mayo in terms of tourism and community. It would potential connect to greenways from Galway and Sligo. The reopening of rail may never happen.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-195
Submitted by:	Julie Kelly
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks the reopening of the Western Rail Corridor from Charlestown to Claremorris as a greenway. The reopening of this line as a greenway would potentially connect with other potential greenways from Sligo & Galway on the WRC and connect to proposed Dublin/Galway greenway and the Enniskillen greenway and the National Greenway Network. The submission also refers to comments made by CEO of Irish Rail, funding available, health benefits and actions of community futures which seek a greenway.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Items 1, 2, 4 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Items 1, 2, 4 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

ubmission No:	MYO-C11-294
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Submitted by:	Michael Higgins
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: Western Rail Corridor

This submission seeks the further development of pedestrian and cycling routes in Mayo as a priority and suggests the use of old rail networks currently not in use as they do not prejudice the re-opening of rail services and would be eligible for national cycling/walking funding.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

There are numerous policies in the plan supporting pedestrian and cycling routes throughout the county. Reuse of old rail networks currently not in use would require assessment on a case-by-case basis. Regarding the proposal to provide greenways alongside the WRC there is insufficient capacity along the landbank to facilitate the rail line and a pedestrian and cycle path.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-297
Submitted by:	Alan Jones
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

The submission states that Charlestown to Claremorris is not under consideration for rail an therefore should be used as a greenway which would bring much needed to tourism/cycling/walking to the east Mayo area. It also states offshoot greenways to IWAK and Knock shrine would boost activity based and religious tourism.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1 & 6, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1 & 6, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-308
Submitted by:	Liam Campbell
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

The submission states that Charlestown to Claremorris is not under consideration for rail and therefore should be used as a greenway which would bring much needed to tourism/cycling/walking to the east Mayo area. It also states offshoot greenways to IWAK and Knock shrine would boost activity based and religious tourism.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1 & 6, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1 & 6, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-318	
Submitted by:	Diane McIntyre	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	apter(s): Chapter 6: Movement & Transport	
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor	

Summary of Submission:

This submission is in favour of a greenway on the old disused WRC, it states that they support a greenway from Charlestown to Swinford and Kiltimagh to Claremorris but not to cross the N5 at Ballinvoher as it would cause traffic concerns.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Items 1-7, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Items 1-7, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-354
Submitted by:	Mary Duffy
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s): Chapter 6: Movement & Transport	
	Topic: Western Rail Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks the alignment of policies contained within the Kiltimagh Community Futures Action Plan to be incorporated into the development plan, with specific reference for the inclusion of a greenway to be created on the WRC.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Submission MYO-C11-639.

See response to Items 1 & 4 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-639.

See recommendation to Items 1 & 4 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-360	
Submitted by:	Felim O'Rourke	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	: Chapter 6: Movement & Transport	
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor	

Summary of Submission:

This submission focuses on the Velorail project in Kiltimagh. The author refers to a previous objective RL-03 in the current plan for a Velorail and the fact the project has not commenced to date. The submission then queries various elements of the business case of the Velorail and informs the council if it proceeds without an independent feasibility study the author will initiate legal proceedings against the council.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1 (point 4) of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Item 1 (point 4) of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-376	
Submitted by:	Marie Casserly	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport	
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor	

Summary of Submission:

This submission states their support of a greenway in East Mayo until such time as rail will be viable to return.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-379	
Submitted by:	Michael Maye	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport	
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor	

The submission requests a cycle/walkway on the WRC and refers to Sligo & Galway's plans to put similar paths on their sections of the WRC, the submission also refers to a short snippet (Video Link) of an Oireachtas Transport meeting where comments were made about the WRC and greenways.

The author lists the wording of the following policies/objectives which all refer to walking/cycling and/or greenway development SO 12, TRP 4, SSP 6, SSP 7, TRP 9, TRP 10, TRP 13, TRP 17. In short, the author is requesting adding a greenway on the WRC to join up with Sligo Co. Council's proposed greenway and by doing so would help with health/wellbeing and provide tourism to East Mayo.

The regional policies and some pages from the RSES are contained within the submission, it is stated that after the rail review Mayo Co. Council have to accept findings and should apply for a licence from Irish Rail to have a greenway on the line. The submission also claims that there is incorrect terminology used regarding the classification of the WRC, it is stated that the line should be referred to as "Closed" or "Abandoned" and not" Disused" as per the Draft Plan. The author refers to a section of the 2016 Rail Review which defines a Closed/Abandoned Line.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1 (point 3) of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission in relation to Disused or Closed and MYO-C11-650.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1 (point 3) of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission in relation to Disused or Closed and MYO-C11-650.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-409
Submitted by:	Bernadette Day
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s): Chapter 6: Movement & Transport	
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

The submission states that a greenway is needed in Swinford to rejuvenate the town and will bring domestic and overseas tourism.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-411	
Submitted by:	John Kennedy	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	r(s): Chapter 6: Movement & Transport	
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor	

Summary of Submission:

The submission states that a greenway is much needed and would supercharge rural community and bring a community asset which could be utilised by all for health and wellbeing.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Items 1 & 2, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Items 1 & 2, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No(s):	MYO-C11-419 – Briain Breslin	
	MYO-C11-421 – Conall Breslin	
Submitted by:	See above.	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport	
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor	

Summary of Submissions:

Both submissions contain the exact same text, which supports the conversion of the WRC from Claremorris to Sligo.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1 (point 4) of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-422	
Submitted by:	Maeve Hunt	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport	

Topic –	Western	Railway	/ Corridor
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This submission seeks the conversion of the old WRC into a greenway from Sligo to Athenry. A greenway would be a huge boost for the AEC in terms of regional tourism. Comments made by Irish Rail CEO are referred to as well as Irish Rails having strict licensing controls on greenways on railways. The submission also claims the Velorail will have zero benefit for the local communities/businesses. The author also makes claims that Councilors in Mayo state there cannot be a greenway on the route due to the RSES, the author disputes this claim and states RPO.6.11 supports the delivery of a greenway based on the rail review findings. Reference is made to RPO5.18 which marks a potential greenway route along the WRC, reference is also made regarding a proposed greenway from Collooney to Charlestown/Bellaghy being prepared by Sligo County Council. The submission ends by stating that you cannot select one convenient part of the RSES RPO6.13 and ignore other policy documents.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to MYO-C11-259, MYO-C11-650 and Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to MYO-C11-259, MYO-C11-650 and Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-437	
Submitted by:	Ann Marie Carroll	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	d/Relevant Chapter(s): Chapter 6: Movement & Transport	
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor	

Summary of Submission:

The submission states that a greenway on the WRC could provide a safe off-road route to travel and it would enhance the planned velorail at Kiltimagh. It is also stated that greenway provide an opportunity for growth and enterprise options.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-438
Submitted by:	Kevin Price

Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

The submission states that a greenway on the WRC could provide a safe off road route to travel and it would benefit health and wellbeing.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1 & 2, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1 & 2, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-455
Submitted by:	Declan Murtagh
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks the reopening of the Western Rail Corridor from Charlestown to Claremorris as a greenway. The reopening of this line as a greenway would potentially connect with other potential greenways from Sligo & Galway on the WRC and connect to Enniskillen greenway and the National Greenway Network. A greenway is also preferred instead of the approve velorail.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1 WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-483
Submitted by:	John Moore
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks the reopening of the Western Rail Corridor from Charlestown to Claremorris as a greenway. The reopening of this line as a greenway would potentially connect with other potential greenways from Sligo & Galway on the WRC and connect to Enniskillen greenway and the National Greenway Network. A greenway offshoot to IWAK would enhance tourism.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Item 1 WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Item 1, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-483
Submitted by:	John Moore
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks to amend MTO18 to include a greenway alongside the approve velorail as a greenway would be off huge benefit to East Mayo in terms of ecotourism etc.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See responses to Items 5 & 7 WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation

See recommendation to Items 5 & 7, WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-518
Submitted by:	Padraic Cafferty
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks a greenway to be constructed on the WRC from Claremorris to Charlestown as it would rejuvenate the area and attract large numbers for leisure activities.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Items 1 & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-532
Submitted by:	Aidan & Blathnaid Quinn

Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

This submission states that the Velorail project is a waste of money and queries how it is being funded. There is money available from the Dept of Transport for greenway and a greenway should be put on the route from Claremorris to Charlestown. Proposed greenways in Sligo and Fermanagh are mentioned which could connect to an East Mayo greenway.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-550
Submitted by:	Anthony McCrea
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: WRC

Summary of Submission:

This submission supports a greenway between Charlestown and Claremorris.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-569
Submitted by:	Brendan Kilroe
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: WRC

Summary of Submission:

This submission supports a greenway between Charlestown and Claremorris to join up other proposed greenways in the Galway and Sligo. A greenway will improve physical and economic activity for the area

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Items 1 & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Items 1 & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-576
Submitted by:	Gary Smyth
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: WRC

Summary of Submission:

This submission supports a greenway in East Mayo as it will bring much needed tourism to the area.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-617
Submitted by:	Cllr Michael Smyth
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Rail Corridor

Summary of Submission:

- 1. This submission supports the provision of a greenway on the current rail line running from Charlestown to Claremorris and fully supports the Western Rail Corridor rail proposal to have Phase 1-3 developed to Claremorris to develop a commercial rail link to ports in the South.
- 2. Support for the Velorail is expressed in the submission, but it is stated that this does not prevent the viability of a cycle way to be provided alongside the track also.
- 3. Both projects can be accommodated through the RPO's within the RSES and one project should not take precedence over the other. Should the Sligo section of the WRC be developed, the CDP should have the flexibility to respond to this.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. See response to Items 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission
- 2. See response to Items 1 (point 4) of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission
- 3. See response to Items 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission

Recommendation:

- 1. See recommendation to Items 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission
- 2. See recommendation to Items 1 (point 4) of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission
- 3. See recommendation to Items 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission

Submission No(s):	MYO-C11-612
	MYO-C11-620
	MYO-C11-620
	MYO-C11-625
	MYO-C11-638
Submitted by:	Chris Carroll
	Adrian Lavin
	Patrick Brennan
	Carole Mulligan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: Western Rail Corridor

Summary of Submissions:

These submissions support a greenway in East Mayo as it will bring much needed tourism, health and wellbeing and economic benefits.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Items 1 & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Item 1 & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-663
Submitted by:	Cathal Kelly
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Rail Corridor, Walking

Summary of Submission:

- 2. This submission seeks to promote Mayo as a premier waking/cycling destination through further development of routes/trails within the county and linking with existing routes/trails within and outside the county in conjunction with the Tourism Section of MCC, Failte Ireland and other stakeholders. Opportunities to enhance ecological connectivity should be part of any proposal to strength green infrastructure.
- 3. The author also seeks a greenway on the WRC from Charlestown to Ballindine which would

correct the imbalance against East Mayo. The author believes Tourism Policies TRP13 & 17 support the delivery of future greenways in the county and by working with Sligo Co. Council, a greenway would connect Achill to Enniskillen.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. Noted. See response to MYO-C11-259.
- 2. There are a number of greenways in East Mayo denoted as Town Greenways on Map 6.1 'Proposed County Greenway Plan Linear long distance and Town Greenway Network' and identified in Table 6.4 'Walking and Cycling Projects'. Furthermore, a linear inter-urban greenway is proposed for Castlebar to Ballina. There are policies and objectives listed in the Draft Plan in support of these town greenways and the interurban greenway namely MTO 6, MTO 9, MTO 10, MTO 12, TRP 29. The towns identified in the plan for town greenways are Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Charlestown, Claremorris, Kiltimagh, Knock, Swinford.

Recommendation:

- 1. Noted. See recommendation to MYO-C11-259.
- 2. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-672
Submission by:	Cathal Kelly on behalf of Swinford.ie
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6 – Movement & Transport
	Topic: Western Rail Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks for a greenway to be created on the WRC between Charlestown and Ballindine as it would correct the imbalance in East Mayo. The author states that the requested project would be in accordance with TRP 9 and TRP 10 of the Draft CDP.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to MYO-C11-259.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to MYO-C11-259.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-700
Submitted by:	James Moore
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: Roads
Summary of Submissions:	

This submission supports a greenway in East Mayo for the short term as there will be an increase in local populations due to remote working and the provision of fast broadband. A greenway should be put on the line until such time until rail becomes viable.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-727
Submitted by:	Roman McGoldrick
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport

Summary of Submission:

This submission covers a range of topics which are summarised below:

1. Greenways:

The author begins by discussing the success of the greenways within the county and the need to upgrade the existing greenways and to create more. The author describes how all existing and proposed greenways are site in the west/northwest of the county and this is illustrated on greenway network map on Page 116. The author states none of the 7 seven towns in East Mayo are served by an existing or proposed greenway and believes this is unfair for East Mayo, who will not experience the same benefits as West Mayo.

The author refers a Oireachtas Transport meeting held on 16th February whereby comments were made from the CEO of Irish Rail in relation to greenways. The EY & Jaspers reports on the viability of the railway are also referred to where they demonstrated that rail is unlikely and EU funding for the project is negligible. Creating a greenway for the interim on the WRC will safeguard it for future rail use. The author suggests that a greenway should commence to Swinford and refers to the Swinford Community Action Plan which sought a greenway on the WRC.

The author believes that meeting the Pedestrian and Cyclist Objectives in the Draft CDP could be achieved by creating a greenway from Charlestown to Kiltimagh.

2. Velorail:

The author believes the project will be a success but has concerns it will not encourage return visits and therefore suggests a greenway to be created alongside the velorail and both projects would protect the line for future rail use.

3. Active Travel

The author suggests encouraging more active travel by making town centres pedestrian priority zones, giving humans priority over cars, providing high quality and secure cycling parking within towns and at popular areas, Sheffield stands are suggested and should be sited near

CCTV/Garda Stations. The author suggests limiting parking to edge of towns therefore creating and encouraging safe/pollution free pedestrian/cycling areas within the town centre.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1 & 2. See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission
- 3. Active Travel is supported throughout the plan. Tables 6.2 and 6.3 provide a breakdown of the modes of travel for the daytime population for Tier I and Tier II towns (POWSCAR) including walking and cycling. There are numerous policies which promote sustainable mobility and active travel throughout the plan including MTO 4 which is 'To increase cycling usage in Tier I and Tier II settlements in line with the national average (2016)'. Also, MTP's 4-7 and MTO's 2-13.

Recommendation:

- 1 2. See recommendation to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.
- 3. No change to Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-785
Submitted by:	Ann Lennon
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission supports the conversion of the old railway line from Sligo to Claremorris into a greenway as it would be a wonderful amenity for East Mayo.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Items 1 & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-792
Submitted by:	Joe Sheehan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks a greenway on the WRC which has the potential to connect to other greenways such as the Turlough and Fermanagh greenways and also seeks a safety track alongside the approved Velorail. The submission also discusses the rail review reports and RSES

Policies/Objectives RPO 6.11 and RPO 5.18. The author claims delivering a greenway from Athenry to Collooney would be fully compliant with RPO 5.18, to deny this would be contrary to RPO 6.11 and the NDP. It states that the National Development Plan has precedence over Regional Strategies and that Regional Strategies have precedence over the County Plan.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

See response to MYO-C11-259 in relation to RPO.5.18.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

See recommendation to MYO-C11-259 in relation to RPO.5.18.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-793
Submitted by:	Kevin Quinn
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission highlights the benefits of cycling/walking on health and seeks a greenway created on the WRC between Claremorris and Charlestown and to create a safety track alongside the approved Velorail route at Kiltimagh.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Items 1 & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Items 1 & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-970
Submitted by:	Frank Mulligan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks a greenway on the WRC as railway isn't coming to this route for a long time and all rail review reports confirm this. It isn't illegal to put a greenway on an old rail route, Irish Rail can permit greenways on old railways and have strict control. The submission also states that the existing rail infrastructure is not fit for purpose. Reference is also made to Sligo and Galway County Councils advancing greenway projects on the WRC.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1122
Submitted by:	Tom Lavin
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor
Common of Charleston	

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks a greenway on the WRC and believes that the Rail will not return on this section and therefore a greenway should be place on the line instead until such time as rail is viable to return.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Item 1 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

The below submissions were received from students and principal (MYO-C11-958) of Swinford National School and raised numerous points, there submissions will be summarised together.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-948 – Grace Gavin
	MYO-C11-949 – Maja Wesolowska
	MYO-C11-950 – Lucy Doherty
	MYO-C11-951 – Liam Healy
	MYO-C11-952 – Mark Joseph Dunleavy
	MYO-C11-953 – Roise Doyle
	MYO-C11-954 – Saoirse Gamez
	MYO-C11-955 – Ryan Cassidy
	MYO-C11-956 – Kevin Groarke
	MYO-C11-957 – Isabelle Murtagh
	MYO-C11-958 – Principal, Adrian Cregg
	MYO-C11-959 – Daniel Irwin
	MYO-C11-960 – Cian McDonnell
	MYO-C11-961 – Cillian Goldrick

	MYO-C11-962 – Cassie Glavey
	MYO-C11-1105 – Niamh Regan
	MYO-C11-1106 – Cora Durkan
Submitted by:	See above.
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

The above submissions were received from students and principal (MYO-C11-958) of Swinford National School, they all seek a commitment in the Draft Plan to have a greenway on the old railway line in Swinford. Most submissions refer to the success of the Great Western Greenway in West Mayo in terms of tourism but also in terms of active travel for schools in Westport. Most submissions also refer to the dangerous roads around Swinford and how a greenway would provide a safe place to travel to/from school. Other points which were raised are summarised below:

- 1. Create a greenway from Charlestown to Claremorris.
- 2. This would provide a safe place to exercise.
- 3. This would provide a safe place to pick berries and see nature.
- 4. This would reduce carbon footprint, and sync with schools Green School Programme
- 5. This would boost tourism & the economy by creating local jobs.
- 6. This would improve wellbeing and mental health.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Items 1 & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

Measures to reducing our carbon footprint are ingrained throughout the Draft CDP along with policies which support the development of cycleways greenways including MTO 8 and MTO 10.

MCC actively supports the Green Schools Program initiatives which promotes Environmental Education from a young age.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Items 1 & 2 of the WRC Pre-Printed Postcards Submission.

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submissions in Support of Rail on WRC

Submission No.	MYO-C11-15
Submission by:	Cllr. Mark Duffy
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6 – Movement & Transport
	Topics: Ballina, Western Rail Corridor

Summary of Submission:

- 1. Requests that a new Skate Park and Sensory Garden are constructed in Ballina.
- 2. Requests the inclusion of plans for roofed streets on the 4 main streets of Ballina as well as additional civic space and roofed space in the Market Square area.
- 3. Requests the inclusion of support for a 'Joe Biden Centre'. The submission suggests that a suitable location would be the old RIC/ Garda Barracks on Walsh Street.
- 4. The development of the Western Rail Corridor must remain a key rail priority for county Mayo and the western regional counties and that no plans should be made for cycle ways on this track until all efforts have been made to realise the reopening of the Western Rail Corridor.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1-3. These points relate to the Ballina Town LAP, which will be reviewed in 2021, and are not within the remit of the Draft County Development Plan.
- 4. Noted. MTP 10 of the Draft CDP supports the reopening of the WRC for passenger and freight transport including a linkage to IWAK. Chapter 5 Tourism Strategy and Chapter 6 Movement and Transport both contain policies/objective which support and facilitate cycling/walking development throughout the County and in the vicinity of the WRC.

Recommendation:

1-4. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-646
Submitted by:	Mary Dillon
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission proposes the old overgrown line is put to better use for future generations by suggesting a peat fired steam locomotive train which would transport tourists from one town to the other.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to point 4 of MYO-C11-15.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to point 4 of MYO-C11-15.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-624
Submission by:	Andrew James Connolly
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6 Movement and Transport

Summary of Submission:

- The submission supports the restoration of the WRC and recommends the zoning of a landbank between IWAK and the WRC for the future development of a light rail shuttle service similar to that at Stanstead Airport.
- 2. Or alternatively the Draft Plan could acknowledge the positive impacts such a development would bring to the region.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response

- 1. MTP 10 supports the provision of a rail link from the WRC to IWAK.
- 2. Noted.

Recommendation

1 – 2. No change to Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1266
Submitted by:	West on Track
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission states that the Draft Plan is fully cognisant of the ten NPO's within the NPF as is the RSES with specific reference to RPOs 6.13a & 6.13b which support regeneration of the WRC. The group endorse the policies/objectives under the Integrated Land Use and Transportation section of Chapter 6. The group welcome plans in the Draft CDP for MCC to develop local walking & cycling facilities for all Mayo towns including towns along the WRC (Charlestown, Kiltimagh & Swinford), it is stated that such infrastructure can be developed anywhere ie. through Coillte owned woods, along riverbanks or linking to existing infrastructure as evidenced by other greenway developments such as Castlebar-Turlough, Westport & Claremorris. The group believe a Railway Order process should be initiated by Government to identify the optimum route for a future railway link north of Claremorris to IWAK & Sligo, it would be relatively inexpensive and protect the existing line. It is also stated that planning permission should not be granted where it would interfere/infringe with the integrity of the WRC.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to point 4 of MYO-C11-15.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to point 4 of MYO-C11-15.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1267
Submitted by:	Western Inter-County Railway Committee
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Western Railway Corridor

Summary of Submission:

This submission is made on behalf of the Western Inter-County Railway Committee which contains representative from six County Councils of Connacht and Clare. The committee strongly support the Rail Policies outlined within the Draft CDP regarding the restoration of the WRC for passenger & freight with specific reference to MTP 10.

The group note that the policy was supported by members of MCC in the Council Chamber in Feb 21. The development of strong transport infrastructure is critical for Mayo & NWRA following the EU downgrading the NWRA region from 'developed region' to 'region in transition' as a result of a lack investment in infrastructure.

The group refer to a quote from the Minister of Transport in relation to the WRC being described as 'important missing link' between West/Northwest to Ports of Shannon/Foynes.

The submission also states that the WRC is already supported in the existing CDPs of GCC & MCC and also the RSES (RPO 613(a) & (b)). The group welcome MTO 17 which commits to safeguarding and protecting all existing & historic rail lines for not transported related purposes which would prejudice its future operation. Phase 2/3 of the WRC will connect towns in Mayo to Tuam and onto the regional capital of Galway City and onto Limerick/Cork/Waterford. The reopening of the WRC for passenger & freight would connect the three major urban centres (Sligo, Galway, Limerick) along the Atlantic Economic Corridor.

The group state that the WRC can provide economic stimulus for the region as well as offering a modal sift in transport away from car travel and act as a regional enabler to strengthen the AEC and capitilise on the SDZ at IWAK.

The group lastly encourage MCC to set target settlement growth for the catchments of existing and future railway stations as a form of best practice for urban development.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to item 4 of MYO-C11-15.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to item 4 of MYO-C11-15.

Non-WRC related Movement submissions

Submission No:	MYO-C11-14
Submitted by:	Cllr Seamus Weir
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: Roads

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks that the N26 project is listed at the top of Table 6.5 Road Projects in County Mayo.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The N26 road project is listed at the top of Table 6.5 'Road Projects in County Mayo' and is supported under MTO 21 of the Draft CDP.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-16
Submitted by:	Vincent Lang
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: Roads

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks more emphasis on the upgrade of the N26.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to MYO-C11-14.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to MYO-C11-14.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-182
Submission by:	Paul Gannon
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6 Movement and Transport, Cycleways

Summary of Submission:

This submission considers that the commitment by the council under objective MT0 4. The believes that this action lacks both ambition and detail and references the €350 million commitment in the

Program for Government for walking and cycling infrastructure and the recent announcement from the Department of Transport of €250 million for schemes in our largest towns and cities.

The submission believes that Castlebar and the surrounding rural area could easily be improved in terms of cycling and walking.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted. This matter will be further considered as part of the LTP for Castlebar as proposed under MTO 1.

Recommendation:

No Change to Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-295
Submission by:	Joe Mellett
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6 Movement and Transport

Summary of Submission:

This submission suggests that in order to enhance pedestrian safety in areas where there are no greenways, that the verges of all county and regional roads in the county be removed so as to provide safe walking paths.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to item 6.4 MYO-C11-592.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to item 6.4 MYO-C11-592.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-296
Submission by:	Joe Mellett
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6 Movement and Transport

Summary of Submission:

This submission proposes a 10K long looped greenway for Swinford by utalising the old railway line.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation

Response:

Noted. Such proposals are addressed under MTO 10.

Recommendation:

No Change to Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-298
Submitted by:	Brabazon Park Trustees (Swinford)
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: Airport, Rail, Roads, Cycling, Walking, Transport

Summary of Submission:

This submission discusses the groups own woodland management plan which outline different sustainable uses for the woodlands area. The group propose to work with MCC to better develop and connect infrastructure. The group have attached a sketch map illustrating a proposed Cycle loop around Swinford which they seek to have included in the development plan.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Chapter 12 Settlement Plans, Section 12.8 relates to Swinford and there are numerous policies and objectives listed which promote and support the development of Swinford and its many amenities, including Brabazon Park. Objective SDO 1 relates to the protection and enhancement of existing amenity facilities in Swinford, particularly the golf course, tennis courts, Amenity Park and Brabazon Woods. It is not considered necessary to list all individual projects for the park in the CDP, which is a strategic document.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-489
Submitted by:	Keenagh Development Committee
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: Roads

Summary of Submission:

This submission states that the R312 must be a number one priority after decades of neglect.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation

Response:

See response to MYO-C11-630.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to MYO-C11-630.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-553
Submitted by:	Anthony McCrea
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: Roads

This submission seeks the upgrade of the R332 road between Ballinrobe to Tuam for safety reasons.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted. The R322 is listed in the Road Improvements Projects in Table 6.5, Chapter 6 of the Draft Plan. Objective MTO 27 supports these road improvements.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 733
Submission by:	Mayo Local Link
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6 – Movement and Transport

Summary of Submission:

1. Chapter 6: Movement and Transport

<u>Topic – Connecting Ireland</u>

1.1 – The submission requests that The CDP should align with the Connecting Ireland Plan as developed by the National Transport Authority, and where possible exceed the minimum targets of this plan. In addition, this objective should be cognisant and inclusive of the development of the necessary ancillary supports such as bus stops, bus shelters, footpaths, access and Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) systems.

Topic - Accessibility

1.2 - Under Accessibility the submission details various types of ability issues and wishes to advocate for the importance of accessibility when considering objectives and actions.

Topic: Public Transport

1.3 – The submission requests that the CDP prioritise the development of minimum levels of service for towns, villages and rural settlements throughout the county by supporting the development of sustainable mobility plans ensuring connectivity based on settlement hierarchy, regularity of services and journey times.

<u>Topic – Rural Transport</u>

- 1.4 -Further progression of the Demand Responsive Transport Modes as developed under the RTP.
- 1.5 Creation of real and viable alternative to car ownership and dependency.

- 1.6 Promote cross departmental co-operation.
- 1.7 Establish County transport working groups with key stakeholders to inform policy and ensure effective and efficient delivery of public transport services.
- 1.8 Support TFI Local Link Mayo in the development of transport services that support tourism, recreational and community activities and social inclusion.
- 1.9 Collaborate with TFI Local Link Mayo on the development of smart technology to enhance transport planning at a county level.
- 1.10 Support TFI Local Link Mayo in the creation of flexible transport to respond to the needs of individuals living in sparsely populated areas such as community cars and car sharing project.
- 1.11 Ensure Village and Town renewal/enhancement schemes or projects have regard to future transport services identified in the County LTP's.
- 1.12 Utilising the existing School bus services to run on their primary school routes for the non-school going population.
- 1.13 Ensure all Local transport services delivered by state entities or funded by state entities in Mayo, are coordinated with/through the Local Link Office (TCU).

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1.1 The importance of public rural transport is highlighted throughout the plan. It is considered appropriate to include a policy regarding the Connecting Ireland Plan and support of same.
- 1.2 Noted. Accessibility is covered throughout the plan particularly Chapters 6 and 8.
- 1.3 Noted. This is covered in Chapter 6.
- 1.4 -Further progression of the Demand Responsive Transport Modes is outside the scope of the CDP.
- 1.5 Creation of real and viable alternative to car ownership and dependency is covered by various policies particularly in relation to Sustainable Mobility and Modal Shift outlined in Chapter 6.
- 1.6 Promotion of cross departmental co-operation to ensure joined up thinking to utilise the TCU in transport network planning will be one of the principles of the Local Transport Plans, which will be undertaken for the towns of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport later this year.
- 1.7 See response to item 1.6 above.
- 1.8 See response to item 2.3 on Submission MYO-C11-723.
- 1.9 This is outside the scope of the CDP which is a strategic land use plan.
- 1.10 TFI Local Link Mayo is supported in the plan. It is not considered appropriate to include specific actions as requested.
- 1.11 This will be undertaken as part of the LTP process which will be undertaken this year.
- 1.12 This is outside the scope of the CDP and would be more appropriately placed in the TFI Local Link Strategy.
- 1.13 This request is outside the scope of the CDP.

Recommendation:

1.1 - 1.7 - No change to the Draft Plan.

- 1.8 See CE Recommendation to item 2.3 on Submission MYO C11-723
- 1.9 1.13 No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No(s).	MYO-C11-701
	MYO-C11-745
	MYO-C11-752
Submission by:	Bekan Development Committee
	Ballyhaunis Chamber
	Ballyhaunis Community Council
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	6 Movement and Transport - Walking and cycling

The submission is based around the establishment of an Active Travel Corridor (walking and cycling) on existing public, fenced wide margins linking Ballyhaunis, Knock, The Cand Bekan village.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The proposal is located for the most part along the R323 Knock-Kiltimagh-Ballyhaunis road, which is a listed as a Strategically Important Regional Road in the Draft CDP. It is considered that this proposed active travel corridor would mitigate against Policy MTP 18 of the Draft Plan and undermine the strategic capacity of this road and would not be considered an appropriate project for this route. Furthermore, it is considered that there is insufficient capacity along the landbank to safely facilitate the active travel corridor.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

MYO-C11-724
Cllr. Mark Duffy
Chapter 6 – Movement and Transport
Topics - SDZ, Airport, IWAK, Western Rail Corridor, Rail, Roads, Cycling, Walking
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Summary of Submission:

- 1. The submission requests that IWAK is prioritised and supported and that resources should be allocated to the SDZ.
- 2. The submission supports the protection of the Western Rail Corridor for rail use and requests that consideration should be given to greenways alongside these tracks. The submission requests that consideration should be given to exploring the potential of the Western Rail Corridor connecting into Knock Airport. The submission highlights the move to a low carbon

- economy. Support for and possible benefits of the freight depot in Ballina are listed. Improved passenger train services are also listed as a priority for Ballina Train Station.
- 3. Regarding roads and routes the submission requests an upgrade of N26 and R312 routes and also the creation of an orbital route around Ballina.
- 4. The submission cites the need for safe access to walking and cycling infrastructure in the county and requests the creation of a pedestrian/ cycling bridge connecting the Belleek Woods, Quay and Bunree areas and also a pedestrian crossing of the river Moy near Mount Falcon.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. IWAK and the SDZ are highlighted as strategic economic growth drivers in the county. Support for both is included in numerous policies and objectives in the draft plan such as SO 3. Section 4.4.3 specifically relates to IWAK and the SDZ and policies EDP 2-3 and objectives EDO 29-31 provide support for both.
- 2. MTP 10 of the Draft CDP supports the reopening of the WRC for passenger and freight transport including a linkage to IWAK. Regarding the proposal to provide greenways alongside the WRC There is insufficient capacity along the landbank to facilitate the rail line and a greenway. Reducing our Carbon footprint is a fundamental element of the Draft CDP and forms part of the vision for County Mayo as stated in the Draft CDP. Rail and Freight services are supported through policies MPT 9, 10 and 11 and objectives 15-18.
- 3. The N26 is listed in the table of road projects for improvement in the draft plan and objective MTO 27 supports this. There are works currently being undertaken at Glenisland and a Part 8 has just been granted for additional road improvement works at Glenisland Church, but this is subject to funding.
- 4. Appendix 3 lists proposed projects for the Ballina MD which includes a new Ring Road to the east of the town linking N26 (south of Ballina) to the N59 (north of Ballina), incorporating a new river crossing and a western relief road, from N26 (south of Ballina) to N59 (west of Ballina). Other proposals listed should be included in the Ballina Town and Environs plan.

Recommendation:

1-4 No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-750
Submission by:	Kiltimagh Tourism Association
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 – Tourism and Recreation
	Topic: Support for Velorail
Summary of Submissions	

Summary of Submission:

The submission supports the Velorail project and any other tourist projects that will attract visitors to Kiltimagh, including a green way in the future.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The submission is noted. The Velorail project is supported in Destination Mayo – Tourism Strategy. The County Development Plan is a strategic land use plan. Therefore, it is not considered necessary to include and provide specific objectives for all individual projects.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-689
Submitted by:	Maura Ginty
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: Cycling, Walking

Summary of Submission:

The submission notes that Ballycroy is on the route of the 'Long Distance Coastal Route' on Table 6.4 of the Draft CDP listing walking/cycling projects. The author suggests that the project should be broken into phases and has included a suggestive map termed 'The Nephin 10 Miler' which is a looped route which could potentially be used for recreational purposes. Other suggested phases include a 17km stretch from the NP visitor centre to the 'Erris Adventure Bridge' or Bangor.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is not considered appropriate to list all individual projects. The proposal as suggested would be best placed in the County Tourism Strategy or Greenway Strategy or similar document.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-616
Submission by:	Breege Grealis
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6 – Movement & Transport
	Topic: Roads, Footpaths

Summary of Submission:

This submission highlights the narrowness of the road running from the N59 to Cushlecha and onto Mulranny beach. It is requested that the road be widened and install a footpath to alleviate road and pedestrian safety issues.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is considered that the provisions of the Draft Plan adequately address these items through MTO 5.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-618
Submission by:	TJ Grennan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6 – Movement & Transport
	Topic: Rail, Airport, IWAK

Summary of Submission:

This submission makes a suggestion that a rail link should be created from IWAK to the nearest rail station on the Ballina line. The author believes this would facilitate tourism in the west and enhance IWAK as a travel hub.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The Department of Transport are responsible for the creation of new rail routes, **MTP 10** of the Draft CDP supports a future rail linkage from the nearby Western Rail Corridor not the Ballina line as sought by the author. It is accepted that a rail link to IWAK will facilitate enhanced tourism to the county and region and further enhance IWAK as a travel hub.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-971
Submitted by:	Ardboley Road Action Committee
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topics: Roads, Cycling, Walking

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks a range of enhancements for the residents of Balla including the provision of footpaths, cycle lanes, pedestrian crossings and lighting on the N60 on the Claremorris side of the settlement. Such improvements would provide safety and health benefits for residents and also improve the visual appearance of Balla and provide access to a SAC at Portahard.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The proposal is located to the east of Balla village along the N60, which is a National Secondary in the Draft CDP. There are numerous upgrades proposed along the N60 see table 6.5 of the Draft CDP. **MTO 5** of the Draft CDP encourages further development of the public footpath network,

walking & cycling routes and associated infrastructure and where possible retrofit cycling/walking routes into existing urban road networks.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-978
Submitted by:	Westport Embracing Sustainable Travel
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: Rail, Bus, Cycling, Walking, Electronic Vehicles

Summary of Submission:

- The group make several proposed additions/changes, including the removal of the image of a
 motorway from the front cover of Volume 1 and new and amended policies and objectives
 designed to enhance Active Travel, increase the provision of off-road cycleways and footpaths
 and promote sustainable travel and commuting.
- 2. The group make a number of suggestions regarding the content of the LTP for Westport.
- 3. The group make a number of suggestions regarding the pedestrian and cycling objectives in the Draft Plan to trigger a modal shift towards cycling and walking, especially in and around Westport.
- 4. The group make a number of suggestions regarding the provision of enhanced rail services, especially for those that wish to travel/commute by bike and rail.
- 5. The group suggest a number of additions to the National Road Objectives in the Draft Plan.
- 6. In relation to the creation and upgrading of non-national roads the group asks that equal priority be given to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.
- 7. The group see the prioritisation o the construction of the N5/N59 Southern bypass for Westport.
- 8. The group seek additional Placemaking policies and objectives to make town centres more attractive for pedestrians and cyclists.
- 9. The group seek additional climate change objectives, including one that supports Westport in Becoming Ireland's first "15 Minute Town".
- 10. The group asks that Development Management Standards be reworded so that the provision of safe cycleways and pedestrian between all new developments and town centres.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1-3. It is considered that the issues raised would be best addressed as part of the LTP for Westport as committed to under MTO 1. Remove image of motorway from front cover of Volume 1 of the Draft Plan.
- 4. 4It is considered that many of the suggestions in relation to rail are addressed under MTO 15 , MTO 16 and MTO 17 and that the remainder are a matter for Irish Rail and cannot be addressed as part of the Development Plan.
- 5. It is considered that the issues raised a predominantly a matter for the National Roads Office and Transport Infrastructure Ireland.
- 6. Noted.
- 7. The N5/N59 Southern bypass of Westport is already listed as a National Road Project under Table 6.5
- 8. Noted. It is considered that it would be more appropriate to address this matter as part of the upcoming Westport LAP and LTP.
- 9. Noted. Insert new Policy.
- 10. It is considered that it would be more appropriate to address this issue as part of the LTP's for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport and other settlements where appropriate.

Recommendation:

- 1. Insert new front cover to replace existing cover image of Volume 1: Written Statement.
- 2-8. No change to the Draft Plan.

9-Insert a new climate action objective after CAO 7 to read as follows:

CAO: To support and facilitate Westport to become Ireland's first '15 Minute Town' - a sustainable town where a modal shift towards sustainable transport is actively promoted and facilitated.

10-No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1044
Submitted by:	John Gallagher
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: Rail, Bus, Cycling, Walking, Electronic Vehicles, Roads, Western Rail Corridor
	Chapter 7: Infrastructure
	Topic: Electricity
	Chapter 11: Climate Action & Renewable Energy
	Topic: Renewable Energy, Wind, Solar, Hydrogen

Summary of Submission:

This submission made five separate observations which are discussed below:

WRC

This observation highlights the need to protect the WRC for rail as it in time will connect Sligo to Rosslare and is important for future integration into the TEN-T network.

2. N17 AEC

This observation suggests MCC to incorporate a planning policy in relation to the N17 AEC project to minimise the fragmentation of farms/communities along the route corridor.

3. Roads for cycling/walking ways

This observation suggests MCC to develop a strategy to identify roads not dedicated to cars for potential uses as cycle/walkways.

4. <u>Electricity Powerline/Pylons</u>

This observation suggests MCC to create a policy to protect the future landscape from overhead powerlines, poles and pylons and also on large wind farms. An example of this negative impact is made with reference to Bonniconlon – Lough Talt areas and the unsightly ESB transformer at Glenree.

5. Wind Energy

This observation suggests MCC abandon granting large scale wind farms in favour of small locally owned renewable energy schemes such as PV, small scale wind and hydro. The author suggests large areas of the county have been plighted by large scale wind farms which have no long-term benefit for local communities.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. The WRC is supported under MTP 10.
- 2. This matter would be addressed at project/application stage.
- 3. This could be considered under any future Sustainable Mobility Plan
- 4. The Draft Plan supports all forms of renewable energy, both macro, including grid connections, and micro subject to assessment under the Landscape Appraisal.
- 5. The Draft Plan supports large wind farms in accordance with Government Policy and having regard to the Landscape Appraisal of County Mayo and the Wind Energy Development Guidelines (2006) and Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy, or any revisions thereof or future guidelines.

Recommendations:

1-5. No change to the Draft Plan.

Chapter 7 – Infrastructure

Submission No:	MYO-C11-559
Submitted by:	EirGrid
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 7: Infrastructure
	Chapter 10: Natural Environment

Summary of Submission:

Eirgrid welcomes the emphasis placed on electricity transmission particularly Section 7.4.5 of the Draft CDP and makes two suggestions for inclusion in the CDP.

- 1. In relation to specific policies/objectives EirGrid understands the principle underlying objective INO 37 "To ensure the provision, where feasible, of electricity cables located underground" and will always examine the feasibility of same. It is noted that this is not always possible due to technical, economic or environmental grounds. EirGrid seeks for MCC to exclude INO 37 from the plan.
- 2. With reference to the Landscape Sensitivity Matrix and associated maps, EirGrid states 110kv lines which are used throughout Mayo, they use wooden polesets and steel angle masts and have been used for half a century and do not agree that powerlines and such infrastructure have an adverse impact upon the landscape character as stated on the matrix and refers MCC to their publication on visual effects of high voltage electricity infrastructure in Ireland.

EirGrid discusses the North Connacht Project and their progress to date in selecting a route which is due to be finalized in mid-2021. They state it is critical that the Draft CDP resolves the above issues in terms of undergrounding and landscape in order or the strengthen the transmission system with reference to RPO 180 of the RSES.

The submission concludes EirGrid needs appropriate and robust policies/objectives for planning the national grid infrastructure and prioritising it appropriately to deliver national, regional and local benefit.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. INO 37 states 'where feasible' electrical cable should be located underground. The requested removal of the objective is not considered acceptable.
- 2. Noted, no change to the Landscape Sensitivity Matrix.

Recommendation:

1-2. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-593
Submission by:	Cllr. Gerry Coyle
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Gas field
Summary of Submission:	

The submission surmises that any new commercial gas finds along the west coast, which are processed through the Corrib Gas Terminal will have an ongoing fee per annum payable to Mayo County Council. The funds will be used to deliver infrastructure in the Erris area including a complete upgrade of the R312 road between Bellacorick and Castlebar.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

This is not a matter for a strategic land use plan, as conditions regarding community gains for projects are dealt with and assessed on an individual basis.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-595
Submission by:	Cllr. Gerry Coyle
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Broadband

Summary of Submission:

The submission states that Mayo County Council supports the National Broadband Plan to ensure the immediate rollout of high-speed broadband to all rural areas.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to item 5.4 of Submission MYO- C11-313.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to item 5.4 of Submission MYO-C11-313.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-71
Submitted by:	Gary Smyth
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 7: Infrastructure
	Topic: Wastewater, Water, Waste

Summary of Submission:

This submission proposes that MCC participate with the River Moy Trust in a feasibility study that aims to empower towns & villages to look at installing reed bed system adjacent their municipal wastewater treatment plants.

The submission also requests that a large reed bed system is constructed near Castlebar and lands should be purchased to further treat this wastewater and improve the status of the adjoining lake which is deemed poor.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is not considered necessary to include all projects and studies requested as the CDP is a strategic land use document.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Chapter 8 - Sustainable Communities

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Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks the inclusion of an additional statement relating to having community involvement in the management and operation of local community facilities under Section 8.4.3 Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Community facility management does not fall within the remit of the County Development Plan.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-655
Submission by:	Quay Community for Community Campaign
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 8 – Sustainable Communities
	Topic: Community

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks the addition of text to Section 8.4.3 under the heading Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure. The group believe it is not enough for the council to state it will community facilities will be provided and provided suggestive text for inclusion under Section 8.4.3.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to MYO-C11-436.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to MYO-C11-436.

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 712
Submission by:	FRC for Erris Steering Committee
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities
Summary of Submission:	

The submission is from the Family Resource Centre (FRC) for Erris Steering Committee who are working to secure a Family & Community Resource Centre for Erris. The submission requests that the Mayo County Development Plan must refer to the entire county of Mayo, both rural and urban alike. The submission highlights a priority of the draft MCDP under Section 8.4 is 'sustainable healthy, inclusive neighbourhood with community facilities located close by.' It is stated that this is not the case in Erris.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is not considered necessary to include all individual projects. Support for community facilities and services for the whole county, including Erris are identified in policies and objectives in the Draft Plan, particularly in Chapter 8.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-180
Submission by:	Disability Federation of Ireland
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities
	Topics: accessibility

Summary of Submission:

The submission is broken into sections and raises many useful points including:

- 1. The widening of footpaths, public realm enhancements, the inclusion of universal design as a standard condition of planning permission and public realm design.
- 2. The minimum turning space as outlined in the building regulations should be increased.
- 3. Mayo County Council need to work with all stakeholders to commit to open and transparent housing allocation for people with disabilities and lists the various groupings who require support.
- 4. The submission lists ways of increasing employment for people with disabilities. Mayo County Council are requested to ensure that tourist attractions, children's playgrounds and tourist accommodation are accessible to all visitors and lists various items such as audible headsets and interactive screens to be available to the visually and hearing impaired.
- 5. The submission requests that historic and natural heritage sites should be accessible to all with adequate rest stops, help points and changing points available.
- 6. Mayo County Council should work with relevant stakeholders to improve transport options including the expansion of the Local Link Service.
- 7. Mayo County Council comply with Article 11 of the UNCRDP to ensure that weather warnings be accessible to people with disabilities.
- 8. Renewable forms of heating should be considered for homes of people with disabilities.
- 9. The submission requests that the County Development Plan should be assessed to ensure it

meets plain English guidelines.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. See response to item 3.13 of Submission MYO-C11-678.
- 2. See response to item 4.1 of Submission MYO-C11-628.
- 3. This is outside the scope of the CDP which is a strategic land use plan.
- 4. This is dealt with in the Mayo Disability Strategy 2016-2020.
- 5. This is supported through policy TRP 2.
- 6. Local Link Services are supported in the plan through policy MTP 8.
- 7. This is outside the scope of the CDP which is a strategic land use plan.
- 8. This is dealt with by the Housing and Architects Section of Mayo County Council.
- 9. This has been addressed on the Consult website where guidance has been adhered to regarding viewing the site for people with visual impairments.

Recommendation:

- 1. See recommendation to item 1.13 of Submission MYO-C11-678.
- 2. See recommendation to item 4.1 of Submission MYO-C11-628.
- 3 9. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-642
Submission by:	An Post
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities

Summary of Submission:

- 1. Mayo County Council (MCC) are requested to include policies to support An Post's ambition to enhance postal facilities in the County.
- 2. It is requested that MCC recognise the specific operational requirements of An Post with regards the operation of post offices and mail sorting offices and identifies the issues of car parking and deliveries and access to be considered by Mayo County Council. It is requested that Mayo County Council provide flexibility with car parking standards for postal facilities.
- 3. Regarding deliveries and access MCC are requested to recognise that Postal facilities which are located in town/city centre areas have specific requirements to be recognised in the future assessment and preparation of planning policy.
- 4. The submission also notes the importance of adequate vehicular access for An Post sites and requests that during the preparation of any future public realm and movement strategies that Mayo County Council consult with An Post.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

1. It is considered appropriate to include policies regarding the provision of new postal facilities

- and the enhancement of existing facilities, including operational requirements, in the County.
- 2. Parking standards for all developments are set out in Volume 2 Development Management Standards. Parking will be assessed during the planning application process. It is not considered appropriate to make specific changes to facilitate one organisation over another.
- 3. Access requirements are set out in Volume 2 Development Management Standards. Access will be assessed during the planning application process.
- 4. Opportunities to make submissions are available during the preparation of public realm plans and movement strategies.

Recommendation:

1. Insert the following policy to Chapter 8 Sustainable Communities, Section 8.4.3 Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure under SCP 10

SCP: To support the enhancement of postal facilities in the County.

2 – 4. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 613
Submission by:	Comhar Dún Caocháin Teoranta
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities
	Topic: Irish language Plans

Summary of Submission:

The submission from Comhar Dún Caocháin Teoranta relates to the plan produced for the area of Cill Chomain in North Mayo which is attached to the submission in English and Irish. The submission details the contents and objectives of the plan and emphasises the importance of a dedicated Irishlanguage plan as part of the Development Plan for the county. No specific request in this submission.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See Chief Executive Response to OPR Submission Observation 9.

Recommendation:

See Chief Executive Recommendation to OPR Submission Observation 9.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-628
Submission by:	Irish Wheelchair Association
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 3 Housing
	Chapter 6 Movement and Transport
	Chapter 5 Tourism and Recreation

Topics - changing places facilities, accessible recreation tourist facilities

Summary of Submission:

1. Chapter 3: Housing

- 1.1 It is suggested that the MCC promote IWA's Think Ahead, Think Housing campaign in their housing strategy. It is also recommended that Mayo County Council advertises the campaign in local newspapers and local radio.
- 1.2 The CDP commits to all social housing projects supported by capital funding from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government deliver 7% of integrated fully wheelchair accessible social housing units within choice locations that are accessible to community amenities and transport links. Furthermore, the inclusion of fully wheelchair accessible design should be incorporated into each social housing project planning at stage 1 of the Capital Appraisal Process.
- 1.3 -Promote innovative housing design models
- 1.4 Mixed tenure developments or integrated housing which will ensure sustainability of all future housing in terms of a mix of people, their ages and backgrounds.
- 1.5 All future housing meet or exceed energy requirements.
- 1.6 The expertise of people with the lived experience of disability is included in the development and roll out of the Housing Strategy for Disabled People.
- 1.7 Mayo County Council creates a register of accessible housing available from the local authority and Approved Housing Bodies in the area.
- 1.8 Part M of the Building Regulations (2010) is reviewed to include mandatory provision for liveable wheelchair accessible housing.
- 1.9 Mayo County Council promotes IWA Best Practice Access Guidelines as a standard of choice in all new building designs.
- 1.10 Mayo County Council develops a plan to make the approach and access to all housing complexes wheelchair accessible.
- 1.11 A review of the means testing of the Housing Adaptation Grant as it is out of touch with current building costs.
- 1.12 Mayo County Council creates a housing list database (details included in submission).

2. Chapter 6: Transport and Movement

2.1 - Mayo County Council are requested to endorse the IWA's best practice access guidelines and record its support for their work in this regard.

3. Chapter 5 Tourism and Recreation

Topic Accessible Recreation

3.1 - Under the topic Green Infrastructure, Open Space, Recreation and Natural Heritage the submission recommends that Mayo County Council refers to the Great Outdoors Access Guidelines in designing and maintain the many parks and recreational zones of the County.

4. Chapter 9: Built Environment

Topic: Changing Places

4.1 - The submission recommends the allocation of Changing Places facilities at strategic locations within the County.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1.1 It is not considered appropriate to include reference to the 'Think Ahead Think Housing' campaign in the Draft Plan.
- 1.2 This is dealt with by the Housing Section on a case-by-case basis and does not warrant inclusion in the CDP.
- 1.3 This is dealt with in the Mayo Disability Strategy 2016-2020.
- 1.4 The provision of a diverse variety of household types in settlements is supported in the plan through various policies and objectives including HSP 2 and HSP 3.
- 1.5 This is supported through policies and objectives HSP 5, TVHP 3, BEP 19, BEO 18, BEO 19 & BEO 21.
- 1.6 The National Housing Strategy for Persons with Disabilities 2022-2027 is currently being prepared and seeking input and views from people with a disability, carers for a disabled person, or those work in supporting independent living for disabled persons.
- 1.7 A register of accessible housing available from the local authority and Approved Housing Bodies in the area is carried out by the Housing Section of Mayo County Council and listed in the Mayo Disability Strategy.
- 1.8 A review of the Building Regulations is outside the scope of the CDP.
- 1.9 The promotion of the IWA Best Practice Access Guidelines is within the remit of the Architects Section of Mayo County Council and would be best placed as part of the Mayo Disability Strategy.
- 1.10 A plan to make the approach and access to all housing complexes wheelchair accessible would be best placed as part of the Mayo Disability Strategy.
- 1.11 A review of the means testing of the Housing Adaptation Grant is outside the scope of the CDP, which is a strategic land use document. This would be best placed as part of the Mayo Disability Strategy and carried out by the Housing Section.
- 1.12 The proposed database is outside the scope of the CDP, which is a strategic land use document. This would be best placed as part of the Mayo Disability Strategy and carried out by the Housing Section.

Recommendation:

1.1 - 1.12 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response:

2.1 - It is considered appropriate to reference the IWA 's best practice access guidelines in the key policy documents listed in Appendix 2 of the plan

Recommendation:

2.1 - Insert the following policy document to Key Documents listed in Appendix 2 -

Irish Wheelchair Association – Best Practice Access Guidelines

Response:

3.1 - It is considered appropriate to reference the IWA 's Great Outdoors Access Guidelines in the key policy documents listed in Appendix 2 of the plan

Recommendation:

3.1 - Insert the following policy document to Key Documents listed in Appendix 2 -

Irish Wheelchair Association – Great Outdoors Access Guidelines

Response:

4.1 - It is considered appropriate to include an objective in Chapter 8 - Section 8.4.4 Social Inclusion that Changing Spaces shall be included in new public toilets in Tier 2 and Tier 3 settlements, where feasible.

Recommendation:

4.1 - Insert the following objective in Chapter 8 - Section 8.4.4 Social Inclusion

SCO: To seek to provide Changing Spaces in the provision of any new public toilets, where feasible.

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 633
Submission by:	Áras Inis Gluaire
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities
	Topics - Belmullet, Irish Language, Infrastructure Culture, Arts and Tourism
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Summary of Submission:

- 1. The submission points out that Áras Inis Gluaire / Erris Arts Centre is Mayo's only bilingual arts centre and requests the support of the development of Irish language and Bilingual arts programming at Áras Inis Gluaire / Erris Arts Centre.
- 2. The submission requests the creation of a process to support the attracting touring exhibitions and events to the seven flagship Arts Centres in Co. Mayo.
- 3. The submission requests the inclusion of Áras Inis Gluaire / Erris Arts Centre as a strategic element of the social infrastructure of Béal an Mhuirthead in Chapter 12.
- 4. The submission requests a number of proposals which should be considered and supported

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- The Irish language is supported through various policies and objectives in the plan including SPC 28, SPC 29, SCO 20 and BTP 2. It is not considered necessary to include individual groups and organisations who are involved with supporting and promoting the Irish language.
- 2. This is outside the scope of the CDP which is a strategic land use plan. This request would be best placed in the County Arts Strategy, Creative Ireland Strategy or similar document.
- 3. Aras Inis Gluaire is highlighted in Section 8.4.8.1 *Arts Centres and Libraries*. The work of these organisations is supported through the County Councils Arts Strategy, Culture and Creative Strategy and Creative Ireland Programme, all of which are listed in the CDP and supported through policy SCP 25 and objective SCO 19. It is considered appropriate to list Áras Inis Gluaire

- / Erris Arts Centre as a strategic element of the social infrastructure of Béal an Mhuirthead in Chapter 12 as requested.
- 4. It is not considered necessary to include all individual projects requested in the CDP which is a strategic land use plan. Provision of appropriate tourist signage is supported through policy BTP 2.

Recommendation:

- 1 –2. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 3. Amend Section 12.6.5 Social Infrastructure to include the following -

Béal an Mhuirthead also has numerous community, sporting and social clubs. Sports and recreational facilities in the town environs comprise of a tidal swimming pool, MUGA. pier, links golf course, GAA pitches, soccer pitches, a handball alley, and children's playgrounds. Áras Inis Gluaire / Erris Arts Centre is Ireland's only bilingual arts centre. It provides a cultural, social, economic and educational service, via the medium of the arts, for and on behalf of the Erris community.

4. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 637
Submission by:	Fionnbarra Mac Domhnaill
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities
	Topic: Irish language

Summary of Submission:

The submission relates to the whole development plan, and it is stated that the Irish language is a horizontal principle and a key motivator of the entire CDP. The submission also requests formal interaction with Údarás na Gaeltachta and other bodies as regards the promotion and development of the three Gaeltacht areas and improved signage in the Gaeltacht areas.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The Irish language is supported through various policies and objectives in the plan including SPC 28, SPC 29, SCO 20 and BTP 2. BT 3 is. Section 8.4.8.2 refers specifically to the Irish language and Gaeltacht Mhaigh Éo, and refers to the work of Údarás also. The suggestions listed in the submission are covered in Objective 2 Theme 2 of the LECP Action Plan on Environment, Culture, Heritage and Language and the actions listed are being carried out through the LCDC working group on Environment, Culture, Heritage and Language.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-654
Submission by:	Aine Carr
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities

Topic: Kiltimagh Community Futu

Summary of Submission:

The submission welcomes the inclusion of the Community Futures programme in Chapter 8 and wishes to see the priorities identified in the Kiltimagh Community Action Plan 2019-2024 supported under the new County Development Plan.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Submission MYO-C11-639.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-639.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-75
Submission by:	Carmel Bigley
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities
	Topic: Kiltimagh Community Futures

Summary of Submission:

The submission requests that the recommendations of the Kiltimagh community Futures group action plan to be agreed and implemented.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Submission MYO-C11-639.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-639.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-524
Submitted by:	Gaeilge Iorrais
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities
	Topic: Gaeltacht

Summary of Submission:

The submission contains several suggestions/recommendations in relation to the Gaeltachts and the Irish Language they are set out below:

- 1. Recognise the importance of the Irish language to the Mayo Gaeltacht and the language planning areas within the County within the CDP 2021-2027.
- 2. Formulate and implement specific measures to support the implementation of the language plans within the three Language Plans Areas within Mayo and in the Gaeltacht Service Towns

- of Ballinrobe, Castlebar and Belmullet.
- 3. Include the provisions set out in 'Mandatory objective 12: Gaeltacht Areas' of the Development Plan Guidelines 2007, and the measures set out in Appendix C from a Gaeltacht perspective and set measures accordingly.
- 4. Clarify the statutory role of MCC and distinguish it from the role of Údarás na Gaeltacta in relation to the Irish language, language planning areas, Gaeltacht service towns and set Specific measurable objectives and deadlines for the purpose of the plan period.
- 5. Split SCP 28 into two separate policies one specific policy to support the Irish Language and another specific policy to support refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.
- 6. Seeks a separate specific chapter to be included in the CDP for 'The Gaeltacht and the Irish Language' to build on the policies/aims/objectives of the current CDP in relation to the Gaeltacht and the Irish Language.
- 7. Recommend specific recognition of the language planning process and the OPTs and consultation with the OPTs, lead organisations on language matters such as agreeing public goals for the Gaeltachts etc. in the Draft CDP 2021-2027.
- 8. Recommend a work plan for signage to be agreed with OPTs to ensure that notices in Irish display the names of all the towns in the Mayo LPT. Signage must indicate these are Gaeltacht areas and notes it is a statutory obligation to only use the Irish language for placenames within the Gaeltacht under the Official Language Act 2003.
- 9. In relation to development/housing policies they must ensure they do not adversely impact upon the language within a Gaeltacht community and the group recommend that Language Impact Statements must prove that development would benefit the Irish language locally and recommend that the council appoint the person preparing the Language Impact Statement rather than the developer to avoid conflicts of interest.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- The Irish language is supported through various policies and objectives in the plan including SPC 28, SPC 29, SCO 20 and BTP 2. See response to OPR submission Observation 9 re Irish Language Plans.
- 2. Specific measures to support the implementation of the language plans within the three Language Plans Areas within Mayo and in the Gaeltacht Service Towns of Ballinrobe, Castlebar and Belmullet are addressed in Objective 2 Theme 2 of the LECP Action Plan on Environment, Culture, Heritage and Language and the actions listed are being carried out through the LCDC working group on Environment, Culture, Heritage and Language.
- 3. Mandatory objective 12: Gaeltacht Areas 4.70 Section 10(2)(m) of the Act requires that a development plan shall include objectives for "the protection of the linguistic and cultural heritage of the Gaeltacht including the promotion of Irish as the community language, where there is a Gaeltacht area in the area of the development plan." Appendix C indicates factors for consideration regarding Irish Language areas which are demographic, economic and facilities. These are included in the CDP through the following policies and objectives SCO 20, SCO 21, SCP 28 and SCP 29.
- 4. This is supported by Mayo County Council through the CDP, Irish Office and also through the

Environment, Culture, Heritage, Language Working Group of the Mayo LCDC. Objective 2 Theme 2 of the LECP Action Plan on Environment, Culture, Heritage and Language lists actions for the working group to carry out regarding the Irish language plans and Gaeltacht services towns and includes a monitoring schedule for same. Údarás Na Gaeltacht is supported in the plan through section 8.4.8.2 and policy BTO 1.

- 5. It is considered appropriate to split SCP as requested.
- 6. It is not considered necessary to include a specific chapter relating to the Irish language in the CDP. This would be best placed in a strategic document prepared by the Irish office.
- 7. See response to item 6 above.
- 8. This is covered adequately through policy BTP 2. Further recommendations on signage would be best placed in a strategic document prepared by the Irish office.
- 9. It is outside the scope of the CDP to recommend that the council appoint the person preparing the Language Impact Statement rather than the developer to avoid conflicts of interest.

Recommendation:

- 1 4 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 5. Amend Policy SC 28 as follows:

SCP 28 - To support initiatives at promoting Gaeilge, the Irish language, and

the need for access to social supports in terms of language, education and employment for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.

Insert policy in Section 8.4.4, Social Inclusion -

SCP: To support initiatives which provide access to social supports in terms of language, education and employment for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.

6 – 9. - No change to the Draft Plan.

MYO-C11- 678
South West Mayo Development Company CLG
Chapter 4: Economic Development
Chapter 5: Tourism and Recreation
Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities
Topics: Community Development, Social Inclusion,
Economic Development and Sustainable Rural Tourism

Summary of Submission:

1. Chapter 4: Economic Development

1.1 - Regarding Economic Development the submission states EDP 20 refers to LEADER 2014-2020 which closed on 31/03/2021. A Transitional LEADER Programme began on 1 April 2021. Therefore, EDP 20 needs to be updated accordingly. An acknowledgement of the LEADER Programme in this chapter is requested.

- 1.2 The developing food tourism sector needs support to develop and grow from their locations and may need to be treated differently than the general rural business sector, as they will generate traffic as they grow.
- 1.3 the submission requests that Local Development Companies (LDC) should be acknowledged in sections 4.4.8 and 4.4.9 as an important collaborator with Mayo County Council.
- 1.4 The submission also states that there needs to be more co-ordination between sections of the council dealing with Enterprise Development & Planning.
- 1.5 The submission also mentions economic initiatives through the SICAP Programme and gives examples Short Term Enterprise Allowance (STEA) and/or the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance (BTWEA) initiative. They facilitate new business development and job creation.

2. Chapter 5: Tourism

- 2.1 Under Sustainable Rural Tourism the submission requests Mayo County Council to support the extension of Walks Scheme in County Mayo. Collaborative projects, such as Moorehall have shown how LEADER core and co-operation funding can be used to advance flagship county tourism projects. It is requested that this acknowledged, particularly through objective TRO 6.
- 2.2 The submission also states that attraction of our WAW will lose its value if we over-sell and under-protect.
- 2.3 The submission also notes potential to develop and expand Blueways through the addition of Water Activity Trails to some of County Mayo's inland rivers and lakes.
- 2.4 Regarding Objective TRO14 Glamping The submission states that the glamping product should be managed appropriately, and Fáilte Ireland Welcome Standard should be promoted as a means of ensuring standards for visitors.
- 2.5 The submission suggests that a tourism convention or similar event should be created.

3. Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities

Under the third topic Sustainable Communities the submission highlights a number of inaccuracies, changes and additions requested for this chapter in the CDP as follows:

- 3.1 The submission states that the plan sets out a limited view of community development and could be strengthened from a social inclusion perspective.
- 3.2 Under Section 8.4.1 The submission states that it is misleading to say that SICAP is a community development programme of the LECP. It is also stated that this section gives the impression that the LCDC coordinates all local and community development with its operational area. This is considered misleading as there is a wide range of local and community activity that does not fall under the LCDC's remit.
- 3.3 Under 8.4.2 which sets out the work of Local Development Companies in Mayo, this is considered inaccurate as their work has changed significantly to include Social Farming, SICAP and other programmes not listed in the plan.
- 3.4 Section 8.4.2 is considered an inaccurate reflection of the situation on the ground as other than the PPN there is no reference to supporting civil democracy as a form of active citizenship and as a way of strengthening communities. Furthermore, the submission notes the reference to Mayo Intercultural Action (MIA) in this section as an agency that supports a sectoral community is also

inaccurate and it is requested that it is changed to an accurate description. MIA wound up as an entity in 2016 and the organisation integrated into SWMDC.

- 3.5 Section 8.4.2 refers to the Local and Community Development Programme (LCDP). LCDP finished in March 2015 and was succeeded by the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP). This needs to be updated.
- 3.6 Regarding Section 8.4.2 Social enterprises funded under the Community Services Programme (CSP) are omitted from this section. It is requested that an acknowledgement of this resource noted in this chapter.
- 3.7 Under Policy SCP 1 It is suggested to add in a reference to a human rights-based equality approach.
- 3.8 Under Objective SCO 3 It is stated that it is unclear what voluntary and community groups will be facilitated to do under this objective.
- 3.9 Under Objectives SCO 1 / 4 There is potential in both these objectives to expand them to look at meaningful access for people with disabilities and dedicated spaces for young people is an omission in this section e.g., youth cafes, MUGAs etc., abilities, people with limited mobility, people with accessibility requirements, e.g. buggies, walkers, mobility aids, and to expand the definition of attractiveness beyond conventional visual aesthetics. This is touched on to an extent within SCP 6, however could also be included and strengthened in SCO 1 and SCO 6.
- 3.10 Under Section 8.4.4 the following suggestions are made –

Refer to community education and informal education programmes here as a means of fostering social inclusion.

- 3.11 <u>8.4.4</u> Travelling community should spelt with a capital T (in the preamble)
- 3.12 <u>8.4.4.1</u> Creation of dedicated spaces for young people is an omission in this section e.g. youth cafes, MUGAs etc., though it is reflected in SCO 9.
- 3.13 <u>8.4.4.2</u> Mayo County Council has a huge role in terms of making Mayo accessible for people with disabilities and people with limited mobility. This includes decisions around types of footpaths, positioning of disability parking spots, safe access to footpaths.
- 3.14 SCP 11 Given that the preamble refers to social capital, can SCP 11 be expanded to explicitly mention social capital
- 3.15 SCP 12 Reference should be made to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) rather than the Local and Economic Development Committee
- 3.16 <u>8.4.7</u> Informal, unaccredited lifelong learning is not mentioned in this section at all and has a huge role to play in building social capital, keeping people connected and engaged, encouraging and supporting people on a pathway to formal education and lifting people out of poverty.
- 3.17 SCP 23 Suggest a reference to informal and formal learning initiatives here.
- 3.18 SCP 28 It is stated that there appears to be two policies inadvertently merged here as it is unclear how refugees, asylum seekers and migrants are a policy priority for the Islands and Gaeltacht. This is the only mention of migrants in the draft section. It is suggested that there is a dedicated section within social inclusion for migrants.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response Chapter 4:

- 1.1 This is adequately covered by Policy EDP 20.
- 1.2 Applications for food tourism will be dealt with on an individual basis at planning application stage.
- 1.3 It is considered appropriate to acknowledge Local Development Companies as requested
- 1.4 This is an operational matter and outside the scope of the CDP.
- 1.5 The SICAP programme is acknowledged in the Plan through Section 8.4.1 in Chapter 8 Sustainable Communities. It is not considered necessary to include it in Chapter 4.

Recommendation Chapter 4:

- 1.1 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 1.2 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 1.3 Amend Section 4.4.8, Chapter 4 to include the following:

In addition to the natural resources and food sector as traditional pillars of the rural economy, improved connectivity facilitating home working and digital hubs, broadband and rural economic development opportunities offer the potential to ensure our rural area remains and strengthens as a living and working community. Local Development Companies are important collaborators with Mayo County Council on rural economic development through their work with the LEADER Rural Development Programme and other rural based programmes.

- 1.4 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 1.5 No change to the Draft Plan.

Responses Chapter 5:

- 2.1 It is not considered necessary to list all individual projects in the CDP which is a strategic land use plan. This request would be best placed in the County Tourism Strategy, Leader Strategy or similar document.
- 2.2 The safeguarding of the WAW is supported in the plan through various policies in the plan, particularly TRP 27.
- 2.3 This is supported through various policies and objectives regarding the blue ways and lakes in the plan. Additional policies around Water Activity Trails would be best placed in the Tourism Strategy Destination Mayo or similar tourism plan.
- 2.4 Glamping sites are guided by Objective TRO 14 and Volume 2, Section 6.3 Camping, glamping pod facilities. Each application will be assessed on a case-by-case basis at development management stage but must adhere to the standards and objectives of the CDP.
- 2.5 This request is outside the scope of the CDP, which is a strategic land use plan and would be best placed in the County Tourism Strategy, Leader Strategy or similar document.

Recommendation Chapter 5:

2.1 - 2.5 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Response Chapter 8:

- 3.1 The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is not possible or necessary to list all individual projects and programmes in detail. Further details regarding social inclusion issues would be best placed in a Social Inclusion plan, LECP or similar document.
- 3.2 It is considered appropriate to modify section 8.4.1 to reflect the accurate role of the LCDC.

- 3.3 It is considered appropriate to modify section 8.4.2 to include additional programmes as mentioned in the submission to accurately reflect the work of the LDC's.
- 3.4 It is not considered necessary to include all organisations and active citizenship as the CDP is a strategic land use plan. Regarding MIA it is considered appropriate to modify the section to reflect the current situation.
- 3.5 It is considered appropriate to update section 8.4.2 to remove the LCDP and include the SICAP programme
- 3.6 Noted. However, it is not considered possible or necessary to list all individual projects and programmes in detail in the CDP, which is a strategic land use plan. Further details regarding CSP's would be best placed in a Social Inclusion plan, LECP or similar document.
- 3.7 Noted. However, it is not considered necessary to include details of the human rights-based equality approach in the DP, which is a strategic land use plan.
- 3.8 It is not considered necessary to list all aspects of the work of the PPN in this objective
- 3.9 Noted. However, it is not considered necessary to modify these objectives.
- 3.10 Noted. It is considered appropriate to include community education and informal programmes in Section 8.4.4. as requested.
- 3.11 8.4.4 Travelling community should spelt with a capital Make change as requested
- 3.12 Noted. It is not considered necessary to make the proposed addition as it is referenced in the relevant policy for this section.
- 3.13 Building for Everyone: A Universal Design Approach (National Disability Authority, 2012 is cited in the draft plan and developments, both existing and proposed are guided around the principles of universal design and being accessible for all. There are policies and objectives supporting this in the plan including BEO 28.
- 3.14 It is not considered necessary to make changes to policy SCP 11 as suggested.
- 3.15 Noted. It is considered appropriate to make this amendment.
- 3.16 It is considered appropriate to include a sentence on informal, unaccredited lifelong learning is not mentioned in section 8.4.7
- 3.17 It is considered appropriate to include reference informal and formal initiatives in policy SCP 23
- 3.18 See response to point 5 of MYO-C11-524.

Recommendation Chapter 8:

- 3.1 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 3.2 Amend Chapter 8, Section 8.4.1 Local Community Development Committee to include the following:

The LCDC also coordinates, manages and oversees the implementation of local and community development programmes of the LECP, including has oversight of the Rural Development Programme and Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme, which are run by a number of Local Development Companies in the County.

3.3 – Amend Chapter 8, Section 8.4.2 - Community Development in Mayo to include the following:

Local development companies continue to remain at the forefront promoting community development through a bottom-up approach in the areas of social inclusion, inequality, and local development. Mayo has 4 local development companies which deliver a wide range of programmes, including but not limited to LEADER, Local Community Development Programme, the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme. Rural Social Scheme, Tus, Rural Recreation, Community Employment, Local Employment Services, and local training initiatives and Social Farming.

- 3.4 Amend Chapter 8, Section 8.4.2 Community Development in Mayo to include the following: Other agencies that assist community development in Mayo include Family Resource Centres which provide practical assistance to community groups, such as training, information, advice and use of shared facilities, in addition to educational and training opportunities. Sectoral communities are also assisted in the county by agencies, such as Mayo Intercultural Action, South West Mayo Development Company, Mayo North East Leader Partnership, Mayo Traveller Support Group, Mayo Traveller Inter Agency Forum, The Regional Drug Task Force, The Mayo Joint Policing Committee, The Disability Federation of Ireland and Outwest.
- 3.5 See response to item 3.3 above.
- 3.6 3.10 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 3.11 Amend Chapter 8, Section 8.4.4 Social Inclusion in Mayo Travelling community spelt with a capital T.
- 3.12 3.14 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 3.15 Amend Chapter 8, Section 8.4.4 Social Inclusion in Mayo Policy SPC 12 as follows -

To support the implementation of the Mayo Local Economic and Community Plan in collaboration with the Local and Economic Community Development Committee to reduce the number of people in or at risk of social exclusion.

3.16 - Amend Chapter 8, Section 8.4.7 Education, Training and Skills as follows -

In addition, the Mayo Local Enterprise Office offers business information and advice, business skills training and mentoring support, as well as other skills and training options to support businesses in the county. Informal, unaccredited lifelong learning also has a huge role to play in building social capital, keeping people connected and engaged, encouraging and supporting people on a pathway to formal education and lifting people out of poverty.

3.17 - Amend Chapter 8, Section 8.4.7 Education, Training and Skills, Policy SCP 23 as follows -

To support informal and formal initiatives which provide opportunities for people in Mayo to access appropriate education and training provision necessary to allow them to realise their full potential.

3.18 – See recommendation to point 5 of MYO-C11-524.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-718
Submission by:	Balla CRD
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 8 – Balla Remote Working and Community Education Centre

Summary of Submission:

The submission includes a proposal for the development of an area within the Balla Community Centre into a remote working hub, community education centre, art gallery and exhibition area, community library and local administrative hub.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The work of the Balla CRD is commended, however the County Development Plan is a strategic land use plan. Therefore, it is not considered necessary to include and provide specific objectives for all individual projects.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-640
Submission by:	Special Olympics Kiltimagh
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 8 – Special Olympics Kiltimagh

Summary of Submission:

The submission relates to actions listed in the Kiltimagh Community Futures Group action plan including to develop a community centre, Amenity Park and Greenway alongside the proposed Velorail. The submission wishes to see the implementation of these collective goals represented in the Mayo County Development Plan. The submission proposes that the railway line is now optioned for recreational purposes, specifically a Greenway, in conjunction with the proposed Velorail project and lists the benefits of such a project.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Submission MYO-C11-639.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-639.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-969
Submitted by:	Westport Warriors Basketball Club
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities
	Topics: Community, Facilities
Summary of Submission:	

Summary of Submission:

This submission made on behalf of the Westport Warriors Basketball Club seeks to have its own premises. The club note that Westport will continue to grow and in turn their club will also expand

and are seeking a premise similar in scale to An Sportlanns in Castlebar/Ballinrobe. The club encourage inclusion of indoor premises to be developed in suitably zoned lands in Westport, such as Golf Course Road and seek a 1-acre zoned site to include their requested Basketball facilities.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Recreation facilities and provision is dealt with under Section 8.4.6 of the Draft CDP, this submission is specific in that it requests lands within the Westport Town and Environs area. This area does not fall within the scope of the CDP and will be dealt with separately through the impending Draft Westport Local Area Plan (LAP) which is envisaged to go display in Q4 of 2021. A repeat submission would be welcomed when the Draft Westport LAP goes on public consultation. Any future consultation will be available to view/comment on www.consult.mayo.ie

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission Number	MYO-C11- 1042
Submission by:	Conradh Na Gaeilge
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 3: Housing
	Chapter 7: Infrastructure
	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities

Summary of Submission:

The submission is in the Irish language and indicates that Mayo County Council has many statutory duties to preserve and protect the Irish language in relation to housing development in the Gaeltacht. These include the Planning and Development Act, 2000, the Gaeltacht Act 2012, Mayo County Council's Language Scheme which operates under the Official Languages Act 2003. The 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 – 2030 contains aspects of planning matters which are required to be included in the new Development Plan. The monitoring of the Mayo County Development Plan 2014 – 2020 and the socio-linguistic analysis of the new plan prior to its publication should be undertaken by a person qualified in sociolinguistics or language planning to ensure that the council's activities meet their statutory requirements. The submission is divided into topics as follows:

1. Chapter 3: Housing

- 1.1 It is requested that the rights of the Gaeltacht community to live in their home area are protected. At present many young people must move out of the Gaeltacht as they are unable to obtain planning permission on their own land.
- 1.2 The submission states that people in the Gaeltacht who are entitled to social housing are being pushed out of their own community due to insufficient social housing building in the Gaeltacht.
- 1.3 Ensure that the Gaeltacht is not killed by large numbers of non-Irish speakers coming to live in the area and proposes the following:
 - Language impact assessment That an independent language impact assessment be

required as part of every planning application in the Gaeltacht.

- Restriction on the sale of houses The development plan in the Gaeltacht area should provide that a condition granted for planning permission granted for the erection of a house in a Gaeltacht area should be restricted pursuant to section 47 of the Planning Act to the sale of a house only to an Irish speaker, a restriction which would stand for at least 20 years and which would prevent the house being let for a long term (longer than 3 months in any one year) except by Irish speakers.
- Proficiency in the language Regarding proficiency in Irish when carrying out a language impact assessment or setting a language condition, we recommend that B2 or higher proficiency in spoken Irish be required on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (Council of Europe, 2001). Acceptable standard.
- 1.4 Housing estates In the case of applications for planning permission for housing estates, the developer should prove that the estate would contribute significantly to the promotion of Irish as the main language of the community, ie. Irish would be spoken by over 67% of all age groups of the population in Gaeltacht areas in categories A and B and by 35% of all age groups of the population in Gaeltacht areas in category C.
- 1.5 It is requested that a special case is made for Irish speakers in rural areas who are from the area be treated as having a local housing need without meeting further needs and that they be treated sympathetically. It is requested that all language planning areas in the Gaeltacht should fall under this policy.
- 1.6 Holiday homes It is recommended that the overdevelopment of holiday homes be prevented to ensure that no more than 10% of the houses in any one electoral division are holiday homes. If more than 10% of the houses in any particular electoral division are holiday homes, further holiday homes would not receive planning permission.

2. Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities

- 2.1 The submission states that the CDP must act to achieve the goals set out in the Joyce and Tourmakeady District Language Plan particularly in relation to housing and planning to ensure that the people of the area have the opportunity to live in their own area and that Irish speakers are not excluded from the area.
- 2.2 Other aspects of the plan that need to be addressed as part of the Development Plan include: Sewerage scheme for Corr na Móna, continue the development of Údarás na Gaeltachta's industrial estates, develop a broadband service, develop a community centre, signage in Irish.
- 2.3 Regarding the North Mayo Language Plan it is stated that the CDP has a role in identifying and developing language sanctuary in the LPT and establishing a language partnership with Mayo County Council.
- 2.4 A strategic link (including a network of work and communications) for the benefit of the Irish language to be established between the FPT / GI and Mayo County Council. Mayo county council will be asked to support the joint language policy for LPT service providers.

3. Chapter 7: Infrastructure

9.1 – The submission requests infrastructure is available in Gaeltacht areas including road repairs, water and sewerage, broadband.

4. Other topics

- 4.1 It is noted that the Mayo County Development Plan 2014 2020 is not available in Irish. The new Plan should be available in Irish, especially with Gaeltacht areas in the plan.
- 4.2 It is stated that the plan cannot be properly evaluated as no monitoring report has been prepared. It is suggested that an indicator be included regarding the level of employment in the Gaeltacht and on the Islands with population over 50 persons
- 4.3 The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government will prepare broad planning guidelines to assist local authorities in the implementation of the Planning and Development Act in the Gaeltacht to ensure that the distinctive linguistic identity of the Gaeltacht is protected. In recognition of the need for better co-operation between local and national government and between the various sectors to provide a more efficient and integrated service, the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, in conjunction with the Department of Community Affairs, will aim to develop new shared services and there will be appropriate expertise for the Gaeltacht areas in the planning sector. Gaeltacht area plans will have the same status as town plans. In addition to obtaining approval from the local authority, the new Gaeltacht the plans will ensure that they have sufficient input in terms of ensuring that the sustainability of the language is a feature of the plans. It is suggested that this is worth exploring with the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to see if there are any guidelines that can be used in the Development Plan.
- 4.4 Much of the Mayo Gaeltacht is a conservation area which interferes with local people seeking planning permission. It is requested to ask the relevant Department to review these areas so that planning permission is not precluded, but at the same time taking into account conservation considerations.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1.1 Planning applications are dealt with on a case by case basis by the Development Management Section.
- 1.2 Social housing provision is under the remit of the Housing Section of Mayo County Council.
- 1.3 Language Impact Assessments are addressed in objective SCO 21. Regarding the proposals to include Section 47 conditions as suggested, it is considered that the enforcement of such a restriction would be excessively onerous and difficult to administer.
- 1.4 It is considered that the Language Plans will be the most appropriate tool to assist with the promotion of Irish as the main language of the community and It is not considered appropriate to utilise the CDP, which is a strategic land use plan, in this regard. Furthermore, it is considered that the enforcement of such a restriction would be excessively onerous and difficult to administer.
- 1.5 Planning applications for housing in Gaeltacht areas must comply with all requirements as set out in the CDP, including Volume 2 Development Management Standards. It is not considered appropriate to make exceptions for people who speak Irish, and this request is outside the scope of the CDP.
- 1.6 It is considered that this is adequately addressed under TRO 14 which is to ensure that holiday homes are primarily located within existing settlements where there is existing infrastructure

provision to service the development and where they can contribute to the maintenance of essential rural services.

- 2.1 -See response to OPR submission observation 9 regarding Irish Language Plans. As stated in items 1.1 and 1.2 Planning applications are dealt with on a case by case basis by the Development Management Section and social housing provision is under the remit of the Housing Section of Mayo County Council.
- 2.2 The CDP is a strategic lands use plan. It is not considered appropriate to list all individual projects. Corr na Móna is in County Galway and outside the jurisdiction of the Mayo CDP. Extensions to industrial estates will be dealt with on a case by case basis at planning application stage. Support for broadband, Udaras and signage in Irish are adequately addressed in the plan.
- 2.3 The CDP is a strategic lands use plan. It is not considered appropriate to list all individual projects.
- 2.4 Networks for the Irish language would be best placed within a plan for the Irish Language which is under the remit of the Irish Office. This is outside the scope of the CDP.
- 3.1 Chapter 7 provides details of infrastructure provision in the county, including Gaeltacht areas.
- 4.1 The MCDP 2021-2027 will be available in Irish.
- 4.2 See response to item 1 of Submission MYO-C11-313
- 4.3 When available, the Planning Authority will have regard to planning guidelines to assist local authorities in the implementation of the Planning and Development Act in the Gaeltacht to ensure that the distinctive linguistic identity of the Gaeltacht is protected.
- 4.4 Planning applications are assessed having regard to environmental considerations and guidance on same, irrespective of whether they are in a Gaeltacht area or not. It is not within the scope of the CDP to preclude developments in Gaeltacht areas from environmental assessments.

Recommendation:

1.1 – 4.4 – No change to the Draft Plan

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1092
Submitted by:	Cliara Development Company
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities
	Topic: Islands

Summary of Submission:

This submission notes the Draft CDPs move towards a carbon neutral county and the recognition placed on the special status of offshore islands within the SEA and the need to distinguish between islands with land bridges within the man Draft CDP content.

The Gaeltacht and the islands are grouped together as per the old plan, the Islands does not
fall under the remit of the Department of the Gaeltacht anymore and there should be a distinct
section within the plan for offshore islands, which should also be distinct from islands with land
bridges.

- 2. The group highlights that reference is made to islands being part of the settlements with Tier V, however no island is listed within Tier V, the group also highlights that there is a difference between island and non-island living in that island have a dispersed nature compared to proposals within Tier V settlements to promote compact growth.
- 3. The submission seeks a range of additions to the Draft CDP in terms of projects, an objective and seven policies, one of which is a policy to actively promote mixed social and affordable housing schemes for returning islanders and immigrants to the islands.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response:

- 1. Islands and Gaeltachts are grouped together under Section 8.4.8.2, however there is a clear distinct context for each and there are clear separate policies/objectives for each.
- 2. In relation to reference of villages on Islands as per Table 2.4 Core Strategy, the settlements of Doogort and Bunnacurry are on Achill Island and therefore the term Islands is warranted.
- 3. It is considered that the provisions of the Draft Plan adequately address the proposed projects, objective and six of the proposed policies. Add new policy in relation of social & affordable schemes.

Recommendation:

- 1-2. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 3. Insert new policy in Section 8.4.8.2 (Islands and the Gaeltacht Mhaigh Éo) after Policy SCP 31: *SCP:* To actively promote and encourage the provision of mixed social and affordable housing schemes to facilitate the retention and return of islanders and immigration to the island to ensure viable and sustainable populations on offshore islands.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-988
Submitted by:	Glenfort Residents Association
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: Roads
	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities
	Topic – Community, Recreation, Children
	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Volume 5: Environmental Assessments
	Topic: Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

Summary of Submission:

1. Chapter 6 - Movement & Transport

Topic – Roads

1.1 – This observation seeks more consideration for pedestrians and vulnerable users by providing road safety measures such as traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, chicanes etc.

2. Chapter 8 - Sustainable Communities

<u>Topic – Community, Creation</u>

2.1 – This observation appreciates the efforts made to protect amenity, public & private space and the natural environment. The association would like to see public open space to be centrally located within housing estates and avoid siting near busy roads, and request MCC to ensure the protection of existing amenity spaces by ensuring new developments include good quality open space with safe access for all. The association are also concerned that the provision for private open space seems to be reducing in Development Plans and this is of concern to areas with limited public open space.

Topic - Children

2.2 – The association again refer to concerns around the quality of usable public open space and its impact on child obesity and gaming addition.

3. Chapter 12 – Settlement Plans

- 3.1 This observation welcomes calls for master plans for larger developments and would like to see these extended further as they will be fundamental for towns and some villages expecting economic and population growth.
- 3.2 The association would like to see Design Guidelines for Urban Generated Housing created similar to the document for Rural Generated Housing. They also would like to see Local Authorities create or commission Master Plans as a reference for developers.

4. Volume 5 - Environmental Assessments

<u>Topic – Strategic Flood Risk Assessments</u>

4.1 – The association allay concerns regarding flooding in their locality within the town of Castlebar. Many residents experience flooding in public & private open space and believe there is no safe outdoor space for their children to play as a result. The association encourages local authorities to make sure open space is well drained and usable and the association believes Flooding is a primary issue for MCC and communities at large.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

- 1.1 Road safety measures are 241rioritized in the plan e.g. objective MTO 26. Volume 2 Section 7.5 Road and Traffic Assessments provides details on Road Safety Audits (RSA).
- 2.1 Amenity and open spaces are central to placemaking which is a cross cutting theme and strategic aim of the CDP. Every effort is made to ensure that ample provision of quality open and amenity space is provided in all settlements. Housing developments must have regard to and comply with Development Management Standards as set out in Volume 2 of the plan including Section 4.7. Development must also have regard to relevant guidelines regarding requirements for public open space.
- 2.2 See response to item 2.1 above. Please also refer to the Healthy Mayo Strategy and Outdoor Play and Recreation Strategy for additional guidance around play areas and childhood obesity.
- 3.1 Consolidation and opportunity sites are identified in Tier II and III settlements. These provide details of what will generally be accepted on these sites at Development Management stage and will be the basis of master plans for these areas.
- 3.2 Volume 2, Development Management Standards sets out standards for urban housing in Section 4 Residential Urban Settlements. Developments in urban areas must also have regard to the following guidelines Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas Guidelines for

Planning Authorities (2009) and the accompanying Urban Design Manual (2009), Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments 2018 and Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines 2018.

4.1- The CDP and all development plans are subject to strategic flood risk assessment. The Castlebar Town Local Area Plan will also be subject to SFRA when it is being prepared later this year.

Recommendation:

1.1 - 4.1 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Chapter 9 – Built Environment

Submission No.	MYO-C11-980
Submission by:	J Heskin
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Removal of Property RPS

Summary of Submission:

The submission relates to Gibbons Bar, The Neill. Mr Heskin wishes to have the property removed from the register of protected structures.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

This request cannot be considered at this time as no deletions or additions to the RPS are proposed under the CDP. A review of the RPS will be undertaken separately from the CDP process. The review will be carried out in accordance with Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act to align with the reviews of the Town Development Plans being undertaken in 2021/2022.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

0-C11-999
ne O'Neill
oval of Property RPS

Summary of Submission:

The submission relates to Art O'Neills, Ballinrobe reference number 0084. Mr O'Neill is the registered owner and wishes to have the property removed from the register of protected structures.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See Response to Submission MYO-C11-980

Recommendation:

See Recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-980

Submission No.	MYO-C11-307
Submission by:	Joe Mellett
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 9 Built Environment

This submission requests that the building in Swinford housing the former weighbridge at the junction of Brookville Ave and Lower Main Street be added to the list of protected structures and that the foot bridge listed as No.173 in the current list of protected structures be removed from the list. He also requests that all listed structures have plagues attached highlighting their significance.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See Response to Submission MYO-C11-980.

Recommendation:

See Recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-980.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-1005
Submission by:	Geraldine Flannery
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Removal of Property RPS

Summary of Submission:

The submission relates to JJ Hessions, Bridge Street, Ballinrobe reference number 0085. Mrs. Flannery is the registered owner and wishes to have the property removed from the register of protected structures.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See Response to Submission MYO-C11-980.

Recommendation:

See Recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-980.

Chapter 10 - Natural Environment

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 714
Submission by:	Irish Architects Declare
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 10: Natural Environment

Summary of Submission:

The submission, by a group of architects named 'Irish Architects Declare' provides an introduction to the declaration which recognises the huge impact the built environment and construction sector has had on the planet, and the urgent need for change that is required. The submission consists of two proposals which are to integrate the 'Green Factor Approach' into planning and action through mitigation and adaptation responses to climate change. Examples, case studies and guiding principles are listed in the submission to support the proposals. The submission provides details of the Green Factor Approach which is an ecological planning tool which provides an opportunity to improve planning policy. Under action though mitigation and adaptation, measures are listed and detailed which it is stated will assist combat the impending climate emergency.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The Green Factor approach as described in the submission, is a cross cutting theme in the plan. The policy context and central objective of the plan is based on the premise that 'quality of life' encapsulates strong economic output and stability, good environmental performance and a good standard of living for all, through the creation of healthy, sustainable and attractive places to live, work, invest and visit. This is underpinned by a number of strategic objectives including SO 7.

The Green Factor approach is supported throughout the plan particularly Chapter 10 and section 10.4.7 Green Infrastructure and policies NEP 11-13 and objectives NEO 17-21.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-610
Submission by:	Mulranny Community Futures
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Dark Skies

Summary of Submission:

- 1. Requests a definition of dark sky friendly lighting to be included into the Objectives table of section 10.4.11 Air Quality, Noise and Light Emissions.
- 2. Section 12.17.7 Mulranny Heritage and Tourism an additional sentence be added that any new lighting that may be installed in the future in Mulranny will be based on Dark Sky Friendly designs.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. See response to item 4.9 of Submission MYO-C11-711 regarding Dark Sky friendly lighting. It is also considered appropriate to include a definition of dark sky friendly lighting in Section 8.7 of Volume 2: Development Management Standards.
- 2. This is adequately covered under RSPV 6 and NEO 43 (amended).

Recommendation:

1. See response to item 4.9 of Submission MYO-C11-711. Also, amend Section 8.7, Lighting and Illumination of Vol. 2 to include the following:

Dark Sky Friendly Lighting includes:

Reduces blue-rich light emissions with recommended Correlated Colour Temperatures (CCT) of 2,700 Kelvin (or less). This is visually warm-toned light and is also energy efficient.

Allows no upward light ratio by using full cut or and/or downward directed light to the task intended only.

Shines only in the intensity intended, allowing no light trespass to neighbouring property. Timing – through the use of timers or sensors, lights should be used only when required.

2. See recommendation to item 4.9 of Submission MYO-C11-711.

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 709
Submission by:	Mayo Dark Skies
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 - Tourism and Recreation
	Chapter 6 - Movement and Transport
	Chapter 8 - Sustainable Communities
	Chapter 9 - Built Environment
	Chapter 10 - Natural Environment
	Chapter 12 – Settlement Plans

Summary of Submission:

1. Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation

- 1.1 Section 5.3 National and Regional Planning it is recommended to amend "Mayo Dark Sky Reserve" to Mayo Dark Sky Park. Ballycroy National Park to Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park.
- 1.2 Regarding 'Fáilte Ireland's Settlement Approach' (TRP 3) it is considered that "Always On" hubs, should not extend to strategies that impact biodiversity and /or natural nocturnal ambience.
- 1.3 It is recommended that Astrotourism is included as a key Tourism Category for the county. Add to list of flagship projects and services listed in table 5.1.
- 1.4 Amend Ballycroy and Nephin National Park to Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park.

2. Chapter 6: Movement and Transport

2.1 - The submission states that the draft plan implies that a measure of success for pedestrian and cycle facilities includes, inter alia "adequate public lighting". It is recommended to remove this phrase as there are many examples of successful pedestrian and cycleways that are not lit.

3. Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities

3.1 - Regarding Section 8.4.5.1. - Health & Wellbeing the submission refers to objective SCO 11 and states - appropriately serviced footpaths as mentioned herein are not always in need of lighting in order to be well serviced. The council should not connect wellbeing with the need for artificial lighting on all footpaths. When lighting is absolutely necessary it should be warm toned (low CCT as defined elsewhere) and designed adaptively to reduce power output and be turned off during low use periods.

4. Chapter 9: Built Environment

- 4.1 Regarding Section 9.4.2 Sustainable Building the reference to 'improving air quality and lighting' is noted and it is requested that "lighting" is clarified to be in keeping with dark sky policies.
- 4.2 Under Section 9.4.3 Placemaking and objective BEO 22 "Attractive" is highlighted and it is stated that—visually pleasing spaces should qualify that lighting should be in moderation and designed appropriately so as not to cause light pollution or use lighting with high blue-rich content. It is requested that this definition be adapted accordingly. It is also requested that the inclusion of "light pollution" (along with noise and air pollution) is located in the first point of considerations underpinning Green Space Principles.

5. Chapter 10: Natural Environment

- 5.1 Under Section 10.4.9 Coastal Zone, the submission calls for careful planning in relation to the installation of artificial lighting in coastal areas or near water bodies.
- 5.2 Under Section 10.4.11 Air Quality, Noise and Light Emissions Objectives the submission includes a request to add after NEO 43 To adopt a policy within Mayo County Council for the reduction of light pollution across the county.
- 5.3 Under Section 10.4.8 Landscape, it is requested that "Mayo Dark Skies" is replaced with "Mayo Dark Sky Park"

6. Chapter 12: Settlement Plans

- 6.1 The submission refers to Newport and requests that reference to the lighting masterplan for Newport should be included.
- 6.2 Note in the plan that Newport is a registered Sustainable Energy Community with the SEAI and is preparing an Energy Master Plan
- 6.3 12.17.9 Placemaking and Regeneration at the end of the first paragraph after "Barrack Hill", it should be noted that a redesign of sustainable dark sky friendly lighting is planned for St Patrick's Church and the Viaduct Bridge.
- 6.4 An additional policy under Newport Settlement after NTP 4 is requested in relation to te lighting of St Patrick's Church and the Viaduct Bridge.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response Chapter 5:

1.1 - See response to item 4.5 of MYO-C11-711

- 1.2 Noted. This is an issue to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- 1.3 Noted. It is not considered necessary to include an additional category of tourism for the county.
- 1.4 See response to item 4.5 of MYO-C11-711

Recommendation Chapter 5:

- 1.1 See recommendation to item 4.5 of MYO-C11-711
- 1.2 1.3. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 1.4 See recommendation to item 4.5 of MYO-C11-711

Response Chapter 2:

2.1 - Public lighting is considered necessary for safety reasons. It is not considered appropriate to remove this item from the Plan or modify it.

Recommendation Chapter 2:

2-1 – No change to the Draft Plan

Response Chapter 8:

3.1 - See response to item 2.1 above.

Recommendation Chapter 8:

3.1 - See recommendation to item 2.1 above.

Response Chapter 9:

- 4.1-It is not considered necessary to clarify 'lighting' as per section 9.4.2. It is considered that there are numerous dark sky friendly policies in the Draft Plan and it is not necessary to make further additions.
- 4.2 It is not considered necessary to make changes to section 9.4.3. It is considered that there are numerous dark sky friendly policies in the Draft Plan and it is not necessary to make further additions.

Recommendation Chapter 9:

4.1-4.2 - No Change to the Draft Plan

Response Chapter 10:

- 5.1 5.2 It is considered that there are numerous dark sky friendly policies in the Draft Plan and it is not necessary to make further additions.
- 5.3 See response to item 4.5 of MYO-C11-711

Recommendation Chapter 10:

- 5.1 5.2 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 5.3 See recommendation to item 4.5 of MYO-C11-711

Response Chapter 12:

6.1 – 6.4 - It is considered appropriate to make additions as requested.

Recommendation Chapter 12:

6.1 - Insert the following text in Section 12.17.8 at the end of the section -

A lighting masterplan for Newport has been prepared.

6.2 - Insert the following text in Section 12.17.8 at the end of the section -

Newport is a registered Sustainable Energy Community with the SEAI and is preparing an Energy Master Plan.

6.3 - Insert the following text in 12.17.9 Placemaking and Regeneration-

'A new enterprise hub workspace facility and a new tourism office is also planned for local authority/community-owned derelict buildings at Barrack Hill. The realisation of these landmark projects will greatly enhance the public realm and vibrancy of the town. A redesign of sustainable dark sky friendly lighting is planned for St Patrick's Church and the Viaduct Bridge'.

6.4 - Insert the following additional policy under NTP 4:

NTP: To support the implementation of flagship lighting designs for St Patrick's Church and the viaduct bridge, to support Newport's Lighting Masterplan and to support the safeguarding the accreditation of nearby Mayo Dark Sky Park.

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 732
Submission by:	Georgia MacMillan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 10- Natural Environment
	Chapter 12 – Settlement Plans

Summary of Submission:

- 1. Under Natural Heritage the submission requests that consideration is taken in the way hedgerows are cut back and a review into where this is necessary. The submission cites developments such as new or "improved" roads, which has created huge disturbance of places used by wild animals and birds for sheltering, feeding or breeding and disruptions of watercourses, with an affect the on the quality of our natural environment. It is requested that the preservation of our natural heritage and be achieved by being more creative with our green infrastructure to move away from carbon hungry transport methods. The submission also supports the cessation of commercial forestry activity in Wild Nephin.
- 2. Under Dark Sky Policy it is requested that under Section 10.4.11 Air Quality, Noise and Light Emissions a definition of dark sky friendly lighting is included into the Objectives table.
- 3. Under Newport, which is described as the gateway to Mayo Dark Skies Park it is requested that urgent implementation of lighting designs for St. Patrick's Church and the Viaduct Bridge provided in the new Lighting Master Plan for the town.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. The protection of hedgerows is supported in the plan through various policies and objectives including NEO 4, NEO 9 and CAP 2. Cessation of commercial forestry is outside the scope of the CDP.
- 2. See response to item 1 of submission MYO-C11-610
- 3. See response to item 6.4 of submission MYO-C11-709

Recommendation:

- 1-No change to the Draft Plan.
- 2- See recommendation to item 1 of submission MYO-C11-610
- 3-See recommendation to item 6.4 of submission MYO-C11-709

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1003
Submitted by:	Lynda Huxley
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 7: Infrastructure
	Topic – Water
	Chapter 10: Natural Environment
	Topic – Light
	Chapter 10: Natural Environment
	Topic – Biodiversity

Summary of Submission:

1. Chapter 7 – Infrastructure

Topic - Water

This observation notes that there has been a decline in water quality throughout Ireland.

1.1 - The author suggests that MCC should set up Anaerobic Digestors in the county, they would take slurry off the lands and create biogas for the electricity grid and, they create fertilizer pellets. The use of pesticide and herbicides should be avoided as it not only impacts upon human health but also upon our flora and fauna.

2. Chapter 10 – Natural Environment

Topic – Light

- 2.1 This observation encourages MCC to adopt strict guidelines with regards to lighting within the Mayo International Dark Sky Park and eliminate any intrusion lighting.
- 2.2 An appropriate definition of dark sky lighting needs to be provided.
- 2.3 The observation concludes by requesting that best practice lighting should be used in the county especially within the Dark Skies Park and inappropriate lighting should be retrofitted with dark skies appropriate lighting and neon signage shall not be acceptable within the Dark Skies Park.

Topic – Biodiversity

- 2.4 Part of this observation discusses the benefits of urban biodiversity infrastructure.
- 2.5 The author requests MCC adopt the concepts of Urban Building for Biodiversity and Urban Green Infrastructure in order to protect and enhance urban biodiversity and enhance the wellbeing of people in urban areas. It is also suggested that a policy be adopted that Swift Conservation Mayo be consulted if any works to protected structures in the county to ensure the protection of swift 'traditional' nest sites.

Rural – The author describes how much of the countryside has been destroyed by road building and maintenance in the county.

- 2.6 The author requests MCC to
- A) Adopt a policy in providing adequate training for persons carrying out maintenance of roadside hedgerows to not harm biodiversity
- B) Put measures in place for delivery of key infrastructure (e.g., road projects) to have mitigation measures included to mitigate the damage they create on the environment (e.g., replacing equivalent area and type of lost habitat in a nearby location.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1.1 Anaerobic digesters would be assessed on a case-by-case basis at development management level.
- 2.1 There are numerous policies and objectives in place in the CDP regarding lighting and the protection of the Dark Sky Park including NEO 42 and NEO 43.
- 2.2 See response to item 1 of submission MYO-C11-610
- 2.3 See response to item 2.1 above.
- 2.4 Green infrastructure is a cross cutting theme in the plan and is supported throughout the plan particularly section 10.4.7 Green Infrastructure and policies NEP 11-13 and objectives NEO 17-21. Swift boxes and individual projects are not ideally placed in the CDP but would be best placed in a biodiversity strategy or similar document.
- 2.5 This comment is noted. It does not contain any specific request for inclusion in the CDP.
- 2.6 These requests would be part of the Environmental Assessment of such projects and are outside the scope of the CDP.

Recommendation:

- 1.1 2.1 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 2.2 See recommendation to item 1 of submission MYO-C11-610
- 2.3-2.6 No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-413
Submission by:	Turlough Archaeological Society
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 9 Built Environment

Summary of Submission:

The submission from the Turlough Archaeological and Heritage Society comprises of a report on proposed future developments at and in the vicinity of the Church and Round Tower at Turlough, which is a National Monument in state ownership and maintained by the OPW. The Society sees an opportunity for the site, to develop as a tourist and educational centre.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted.

Recommendation:

No change to Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-70
Submitted by:	Gary Smyth
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 10: Natural Environment
	Topic: Bogs

Summary of Submission:

The submission proposes MCC to take proactive step in peatland management by rewetting all bog lands owned by MCC and should be identified by the Climate Action department.

The process would benefit the flood management of the Moy Valley by slowing the flow which is a key step in Flood Management.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Peatlands are addressed in the plan in Section 10.4.6 and policies NEP 9 and 10. Also objectives NEO 15 and 16.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-565
Submitted by:	Gary Smyth
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Volume 5: Environmental Assessments

Summary of Submission:

This submission proposes that MCC to develop a formatted approach to allow community groups exemptions from obtaining planning for community projects in Special Areas of Conservation (SAC).

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

This request cannot be considered as part of the CDP process. He criteria for requiring planning permission for a specific development are set out in the Planning and Development Act and Regulations.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-474
Submitted by:	Gerard Dowling

Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 10: Natural Environment
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- 1 This submission highlights the negative impact of hedge cutting by heavy machinery for the purposes of new or improving road safety and attached images highlighting hedge destruction.
- 2 The author requests the adoption of ecologically sensitive and dark sky friendly lighting policy.
- 3 Incorporate dark skies friendly lighting as per above in the settlement of Newport and Mulranny.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. See response to item 1 of submission MYO-C11-732.
- 2. See response to item 1 of submission MYO-C11-610.
- 3. See response to item 6.4 of submission MYO-C11-709.

Recommendation:

- 1. See recommendation to item 1 of submission MYO-C11-732.
- 2. See recommendation to item 1 of submission MYO-C11-610.
- 3. See recommendation to item 6.4 of submission MYO-C11-709.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-441
Submitted by:	Laura del Rosal Walsh
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 10: Natural Environment
	Topic: Light, Dark Skies

Summary of Submission

- 1. The submission seeks the inclusion of dark sky friendly lighting definition within the objectives table.
- 2. The submission requests that lighting designs for locations in Newport are implemented.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. See response to item 1 of submission MYO-C11-610.
- 2. See response to item 6.4 of submission MYO-C11-709.

Recommendation:

- 1. See recommendation to item 1 of submission MYO-C11-610.
- 2. See recommendation to item 6.4 of submission MYO-C11-709.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-440
Submitted by:	Fiona Hopkins

Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s)	: Chapter 10: Natural Environment
	Topic: Air Quality
	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Newport

- 1. This observation seeks the inclusion of dark sky friendly lighting definition within the objectives table.
- 2. This observation states that Newport is the gateway town into the Mayo International Dark Sky Park and Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park, and it is requested to implement lighting designs Newport

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. See response to item 1 of submission MYO-C11-610.
- 2. See response to item 6.4 of submission MYO-C11-709.

Recommendation

- 1. See recommendation to item 1 of submission MYO-C11-610.
- 2. See recommendation to item 6.4 of submission MYO-C11-709.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-570
Submitted by:	Newport Astronomy Club
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 10: Natural Environment
	Topic: Light, Dark Skies

Summary of Submission:

This submission requests that all public lighting in the town of Newport comply with specifications within the town's Lighting Master Plan created by the Heritage Council.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to item 6.4 of Submission MYO-C11-709.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to item 6.4 of Submission MYO-C11-709.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-697
Submission by:	Joyce Country and Western Lakes Geopark Project
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 10 Natural Environment

The submission requests that the achievement of UNESCO Global Geopark status for Joyce Country & Western Lakes (JCWL) area should be listed as one of the priorities of the new County Development plan.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

There is a specific objective relating to the proposed Geopark listed in Chapter 10 under NEO 12. It is therefore not considered necessary to add additional text regarding the Geopark to the plan.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 658
Submission by:	Joyce Country and Western Lakes GeoEnterprise (Trish Walsh)
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 10: Natural Environment
	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation
	Significance for chapters: 8 Sustainable Communities and 11
	Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Summary of Submission:

The submission is divided into topics as follows: Sustaining small communities, Tourism Development, Cycling Trail, Sustainable development, Economic development of small communities. A description of the organisation is provided, and the work involved in the GeoEnterprise.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Submission MYO-C11-697.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-697.

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 713
Submission by:	Ger Deere
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 10: Natural Environment
	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation
Summary of Submission:	

The submission is one of support for the Joyce Country and Western Lakes GeoEnterprise

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Submission MYO-C11-697.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-697.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-673
Submission by:	Caithriona McCarthy
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapters 5 and 10
	Topics -Tree Planting, Local Communities and Climate Change

Summary of Submission:

- 1. Expansion of Westport's Edible Landscape Project's (ELP) Tree Towns Initiative to all towns in Mayo in conjunction with Mayo County Council and inclusion of 50% edible tree and shrub planting in all new Housing Developments across Mayo.
- 2. Further conversion of disused Railway lines into Greenways and incorporating the Tree Towns Initiative on appropriate sites along these Greenways.
- 3. Funding set aside to assess areas of high flooding in the county.
- 4. End current severe hedge cutting regime.
- 5. Remote Working Pods set up throughout the county by Mayo County Council

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. 'Edible landscapes' is a desirable project however it not mandatory to include such proposals in the CDP. The EL project would be more appropriately positioned within healthy mayo plans or the outdoor recreation strategy.
- 2. See response to item 1 above.
- 3. A strategic flood risk assessment is carried out on the development plan to identify areas of flooding and potential areas at risk of flooding and mitigation measures are included. Funding to assess areas of flooding has been allocated to Mayo County Council.
- 4. This is an operational matter and not within the remit of the CDP.
- 5. See response to item 5.7 of Submission MYO-C11-313.

Recommendation:

- 1-4. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 5 See recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-313.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-185
Submission by:	Irish Wildlife Trust
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 10, Natural Environment

The submission from the Irish Wildlife Trust expresses concern as to the current lack of management plans or programs for the Wild Nephin Project or the adjoining Ballycroy National Park.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response:

Noted. The drafting of such a management plan is a matter for the Department of the Environment Climate and Communications.

Recommendation:

No Change to Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 735
Submission by:	Edible Landscape Project CLG
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 10 – Natural Environment
	Chapter 11 – Climate Change

Summary of Submission:

1. Chapter 10 – Natural Environment

- 1.1 The provision of community growing areas/allotments using the forest gardening technique and community orchards, creation of shelter belts, community composting, rainwater harvesting
- 1.2 The submission suggests that these measures should be coupled with relevant training and educational seminars

2. Chapter 11 - Climate Action

- 2.1 The Tree Towns Initiative and Community Orchards (villages and other areas included) be adopted by Mayo County Council.
- 2.2 Geo-tagging trees unique identifiers would provide individuals with information on species type, climate benefits and other useful facts.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1.1 See response to item 4.5 of Submission MYO-C11-313
- 1.2 Training provision is supported in the CDP.
- 2.1 The NeighbourWood scheme is supported through policy TRP 18 in the plan. It is not considered necessary to list all individual projects.

2.2 - This is outside the scope of the CDP which is a strategic land use plan.

Recommendation:

- 1.1 See response to item 4.5 of Submission MYO-C11-313
- 1.2-2.2 No change to the Draft Plan.

Chapter 11 - Climate Action & Renewable Energy

Submission No.	MYO-C11-681
Submission by:	Anita Ginley
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 – Climate Action & Renewable Energy
	Topic: Wind

Summary of Submission:

This submission issues concerns on the strong emphasis place on renewable energy in the Draft CDP. The author is fearful of that scenery will be affected by large scale windfarms and pylons and highlights other issues associated with turbines such as flicker, noise etc.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

All wind energy development is assessed having regard to the Landscape Character Appraisal and sensitivity matrix for County Mayo, the National Wind Energy Development Guidelines 2006 and the Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy, as per Objective REO 6.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-572
Submission by:	Greensource
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy
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Summary of Submission:

The submission from Greensource notes that the Mayo Renewable energy Strategy will be updated during the lifetime of the plan (REO 7) and asks that the following issues be considered in any update.

- 1. Regional approach towards wind energy zoning taking changes to neighbouring county zoning patterns into account.
- Exclusion of wind speeds as a criterion for developing and zoning areas for renewable energy development.
- 3. Exclusion of grid constraints as a criterion for developing wind energy zoning.
- 4. Adherence to the National Wind Energy Planning Guidelines which sets out recommendations in terms of siting and conditions at which wind farms should adhere to.
- 5. Refrain from limiting operating periods of projects to 25 years.
- 6. Support for projects which may enter the repowering stage during the lifetime of the development plan.
- 7. Support of alternative renewable energy technologies including biogas, battery storage, hydrogen or other technologies which may become available over the duration of the

development plan.

8. Support for upgrading and reinforcement of the transmission network to fully harness the county's renewable energy potential.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations

Response:

1-8. Noted.

Recommendation:

1-8. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-729
Submission by:	Jennings O' Donovan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 - Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Summary of Submission:

- The submission from JODE contends that MCC will have to increase the use and supply of green energy in the county, especially in light of the NWRA's forthcoming Renewable Energy Strategy, and suggest that this would best be done by designating more land for wind energy developments in the RES.
 - In support of this contention the submission is accompanied by a map indicating lands at Briska Bangor Erris, which they consider should be included within TIER 1 in any review of the RES. It is felt that this could be achieved without compromising other planning, landscape and environmental considerations.
- 2. The submission takes issue with the commitment in Section 11.7.5 of the draft plan to review the RES over the lifetime of the plan and feels that the review should commence immediately. The submission feels that this is necessary if Mayo is to comply with policy REP 7.
- 3. The submission welcomes the reference in Section 11.7.12 of the draft plan to other forms of renewable energy such as green hydrogen, which, the submission feels, can be an alternative to grid connections.
- 4. The submission asks that the maps in the current RES be made available in digital form as the precise boundaries are difficult to decipher in their current form.
- 5. The submission also considers that in order to accommodate more lands in Tiers I and II of the RES then these lands will have to extend further into lands currently designated as more sensitive in the Landscape Sensitivity Matrix in the draft plan.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations

Response:

- 1- Noted. This matter will be considered as part of the review of the RES under REO 6.
- 2- Noted. The review of the RES will commence as soon as possible within the lifetime of the Plan.
- 3-5. Noted. This matter will be considered as part of the review of the RES under REO 6.

Recommendation:

1-5. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-695
Submission by:	Jennings O' Donovan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Summary of Submission:

- 1. The submission on behalf of Mercury Renewables contends that MCC will have to increase the use and supply of green energy in the county, especially in light of the NWRA's forthcoming Renewable Energy Strategy, and suggest that this would best be done by designating more land for wind energy developments in the RES.
 - In support of this contention the submission is accompanied by a map indicating lands at Ballycastle, which they consider should be included within Tier I and Tier II in any review of the RES. It is felt that this could be achieved without compromising other planning, landscape and environmental considerations.
- 2. The submission takes issue with the commitment in Section 11.7.5 of the draft plan to review the RES over the lifetime of the plan and feels that the review should commence immediately. The submission feels that this is necessary if Mayo is to comply with policy REP 7 of the draft plan which proposes.
- 3. The submission welcomes the reference in Section 11.7.12 of the draft plan to other forms of renewable energy such as green hydrogen, which, the submission feels, can be an alternative to grid connections?!
- 4. The submission asks that the maps in the current RES be made available in digital form as the precise boundaries are difficult to decipher in their current form.
- 5. The submission also considers that in order to accommodate more lands in Tiers I and II of the RES then these lands will have to extend further into lands currently designated as more sensitive in the Landscape Sensitivity Matrix in the draft plan.

Chief Executive's Response Recommendation:

Response:

1-5. See submission MC-11-729.

Recommendation:

1-5. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-730
Submission by:	Renewable Gas Forum Ireland (RGFI)
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy
Summary of Submission:	

The RGFI sees Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Biomethane production as an intrinsic element in the promotion of the rural circular economy, while also contributing to tackling climate change and the enhancement and protection of the natural environment. The submission first deals with what the RGFI sees as the Strategic Objectives in the introduction which are most pertinent to their aims and then conducts a similar exercise in relation to the policies and objectives in chapters 4, 8, 10 and 11.

1: Introduction

Topics: Strategic Objectives

1.1 - RGFI requests that AD Biomethane production is specifically listed in SO8 is amended to include a reference to AD Biomethane production and that SO 12 is amended to include reference to farm diversification.

2: Chapter 4 - Economic Development

Topics: Farm Diversification

- 2.1 The RGFI want amendments and additions to EDO5, EDO 6, EDO 9, EDO 10, EDO 11, EDO 13, EDO 17, EDO 18, EDO 19, EDO 20, EDO 21, EDO 51, EDP 21 and EDP 24. The additions and amendments proposed relate predominantly to the inclusion of a reference to on farm diversification projects, AD biomethane/Gas Production or Gas Networks Ireland.
- 2.2-The RGFI welcomes reference to including biomass for energy production / manufacturing and the export of green electricity to the national grid in Section 4.4.12 and request the inclusion of reference to the challenge facing many industries in reducing their carbon footprint and the potential for renewable gas to help them to decarbonise their heat processes.

3: Chapter 11 - Climate Action and Renewable Energy

<u>Topics: On Farm Diversification, AD Biomethane Production</u>

- 3.1-The submission requests that CAP 4 and CAP 7 are amended to include references to farmlands and regenerative farming practices respectively.
- 3.2 -RGFI requests that the opportunity to develop renewable AD biomethane production should also be listed in Section 11.7.3
- 3.3-RGFI requests that renewable gas be listed in Section 11.7.5.
- 3.4-RGFI requests that AD biomethane production be listed in Section 11.7.12.
- 3.5- RGFI requests that a specific objective is inserted in addition to REO 17, in recognition of the increasing significance of Agriculture based feedstock AD biomethane production in not only producing energy but supporting the circular bioeconomy, rural economy and significantly decarbonising agriculture, food and drinks industries, manufacturing and processing industries with ancillary benefits to the environment

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations

Response:

1-3.5 - It is considered that the existing provisions of the Draft Development Plan adequately address the items raised.

Recommendation:

1.1 - 3.5 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-731
Submission by:	Jennings O' Donovan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

- The submission from JODE contends that MCC will have to increase the use and supply of green energy in the county, especially in light of the NWRA's forthcoming Renewable Energy Strategy, and suggest that this would best be done by designating more land for wind energy developments in the RES.
 - In support of this contention the submission is accompanied by a map indicating lands at Glencastle north of Gaoth Saile which they consider should be included within Tier 1 and Tier 2 in any review of the RES. It is felt that this could be achieved without compromising other planning, landscape and environmental considerations.
- 2. The submission takes issue with the commitment in Section 11.7.5 of the draft plan to review the RES over the lifetime of the plan and feels that the review should commence immediately. The submission feels that this is necessary if Mayo is to comply with policy REP 7 of the draft plan which proposes.
- 3. The submission welcomes the reference in Section 11.7.12 of the draft plan to other forms of renewable energy such as green hydrogen, which, the submission feels, can be an alternative to grid connections?
- 4. The submission asks that the maps in the current RES be made available in digital form as the precise boundaries are difficult to decipher in their current form.
- 5. The submission also considers that in order to accommodate more lands in Tiers. 1 and 2 of the RES then these lands will have to extend further into lands currently designated as more sensitive in the Landscape Sensitivity Matrix in the draft plan.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

1-5. See response to submission MYO-C11-729.

Recommendation:

1-5. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-702
Submission by:	Jennings O' Donovan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Summary of Submission:

ABO Wind Ireland have developed 95 MW of renewable energy projects nationally and are currently pursuing similar projects in Mayo. They welcome the policies and objectives in the draft plan in relation to renewable energy and urge the council to update the RES as soon as possible.

As part of this update, they attach a map showing lands at Kerglen Ballycastle which are currently designated as Tier 2 lands (open for consideration for wind farm developments) and which they wish to have re-designated as Tier 1 (suitable for large wind farm developments).

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations

Response:

1-2. See response to submission MYO-C11-729.

Recommendation:

1-2. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-726
Submission by:	Wind Energy Ireland
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Summary of Submission:

The submission from WEI is a comprehensive and detailed document that commences by outlining the extent of wind energy developments operational in the state to date and the national targets that have to be met in order to comply with the requirements set out in 2019 Climate Action Plan. The submission also refers extensively to matters concerning the updating of the 2011 RES for Mayo, such as the identification and designation of lands as suitable for wind energy developments, however these summery deals exclusively with matters raised pertaining to the draft development plan only.

- 1. The overriding theme in the submission is that the draft plan does not go far enough in recognising the economic potential for the county, most especially the northwest, in harnessing the wind energy resources available. More specifically WEI feel that as only 4 objectives, (EDO 63-66) and 2 policies of the 68 policies and objectives in Chapter 4 Economic Development refer to green energy, this does not "sufficiently reflect the scale of the economic opportunity available in the renewable energy resources in the northwest of the county."
- 2. Taken together with the Strategic Aim for Infrastructure outlined in Section 2.3, WEI feel that the policies and objectives outlined could relate to any county in Ireland rather than Mayo, which has renewable and wind energy resources of world class potential.
- 3. The submission also feels there is a similar lack of" policy ambition" in the policies and objectives in Chapter 11, takes issue with what it sees as the "disappointingly under ambitious figure of 100MW" as a minimum target for renewable energy over the lifetime of the plan, as stated in Section 11.7.3, and suggest that a figure of 1,000MW could be delivered by 2030. WEI feel that drafting the right policies and objectives to reach such a target could result in investment of circa 1,25 billion in the county over the next decade.
- 4. The submission welcomes REO 1 relating to how MCC will co-operate with the NWRA in identifying strategic energy zones as areas suitable for larger, energy generating projects, as outlined in RPO 4.16.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. Noted
- 2. The potential for renewable energy and most particularly wind energy is evident from the allocation of an entire chapter in the draft plan to the twin issues of climate change and renewable energy.
- 3. See response to OPR recommendation 15. The minimum target set for renewable energy production over the lifetime of the plan is raised from 100mw to 600mw.
- 4. Noted.

Recommendation:

- 1-2. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 3 See OPR recommendation 15.
- 4. Noted.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-715
Submission by:	MKO Consultants
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Summary of Submission:

The submission from MKO deals exclusively with the subject of renewable energy in the draft plan, most specifically onshore wind and related emerging technologies.

- 1. The submission is critical of the minimum target of 100MW for wind energy generation over the lifetime of the plan, as stated in section 11.7.4, as they see potential for the creation of up to 1000MW of wind generated energy over the decade to 2030.
- 2. The submission acknowledges the existing deficiencies in electricity transmission network in the northwest of the county but contends that any required upgrading can be complimented by emerging technologies, most particularly "power to x" technologies. The submission outlines the potential for green carbon generated by renewable wind energy to also connect to and supplement the existing natural gas network in this area of the county.
- 3. The submission wants the Strategic Aim of Chapter 7 Infrastructure altered to include reference to a low carbon and climate resilient society.
- 4. MKO recommend altering Section 4.2.5 of the Draft Plan to include a reference to endorsing national policy.
- 5. MKO recommends amending INP 20 to include reference to other renewable energy providers.
- 6. MKO recommends amending INO 36 to include reference to other renewable energy providers.
- 7. MKO recommends amending REP 5.
- 8. MKO recommends amending REO 22.
- 9. MKO recommends the insertion of a new Policy Objective regarding the conducting of a

feasibility study on emerging renewable technologies.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. See response to submission MYO-C11-726, point 3
- 2. Noted.
- 3. Amend Strategic Aim 7.1 as recommended.
- 4. Partially amend text in Section 4.2.5
- 5. Noted. INP20 concerns the statutory providers of national grid infrastructure only.
- 6. Noted. Existing objective is considered adequate.
- 7. Amend REP 5.
- 8. Amend REO 22.
- 9. It is considered that it may be more appropriate to consider the insertion of such a policy/objective in the review of the Renewable Energy Strategy as committed to under REO 7.

Recommendation:

- 1. See recommendation to submission MYO-C11-726, point 3.
- 2. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 3. Amend Strategic Objective 7.1 as follows:

The strategic aim of this chapter is to protect, improve and provide water, wastewater, surface water and flood alleviation services throughout the county, and to facilitate the provision of high-quality information communication technology, broadband, telecommunication information and electricity network required to support and enhance the key aims of best place to live, work, visit and invest and facilitate the transition to a low carbon and climate resilient society.

- 4. Amend text in Section 4.2.5 as follows:
- 5. The supply and distribution of electricity and gas throughout County Mayo is an important factor in the provision and location of employment and the creation of sustainable communities. Mayo County Council will continue to work alongside statutory and other key energy providers in facilitating the future development of networks throughout the county.
- 6. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 7. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 8. Amend REP 5 as follows:

To promote the use of efficient energy storage systems and infrastructure that supports energy efficiency and reusable renewable energy system optimization, subject to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and consideration of environmental and ecological sensitivities.

9. Amend REO 22 as follows:

To promote the use of efficient energy storage systems and infrastructure that supports energy efficiency and reusable renewable energy system optimisation, in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development.

10. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-725
Submission by:	Natural Forces Renewable Energy Ireland
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Summary of Submission:

Natural Forces Renewable Energy (NFRE) Ltd, are a private independent power company that develop own and operate renewable energy facilities. They specialise in providing pathways and supports for communities to participate in renewable energy projects.

NFRE feel that the draft plan does not highlight sufficiently the supports available to communities who wish to build their own community lead renewable energy generators, such as schemes like the Renewable Energy Support Scheme, which was published by the DECC in 2020. RESS 1 allows communities to work with developers, such as NFREI, to develop renewable energy projects of less than 5MW, from which they can benefit financially, environmentally, and economically.

Chief Executives Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-635
Submission by:	Ruth Melody
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 – Climate Action & Renewable Energy
	Topic: Wind Energy

Summary of Submission:

This submission discusses wind farms and conclude that they are not eco-friendly nor green energy and ruin the landscape. Overhead powerlines and pylons are also discussed and are also considered inappropriate in the landscape and believe such infrastructure should be underground.

The author requests that there should be no more wind farms.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted. See response to MYO-C11-685.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to MYO-C11-685.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-644
Submission by:	Chris Brown
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 – Climate Action & Renewable Energy
	Topic: Wind, Wave, Renewable Energy

This submission supports wind/energy projects, underground cables, the WRC, less road traffic and is against pylons.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-668
Submission by:	Ciara Conboy-Fischer on behalf of RWE Renewables Ireland Ltd.
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11: Climate Action & Renewable Energy Topic: Renewable Energy

Summary of Submission:

This submission discusses wind energy in relation to County Mayo. Targets set out in The National Climate Action Plan 2019 look for 70% renewable energy production by 2030. To meet this target, it is suggested that Mayo County Council should not constrain any areas which may have wind energy potential when designating areas for renewable energy.

Onshore wind needs to continue to grow to meet future targets which is critical that the CDP and the Renewable Energy Strategy provides every opportunity for the development of wind energy amongst other renewable energy projects.

1. Wind Energy in Mayo

The submission recognises Mayo's history with wind energy and urges MCC to set an ambitious target beyond 100MW and appreciate that it may be the intention of MCC to increase this target over the period of the CDP.

2. County Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy

The author commends MCC in preparing a new Renewable Energy Strategy as part of the CDP 21-27 and states that it is an opportunity to review old renewable energy policies in light of different governments approaches etc.

The author believes that Mayo needs progressive and ambitious Wind Energy Strategy (WES) with clear, supporting policies in favour of wind development.

It is requested that MCC to fully designate the county as per the Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategy methodology as detailed by the SEAI.

3. County Mayo Renewable Energy Target

The author suggests that MCC to seize the opportunity and identify enough land to accommodate the additional 4.2GW of additional onshore wind needed to meet targets set out by the Climate Action Plan 2030. The author suggests identifying more than the required lands needed to allow for natural attrition rate across development sites.

4. Wind Energy Strategy for County Mayo

The author makes suggestions that MCC should <u>not</u> consider when reviewing the Wind Energy Strategy these are outlined below:

- 1. Grid Capacity (existing or proposed) should not be considered as a constraint for determining whether an area is suitable for wind energy development.
- 2. Wind Speed should not be considered as a constraint for determining site suitability or unsuitability as this is a conservative approach.
- 3. Nature Conservation Areas should not be automatically excluded from new or repowered wind energy projects.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1-See response to OPR Recommendation 15 and MYO-C11-749.
- 2 4. Noted, these issues will be addressed under the review of the Renewable Energy Strategy.

Recommendation:

- 1. See recommendation to OPR Recommendation 15 and MYO-C11-749.
- 2-4. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-736
Submission by:	Jennings O' Donovan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy
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Summary of Submission

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 - In support of this contention the submission is accompanied by a map indicating lands at Roycarter which they consider should be included within TIER 1 in any review of the RES and it is felt that this could be achieved without compromising other planning, landscape and environmental considerations.
- 2. The submission takes issue with the commitment in Section 11.7.5 of the draft plan to review the RES over the lifetime of the plan and feels that the review should commence immediately.

The submission feels that this is necessary if Mayo is to comply with policy REP 7 of the draft plan which proposes.

To promote the harnessing of wind energy to contribute towards decarbonising County Mayo, including, new emerging by-product markets.

- 3. The submission welcomes the reference in Section 11.7.12 of the draft plan to other forms of renewable energy such as green hydrogen, which, the submission feels, can be an alternative to grid connections.
- 4. The submission asks that the maps in the current RES be made available in digital form as the precise boundaries are difficult to decipher in their current form.
- 5. The submission also considers that in order to accommodate more lands in Tiers.1 and 2 of the RES then these lands will have to extend further into lands currently designated as more sensitive in the Landscape Sensitivity Matrix in the draft plan.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response:

See response to Submission MYO-C11-729.

Recommendation:

1-5. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-707
Submission by:	Mairead Melody
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Summary of Submission:

Ms. Melody states that while she is pro-renewable energy, she feels that a lot of the renewable energy objectives in the draft plan relate solely to wind energy and she feel that Mayo already has its fair share of wind turbines. She believes that too many turbines will impact on negatively on visual amenity, which will in turn impact on the tourist industry. She is also concerned in relation to the potential impact of overhead power lines that may be needed to transfer the power to the national grid. Ms. Melody believes that wind farms contribute little to the local economy once built, can also cause landslides. and feels that there is greater opposition in local communities to them than might be immediately evident.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted: The promotion of other renewable technologies is also addressed in objectives such as REO 3.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-708
Submission by:	Ann Conlon
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

The submission from Ann Conlon advises MCC to be cautious when pursuing wind energy as the main renewable energy technology in the county. The submission suggests that greater emphasis should be places on Energy from waste (EFW) as a viable alternative technology. Furthermore, she feels that carbon emissions would be saved by not having to build/erect wind turbines or deal with expired wind turbine infrastructure/technology.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response:

Noted. Energy from waste does not form part of the Connaught Ulster Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021. All sources of renewable energy will be considered as part of the review of the Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-705
Submission by:	Jennings O' Donovan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Summary of Submission:

The submission from JODE is submitted on behalf of the Comer Group, who are interested in possible energy projects in Mayo.

- 1. The submission notes that in Section 11.7.4 of the draft plan renewable energy target for the county may have to be revised to ensure alignment with the NWRA's forthcoming RES.
- 2. The submission takes issue with the commitment in Section 11.7.5 of the draft plan to review the RES over the lifetime of the plan and feels that the review should commence immediately. The submission feels that this is necessary if Mayo is to comply with policy REP 7 of the draft plan which proposes.
- 3. The submission also feels that the extent of TIER 1 designated lands in the RES can be greatly increased, most especially with the advent of green hydrogen technology which would address the issue of constraints due to lack of grid connections, and also the use of large turbines which address the issue of wind constraints.
- 4. The submission concludes by stating that the RES should be updated as a matter of urgency.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. See response to recommendation 15 from the OPR.
- 2. The RES will be reviewed in the lifetime of the Development Plan.
- 3. Noted This matter will be considered as part of the review of the RES under REO 6 and REO 8.
- 4. Noted. This matter will be considered as part of the review of the RES under REO 6 and REO 8.

Recommendation:

- 1. See recommendation to recommendation 15 from the OPR.
- 2-4. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-688
Submission by:	Simply Blue Group
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Summary of Submission:

Simply Blue Group (SBG) are involved in early-stage development of sustainable marine based projects such as floating offshore wind (FOW) energy, wave energy conversion (WEC) and sustainable aquaculture. They refer in their submission to the Western Star Project (an FOW and WEC project off the coast of Clare) and say that further opportunities for similar developments to the north and south.

SBG believe that projects such as WSP could benefit from,

- Streamlined planning service,
- Improved regional infrastructure, roads, ports, etc
- Co-ordination of activities in the foreshore region

SBG would be happy to consult with MCC in relation to all matters raised above and note the county's commitment to leadership in this area by supporting the development of the AMETS site

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted. REO 13 applies.

Recommendation:

No Change to Draft Plan.

Submission Number:	MYO-C11- 738
Submission by:	Irish Green Building Council
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 2: Core and Settlement Strategy
	Chapter 3: Housing
	Chapter 9: Built Environment

Chapter 11: Renewable Energy and Climate Action
Volume 2: Development Management Standards

1. Chapter 11: Climate Action and Renewable Energy

1.1 - Under Decarbonisation it is suggested the following are taken into consideration for inclusion in the plan — tools to measure local carbon impact could become part of local monitoring and management in any proposed Sustainable Energy Zones that are designated in accordance with Objective 11b of the Draft Development Plan in compliance the National Climate Action Plan. The submission also suggests objectives for inclusion.

2. Chapter 9: Built Environment

2.1 – A range of suggestions are made for inclusion within Chapter 9.

3. Chapter 2: Core and Settlement Strategy and Chapter 3: Housing

3.1 - Under Chapter 2 and 3 the submission suggests that the Council introduce a sustainable accessibility index and a minimum benchmark for all homes and buildings as a prerequisite for planning permission.

4. Volume 2: Development Management Standards

4.1 – A range of objectives have been suggested for inclusion within Volume 2: Development Management Standards.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1.1 It is considered that this is adequately covered in Section 11.6.4.1 Decarbonising Zone (DZ).
- 2.1 It is considered that all suggestions are adequately covered within Chapter 9 Built Environment.
- 3.1 Noted. It is not considered necessary to include a policy for a sustainable accessibility index and a minimum benchmark for all homes and buildings as a prerequisite for planning permission.
- 4.1 It is considered that the DM standards adequately cover all the suggestions made.

Recommendation:

1.1 - 4.1 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-614
Submission by:	J.P. Prendergast
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Volume 3 Book of Maps, Opportunity Site Claremorris

Summary of Submission:

The submission supports the text and policies and objectives that support all types of renewable energy sources and renewable technologies such as CAO 1. In light of this support for emerging renewable energy technologies in the plan, the submission asks that the permitted uses outlined in the zoning matrix in Chapter 12 for the opportunity site in Claremorris be amended to allow for the

production of heat/electricity on site by other emerging renewable technologies along with wood Biomass.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is considered that due to the very specific nature of the acceptable uses on this site and the planning history of the site, that the current permissible uses remain.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-596
Submission by:	Cllr. Gerry Coyle
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Windmill Development

Summary of Submission:

The submission states that Mayo County Council will allow the further development of windmills on Glencastle Mountain and Bunnahowen adjacent to and in the vicinity of the existing windmills.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Designation of lands for the location of wind energy generation will be part of the upcoming review of the Renewable Energy Strategy as per REO 7. Proposals for wind turbines must ensure compliance with the RES as per objective REO 6.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-595
Submission by:	Cllr. Gerry Coyle
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Broadband roll out

Summary of Submission:

The submission States that Mayo County Council supports the National Broadband Plan to ensure the immediate rollout of high-speed broadband to all rural areas

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to item 5.7 of submission MYO - C11 - 313.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to item 5.7 of submission MYO - C11 - 313.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-660
Submission by:	James Burke
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 – Climate Action
	Housing and Sustainability

The submission requests that planning applications should be audited by the Climate Action Officer given the Climate Emergency adopted by the Council. The Council should actively promote an anaerobic digester in partnership with Co-Ops and the IFA, as well as national government.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

This not relevant to the Draft Plan as emerging renewable energy technologies is already addressed under REO 3.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1025
Submitted by:	Rengen Power on behalf of Brian Gaughan & Ollie Brogan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11: Climate Action & Renewable Energy
	Topic: Renewable Energy, Wind

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks for the creation of a wind farm at Kilmore, Foxford, the site is approximately 5km south-east of the settlement on Foxford.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

This is a matter for the Renewable Energy Strategy which will be subject to a review in the near future pending the publication of the NWRA's Renewable Energy Strategy and the new National Wind Energy Guidelines.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-737
Submission by:	David Doocey
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11, Climate Change and Renewable Energy
Summary of Submission:	

The author is opposed to wind turbines in the Attymass Area as their introduction would require high-voltage power lines which he feels are harmful in many ways.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted. This issue is addressed under INP 18 and INO 37.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-18
Submission by:	Martin Leonard
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Summary of Submission:

The submission makes "A Case for the Development of Renewable Energy in Erris", with anaerobic digestion, AD, being the predominant technology referenced. The submission specifically highlights the close connection of the area to the gas network and the availability of a lot of land, some in semi-state ownership, on which feedstock could be produced for AD, which in turn can be converted to methane for the production of electricity.

The submission contends that AD provides opportunities for local farmers who could both grow AD suitable crops and use organic wastes such as slurry, thereby benefiting the environment by reducing the release of CO2 into the atmosphere.

The submission concludes by asking for:

- 1. the development of a detailed strategy for the development of AD,
- 2. the introduction of financial incentives to support AD,
- 3. the recognition of AD plants as Strategic infrastructure by the relevant authorities

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Noted. The development of a national strategy, provision of financial incentives and recognition of AD plants are all issues for consideration by the Government and emerging technologies are recognised in REO 3.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1026
Submitted by:	Rocktop Consulting Ltd on behalf of Tagalie Property Company
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11: Climate Action & Renewable Energy

Topic: Renewable Energy, Wind, Hydrogen

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks 329.28 hectares of land to the east of Bangor to be allocated within the CDP to be included in any new Renewable Energy Strategy for County Mayo and for the same to be included in Tier 1 – Preferred (Large Wind Farms). The lands are excluded from the current Renewable Energy Strategy for County Mayo 2011-2020. The author states the recorded wind speeds and altitude on site make the site ideally suited for wind energy production. The energy derived would enable the development of a sustainable Green Hydrogen production facility.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to MYO-C11-1025.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft CDP.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-746
Submission by:	Jennings O'Donovan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Summary of Submission:

- 1. The submission from JODE contends that MCC will have to increase the use and supply of green energy in the county, especially in light of the NWRA's Green Deal Agenda, and suggest that this would best be done by designating more land for wind energy developments in the RSES.
- 2. In support of this contention the submission is accompanied by a map indicating lands in the vicinity of Keenagh Beg Crossmolina, immediately adjacent to lands currently zoned Tier I and Tier II in the current RES, which they consider should be included within Tier I in any review of the RES, and that this could be achieved without compromising other planning, landscape and environmental considerations.
- 3. The submission takes issue with the commitment in Section 11.7.5 of the draft plan to review the RES over the lifetime of the plan and feels that the review should commence immediately. The submission feels that this is necessary if Mayo is to comply with policy REP 7.
- 4. The submission welcomes the reference in Section 11.7.12 of the draft plan to other forms of renewable energy such as green hydrogen, which, the submission feels, can be an alternative to grid connections.
- 5. The submission also considers that in order to accommodate more lands in Tiers I and II of the RES then these lands will have to extend further into lands currently designated as more sensitive in the Landscape Sensitivity Matrix in the draft plan.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response

1-5. See Submission MYO-C11-729.

Recommendation

1-5. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-740
Submission by:	Jennings O' Donovan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Summary of Submission:

- 1. The submission from JODE contends that MCC will have to increase the use and supply of green energy in the county, especially in light of the NWRA's Green Deal Agenda, and suggest that this would best be done by designating more land for wind energy developments in the RSES.
- 2. In support of this contention the submission is accompanied by a map indicating lands in the vicinity of Gortnahurra, immediately adjacent to lands currently zoned TIER 1 and TIER 2 in the current RES, which they consider should be included within TIER 1 in any review of the RES, and that this could be achieved without compromising other planning, landscape and environmental considerations.
- 3. The submission takes issue with the commitment in Section 11.7.5 of the draft plan to review the RES over the lifetime of the plan and feels that the review should commence immediately. The submission feels that this is necessary if Mayo is to comply with policy REP 7.
- 4. The submission welcomes the reference in Section 11.7.12 of the draft plan to other forms of renewable energy such as green hydrogen, which, the submission feels, can be an alternative to grid connections.
- 5. The submission also considers that in order to accommodate more lands in Tlers. 1 and 2 of the RES then these lands will have to extend further into lands currently designated as more sensitive in the Landscape Sensitivity Matrix in the draft plan.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response:

See submission MYO-C11-729.

Recommendation:

1-5. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-744
Submission by:	Keith Joseph O' Donnell
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 11 Climate Action and Renewable Energy
Summary of Submission:	

This submission from Mr. O' Donnell lists a number of concerns in relation to the impact and reliability/viability of wind energy developments. These include, visual impacts, environmental impacts, noise pollution, fluctuation power and high cost.

The submission is accompanied by a map with two areas of land in the Bunny Finglas are of Attymass outlined thereon.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response:

The Climate Action Plan (2019) includes targets to increase the capacity of renewable energy in Ireland by four-fold. Ireland has a target of 70% of electricity sourced from renewables by 2030. The 2017 'Interim Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Statutory Plans, Renewable Energy and Climate Change' requires local authorities to indicate how development plans will contribute to realising overall national targets on renewable energy.

All wind energy proposals are assessed on their individual merits and subject to the required environmental assessments and assessed in accordance with policies and objectives of the County Development Plan, National Wind Energy Guidelines and the Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy 2011-2020.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Chapter 12 - Settlement Plans

Tier I

Submission No:	MYO-C11-454
Submitted by:	Michael Healy
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 2: Core & Settlement Strategy
	Topic: Settlement Strategy
	Chapter 4: Economic Development
	Topic: Retail
	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation
	Topic: Tourism, Greenway
	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic: Harbour, Pier, Roads,
	Chapter 9: Built Environment
	Topic: Regeneration, Archaeology, Architecture, Building,
	Placemaking,
	Chapter 11: Climate Action & Renewable Energy
	Topic: Climate Action, Mitigation, Adaptation

Summary of Submission:

This submission made fourteen observations on six separate chapters primarily focused on Ballina.

1. Chapter 2 - Core Strategy & Settlement Strategy

<u>Topic – Settlement Strategy</u>

This observation seeks terminology alignment with the RSES:

- 1.1 In terms of Castlebar and Ballina, these towns should be renamed as 'Key Towns' not Strategic Growth Towns as per the Draft CDP.
- 1.2 In terms of Westport it should be renamed as 'A Place of Strategic Potential' and not Strategic Growth Towns as per the Draft CDP.

2. Chapter 4 – Economic Development

Topic – Retail

This observation discusses the vacancy rates within the Western region as highlighted in the RSES and vacancy example in Ballina along Teeling Street, Garden Street and Abbey Street, such vacant units should be actively transformed for housing/co-working areas.

3. Chapter 5 - Tourism & Recreation

This observation seeks an additional objective and to make reference to the Ballina-Enniscrone greenway.

4. Chapter 6 – Movement & Transport

<u>Topic – Harbour, Pier</u>

4.1 - This observation discusses a Marine Infrastructural Project listed under Table 6.7 of the Draft CDP. The author considers the title of the project too vague 'Continued development of Ballina Quay' and recommends a more specific Ballina Marina and Quay Development.

Topic - Roads

4.2 - This observation agrees with other submissions regarding the placement of the N26 road project at the top of the list of road projects and seeks rearrangement of road projects on Table 6.5.

5. Chapter 9 – Built Environment

<u>Topic – Regeneration</u>

5.1 - This observation discusses the redevelopment of brownfield sites and believes the council should be more proactive by buying/amalgamating brownfield sites close to town centre and provide serviced sites and aim to have 40% urban population during the lifetime of the CDP.

Topic – Archaeology

The observation has highlighted typos within the strategic aim of Chapter 9, the typos are highlighted in bold below:

5.2 – TYPO – "The strategic aim of this chapter is to recognise and enhance the unique identity, character and built heritage of Mayo's towns, village and rural areas, to improve quality of life through the application of healthy placembeo aking, underpinned by good urban design with the creation of attractive public spaces that are vibrant, distinctive, safe and accessible and which promote and facilitate positive social interaction.

Topic – Architecture

This observation seeks the below additions to Architectural Heritage Objective BEO 11:

5.3 – Include: Turlough (Abbey & Museum), Ballycastle (Dun Briste Stack, Ceide Fields, Ballinglen Museum of Art) and the monasteries along the River Moy which are of historical, archaeological and social interest.

Topic - Building

This observation suggests adding a point to the plan to:

5.4 – Work on a plan/strategy with the construction industry stakeholders to review ways on reducing carbon for example; using recycled concrete/glass/steel etc. Mayo could be a leader in this field in Ireland and it would align with the Climate Action Plan 2019.

Topic - Placemaking

This observation believes we need to bring more green spaces to urban areas and suggests that:

5.5 – There should be a separate objective for Urban Greening rather than having it mentioned within BEO 22.

6. Chapter 11 – Climate Action & Renewable Energy

Topic – Climate Action, Mitigation, Adaptation

6.1 - This observation expresses support of Cllr Duffy's suggestion in relation to the green town initiative with particular support for reference for plans in Ballina such as roofed streets/squares.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response:

- 1.1 1.2 See response to OPR Recommendation 2 on MYO-C11-479.
- 2. Noted. Refer to Chapter 9 for various measures to encourage regeneration.
- 3. Noted.
- 4.1 This request relates to the Ballina Town LAP, which will be reviewed in 2021, and is not within the remit of the Draft Plan.
- 4.2 All road projects listed within Table 6.5 are of equal importance.
- 5.1 Noted. It is considered that the provisions of the Draft Plan adequately address these items.
- 5.2 Noted, aim was correct on pdf version of CDP, aim has been updated on consult.mayo.ie
- 5.3 5.5 Noted.
- 6.1 Noted.

Recommendation:

1.1 – 6.1 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Tier II

Ballyhaunis

Submission No:	MYO-C11-67
Submitted by:	John Durkan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Ballyhaunis

Summary of Submission:

The submission suggests that the railway bridge in Ballyhaunis should be demolished and replaced with a proper spanned bridge ensuring two lanes of traffic and pedestrians can be accommodated safely, it is also suggested to widen the junction on both sides of the bridge. A short-term solution suggested is to build a pedestrian tunnel under the railway line. The submission also suggests that the scout's den should be demolished as it is an eyesore foe the town.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response:

The proposal cannot be considered by MCC as the railway bridge is in the ownership of Irish Rail and any works to this bridge must be undertaken by Irish Rail.

One of the strategic aims of the plan relates to Urban Renewal and Regeneration. There are numerous policies and objectives regarding reuse of old and derelict building stock including BSO 11, which relates to Ballyhaunis. However, the CDP is a strategic land use plan and it is therefore not considered appropriate to list all individual projects.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Belmullet

Submission No.	MYO-C11-622
Submission by:	Edmund McAndrew
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12 – Settlement Strategy
	Topic: Belmullet

Summary of Submission:

- 1. Redevelopment of derelict/vacant properties in the town.
- 2. Belmullet needs public realm improvements.
- 3. Further facilities including providing support to the arts centre to provide more evening entertainment, a landscaped park with allotments. Improved library facilities.
- 4. Creation of a looped walk/cycle route.
- 5. Update primary school facilities to encourage more families to live in the town, expand the school by utilising neighbouring lands (e.g. technical school)

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response:

- 1. SO 11 & SSO 6 sets out that regeneration will play a significant role in improving town and village centre, through growth, the redevelopment of vacant/derelict properties within the existing built-up footprint of the settlement.
- 2. See response to item 4.2 of Submission MYO-C11-693
- 3. Aras Inis Gluaire is highlighted in Section 8.4.8.1, and is supported through the County Councils Arts Strategy, Culture and Creative Strategy and Creative Ireland Programme, all of which are listed in the CDP and supported through policy SCP 25 and objective SCO 19. Library services are also supported in Chapter 8. As the CDP is a strategic land use plan it is not considered necessary to list all individual projects.
- 4. The CDP is a strategic land use plan, and it is not considered appropriate to list all individual projects. The proposed project would align with MTO 10.
- 5. It is considered that there are adequate zoned lands for this purpose. The Department of Education are responsible for the construction and expansion of educational institutions.

Recommendation:

- 1. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 2. See recommendation to item 4.2 of Submission MYO-C11-693
- 3-5. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-670
Submission by:	Our Lady's Secondary School Belmullet.

Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Belmullet

- 1. A) The submission requests installation of a pedestrian crossing and a designated walkway giving the children access to the school grounds is essential to alleviating the board's safety concerns.
 - B) The submission requests a segregated cycle path from the Sisters of Mercy Convent, Shore Road to the school and onto St Brendan's Collage and onto residential areas
- 2. Connect both post-primary schools to the public sewage system serving Belmullet town.
- 3. Improve library facilities in the town as they currently are inadequate.
- 4. The provision of an Ionad Teanga facility to support and develop the Irish language.
- 5. A non-bar/nightclub social space for youth is needed.
- 6. A youth mental health facility should be provided.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. A) GSO 10 supports the delivery of pedestrian crossings and traffic calming measures in Tier I & II settlements
 - B) The CDP is a strategic land use plan, and it is not considered appropriate to list all individual projects. The suggested project would align with MTO 10.
- 2. This does not fall within the remit of the CDP. Irish Water are responsible for the sewage network and new connections.
- 3. Noted.
- 4. Noted.
- 5. There is sufficient provision in the plan in this regard including objective SCO 9.
- 6. See response to Point 5 above.

Recommendation:

1-6. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-662
Submission by:	Eamon O'Boyle on behalf of Naionra Beal an Mhuirthead
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Belmullet
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Summary of Submission:

1. A) A one-way traffic system should be implemented at Quay Street and School Road to allow for continuous footpaths and potentially cycle ways along the seafront adjacent their building.

- B) Further traffic calming measures should be included in any future public realm works in order to slow traffic, particularly at corners at Quay Street.
- 2. The provision of an Ionad Teanga facility to support and develop the Irish language in the district should be an objective in the CDP.
- 3. A segregated cycle path connecting schools from Town Centre, Shore Road onto residential areas of Attycunnane and Toorglass.
- 4. A new expanded library facility should be developed for the town as a priority to youth development and learning in the district.
- 5. The provision of a family resource centre within the lifetime of the CDP should be seen as a priority.
- 6. Improve and widen town footpaths during the lifetime of the CDP.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. A) & B) **GSO 10** supports the delivery of pedestrian crossings and traffic calming measures in Tier I & II settlements and **MTO 10** seeks to investigate the potential for loop greenway/cycle ways in Tier I & II settlements.
- 2. Noted.
- 3. The CDP is a strategic land use plan, and it is not considered appropriate to list all individual projects. The suggested project would align with MTO 10.
- 4. Noted.
- 5. See response to MYO-C11-712.
- 6. A public realm plan is being prepared for Belmullet and is supported in the CDP.

Recommendation:

- 1 4 No change to the Draft Plan.
- 5. See recommendation to MYO-C11-712.
- 6. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-536
Submitted by:	Belmullet Junior NS
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities
	Topic: Education

Summary of Submission:

This submission states that the school has outgrown the site and adjacent land banks should be obtained and utilised for school development. No school improvements are outlined in the Draft CDP and the author feels school development needs to be supported through the strategic objectives within the CDP.

The school requests to be considered for inclusion in the plan:

1. Improve walking/cycling facilities in the town by providing segregated cycle lanes connecting

- residential areas of Shore Road, Attycunnane and Tallagh to the town and respective schools.
- 2. No objective within the Draft CDP to improve library facilities in Belmullet. A new expanded library facility should be developed.
- 3. Additional sporting facilities needed within the town for school use and to encourage participation in sport.
- 4. Provide a family resource centre within the lifetime of the plan in close proximity to the school.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. The CDP is a strategic land use plan, and it is not considered appropriate to list all individual projects. The proposed project would align with MTO 10.
- 2. SCP 27 of the Draft CDP seeks to promote the further use of the library facilities as a community gathering area and learning hubs. SCO 18 seeks to implement the Mayo County Library Development Plan 2015-2020.
- 3. Noted. Amenity provision is made through the zoning objectives and also through various policies and objectives regarding recreation and sporting facilities identified in Chapter 5.
- 4. See response to MYO-C11-712.

Recommendation:

1 – 4. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-551
Submitted by:	Damien Lavelle
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Belmullet

Summary of Submission:

- 1. Derelict properties on Main Street, Belmullet should be actively pursued for redevelopment and incentives should be made available to owners of vacant units to improve their shopfronts for the benefit of the entire Main Street.
- 2. Increase footpath widths to allow comfortable pedestrian movements and for retail to expand onto the streets.
- 3. Permeability between the established arts centre to the commercial core of the town should be a priority through the development of consolidation Site A within the Draft CDP.
- 4. Traffic calming measures need to be incorporated into the plan to make the town more comfortable to live, work and visit.
- 5. Provide a multi-storey car park on Consolidation Site A as pursuing public realm plans around the town will reduce parking capacity.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

1. Strategic Objective 11 (SO 11) sets out that regeneration will play a significant role in improving

town and village centre, Settlement Strategy Objective 6 (SSO 6) that to strengthen the town/village core through compact growth, the redevelopment of vacant/derelict properties within the existing built-up footprint of the settlement.

- 2. MTO 5 facilitates improvements to footpaths for pedestrian and cyclists.
- 3. SSP 6 supports permeable and interconnecting spaces.
- 4. GSO 10 supports the delivery of pedestrian crossings and traffic calming measures in Tier I & II settlements.
- 5. Noted. It is not considered necessary to include all individual proposals.

Recommendation:

1 – 5. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-557
Submitted by:	Cuffes Centra Supermarket
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Belmullet

Summary of Submission:

This submission is similar to Submission MYO-C11-551 and makes the following points:

- 1. Derelict properties on Main Street, Belmullet should be actively pursued for redevelopment and incentives should be made available to owners of vacant units to improve their shopfronts.
- 2. Increase footpath widths to allow comfortable pedestrian movements and for retail to expand onto the streets.
- 3. Permeability between the established arts centre to the commercial core of the town should be a priority through the development of consolidation site A within the Draft CDP.
- 4. Traffic calming measures need to be incorporated into the plan to make the town more comfortable to live, work and visit.
- 5. Provide a multi-storey car park on Consolidation Site A as pursuing public realm plans around the town will reduce parking capacity.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

1 – 5. See response to items 1-5 of Submission MYO-C11-551.

Recommendation:

1 – 5. See response to items 1-5 of Submission MYO-C11-551.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-615
Submitted by:	Langans Garden Centre
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans

Topic: Belmullet

This submission is similar to Submission MYO-C11-551

- 1. Derelict properties on American and Davis Streets, Belmullet should be actively pursued for redevelopment and incentives should be made available to owners of vacant units to improve their shopfronts for the benefit of the entire Main Street.
- 2. Increase footpath widths to allow comfortable pedestrian movements and for retail to expand onto the streets.
- 3. Permeability between the established arts centre to the commercial core of the town should be a priority through the development of consolidation site A within the Draft CDP.
- 4. Traffic calming measures need to be incorporated into the plan to make the town more comfortable to live, work and visit.
- 5. Provide a multi-storey car park on Consolidation Site A as pursuing public realm plans around the town will reduce parking capacity.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

1 – 5. See response to items 1-5 of Submission MYO-C11-551

Recommendation:

1-5. See recommendation to items 1-5 of Submission MYO-C11-551

Submission No.	MYO-C11-594
Submission by:	Cllr. Gerry Coyle
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 - Tourism and Recreation
	Topic – Heated Swimming Pool in Belmullet

Summary of Submission:

The submission states that Mayo County Council will support a public-private partnership to facilitate a heated indoor swimming pool in Belmullet, which will include financial and other supports.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Policy BTP 3 of the Belmullet Settlement Plan is supportive of a swimming pool in Belmullet.

Recommendation:

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1035
Submitted by:	Anna Togher

Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Strategy
	Topic: Belmullet

- 1. This submission refers to omissions in the Draft CDP for the Bunduaile area Belmullet town and the lack of integration between the Draft CDP and the Belmullet Community Futures Plan with reference to a priority within the community futures plan to improve the sea wall at Bunduaile, which should be included within the Draft Plan.
- 2. The submission is also concerned by regular flooding events in Belmullet and suggests further coastal erosion could be prevented by soft structures.
- 3. The submission also states how there is a lack of adaptation/mitigation measures in the plan to combat floods. Reference is made to supporting National Policy NPO 41 which refers to coastal management. Submissions to a previous part 8 applications for sea wall improvements were also attached to this submission.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

- 1. See response to Submission MYO-C11-639
- 2. Flooding measures are dealt with throughout the plan, SO 9 d), INO 17, NEO 30 (Coastal Flooding), CAP 2 and the findings/measures as set out in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (Volume 4) are ensure appropriate assessment of flood risk.
- 3. The Draft CDP aligns with National Policy Objective 40 (NPO 40).

Recommendation:

- 1. See recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-639
- 2-3. No change to the Draft CDP.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-611
	MYO-C11-1004
	MYO-C11-1008
Submitted by:	Erris Chamber of Commerce
	Belmullet Tidy Towns
	Belmullet Community Futures
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 2 & 3: Core & Settlement Strategy / Housing
	Chapter 4: Economic Development
	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation
	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Chapter 7: Infrastructure
	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities
	Chapter 9: Built Environment
	Chapter 10: Natural Environment

Chapter 11: Climate Action & Renewable Energy

Chapter 12: Settlement Plans

Topic: Belmullet

Volume 4: Record of Protected Structures

Summary of Submission:

Three submissions from Erris Chamber of Commerce, Belmullet Tidy Towns and Belmullet Community Futures which include the same text are summarised below as follows —

1. Chapter 2&3: Core & Settlement Strategy / Housing

The submissions make reference to Belmullet as an economic growth cluster, significance of Belmullet on the Blue Coastal Corridor, population growth for Belmullet, redevelopment of brownfield/vacant units, housing for the elderly and projects requested for inclusion in the Municipal District Projects list.

2. Chapter 4: Economic Development

The submissions make reference to strategic marine economy objectives and circular economies. The role Údarás na Gaeltachta and the role of Belmullet as a Gaeltacht Service Town needs to be acknowledged and supported in the plan.

3. Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation

The submissions make reference to specific actionable objectives (listed) for inclusion in the plan. They refer to Belmullet's status as a destination town and mapping key tourist products.

4. Chapter 6: Movement & Transport

The submissions request additional footpaths and cycle ways and provides a list of cycling/walking plans should be included within the CDP. The lack of road projects for Erris in the plan is highlighted. Additional Marine infrastructure projects are also listed.

5. Chapter 7: Infrastructure

The submissions make reference to Flooding, including CFRAMS mapping, wastewater provision for Belmullet, a bring centre for Belmullet and connecting Belmullet to the National Gas Network.

6. Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities

The submissions request a Family Resource Centre for Erris, Language Plans, Community Futures, and requests that Policy SCP 28 is altered. It also highlights objectives to be included for the district hospital, library, remote working and learning facilities.

7. Chapter 9: Built Environment

An Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) should be prepared for Belmullet. Also, the Ceide Fields project extension project is mentioned. It is also stated that MCC must actively protect built heritage in the county.

8. Chapter 10: Natural Environment

Gunnera should be added to the list of invasive species. It is also suggested that MCC should explore the potential for agri-based and other environmental schemes for Erris such as the LIFE programme and other EU projects. Further protection of Dark Skies is requested by assessing

public lighting in the county. It is also suggested that Belmullet Marsh should be assessed for designation to the Broadhaven Bay SAC.

9. Chapter 11: Climate Action & Renewable Energy

It is requested to add adaptation or mitigation measures to deal with flooding in Belmullet. It is suggested that criteria for DZ should be outlined in the plan. It is also requested to add a climate action objective to recognise Baile Slachtmar in relation to biodiversity.

10. Chapter 12: Settlement Plans

The submissions request more emphasis is put on Belmullet being a planned town. A green buffer should be included. Belmullet Community Hospital should be included. An ACA should be created, and 2 buildings are requested for inclusion in the RPS. Community Futures should be acknowledged and a public realm plan and/or Town Design Statement for Belmullet.

11. Volume 3: Book of Maps: Town Centre Consolidation Sites

The groups discuss the proposed Town Centre Opportunity site within the Draft CDP. The groups have also suggested adding three more Town Centre Consolidations Sites to the CDP - details included in the submissions.

12. Volume 4: Supporting Documents (Record of Protected Structures)

Regarding the RPS it is stated in both submissions that continuous assessment of built heritage must be seen as a priority. It is stated again that a placemaking strategy combined with a public realm plan/design statement must be completed for Belmullet.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- Belmullet is identified as a Tier II town in the CDP and acts as an important economic service town for the wider Erris hinterlands. A public realm plan for Belmullet is currently being prepared. As the CDP is a strategic land use plan it is not considered appropriate to include all individual projects.
- 2. There is sufficient provision in the plan for all the topics listed including the blue and circular economy. Udaras Na Gaeltachta is supported in the plan in Chapter 8.
- 3. There are numerous policies and objectives which support Belmullets designation as a Destination Town and the work of Failte Ireland and other tourism organisations, and the tourism product Mayo offers including TRP 1, TRP 3, TRP 4, TRP 7, TRO 1, TRO 2. As the CDP is a strategic land use plan it is not considered appropriate to include all individual projects. The requests outlined in this submission would be more appropriately placed in the Tourism Strategy 'Destination Mayo' or other specific tourism plans. Community Futures Action Plans are supported throughout the CDP.
- 4. MTO 5 supports the improvement and further development of the footpath and cycle route network. MTP 4 & 5 support the transition to a low carbon future, one of the measures is to encourage a modal shift away from emission-based transport. Policy MPT 23 supports the development and improvements of ports, harbours, piers, slipways, associated shore facilities. Specific marine measures and marine related projects will be included in the County Marine Spatial Plan which is supported by the CDP through objective EDO 61. The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is therefore not considered appropriate to provide specific objectives for all

- individual marine related projects the written statement.
- 5. Noted. CFRAMS mapping does not fall under the remit of the CDP. There are provisions in the plan for all items listed in this section of the submission. INP 21 supports the extension to the gas network in Mayo.
- 6. Noted. Sufficient provision is made in the plan regarding all items listed in this section of the submission. Regarding the FRC see response to MYO-C11-712. Regarding amending policy SCP 28 see response to item 5 of submission MYO-C11-524.
- 7. See responses to items 4.1, 5.1 and 5.2 of Submission MYO-C11-693
- 8. The listed invasive species within the 10.5.2 is not exhaustive. It is not a requirement of the CDP to identify European projects for groups to partake in. The plan includes numerous policies and objectives to support and protect the Dark Skies Park such as RSVP 6, TRO 7, TRP 20, NEO 43. It is not considered necessary to include additional objectives into the CDP. Alterations to SACs does not fall under the remit of the CDP.
- 9. Noted. There is sufficient provision in the plan for all the topics listed. The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is not considered necessary to include all individual projects.
- 10. See responses to items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 5.1 of Submission MYO-C11-693.
- 11. Opportunity sites set out in the Draft Plan are considered adequate for the development over the lifetime of the plan. Additional requests for development will be dealt with on a case by case basis at Development Management state.
- 12. A review of the RPS will be undertaken separately from the CDP process. The review will be carried out in accordance with Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act to align with the reviews of the Town Development Plans being undertaken in 2021/2022. See response to item 10 above for items on public realm.

Recommendation:

- 1–5. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 6. See recommendations to Submission MYO-C11-712 and item 5 of Submission MYO-C11-524.
- 7. See recommendations to items 4.1, 5.1 and 5.2 of Submission MYO-C11-693
- 8. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 9. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 10. See recommendations to items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 5.1 of Submission MYO-C11-693.
- 11. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 12. See responses to items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 5.1 of Submission MYO-C11-693.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-1023
Submission by:	Coiste Oidhreata Iorras
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 - Tourism & Recreation
	Chapter 7 – Infrastructure
	Chapter 8 - Sustainable Communities
	Chapter 10 - Natural Environment

Chapter 11 - Built Environment

Summary of Submission:

The submission relates to Belmullet and the Erris Region and makes requests for inclusion in the CDP as follows:

- 1. It is suggested that Belmullet Town should be assessed for designation as an Architectural Conservation Area. A town development buffer zone is also suggested.
- 2. The protection of the heritage assets of the region (listed) should be added to the list of National Monuments and actively protected. The submission requests that further investigations to support the extension of the Ceide fields into Erris is undertaken.
- 3. It is suggested that the fixed road traffic bridge spanning the canal at Belmullet should be replaced with a swivel bridge.
- 4. Aras Inis Gluaire, Erris's bilingual arts centre should be supported.
- 5. Support for the Irish Language Plans is requested.
- 6. Concern over lack of urgency regarding mapping of Rights of Way is mentioned in the submission.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. See response to item 4.1 of Submission MYO-C11-693.
- 2. See responses to item 5.1 and 5.2 of Submission MYO-C11-693.
- 3. Specific marine measures and marine related projects will be included in the County Marine Spatial Plan which is supported by the CDP through objective EDO 61. The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is therefore not considered appropriate to provide specific objectives for all individual marine related projects in the written statement.
- 4. See response to item 3.1 of Submission MYO-C11-693.
- 5. See response to OPR submission observation 9 (Irish Language Plans).
- 6. See response to OPR submission observation 8 (Public Rights of Way).

Recommendation:

- 1. See recommendation to item 4.1 of Submission MYO-C11-693.
- 2. See recommendation to item 5.1 and 5.2 of Submission MYO-C11-693.
- 3. Specific marine measures and marine related projects will be included in the County Marine Spatial Plan which is supported by the CDP through objective EDO 61. The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is therefore not considered appropriate to provide specific objectives for all individual marine related projects in the written statement.
- 4. See recommendation to item 3.1 of Submission MYO-C11-693.
- 5. See recommendation to OPR submission observation 9.
- 6. See recommendation to OPR submission observation 8 (Public Rights of Way).

Submission No.	MYO-C11-742
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Submission by:	Dr Fergal Ruane
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12 Settlement Plans, Belmullet General Hospital

The submission from Dr Ruane does not reference the Draft Plan or any policy or objective therein or specifically suggest any new policies and objectives, but instead highlights what he sees as the chronic underinvestment and downgrading of Belmullet General Hospital in recent times.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response

The CDP is a strategic land use document. It is not considered appropriate to include all individual projects for every town and village in the county.

Recommendation

No change to the Draft Plan.

Claremorris

Submission No.	MYO-C11-791
Submission by:	Eileen Farragher
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans

Summary of Submission:

The submission recommends the inclusion of an objection to construct a public footpath and lighting along the stretch of Chapel Lane running eastwards from the southern end of Town Hall Road and turning southwards along the L5572 until it crosses the Claremorris to Dublin railway line.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response

The CDP is a strategic land use document. It is not considered appropriate to include all individual projects for every town and village in the county.

Recommendation

Submission No.	MYO-C11-300
Submission by:	Claremorris Chamber of Commerce
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12 Settlement Plans, Key Town Status, Retail Strategy, Sewerage Discharge, WRC, National Road Projects
Summary of Submission	
1. The Chamber wishes to see Claremorris assigned the same status as Ballina, Castlebar and	

- Westport in the Settlement Strategy as it is the largest town in the Claremorris/Swinford Municipal District.
- 2. The Chamber wish to see specific policies/objectives designed to tackle dereliction in the town to reflect to concerns expressed regarding the mater in the written statement.
- 3. The Chamber wishes to see the alteration of objective EDO 43 in relation to the adoption of the sequential approach when considering the location of retail development in the county by requiring that all suitable lands within or adjacent to the town core are utilised before considering an out of centre site for a retail development. The observation includes a map showing an edge of town centre site that they ask to be zoned as reserve until such a time as 75% of the existing town centre is occupied.
- 4. Observation 4 seeks specific objectives committed to addressing the regular discharge of untreated sewage into the Claremorris lakes via the combined sewer.
- 5. The chamber welcomes the commitment in the Settlement Strategy for Claremorris to re-open the Western Rail Corridor (CSP 3) but requests that this commitment be strengthened committing to specific objectives and timeframes within the development plan to undertake the necessary feasibility studies, pre-appraisal, and early planning for the reinstatement.
- 6. The Chamber want specific time frames in relation to the commitment in CSO 5 to build inner relief road from N60 to Old N17.
- 7. The Chamber request the upgrade works to the remaining sections of the N60 Claremorris Castlebar outlined within the development plan objectives.
- 8. The Chamber requests specific objectives within the development plan to support the extension of the M17 from Tuam Claremorris Sligo.
- 9. The Chamber requests an objective in the plan to complete the smarter travel upgrade work on the L55512 from the Old Knock Road to the N60.
- 10. The chamber requests a review/extension of the speed limits on the N60 from the Dalton Street Nursing home to the Kiltimagh road junction and the installation of public lighting along this stretch.
- 11. The Chamber want the Dalton Street to Mount Street via the railway station named after Patrick Cassidy for his work on famine remembrance and on account of the site of the former workhouse at this location.
- 12. The Chamber supports Claremorris Racecourse Committees proposals to create The Claremorris Community Park at the Claremorris Sportsgrounds, bringing together all the amenities under one enhanced all-inclusive area.
- 13. The Chamber supports objective CSO 7 in relation to the development of the amenity value of the lakes and asks that the name of the lake is changed from Mayfield to the original Mosshill Lake.
- 14. The Chamber encourages the development and implementation of smarter travel projects including linking the Lakes to Claremorris Sports Facilities.
- 15. The Chamber encourages the designation of a specific site on convent grounds for a future new secondary school and enclose a map showing a site located to the east of Convent Road which is zoned Recreation and Amenity in the Draft Plan and which they want rezoned to Community Services/Facilities for this purpose.

- 16. The Chamber seeks the installation of additional charging points a number of locations.
- 17. The Chamber want the Council to liaise with the IDA and construct an entrance off the Kilcolman Road N60 into the Industrially zoned lands located between the Kilcolman Road and the old N17/Knock Road, immediately adjacent to the McWilliam Hotel

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response

- 1. Ballina and Castlebar were designated as Key Towns in Section 3.4 of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and Westport was identified in the same document as a as a town with strategic development potential of a regional scale intrinsically linked to Castlebar.
- 2-Objective to tackle dereliction in Claremorris are present in the Draft Plan in CSO 11 and CSO 12 and these are backed up by policies and objects in the plan such as HSO 5, BEP 12, GSP 4, GSP 5 and GSP 6.
- 3. The application of EDO 43 in relation to retail developments, backed up by EDO 41 negates the need for the qualification proposed.
- 4. A project to upgrade the WWTP is currently underway, with a current estimated completion year of 2023. Refer to WWCR for information on available headroom and capacity. The WWTP upgrade project will also include the upgrade of Mayfield terminal.
- 5. The Council also await the outcome of the DoT Nfi (NI) study, with regards to this matter and the funding and time frames are matters which are not within the remit of MCC.
- 6. The implementation of all national road schemes is a matter for Transport Infrastructure Ireland and is subject priority and adequacy of funding resources available.
- 7. The proposed works are listed in Table 6.5 and supported by objective MTO 21.
- 8. The upgrading of the N17 Tuam-Claremorris-Sligo to motorway standard is not listed in Table 6.5 of the Draft Plan and is not a project listed in the National Development Plan investment commitments in the NPF.
- 9. The CDP is a strategic land use plan, and it is not considered appropriate to list all individual projects.
- 10. The reviewing of speed limits on national routes is under the remit of Transport Infrastructure Ireland.
- 11. This is not considered a matter to be addressed as part of the Development Plan process.
- 12-14. Noted
- 15. Noted. It is considered that there are sufficient lands zoned Community Services/Facilities in the Draft Plan on which such an institution could be developed.
- 16-17. Noted

Recommendation

1-17. No change to the Draft Plan.

Swinford

Submission No.	MYO-C11-666
Submission No.	WIO CII 000

Submission by:	Cathal Kelly
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	12 Settlement Plans and 6 Movement and transport
	Walking and cycling in Swinford
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The submission notes that walkways and cycleways are lacking in Swinford which are required to make a safe walking route. The planned loop walk of the town needs to be expediated. No specific requests for inclusion or changes of policies or objectives in the CDP.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

There are numerous policies and objectives contained in the plan which relate to active travel, permeability and modal shift towards walking and cycling. These include SO4 SO12 SSP6 SSP7 TRP 10 MTP 6 MTP 7 MTO 5 MTO 6 MTO 8 GSO 1 GSP 8 GSO 11.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-675
Submission by:	Cathal Kelly on behalf of Swinford.ie
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 – Tourism & Recreation
	Topic: Public Rights of Way, Walking

Summary of Submission:

This submission states that walkways/cycleways are lacking in Swinford requests the following:

- 1. Extend footpath at Dublin Road (Kilbride) to the N5 bypass and onto the Kilkelly Road junction.
- 2. The planned loop walk of the town is welcomed but needs to be expedited.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. MTO 5 of the Draft CDP encourages further development of the public footpath network, walking & cycling routes and associated infrastructure and where possible retrofit cycling/walking routes into existing urban road networks.
- 2. Noted.

Recommendation:

Submission No.	MYO-C11-677
Submission by:	Cathal Kelly on behalf of Swinford.ie
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 4 – Economic Development

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This submission discusses the need for serious planning measures to be implemented to deal with derelict/vacant properties in Swinford town. The submission makes two suggestions-

- 1. Grants and incentives need to be made available to encourage entrepreneurship in the town.
- 2. Town colour scheme needs to be implemented.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. See response to item 1 of submission MYO-C11-358.
- 2. It is not considered appropriate to include this suggestion in the CDP which is a strategic land use plan. This policy would be best placed in a public realm plan or similar.

Recommendation:

1 –2. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-667	
Submission by:	Cathal Kelly	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 4 Economic Development	
	Chapter 12 Settlement Plans	
	Topic - derelict sites and regeneration in Swinford	

Summary of Submission:

The submission notes that there are numerous closed and derelict commercial premises throughout Swinford and suggests that MCC incentivise these premises to reopen. No specific requests for inclusion of policies or objectives in the CDP.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Objectives SDO 11 and SDO 12 are set out to encourage the reuse of derelict premises and sites in Swinford in a sequentially appropriate manner. Furthermore, a number of consolidation sites have been identified for development and are supported through objective SDO 3.

Recommendation:

Submission No:	MYO-C11-358	
Submitted by:	Michael Maye	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	: Chapter 12: Settlement Plans	
	Topic: Swinford	

This submission makes a number of suggestions in relation to Swinford:

- 1. The author refers to Strategic Objective SO 11 and suggests how MCC should incentivise the reopening of vacant close commercial premises in Main St & Market St.
- 2. The author refers to TVHP 4 of the plan and suggests this can be aided by a grant scheme.
- 3. The author refers to TVHP 7 of the plan and believes MCC should lead the way by redeveloping their premises 'The Great Escapes' building on Market Street.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. This is outside the scope of the CDP which is a strategic land use document. Grants and incentives for businesses are available through the Enterprise and Investment Unit of Mayo County Council and Mayo Local Enterprise Office.
- 2. See response to item 1 above.
- 3. See response to item 1 of submission MYO-C11-993.

Recommendation:

1 - 3. No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-993	
Submitted by:	Tom Lavin	
Issues raised/ relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans	
	Topic – Swinford	

Summary of Submission:

The submission refers to three topics in Swinford:

- The submission queries when MCC will develop the Great Escape building in Swinford.
- 2. The submission seeks better access to disabled parking particularly for Market Street.
- 3. The submission refers to the construction of a relief road and car park for St Ita's Terrace.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- The Great Escape Building in Swinford is located along Market Street in an area zoned Town Centre as set out in Volume 3, Book of Maps, Map SD 2: Swinford Town Centre Zoning and Core Shopping Area. The permitted uses in the category of zoning are listed in Table 12.3 Land Use Zoning Matrix for Tier II Towns. Mayo County Council have earmarked this site for residential development.
- Disabled parking standards are listed in Section 7.12.2 of Volume 2, Development Management Standards. Also, Building for Everyone: A Universal Design Approach (National Disability Authority, 2012) is cited in the draft plan. There are policies and objectives supporting this in the plan including BEO 28.

3. A relief road and car parking are currently not proposed for St. Ita's Terrace in Swinford under the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:

1-3. No change to the Draft Plan.

Tier III

Balla

Submission No.	MYO-C11-706
Submission by:	Balla CRD
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapters 6 & 12- Walking and cycling in Balla

Summary of Submission:

The submission suggests that a safe walkway and cycle path located in Balla at the south end on the N60 and from the Northside would be beneficial and provide access to the woodlands etc.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Objective BAO 3 of the settlement plan for Balla is to support and facilitate pedestrian mobility and safety in the town by introducing traffic calming measures and pedestrian crossings. It is not considered necessary to include specific areas in the CDP.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-751	
Submission by:	Balla CRD	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):): Chapter 8 Sustainable Communities	
	Topic - Balla Sensory Community	

Summary of Submission:

The submission relates to the Balla Town Parks and Woodland Walkways. Balla CRD are working with the Mayo Autism Association and are looking at the possibility of making an area within the woodlands a more accessible and sensory place where adults and children with disabilities can visit.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Balla is identified as a Tier III town and has a number of supportive policies and objectives listed under Balla in Chapter 12 – Settlement Plans including BAP 1 and BAO 2. The submission does not include a request for inclusion of this proposal in the CDP.

Recommendation:

Foxford

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1028
Submitted by:	Cllr Neil Cruise
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation
	Topic –Trails
	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – Roads
	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Topic – IWAK
	Chapter 11: Climate Action & Renewable Energy
	Topic – Hydrogen
	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic – Foxford

Summary of Submission:

1. Chapter 5 - Tourism & Recreation

Topic - Trail

- 1.1 Development of Annagh Lake Trail from Ballyhaunis rugby club to Carrownedan, the trail should be sited alongside existing road infrastructure.
- 1.2 Further develop trail from Kiltimagh town to Kilkinure Cemetry and onto Oxford Cross.
- 1.3 Develop trail in Swinford in Brabazon Woods and other areas of the town.
- 1.4 Develop trails in Bohola, Shraheens, Tooreen, Aghamore, Attymass and Ballyhaunis.

2. Chapter 6 – Movement & Transport

Topic – Roads

- 2.1 Safety works on the N5 outside Swinford.
- 2.2 Cloongullane Bridge Project.
- 2.3 Safety works on the N17 outside Claremorris.
- 2.4 To develop a proper mechanism of funding the many LIS roads in the county especially those of recreation value.

Topic - IWAK

- 2.5 Apply for Rural Regeneration Development fund to develop SDZ.
- 2.6 Develop a direct rail link from Ballyhaunis.
- 2.7 Petition government to designate IWAK a Duty-Free Zone, similar to Shannon Airport.

3. Chapter 11 - Climate Action & Renewable Energy

Topic – Hydrogen

3.1 - A green hydrogen project and biodiversity project park at Brackloon and Derrynacong, Ballyhaunis.

4. Chapter 12 – Settlement Plans

Topic - Foxford

- 4.1 Extension to Admiral Brown Prominade.
- 4.2 Develop primary care centre & enterprise centre on lands owned by MCC with direct access to Mother Morrough Bernard Rd and Admiral Brown Road.
- 4.3 Construct circa 10 assisted living houses near the Church.
- 4.4 Develop a car park between the national school and playground.
- 4.5 Develop Kilmore wind farm project with a community gain project.
- 4.6 Develop facilities for elderly e.g., covered bus shelter, indoor exercise area, expansion of elderly/vulnerable register and other schemes.
- 4.7 Develop facilities for our youth.
- 4.8 Develop ability services e.g., Sensory Park, Ability Park etc.
- 4.9 Develop remote working/digital hubs.
- 4.10 Develop high speed broadband.
- 4.11 Create a strong Foxford brand.
- 4.12 Develop tourism projects such as angling museum, angling centre of excellence, railway museum.
- 4.13 Create better awareness of River Moy by developing riverside walks and trails supporting biodiversity and wellbeing.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1.1 1.4 Greenways are supported throughout the plan, including East Mayo There are a number of greenways in East Mayo denoted as Town Greenways on Map 6.1 'Proposed County Greenway Plan Linear long distance and Town Greenway Network' and identified in Table 6.4 'Walking and Cycling Projects'. There are policies and objectives listed in the Draft Plan in support of greenways namely MTO 6, MTO 9, MTO 10, MTO 12, TRP 29. The towns identified in the plan for greenways are Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Charlestown, Claremorris, Kiltimagh, Knock, Swinford. It is It is not considered necessary to list all individual projects in the CDP which is a strategic land use plan. This proposal would be best placed in the County tourism strategy or similar document.
- 2.1 2.3 The N5 is listed for roads improvements in table 6.5 of the CDP. Supporting policies and objectives for roads projects throughout the county are MPT 18, 19, 20, 21 and MTO 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.
- 2.4 Including details of a funding mechanisms for the LIS scheme is outside the scope of the CDP.
- 2.5 2.7 IWAK is a Strategic Development Zone. Proposals listed would be best placed in the IWAK SDZ plan.

- 3.1 It is It is not considered necessary to list all individual projects in the CDP which is a strategic land use plan. This proposal would be best placed in a Biodiversity Strategy or similar document.
- 4.1 4.13 The CDP contains numerous policies and objectives which set out provision and support for the development and growth of all towns and villages in the county including Foxford. The plan contains policies and objectives around tourism, biodiversity, broadband, remote working, youth facilities, provision for older people. It is not appropriate to list all individual projects in the CDP which is a strategic land use plan. Foxford is identified as a Tier III settlement in the Core Strategy Set out in Chapter 2 of the CDP. Section 12.12 identifies policies and objectives for Foxford including opportunity sites for development within the town core.

Recommendation:

1.1 - 4.13 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Kiltimagh

Submission No:	MYO-C11-412	
Submitted by:	IRD Kiltimagh CLG	
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 4: Economic Development	
	Topic: Employment, Job, Economy, Retail,	
	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation	
	Topic: Wild Atlantic Way, Tourism, Hotels	
	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport	
	Topic: Roads, Rail, Western Rail Corridor, Walking, Cycling,	
	Chapter 7: Infrastructure	
	Topic: Broadband	
	Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities	
	Topic: Facilities	
	Chapter 9: Built Environment	
	Topic: Regeneration, Building	
	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans	
	Topic: Kiltimagh	

Summary of Submission:

1. Chapter 4 – Economic Development

Topic: Employment, Job, Economy

1.1 - Support the development of a community workspace in Kiltimagh and support the expansion of the Cairn International Trade Centre

Topic: Employment, Job, Retail, Economy

1.2 – Facilitate the use of any former business premises to be used for a business purpose by way of - easy planning process for new or change of use applications, reduced or nil development levies and rates for a period.

1.3 – Consider reducing the level of rates in towns like Kiltimagh compared to larger towns who have much better infrastructure to level the playing field.

2. Chapter 5 – Tourism & Recreation

Topic: Wild Atlantic Way, Tourism, Hotels.

- 2.1 Extend the Velorail further along the WRC
- 2.2 Consider battery assisted carts for the Velorail
- 2.3 Consider clearing the route from Claremorris to Charlestown to accommodate the Velorail expansion.

<u>Topic – Tourism, Hotels</u>

- 2.4 Support festivasl and events by providing funding and other supports with permits, street-sweeping etc.
- 2.5 Continue supporting the Kiltimagh Tourism Association.

3. Chapter 6 – Movement & Transport

Topic: Roads

- 3.1 Carry out further improvements to routes into Kiltimagh, particularly along the Kiltimagh-Bohola and the Kiltimagh to Knock routes. Similar improvements are need on the R332 at the junction of Aghamore.
- 3.2 Improve the dangerous bend on the Swinford-Kiltimagh Road at Garryroe.

Topic: Western Rail Corridor

3.3 – The WRC is protected and preserved and the provision of a short spur from the WRC to IWAK has the potential to transform the region.

Topic: Walking, Cycling

- 3.4 A series of circular walkways to be developed in the local townlands to Kiltimagh
- 3.5 Extend the existing Mini Greenway from Cill Aodain to Bohola and extend to Turlough.
- 3.6 Extending the existing pathway on the Balla Road to Oxford Circus.
- 3.7 Paths connecting to Swinford, Knock and Kilkelly via the respective roads.

4. Chapter 7 – Infrastructure

Topic: Broadband

- 4.1 MCC to take possession of the MAN network or secure at least one of the four ducts that make up the MAN network and make space available to enable reduced/free rates to enable operators to provide full fibre services to businesses in the town centre.
- 4.2 MCC allow providers extend their networks by way of easy permissions and reasonable reinstatement costs.

5. Chapter 8 – Sustainable Communities

Topic: Facilities

5.1 – Continue support of the Kiltimagh Amenity Park Project and ensure the project does not compete or duplicate with nearby facilities.

6. Chapter 9 – Built Environment

Topic: Regeneration

- 6.1 Continue supporting the Kiltimagh Tidy Towns by way of funding and materials.
- 6.2 Support the roles of IRD Kiltimagh CLG and Kiltimagh Community Employment Group CLG in town enhancement by way of providing materials and the removal of litter as a result of community clean ups.
- 6.3 Increase their contribution to the Tidy Towns effort through enhance street cleaning and bin emptying.

Topic: Building, Regeneration

- 6.4 Survey derelict/dangerous building and develop a plan for each building
- 6.5 MCC to invoke the Derelict Sites Act to move on sites that are dangerous and pose a threat to those visiting the town centre.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1.1 It is outside the scope of the CDP to include objectives regarding assisting specific organisations with planning applications and fees or funding towards capital costs.
- 1.2 See response to item 1.1 above
- 1.3 It is outside the scope of the CDP to reduce rates. This is a reserved function of the County Councilors.
- 2.1 Any proposals which prejudice the reopening of the WRC will not be considered. See response to item 2 of Submission MYO-C11-1027.
- 2.2 This is not within the remit of the CDP.
- 2.3 See response to item 2.1 above.
- 2.4 Festivals and events are supported in Chapter 5 Section 5.4.3.1 Key Pillar 1: Tourism Categories, Festivals and Events and policies TRP 21 and TRP 22.
- 2.5 Tourism associations are supported in Chapter 5, including policy TRP 22.
- 3.1 3.2 Roads improvements projects are listed in Chapter 6 of the plan.
- 3.3 Noted. The protection of the WRC is supported in the CDP in line with the NPF and RSES objectives for enhanced connectivity.
- 3.4-3.7-A Town Greenway is proposed for Kiltimagh and is indicated on Map 6.1 Proposed County Greenway Plan Linear long distance and Town Greenway Network, Chapter 6 of the CDP. As the CDP is a strategic land use plan it is not considered necessary or appropriate to list all individual projects.
- 4.1 4.2 -It is outside the scope of the CDP to include the requests regarding the MAN network and broadband providers.
- 5.1 It is outside the scope of the CDP to include this request.
- 6.1 Tidy Towns organisations are supported in Chapter 7 through objective INO 14.
- 6.2 Community groups and organisations are supported with town enhancement in the plan through various policies and objectives including Waste Management Objectives INO 10 -15 listed in Chapter 7.

6.3 – See response to item 6.2 above.

6.4 - 6.5 – The Derelict Sites Act is cited in the CDP and there are numerous policies and objectives relating to the redevelopment of derelict sites including GSP 4, BEO 37, GSO 6 and SSO 6.

Recommendation:

1.1 – 6.5 - No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-639
Submission by:	Tracey Byrne
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12 – Kiltimagh Community Futures Group action plan

Summary of Submission:

The submission requests that all recommendations of the Kiltimagh Community Futures Group action plan to be agreed and implemented. The main request is to prioritise the development of a greenway for walking and cycling in Kiltimagh.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Community Futures Plans are facilitated by the Mayo Public Participation Network (PPN), in collaboration with Mayo County Council and various other local development companies/ groups. The Community Futures Action Plans list potential projects/ideas relevant to the plan areas, these plans do form part of the statutory planning hierarchy, and proposed projects/ideas published within an Action Plan have not been environmentally assessed as per a statutory planning document. MCC are fully supportive of the Community Futures Programme, but it is not responsible for carrying out the works identified in these plans. Support for the action planning process is reflected primarily within Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities and also within Chapter 12: Settlement Plans. Objective SCO 2 supports the Community Futures process. The County Development Plan is a strategic land use plan. Therefore, it is not considered necessary to include and provide specific policies and objectives for all individual projects.

Recommendation:

Submission No:	MYO-C11-74
Submitted by:	Gary Smyth
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Kiltimagh
Summary of Submission:	

This submission seeks for the Kiltimagh Community Futures programme to be given more precedence in the Draft CDP giving the amount of time and energy it took for the community to prepare.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Submission MYO-C11-639

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-639

Submission No:	MYO-C11-219
Submitted by:	Monica Browne
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Kiltimagh

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks for the recommendations contained within the Kiltimagh Community Futures Programme to be implemented in the Draft CDP.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Submission MYO-C11-639.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-639.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-787
Submission by:	Michael D. Freeley
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12 - Kiltimagh Community Futures

Summary of Submission:

The submission relates to the delivery of specific actions of the Kiltimagh Community Futures Action Plan, including a new community centre, greenway, amenity park, youth space and to make better use of the town hall theatre. The submission requests that the priorities in the CFAP are carried out

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to Submission MYO-C11-639.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to Submission MYO-C11-639.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-657
Submission by:	Aine Carr
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12 – Kiltimagh Amenity Park

The submission welcomes the inclusion of Kiltimagh Amenity Park that it builds on the Community Futures programme that clearly identified the amenity park as a priority for the town.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The submission is noted. Support for the amenity park is identified under Objective KTO 1.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-623
Submission by:	Caitlin Woods
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12 – Kiltimagh Community Futures Group action plan

Summary of Submission:

- 1. The submission lists some of the priorities in the Kiltimagh Community Futures plan.
- 2. These objectives in the Draft CDP do not reflect the wishes of the community KTP 1, KTP 2, KTP 3.
- 3. The submission recommends developing the Amenity Park in Kiltimagh .

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. See response to submission MYO-C11-639.
- 2. This statement is unfounded.
- 3. See response to submission MYO-C11-657.

Recommendation:

- 1. See response to submission MYO-C11-639.
- 2. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 3. See recommendation to submission MYO-C11-657.

Newport

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 174
Submission by:	Burrishoole Community Partnership CLG

Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):

Chapter 12: Settlement Plans

Summary of Submission:

The submission is from a community volunteer in the Newport area who wishes to support the community centre, sewerage treatment and greenway enhancement.

- 1. The submission raises concerns with new housing proposed for Newport due to current deficiencies with the public sewer.
- 2. The submission requests that community facilities should be a priority for Newport and identifies that policy NPT2 needs to be updated as construction of the Community Centre has begun.
- 3. The submission requests that footpaths and lighting are provided to the Community Centre and GAA pitch.
- 4. The issue of Sewerage and odours could be off-putting for tourists and those partaking in watersports on the Quay and that the sewerage treatment should be completed prior to infrastructural construction at the Quay.
- 5. The submission requests a cost-effective bus service to GMIT and Castlebar College of Further Education.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. A new municipal wastewater treatment plant (1,800PE) is planned for the town with an expected completion date of 2024. There will be sufficient capacity for new development with current and expected treatment plant capacity once completed.
- 2. NPT 2 does not refer to the community centre.
- 3. It is not considered necessary to list all individual projects in the CDP which is a strategic land use plan.
- 4. A new municipal wastewater treatment plant (1,800PE) is planned for the town with an expected completion date of 2024.
- 5. NPT 3 supports bus services from Newport to Castlebar and Westport.

Recommendation:

Tier IV

Mulranny

Submission No.	MYO-C11-607
Submission by:	Mulranny Community Futures
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Mulranny Pier

Summary of Submission:

The submission requests marine conservation measures and development to increase usability of Mulranny pier and causeway which are stone-built structures.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Specific marine measures and marine related projects will be included in the County Marine Spatial Plan which is supported by the CDP through objective EDO 61. The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is therefore not considered appropriate to provide specific objectives for individual projects the written statement.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-601
Submission by:	Mulranny Community Futures
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Smarter Travel

Summary of Submission:

The submission requests a smarter travel master plan for Mulranny including a safe cycle access from townlands south of the N59

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The Draft Plan is consistent with the targets outlined in Smarter Travel – A Sustainable Transport Future – A New Transport Policy for Ireland, 2009-2020. As the CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is not considered appropriate to provide specific objectives for individual projects in the written statement

Recommendation:

Tier V

Aghleam

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1043
Submitted by:	Comharchumann Forbartha Ionad Deirbhile, Eachleim
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic – Aghleam

Summary of Submission:

- 1. The group seek for the Áras Scéalta an Atlantaigh Visitor Experience centre to be referred to in the new CDP. Traffic easing measures are required for the village as currently it is ill equipped to deal with tour buses etc.
- 2. The group are seeking the need for lavatory facilities for the potential high footfall for the pier/lighthouse, and a seating/picnic area.
- 3. The group seek for Glosh Tower to be a protected structure.
- 4. The group request that beaches in the Blacksod area need to be made more accessible.
- 5. The group seeks to improve and extend boat parking on the ground of the Boat House at Blacksod.
- 6. The group seek support to create a 42km coastal path from Erris Head to Blacksod point.
- 7. The group are seeking a new playground to be facilitated in the village.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. The CDP is a strategic land use plan. It is not considered necessary to list all individual projects
- 2. This is covered in Chapter 5, Section 5.4.3.3 Key Tourism Pillar 3: Flagship Infrastructure Projects, and policy TRP 27. A programme of infrastructural improvements has been identified through the Tourism Section of Mayo County Council to meet gaps in the existing tourist product and to address future product needs.
- 3. See response to item 5.1 of Submission MYO-C11-693.
- 4. See response to item 1 above.
- 5. This is covered in Chapter 6, Section 6.4.4 Piers, Harbours and Landing Places and MPT 23 and MTO 31. Blacksod is listed in the infrastructural projects in Table 6.7.
- 6. This is covered in Chapter 6 and listed in Table 6.4 List of Walking and Cycling Projects. It is also identified on Map 6.1 under Long Distance Coastal Greenway. Supporting policies and objectives are included in Chapters 5, 6 and 8.
- 7. The CDP is a strategic land use plan therefore it is not considered appropriate or necessary to list all individual projects. The proposed playground would be best placed in a recreation strategy or similar document.

Recommendation:

- 3. See recommendation to item 5.1 of Submission MYO-C11-693.
- 4 7 No change to the Draft Plan.

Ballycroy

Submission No:	MYO-C11-608
Submitted by:	Ballycroy Community Council
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Ballycroy road improvements

Summary of Submission:

The submission relates to the junction/crossroads at the Achill/ Ballycroy/ Mulranny N59 and R319 Junction which the submission states is extremely dangerous and requests that a safe system is put in place so people can cross over the junction at the N59/R319.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The N59 is identified in table 6.5 for project upgrades.

Recommendation:

Glenhest

Submission No.	MYO-C11-704
Submission by:	John Walsh
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12- Glenhest Village

Summary of Submission:

The submission requests the following for Glenhest village

- 1. Footpaths and appropriate street lighting (dark sky friendly) from the Newport side of St. Joseph's church to the Community Centre. Signage and appropriate landscaping at approach entrances to the village core. Tree planting along proposed footpath to enhance visual and environmental amenity.
- 2. Improvement of road pavement, verge definition and road markings / traffic calming to encourage reduced driving speed through the area. Also, enhanced definition/re-alignment of road junctions meeting the R317 through the village to improve safety.
- 3. Appropriate speed limits introduced on entering the village on the approach from Newport before St. Joseph's Church, and on the Belmullet approach before the Community Centre. A speed limit of 60km/h was introduced on the L1721 Local Road through Bofeenaun village. Flashing lit-up speed limit signage at each side of the School during school drop-off and pick-up hours (similar to signage at St. Paul's NS on the N5 at Islandeady) External maintenance and painting of Mayo County Council owned properties in area. Also maintenance of green areas.
- 4. The creation of a number of loop walks & cycle trails around the area. These would start / finish at the Church and incorporate varying levels of difficulty to suit all age groups and abilities.
- 5. The creation of a longer walking / cycling trail which would start in the village of Lahardane and finishing at Achill Island.
- 6. Re-alignment of the junction of R317 with the R312.
- 7. Widening / re-alignment / Safety Marking of the R317.
- 8. Fast and reliable fibre Broadband.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. This is generally covered under RSPV 6 which states It is not considered appropriate to include all individual projects for every town and village in the county.
- 2. The CDP is a strategic land use document. It is not considered appropriate to include all individual projects for every town and village in the county.
- 3. The CDP is a strategic land use document. Proposals listed in this item should be carried out by the relevant area engineer for Glenhest.
- 4. See response to item 2 above.
- 5. See response to item 2 above.
- 6. See response to item 3 above.

- 7. See response to item 3 above.
- 8. See response to item 3.7 of Submission MYO-C11-313.

Recommendation:

- 1 7. No change to the Draft Plan.
- 8. See response to item 3.7 of Submission MYO-C11-313.

SECTION 5 OTHER SUBMISSIONS RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES (VOLUME II)

Submission No:	MYO-C11-484
Submitted by:	Dermot McDonnell
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Community Benefit Contributions

Summary of Submission:

This submission discusses the Council's 'Policy on Community Benefit Contributions' and queries where the document is on public display.

The author requests that the CDP outline a policy that requires Councillors to:

- 1. Dissolve the Oweninny Fund Board and rerun elections.
- 2. Public representation should be doubled with a guarantee that one nearest neighbour from each electoral area is elected to the Board.
- 3. The developer seat should be abolished. The link to the consumer subsidy in the State scheme means we are just getting our own money back. The developer has no right to a view on how it is spent.
- 4. The Policy should be front and centre in Council interactions with developers with emphasis on the ABO Wind experience. Developers can demonstrate a genuine commitment to Mayo and her people by signing a legally binding agreement to pay €2/MWh in Community Benefit, the current State figure, index linked to the wholesale price of electricity for the lifetime of their project.
- 5. Greater transparency is required in the operation of fund Boards and project evaluation committees. Meetings should be live streamed and an account of the dispersal of funds should be published regularly.
- 6. The Council fee should revert to 5% as set out in the Policy.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

1 - 6. Does not fall within the remit of the County Development Plan.

Recommendation:

Submission No:	MYO-C11-558
Submitted by:	Harry Barrett
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Community Benefit Contributions

This submission discusses the Council's 'Policy on Community Benefit Contributions' and queries where the document is on public display.

The author requests that the CDP outline a policy that requires Councillors to:

- 1. Dissolve the Oweninny Fund Board and rerun elections.
- 2. Public representation should be doubled with a guarantee that one nearest neighbour from each electoral area is elected to the Board.
- 3. The developer seat should be abolished. The link to the consumer subsidy in the State scheme means we are just getting our own money back. The developer has no right to a view on how it is spent.
- 4. The Policy should be front and centre in Council interactions with developers with emphasis on the ABO Wind experience. Developers can demonstrate a genuine commitment to Mayo and her people by signing a legally binding agreement to pay €2/MWh in Community Benefit, the current State figure, index linked to the wholesale price of electricity for the lifetime of their project.
- 5. Greater transparency is required in the operation of fund Boards and project evaluation committees. Meetings should be live streamed and an account of the dispersal of funds should be published regularly.
- 6. The Council fee should revert to 5% as set out in the Policy.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

1 – 6. See response to MYO-C11-484.

Recommendation:

1 - 6. See recommendations to MYO-C11-484.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-619
Submission by:	Eoin Holmes
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Volume 2 – Development Management Standards

Summary of Submission:

This submission focuses on Section 9.2 of Volume 2: Development Management Standards which refers to education and makes a number of suggestions for inclusion in the CDP, as set out below:

- 1. Size and Scale the size and scale of the proposed development must be appropriate to the area and provide enough space for exercise and play, indoors and outdoors.
- 2. Need for the proposed development, in the context of current schools' capacity and population

- forecasts, has been established.
- 3. Proximity to Local Services the development shall be in close proximity to local services and facilities. In rural locations the existing and forecasted population data will be considered.
- 4. Impact on adjoining lands avoiding negative effect on the amenities of adjoining properties.
- 5. Availability of sufficient external open space for outdoor teaching and recreational activities including senior and junior ball-play areas and, matching in size, green play areas suitable open space shall be provided for the development.
- 6. Traffic Safety adequate off-street parking shall be provided in accordance with the Car Parking Standards; safe drop off /collection points will be required; and traffic circulation shall include a School Turning Bay.
- 7. Smarter Travel provision.
- 8. Enough land for future expansion without compromising play, exercise and separation areas.
- 9. Appropriate design.
- 10. Adequate cycle facilities in accordance with the requirements in the Council Cycle Policy Guidelines and Standards. In all cases it is a requirement to provide showers, changing facilities, lockers and clothes drying facilities, for use by staff and/or students that walk or cycle to work/place of education.
- 11. Where a multi-school or shared campus is proposed such developments shall not be competing nor duplicating schools. Such developments will be considered if the proposal is, for example, to co-locate a primary school and a post-primary school, or a post-primary school and a college of further education.
- 12. Adequate space is provided indoors and outdoors to ensure easy and effective safe-distancing and separation is possible in the event that public health regulations require such measures.'

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. Refer to technical guidance documents published by the Department of Education and the DHCLG Guidance on 'Provision of Schools and the Planning System: A Code of Practice for Planning Authorities' (DES, DEHLG, 2008) or otherwise as updated.
- 2-4. Noted.
- 5-See response to No. 1 above.
- 6-Section 7.12.7 and Table 7 of Volume 2 Development Management Standards set out parking provisions, turning bays for education facilities.
- 7-MTP 3 supports smarter travel provision within the county.
- 8- Noted.
- 9- See response to No. 1 above.
- 10 12. Noted.

Recommendation:

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1033
Submitted by:	Cllr. John O'Hara
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Volume 2: Development Management Standards

This submission seeks to alter the sight line distances requirements within the Draft CDP by placing car counter and speed detectors outside proposed sites. The author believes the speed limits are too high in some places and believes the above suggestion would reduce the need for longer sight lines from the proposed application site.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is considered this is adequately dealt with under Section 7.6 Access Visibility Requirements of Volume 2: Development Management Standards. It is not considered feasible to install, assess and adjudicated on such technology in the case of individual planning applications.

Recommendation:

SECTION 6 OTHER SUBMISSIONS RELATING TO BOOK OF MAPS (VOLUME III)

Tier I

Ballina

Submission No.	MYO-C11-213
Submission by:	Seamus Killeen
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Residential Rezoning Ballina Town and Environs

Summary of Submission:

The submission requests that consideration be given to rezoning of lands in the Laghtadawannagh Townland for residential expansion within the environs of Ballina Town, some of which had previously been used for residential Development. The submission states that this property would be best used for residential purposes and would lessen the requirement of residential need within an already high-density populated area. The land is situated directly onto the R314 with road frontage, all utilities including, foul water, storm water, electrical and communication services are passing by the land. A folio map outlining the lands in question is included with the submission.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The site is located outside the settlement boundary of Ballina town. It is considered that additional zoning of the scale proposed at this location would militate against policy CSP 1 and objective CSO 4 to achieve compact towns, would be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The subject site would lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside which would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity for residential lands identified in the development envelope. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:



Site outlined in red above.

Proposed extension to Ballina Town & Environs Plan Area at Laghtadawannagh, Ballina

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-213 Seamus Kileen

Submission No.	MYO-C11-699
Submission by:	Breege Goldrick
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Rezoning Lands at Fanaroo, Ballina

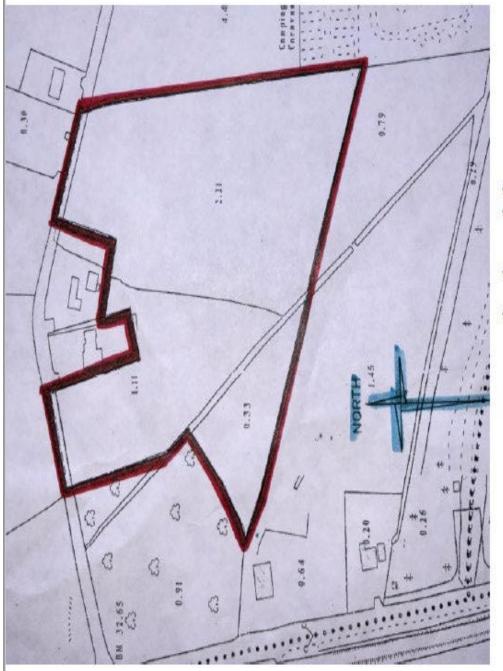
The submission is a request to re-zone lands for commercial/residential/ mixed use in of Ballina. The proposed site is in close proximity to Belleek Caravan Park, Culleens national school, the new school, Ballina beverages and Mc Vann interiors. The site has frontage onto public road and is serviced. The lands are currently zoned as agricultural use and due to the nature of the developments in the area, it is requested that *due consideration should be given to rezoning the lands for residential or mixed use*.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The site is located outside of the settlement boundary of Ballina town. It is considered that additional zoning of commercial/residential/mixed use at this location would militate against policy CSP 1 and objective CSO 4 to achieve compact towns, would be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The subject site would lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside which would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity for residential and commercial lands identified in the development envelope. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population and economic growth during the period of the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:



Site outlined in red above.

Proposed extension to Ballina Town & Environs Plan Area at Faranoo, Ballina

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-699 Breege Goldrick

Westport

Submission No.	MYO-C11-410
Submission by:	Ryan Family
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 5 Tourism

Summary of Submission:

This submission relates to a specific 3.8-hectare site located at the junction of the R335 and the Quay Road, approximately 3.3 km southwest of Westport. The submission states that planning permission was previously granted for a 19-unit housing development (not a holiday home development) in 2009 when the site was zoned for low density housing (2-houses to the acre). The development was never commenced and the land in question was subsequently de-zoned in 2012 as part of the Westport Core Strategy. The submission contends that due to its location and planning history, the site would be appropriate for 19-unit holiday home development.

The submission contends that for such a proposal to be compliant with the draft plan, it requires the alteration of objective **TRO14** in relation to the location of tourist related accommodation.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response:

The proposed site is located outside the current development boundary of Westport. Objective TRO 14 allows for only low-impact forms of holiday accommodation to be located outside of serviced settlements and subject to additional criteria in terms of scale, design and environmental impact. To alter TRO 14 as proposed would conflict with the central aim of the objective which is to direct all but low-impact forms of tourist related accommodation into established settlements where they can avail of existing infrastructure and services.

Recommendation:



Tier II

Ballinrobe

Submission No:	MYO-C11-543
Submitted by:	Fintan Morrin (The Planning Partnership) on behalf of HK Harmon Property Limited
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 4: Economic Development Topic: Employment, Economy

Summary of Submission:

- 1. This submission requests that a site situated between Tesco and JJ Burke Car sales in the Ballinrobe Settlement Boundary be rezoned from Enterprise and Employment to Medium Density Residential or Residential/Commercial to accommodate the emerging and future housing/household requirements.
- 2. The author also requests that the set back from the River Robe is reduced and is excessive and flooding matters could be controlled by way of a Flood Risk Assessment for any future development.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. The site is located outside of the core area of Ballinrobe town and has an Employment and Enterprise zoning specification. The zoning objective listed in the CDP which includes both residential and commercial is Town Centre Consolidation Site zoning objective which provides for residential and appropriate mixed use, community, amenity and public realm or other uses generally considered acceptable in town centre locations. Uses that would be detrimental to the vitality and amenity of the town centre, such as industrial uses, will not normally be permitted. It is considered that a Town Centre Consolidation Site zoning on this site, which is removed from the town core would be contrary to objective GSO1 of the draft plan which states: "To ensure appropriate development occurs in a sequential manner outward from the core area, to maximise the utility of existing and future infrastructure provision, to promote sustainability and active travel, to make more efficient use of underutilised lands, and to avoid inappropriate extension of services and utilities." Furthermore, proposals for additional residential zoning would be contrary to policy CSP 1 and objective CSO 4 to achieve compact towns. The additional zoning would also be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The CDP must comply with the revised core strategy, in accordance with Section 28 Housing Target Guidelines. It is considered that additional zoning at this location would militate against this requirement. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan. No additional residential lands are required for inclusion in the Draft Plan.
- 2. It is not considered appropriate to modify any recommendations made to the Draft Plan based on the SFRA which was undertaken during the plan preparation.

Recommendation - 1 - 2. No change to the Draft Plan.



Sites in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Site location outlined in red.

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-543 The Planning Partnership on behalf of DMC Designs on behalf of HK Harnon Property Ltd.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1017
Submitted by:	DMC Designs on behalf of Adrian Burke
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic – Ballinrobe

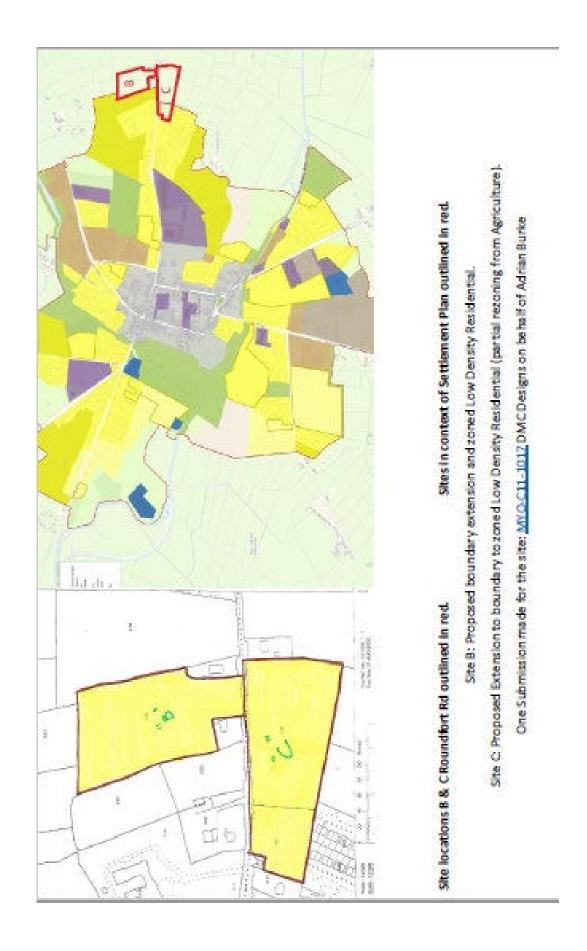
This submission seeks the expansion of the settlement plan boundary of Ballinrobe to include two sites along the Roundfort Road area along the eastern edge of the settlement and zoned low density residential. Site B is located north of the road and abuts the eastern edge of the Ballinrobe Settlement boundary, site C is located opposite the Roundfort Road and is partially within the settlement boundary, the segment of Site C is zoned agriculture.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The lands in question are located outside of the core area of Ballinrobe town. A portion of the lands has a low residential zoning specification, a portion has an agricultural zoning specification, and a portion is outside the town development boundary, as indicated in Volume 3, Book of Maps, Map BE1 Land Use Zoning Ballinrobe. The CDP must comply with the revised core strategy, in accordance with Section 28 Housing Target Guidelines, which indicates that no additional residential lands are required for inclusion in the Draft Plan. It is considered that additional zoning at this location would militate against this requirement and also policy CSP 1 and objective CSO 4 to achieve compact towns. The additional zoning would also be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The subject lands would lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside which would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity for residential lands identified in the development envelope. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan. No additional residential lands are required for inclusion in the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:



Submission No:	MYO-C11-1016
Submitted by:	BK Engineering on behalf of Ballinrobe GAA
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic – Ballinrobe

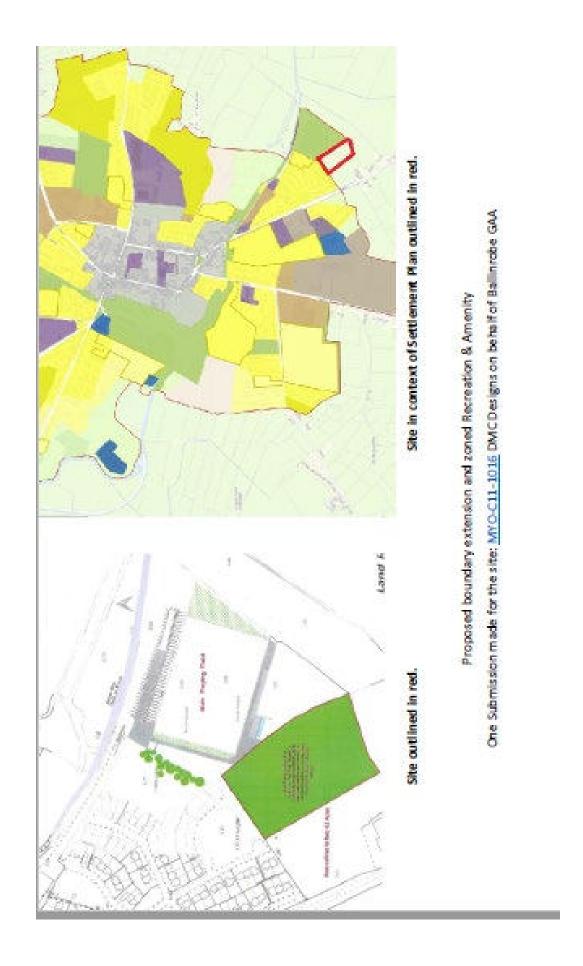
This submission seeks the expansion of the settlement plan boundary of Ballinrobe to include a site to the South-West of the existing Ballinrobe GAA grounds. The author is seeking that the proposed site be zoned Recreation & Amenity to cater for the future expansion of the club.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation

Response

It is considered that the expansion of the settlement plan boundary to accommodate further development would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity for recreation and amenity zoned lands identified in the development envelope. However, it is considered it would not be a substantive issue in terms of any future recreational proposals on these lands.

Recommendation



Ballyhaunis

Submission No:	MYO-C11-555
Submitted by:	Murtagh Building & Engineering LTD on behalf of Andrew Harte.
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans Topic: Ballyhaunis

Summary of Submission:

This submission requests MCC to consider rezoning a site along the eastern side of the Relief Rd (R323) from Enterprise and Employment to a mixed used zoning (Residential/Commercial).

The submission discusses the future opportunities the site could bring and has provided a indicative site layout plan illustrating a filling station with ancillary drive through takeaway, coffee shop, office building, apartment block and a large retail warehouse with potential anchor tenant, a second phase is also illustrated for the south of the site which could accommodate a secondary entrance and future developable land.

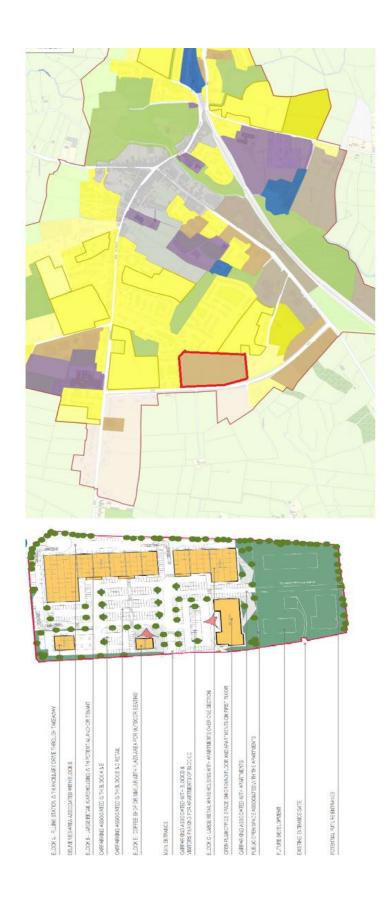
Chief Executive's Response Recommendation:

The site is located outside of the core area of Ballyhaunis town and has an Employment and Enterprise zoning specification. Table 12.3: Land Use Matrix for Tier II Settlement Plans lists the permitted uses under this zoning objective.

There is no mixed-use zoning objective listed in the CDP. There is however a Town Centre Consolidation Site zoning objective which provides for - Residential and appropriate mixed use, community, amenity and public realm or other uses generally considered acceptable in town centre locations. Uses that would be detrimental to the vitality and amenity of the town centre, such as industrial uses, will not normally be permitted. It is considered that a Town Centre Consolidation Site zoning on this site, which is removed from the town core would be contrary to objective GSO1. Furthermore, proposals for additional residential zoning would be contrary to policy CSP 1 and objective CSO 4 to achieve compact towns. The additional zoning would also be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The CDP must comply with the revised core strategy, in accordance with Section 28 Housing Target Guidelines. It is considered that additional zoning at this location would militate against this requirement. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan. No additional residential or mixed use lands are required for inclusion in the Draft Plan.

Furthermore, development of the lands in question may mitigate against Objective BSO 9, Section 12.5 Ballyhaunis of Chapter 12 which states 'To ensure that the strategic importance, capacity and safe operation of the Knock Link Road is maintained by restricting the number of access points entering and exiting onto the road'.

Recommendation:



Proposed rezoning from Enterprise/Employment to Mixed-Used Zoning (Commercial/Residential)

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-555 Murtagh Associates on behalf of Andrew Harte

Site in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Site outlined in red.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-179
Submitted by:	Austin Jordan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Ballyhaunis

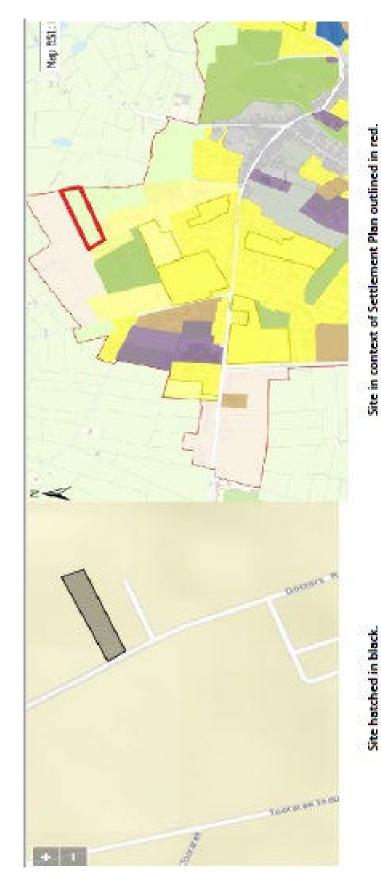
This submission seeks to rezone a site from Agriculture to Residential Low/Medium density development at Doctors Road opposite Ballyhaunis Rugby Club. The author states that the site is not suitable for an agricultural zoning as it is bordered by residential development and the site comprises of hardstanding which is a result of a previously approved residential planning application (Planning Refs. 03/2576 & 07/2338). The author believes that the rezoning of the site to residential would comply with policy TVHP7 (Development of vacant residential and regeneration sites) of the Draft CDP.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The site is located outside of the core area of Ballyhaunis town and has an agricultural zoning specification. The CDP must comply with the revised core strategy, in accordance with Section 28 Housing Target Guidelines. No additional residential lands are required for inclusion in the Draft Plan. It is considered that additional zoning at this location would militate against this requirement and also policy CSP 1 and objective CSO 4 to achieve compact towns. The additional zoning would also be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The subject site would lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside which would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity for residential lands identified in the development envelope. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:



Site in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Proposed rezoning from Agriculture to Residential Low/Medium Density. One Submission made for the site: MNO-C11-179 Austin Jordan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-4
Submitted by:	Rory O'Connor
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Volume 3: Book of Maps

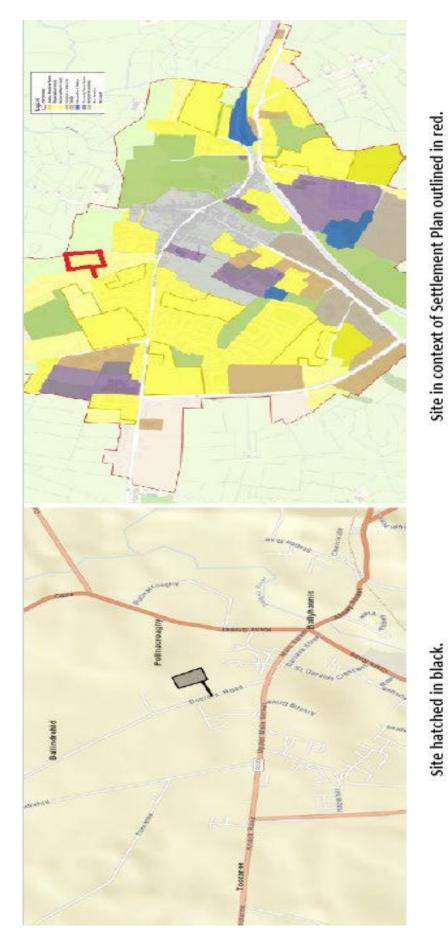
This submission states that the property in question has been operating on site as a business since 1997 and the current/proposed zoning of residential does not reflect this and request a rezoning to an appropriate business use considering the Roc Ronoco Ltd business on site.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The site is located outside of the core area of Ballyhaunis town and has an agricultural zoning specification. The CDP must comply with the revised core strategy, in accordance with Section 28 Housing Target Guidelines. No additional residential lands are required for inclusion in the Draft Plan. It is considered that additional zoning at this location would militate against this requirement and also policy CSP 1 and objective CSO 4 to achieve compact towns. The additional zoning would also be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The subject site would lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside which would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity for residential lands identified in the development envelope. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:



Site in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Proposed rezoning from Residential to Enterprise/Employment/Industry

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-4 Rory O'Connor.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1018
Submitted by:	BK Engineering on behalf of John O'Dwyer
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic – Ballyhaunis

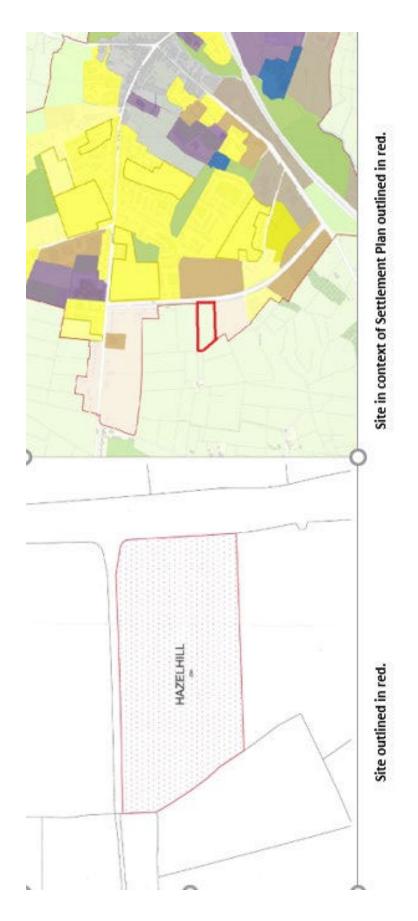
This submission seeks the expansion of the settlement plan boundary of Ballyhaunis to include two greenfield sites fronting the R323 and to zone the sites either Enterprise & Employment, Industry or Commercial. The author believes the sites are ideal due to their location with an 80kph zone, being fully serviced and there being a lack of appropriately zoned lands for the uses listed above.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The lands in question are outside the defined settlement boundary of Ballyhaunis as set out in Volume 3, Book of Maps, Map BS1 - Land Use Zoning. It is considered that there are sufficient lands zoned Enterprise and Employment and Industry within the Ballyhaunis Town boundary to accommodate the uses specified in the zoning objectives and zoning matrix for Enterprise and Employment and Industry. The additional zoning would also be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The subject lands would lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside which would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity for zoned lands identified in the development envelope. Furthermore, development of the lands in question may mitigate against Objective BSO 9, Section 12.5 Ballyhaunis of Chapter 12 which states 'To ensure that the strategic importance, capacity and safe operation of the Knock Link Road is maintained by restricting the number of access points entering and exiting onto the road'.

Recommendation:



One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-1018 BK Engineering on behalf of John QQBWXEC. Proposed boundary extension and zoned Enterprise/Employment, Industry or Commercial.

Belmullet

Submission Number	MYO-C11-552 MYO-C11-1022
Submission by:	Josephine Geraghty James O'Donnell (Planning Consultancy Services) on behalf of Josephine Geraghty
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans Topic: Rezoning Belmullet

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks to rezone 0.2HA site from its existing zoning 'Community Services Facilities' to 'Residential Medium Density' in the Na hArda area of Belmullet town.

The site is fully serviced and is described as infill and a serviced site within an established residential area and would cater for a single detached dwelling and would comply with the NPF/RSES and in particular **GSP1** and **GSO1** of the draft plan.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

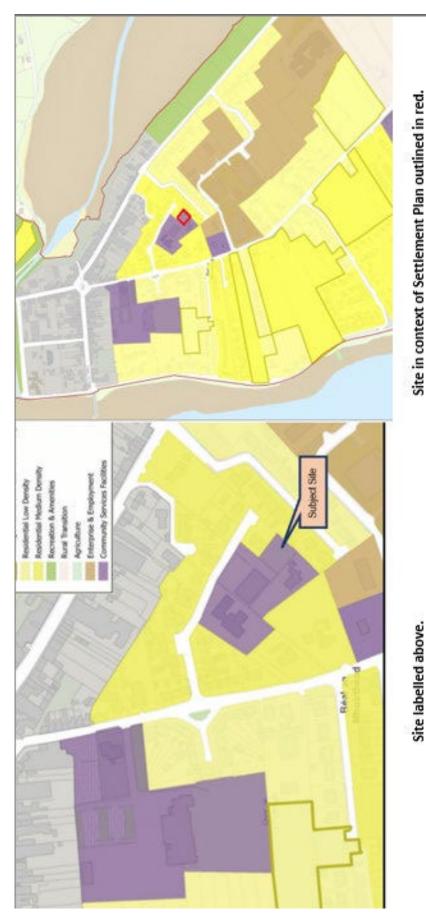
Response:

This submission seeks to rezone 0.2HA site from its existing zoning 'Community Services Facilities' to 'Residential Medium Density' in the Na hArda area of Belmullet town.

The site is fully serviced and is described as infill and a serviced site within the inner suburbs and would cater for a single detached dwelling and would comply with the NPF/RSES and in particular **GSP1** and **GSO1** of the draft plan. Taking into consideration the adjoining existing residential and the infill nature of the site, it is considered appropriate to rezone the site from 'Community Services Facilities' to 'Existing Residential.'

Recommendation:

Amend: Rezone site from 'Community Services Facilities' to 'Existing Residential.'



Site in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Two Submissions made for the site: MYO-C11-522 Planning Consultancy Services on behalf of Josephine Geraghty & MYO-C11-1022 Josephine Proposed rezoning from Community Facilities to Residential Medium Density.

Claremorris

Submission No:	MYO-C11-120
Submitted by:	Cllr Tom Connolly
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Claremorris

Summary of Submission:

This submission by Cllr Connolly supports a request from a landowner to rezone land in the Mayfield area of Claremorris to low density residential. The landowner (Michael Keane) has made an individual submission seeking same MYO-C11-414 and there have also been submissions made on the same subject submitted by Cllr. Richard Finn MYO-C11-1031 and John & Anne Mellett MYO-C11-979

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The lands in question located in Mayfield, which is outside of the core area of Claremorris town. A portion of the lands has a low residential zoning specification, a portion has an agricultural zoning specification, and a portion is outside the town development boundary, as indicated in Volume 3, Book of Maps, Map CS1 Land Use Zoning Claremorris. The CDP must comply with the revised core strategy, in accordance with Section 28 Housing Target Guidelines, which indicates that no additional residential lands are required for inclusion in the Draft Plan. It is considered that additional zoning at this location would militate against this requirement and also policy CSP 1 and objective CSO 4 to achieve compact towns. The additional zoning would also be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The subject site would lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside which would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity for residential lands identified in the development envelope. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan. No additional residential lands are required for inclusion in the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1031
Submitted by:	Cllr. Richard Finn
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Claremorris
Summary of Submission:	

This submission by Cllr Finn supports a request from a landowner to rezone land in the Mayfield area of Claremorris to low density residential. The landowner (Michael Keane) has made an individual submission seeking same MYO-C11-414 and there have also been submissions made on the same subject submitted by Cllr. Tom Connelly MYO-C11-120 and John & Anne Mellett MYO-C11-979

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to submission MYO-C11-120.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to submission MYO-C11-120.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-414
Submitted by:	Michael Keane
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Claremorris

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks to rezone a 19.6acre site off the Mayfield Rd, Claremorris from Low Density Residential/Agricultural/Amenity to Low Density Residential in its entirety. The authors state the lands in question were previously zoned residential in the Claremorris LAP 2006. The rationale for seeking rezoning are:

- 9. Close proximity to town centre & railway
- 10. Adequate road frontage along 60kph speed limit zone, public footpath/lighting
- 11. The lands are capable of being services by sewer, water, gas, electricity, broadband
- 12. Residential zoning continues further to north west from site

The author does not believe the population growth for Claremorris (17.7)% as specified in the Core Strategy takes into account the new trend of working from home. It is also stated that providing housing options for a mixture of housing types is part of the Housing Strategy and therefore their site would represent an integrated planning approach.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to submission MYO-C11-120.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to submission MYO-C11-120.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-979
Submitted by:	John & Anne Mellett
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Claremorris

This submission seeks to rezone a 19.5acre site off the Mayfield Rd, Claremorris from Low Density Residential/Agricultural/Amenity to Low Density Residential in its entirety.

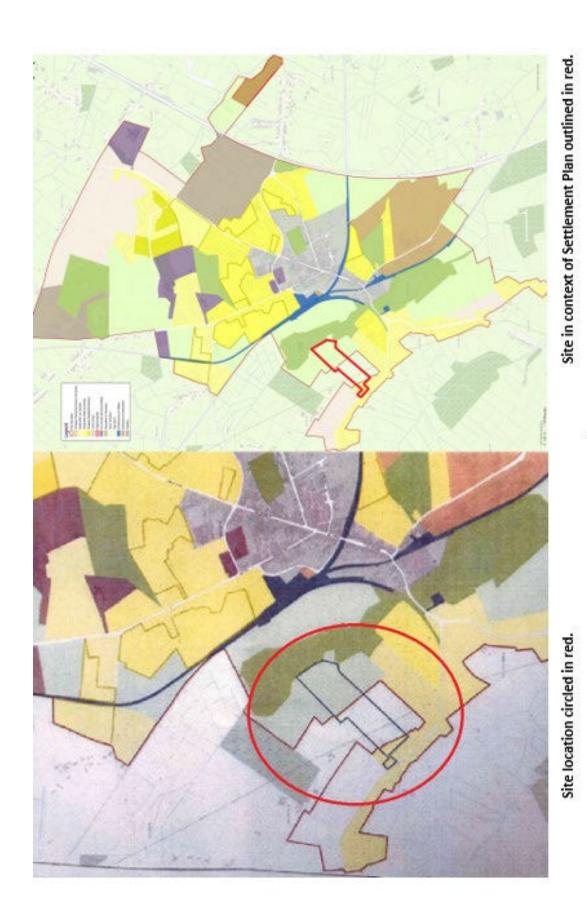
Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to submission MYO-C11-120.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to submission MYO-C11-120.



Four Submissions made for the site: MYO-C11-414 Michael Keane, MYO-C11-120 Clir Tom Connolly, MYO-C11-979 John & Anne Mellett & MYO-Proposed zoning change from combination of Low Density Residential/Non-Zoned Area and Agriculture to Low Density Residential. C11-1031 Cllr Richard Finn

Submission No:	MYO-C11-131
Submitted by:	Cllr Tom Connolly
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Claremorris

This submission from ClIr Connolly on behalf of a landowner (Marie (Cullinane) Fahey) seeks the inclusion of land at Claremount to be rezoned from agriculture to residential. The landowner states the site was previously zoned for development in 2008.

A submission from Cllr. Richard Finn MYO-C11-1029 was also received on behalf of a landowner for the same site/rezoning.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The site is located outside of the core area of Claremorris town and has an agricultural zoning specification. The CDP must comply with the revised core strategy, in accordance with Section 28 Housing Target Guidelines. It is considered that additional zoning at this location would militate against this requirement and also policy CSP 1 and objective CSO 4 to achieve compact towns. The additional zoning would also be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The subject site would lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside which would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity for residential lands identified in the development envelope. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan. No additional residential lands are required for inclusion in the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1029
Submitted by:	Cllr. Richard Finn
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Claremorris

Summary of Submission:

This submission from Cllr Finn on behalf of a landowner (Marie (Cullinane) Fahey) seeks inclusion of land at Claremount to be rezoned from agriculture to residential. The landowner states the state was previously zoned for development in 2008.

A submission from Cllr. Tom Connelly MYO-C11-131 was also received on behalf of a landowner for same site/rezoning.

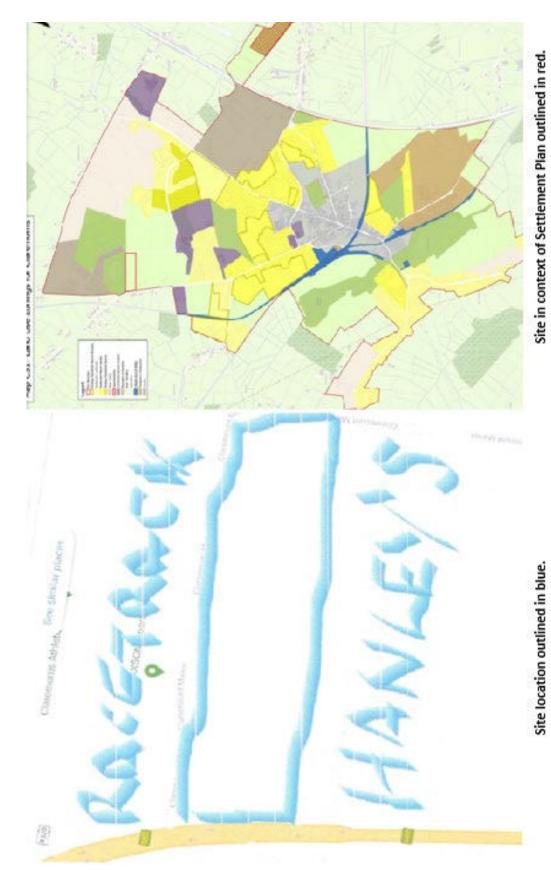
Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to submission MYO-C11-131.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to submission MYO-C11-131.



Proposed zoning change from Agriculture to Residential.

Two Submissions made for the site:, MYO-C11-131 Cllr Tom Connolly and MYO-C11-1029 Cllr Richard Finn

Submission No.	MYO-C11-722
Submission by:	Beckett Developments Ltd
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Zoning at Eskerlevally & Castlegar

The submission requests that the zoning / designation of Site A (at Eskerlevally) be changed to facilitate residential development up to and including medium density scale. This site is located along the Old Knock Road close to St Colmans Secondary School in a residential area. There are housing developments in close proximity.

It is also requested that Site B (at Castlegar) be designated as an Opportunity Site to enable future consideration of potentially complementary uses suited to the strategic location of the site. The site is located along the N17 and can be accessed via a local road. Rationale is provided for the zoning of these sites as suggested.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The site is located on the outskirts of Claremorris town. It is considered that additional zoning of the scale proposed at this location would militate against policy CSP 1 and objective CSO 4 to achieve compact towns, would be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The subject site would lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside which would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity for residential lands identified in the development envelope. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan.

It is considered that this zoning proposal would be contrary to objective CSO 4 of the Draft Plan. Opportunity sites have been identified within the town core and it is considered that zoning another opportunity site at this location, on the periphery of the town, would militate against the objective to achieve compact towns, would be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The subject site would likely lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside.

Recommendation:

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1030
Submitted by:	Cllr. Richard Finn
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Claremorris
Summary of Submission:	

This submission accompanied by a map seeks the inclusion of land to the east of Cluain Aoibhinn to be rezoned from rural transition zone to high density residential. A separate submission for the same site and requested the same rezoning was received on behalf of the landowner (Beckett Developments Ltd) MYO-C11-722.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to submission MYO-C11-722

Recommendation:

See recommendation to submission MYO-C11-722

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1032
Submitted by:	Cllr. Richard Finn
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Claremorris

Summary of Submission:

This submission accompanied by maps illustrating four adjoining parcels of land in the Castlegar area of Claremorris, the cumulative site is located East of the N17. The submission seeks for the cumulative site to be included in the CDP as an opportunity site.

A separate submission for part of the same site and requested rezoning was received on behalf of the landowner (Beckett Developments Ltd) MYO-C11-722.

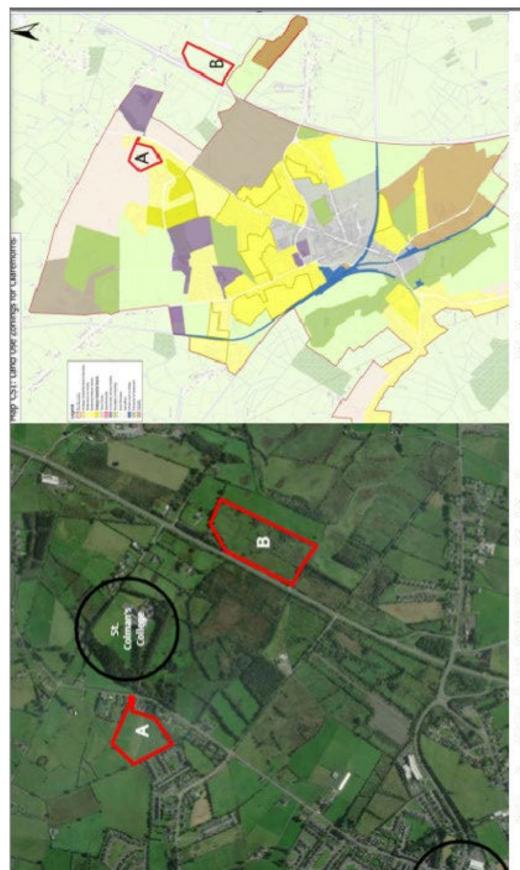
Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

See response to submission MYO-C11-722.

Recommendation:

See recommendation to submission MYO-C11-722.



Site locations A (Eskerleyalley), B (Castlegar) outlined in red.

Sites in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Site A.: Proposed zoning change from Rural Transition Zone to Medium Density Residential.

Site B: Proposed Extension to boundary to zone an Opportunity Site.

Three Submissions made for the site: MYO-C11-722 Beckett Developments Ltd., MYO-C11-1030 (Site A) & MYO-C11-1032 (Site B) Cllr Richard Finn.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-192
Submission by:	Bernie Stephens (McNabb)
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Volume 3 Book of Maps, Claremorris

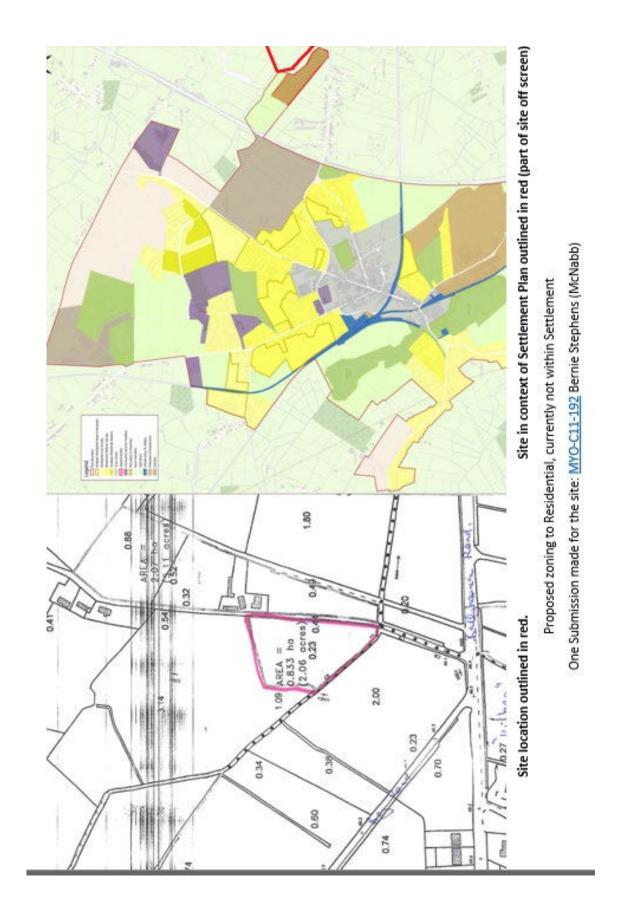
This submission requests that a 2.06 area of land in Drumkeen townland on the eastern outskirts of Claremorris is zoned residential. The land is currently un-zoned and outside of the development boundary of Claremorris.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The site is located outside of the settlement boundary of Claremorris in an un-zoned area. The CDP must comply with the revised core strategy, in accordance with Section 28 Housing Target Guidelines which indicates that no additional lands are required for inclusion in the Draft Plan. It is considered that additional zoning at this location would militate against this requirement and also policy CSP 1 and objective CSO 4 to achieve compact towns. The additional zoning would also be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The subject site would lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside which would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity for residential lands identified in the development envelope. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan. No additional residential lands are required for inclusion in the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:



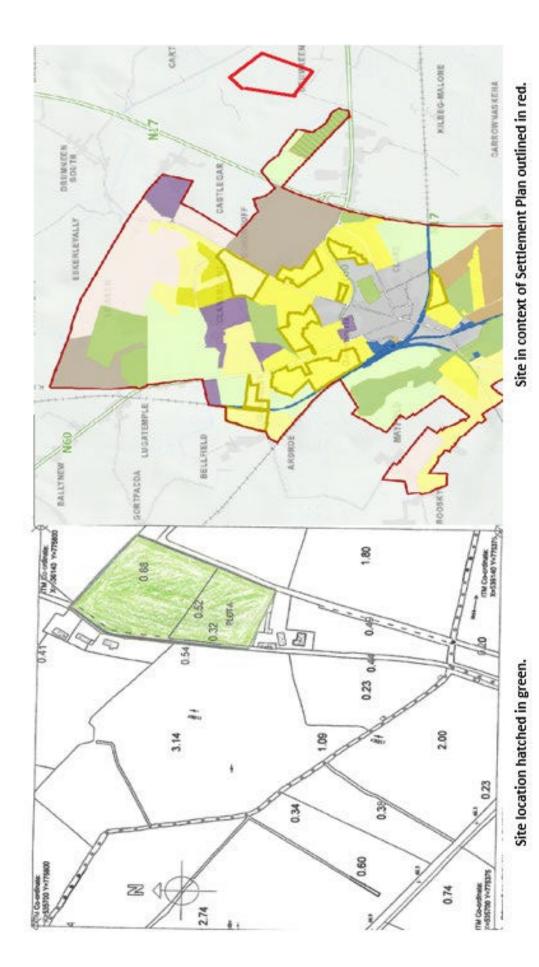
Submission No:	MYO-C11-1020
Submitted by:	BK Engineering on behalf of Seamus O'Brien
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Claremorris

This submission seeks the expansion of the settlement plan boundary of Claremorris to include and rezone a greenfield for residential development. The site is located a considerable distance from settlement plan boundary and is located in Drumkeen, north of the N60 road. The author believes the site is ideal due to their location with an 80kph zone, suitable ground conditions for effluent treatment and there being a lack of appropriately residentially zoned lands.

Chief Executive's Response:

The site is located on the outskirts of Claremorris town. It is considered that additional zoning of the scale proposed at this location would militate against policy CSP 1 and objective CSO 4 to achieve compact towns, would be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The subject site would lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside which would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity for residential lands identified in the development envelope. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:



Proposed boundary extension to include the site and zone Residential,

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-1020 BK Engineering on behalf of Seamus O'Brien

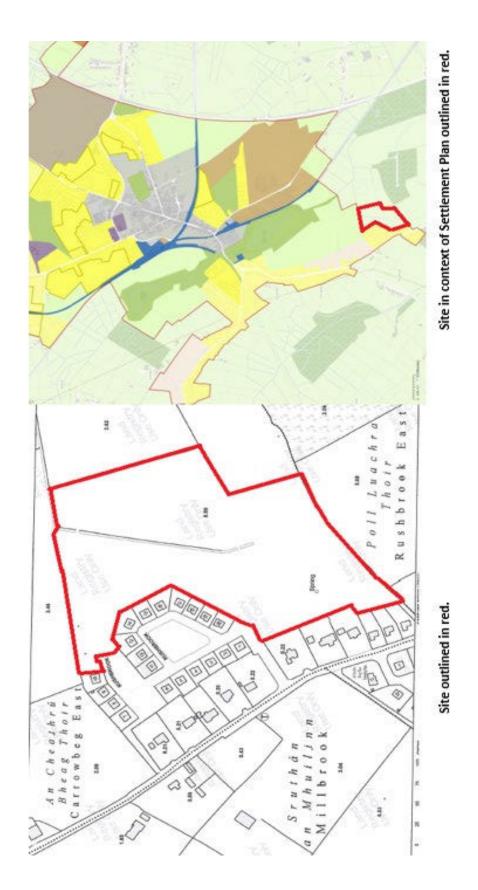
Submission No:	MYO-C11-1021
Submitted by:	BK Engineering on behalf of Seamus O'Brien
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Claremorris

This submission seeks the expansion of the settlement plan boundary of Claremorris to include and rezone a greenfield site for residential development. The site abuts the settlement boundary east of the Rushbrook Housing Development towards the southern tip of the settlement boundary. The author believes the site is ideal due to their location with an 80kph zone, being fully serviced and there being a lack of appropriately residentially zoned lands.

Chief Executive's Response:

The site is located on the outskirts of Claremorris town. It is considered that additional zoning of the scale proposed at this location would militate against policy CSP 1 and objective CSO 4 to achieve compact towns, would be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The subject site would lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside which would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity for residential lands identified in the development envelope. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:



Proposed boundary extension to include the site and zone Residential, One Submission made for the site: <u>MYO-C11-1021</u> BK Engineering on behalf of Seamus O'Brien.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-66
Submission by:	Waldron and Associates
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Volume 3 Book of Maps

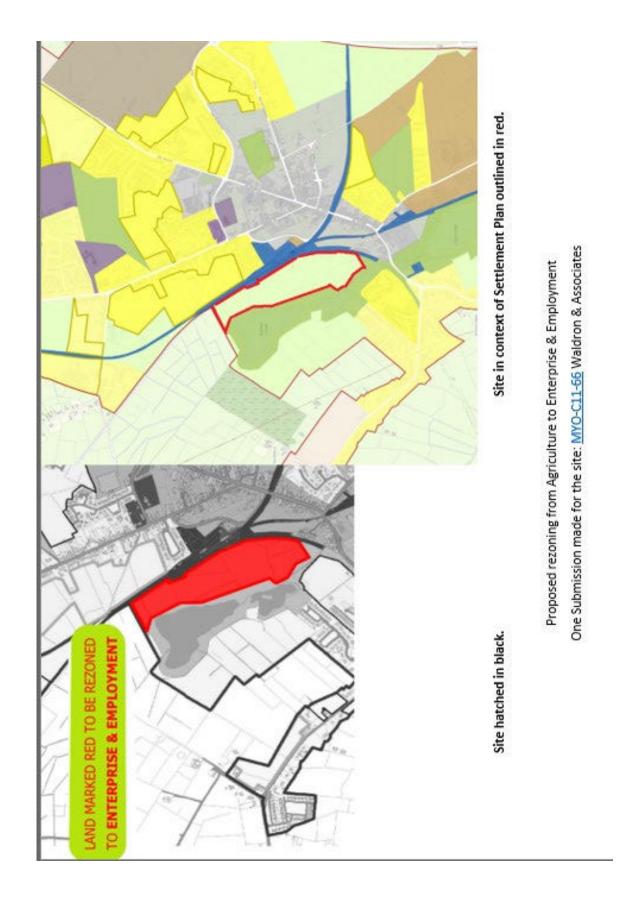
This submission requests that an area of land adjoining and to the south west of the railway line in the centre of Claremorris is rezoned from Agriculture to Enterprise and Employment.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

There are adequate lands zoned Enterprise and Employment in the Draft Plan, and the current Agriculture zoning enhances the amenity of nearby Clare Lake.

Recommendation:



Submission No.	MYO-C11-647
Submission by:	Waldron & Associates
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12 – Settlement Plans
	Topic: Claremorris

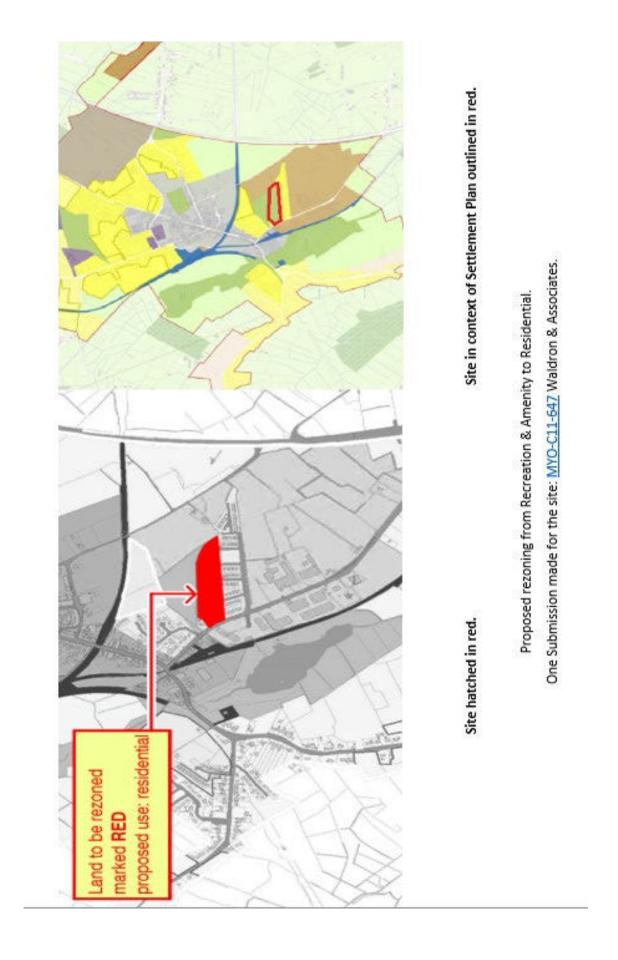
This submission seeks the rezoning of lands north of Clareville housing estate from Recreation & Amenity to Residential.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

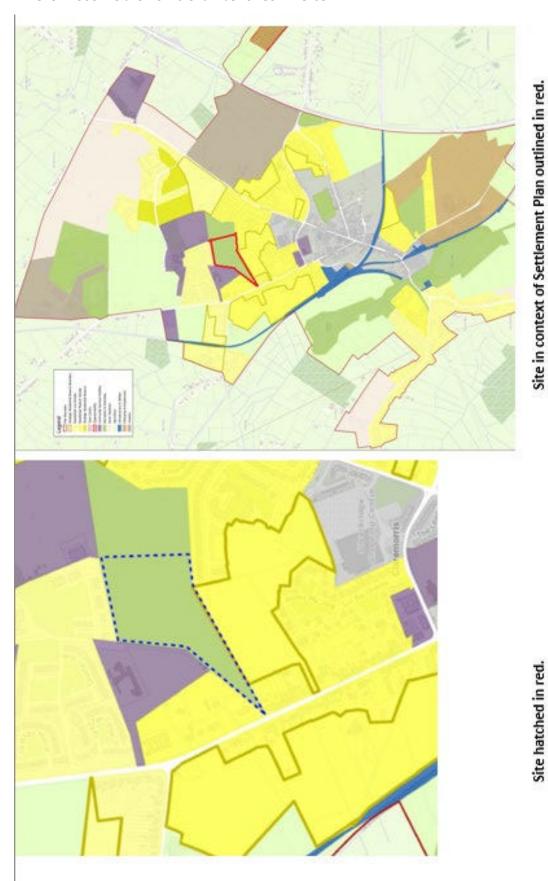
Response:

The site is located outside of the core area of Claremorris town and has an agricultural zoning specification. The CDP must comply with the revised core strategy, in accordance with Section 28 Housing Target Guidelines. It is considered that additional zoning at this location would militate against this requirement and also policy CSP 1 and objective CSO 4 to achieve compact towns. The additional zoning would also be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The subject site would lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside which would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity for residential lands identified in the development envelope. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan. No additional residential lands are required for inclusion in the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:

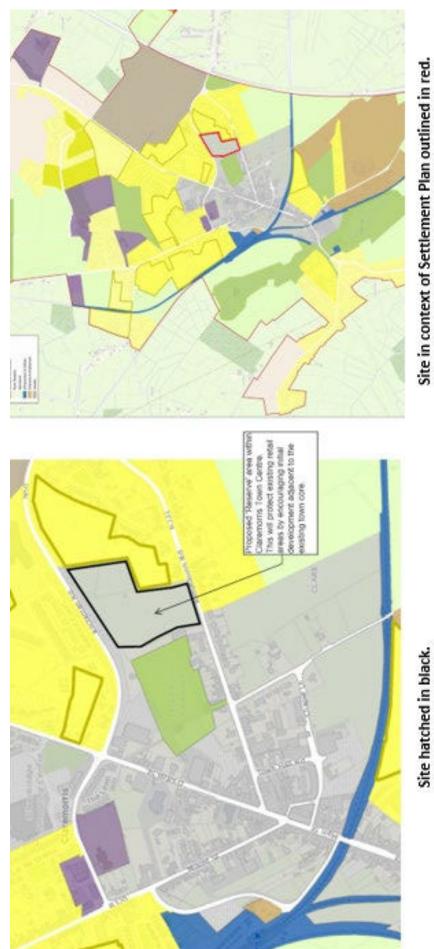


MYO-C11-300 - Claremorris Chamber of Commerce.



Site in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Proposed rezoning from Recreation & Amenity to Community Facility (New School Site) One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-300 Claremorris Chamber of Commerce.



Site in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-300 Claremorris Chamber of Commerce. Proposed rezoning from Town Centre to Strategic Reserve Land

Swinford

Submission No.	MYO-C11-683
Submission by:	Fintan Morrin (The Planning Partnership) on behalf of The Greaney Family
Issues Raised/Relevant	Chapter 12 – Settlement Plan
Chapter(s):	Topic: Swinford

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks the rezoning of lands in Swinford from Residential Medium Density to Town Centre. The site is situated between the Castlebar Road and the Kiltimagh Road adjacent Tesco. The author believes that additional Town Centre zoned land is required to fulfil policy SCP 1 of the Draft CDP to develop Swinford as a driver of economic growth for the East Mayo region.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The lands in question are zoned Residential Medium Density in the Draft Plan. The current use for the land and adjacent lands is residential. Core shopping areas are identified in the Settlement Plans (Chapter 12), and it is a strategic aim to re-establish the primacy of town centres as commercial/retail hubs. The lands are outside the defined town centre as set out in Volume 3, Book of Maps, Map SD 2: Swinford Town Centre Zoning and Core Shopping Area. It is considered that the proposed rezoning would mitigate against objectives CSO 4 and SSO 6 of the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:



Site in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Proposed rezoning from Residential to Town Centre

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-683 The Planning Partnership on behalf of the Greaney Family

Submission No.	MYO-C11-739
Submission by:	Gary Smyth
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12 Settlement Plans, Swinford

The submission states that there is inadequate analysis of the lands outside of the town centre.

The submission is accompanied by a map with lands in Mr. Smyths ownership located immediately inside the northern town boundary indicated thereon. The lands in question are partially zoned Rural Transition and partially Recreation and Amenity in the draft settlement plan and Mr. Smyth suggests that they could be zoned for serviced site in accordance with GSO 4 and/or a low-medium residential zoning.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

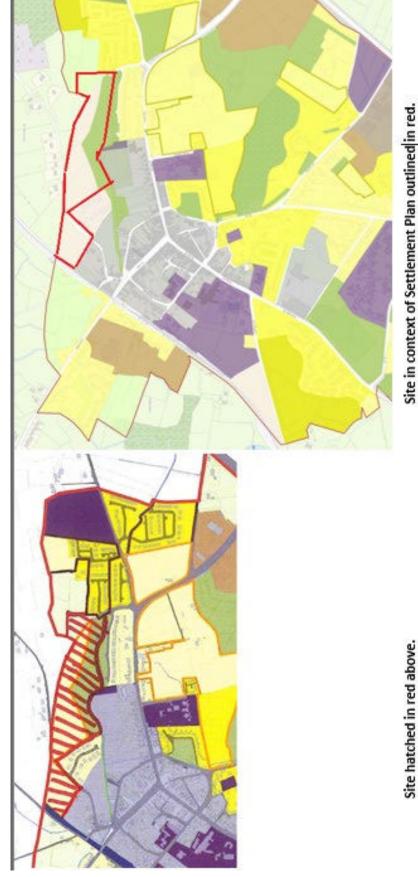
Response:

The CDP must comply with the revised core strategy, in accordance with Section 28 Housing Target Guidelines, which indicates that no additional residential lands are required for inclusion in the Draft Plan. It is considered that additional zoning at this location would militate against this requirement

It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in Swinford to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan. No additional residential lands are required for inclusion in the Draft Plan.

The area to the south of the lands indicated zoned Recreation and amenity is so zoned because of proximity to Flood Zone A as identified in Section 8.67 of the Flood Risk Assessment in Volume 5.

Recommendation:



Site in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Proposed rezoning from Rural Transition Zone/Recreation & Amenity & Agriculture to Low Density Residential Serviced Sites.

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-739 Gary Smyth.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-643
Submission by:	Philip Durkin
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12 – Rezoning Swinford

The submission is a request to have the lands in Mr. Durkins family ownership zoned residential. The submission makes an observation that the zoning of his family lands as Enterprise and Employment is not appropriate and requests that this is amended in the revised development plan.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The plot of land is question is zoned Enterprise and Employment in the Swinford Map SD1- Land Use Zoning. The permitted uses in the category of zoning are listed in Table 12.3 Land Use Zoning Matrix for Tier II towns. Residential development is not permitted in this zoning category. The CDP must comply with the revised core strategy, in accordance with Section 28 Housing Target Guidelines. It is considered that additional zoning at this location would militate against this requirement. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan. No additional residential lands are required for inclusion in the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:



Tier III

Balla

Submission No.	MYO-C11-589
Submission by:	Darran McGuinness
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapters 12 – Balla Rezoning

Summary of Submission:

The submission requests an area of land in Balla is included as part of the proposed settlement consolidation zone for the town (map attached). Adjacent lands which are currently included in the proposed settlement consolidation zone for the town are also in the ownership of the same person.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is considered that the proposed zoning request would be contrary to policy CSP 4 'To support the compact growth of towns and villages to ensure that development proceeds sustainably and at an appropriate scale, density and sequence and in line with the Core Strategy Table. It is also considered that it would mitigate against policy SSP 5

Recommendation:



Site in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Proposed Boundary Extension to Include lands to west of Balla.

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-589 Patrick O'Grady on behalf of Darren McGuinness

Submission No.	MYO-C11-685
Submission by:	Noel Costello
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12 Settlement Plans Balla

- 1-This submission from the Planning Partnership on behalf of Noel Costello, requests that the Self-Sustaining Consolidation Zone for the Tier III settlement of Balla be expanded to include a 1.45-hectare greenfield site located to the rear (east) of Main Street.
- 2-The submission also asks for the inclusion of a new objective for Balla for the creation of a walking/cycling link connecting the eastern and western sides of the town through Main Street.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

1-It is considered that the proposed zoning request would be contrary to policy CSP 4 'To support the compact growth of towns and villages to ensure that development proceeds sustainably and at an appropriate scale, density and sequence and in line with the Core Strategy Table'. It is also considered that it would mitigate against policy SSP 5

2-It is considered that this matter is addressed under BAO 3.

Recommendation:

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-685 The Planning Partnership on behalf of Noel Costello Proposed Boundary Extension to Include lands to east of Balla.

Kiltimagh

Submission No:	MYO-C11-453
Submitted by:	Brendan Mooney
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Kiltimagh

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks the extension of the Kiltimagh Settlement Plan boundary to the North-East to include lands owned by the author. A portion of Area A illustrated on the submitted map are within the plan boundary, the author seeks for the extended area due to it having access to existing services such as sewage, electricity, water, within 50kph zone, existing road/pedestrian links.

The author also asks the council to consider designating the proposed lands as being suitable for the provision of services sites and believes the lands in question meet the tests of being within the development envelope for the town having access to the above services and would also constitute infill development in terms of their location.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

Kiltimagh is a Tier III Settlement. All Tier III, IV and V towns and villages adopt a single category consolidation land use zoning. This flexible zoning approach provides for a mix of development types that supports the sustainable consolidated growth of these rural towns and villages. All proposals must be compatible with existing adjoining land uses and the character of the area. The subject lands are located partly within the settlement plan boundary and partly outside of it. Proposals to extend the settlement boundary to include additional residential zoning would be contrary to GSO 1. Proposals to extend the town boundary and include additional residential zoning would be contrary to policy CSP 1 and objective CSO 4 to achieve compact towns. The additional zoning would also be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The CDP must comply with the revised core strategy, in accordance with Section 28 Housing Target Guidelines. It is considered that additional zoning at this location would militate against this requirement. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan. No additional residential lands are required for inclusion in the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:



Site outlined in red above.

Site in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Proposed Boundary Extension to Include lands to North-East of Kiltiggagh for serviced sites.

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-453 Brendan Mooney

Knock

Submission No.	MYO-C11-609
Submission by:	Padraic Prendergast
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12, Settlement Plans, Opportunity Sites in Knock

Summary of Submission

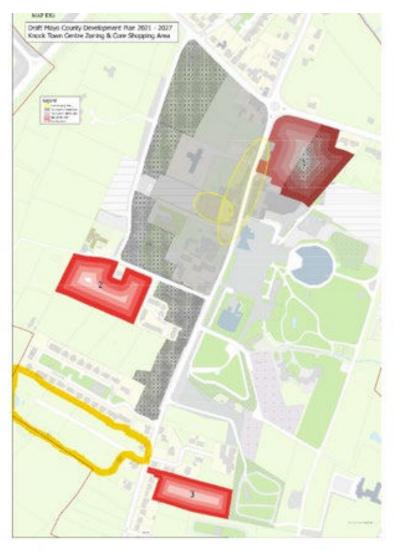
The submission queries the criteria that was used in selecting Opportunity Sites in the Tier III settlement of Knock and seek inclusion of an additional opportunity site in Knock, as identified on map with submission.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response

All Tier III, IV and V towns and villages adopt a single category consolidation land use zoning. This flexible zoning approach provides for a mix of development types that supports the sustainable consolidated growth of these rural towns and villages. All proposals must be compatible with existing adjoining land uses, the character of the area and should also encourage Active Travel. Opportunity Sites have also been identified for Tier III towns. These sites are located within or close to the core of each settlement and seek to guide residential development in a manner that revitalises and repopulates town centres. The identification of Opportunity sites is a mechanism to guide residential developments into what are considered appropriate locations in terms of sequential development, but their identification in no way impinges or mitigates against the development of appropriate uses on other lands not so designated within the consolidated land use boundary.

Recommendation



Proposed Boundary Extension to Include lands as an opportunity site. Site outlined in yellow above.

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-609 Parajc Prendergast

Newport

Submission No:	MYO-C11-508
Submitted by:	David O'Malley & Associates on behalf of Peter Cowley
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: Newport

Summary of Submission:

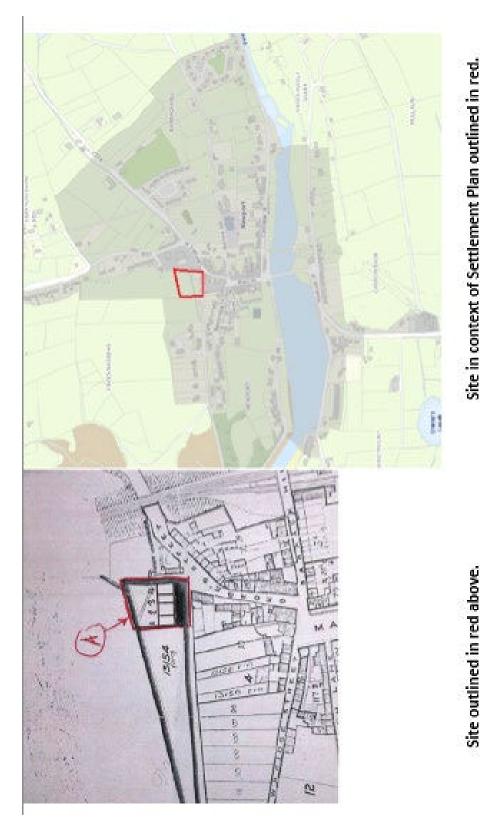
This submission seeks to re-zone lands along the Quay Rd, Newport to residential and proposes to develop the site for four terrace dwellings.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response:

The site in question lies within settlement boundary for Newport which is designated as a Tier III Settlement within the Draft CDP. Tier III Settlements adopt a single category of a consolidation land use zoning which provides a flexible zoning approach for a mix of development types that's supports sustainable growth of the settlement. All proposals must be compatible with the existing land uses, the character of the area and encourage active travel. It is also noted that the site in questions is within a Flood Zone.

Recommendation:



Tier IV

Belcarra

Submission No.	MYO-C11-684

Proposed rezoning of lands to residential from Self-Sustaining Consolidation Zone One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-609 Paraic Prendergast

Submission by:	Noel Costello
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12 Settlement Plans Belcarra

This submission from the Planning Partnership on behalf of Noel Costello, requests that the Rural Settlement Consolidation Zone for the Tier IV settlement of Belcarra be expanded southwards to include a cluster of circa 12 roadside residential properties, referred to in the submission as Ballyfarna.

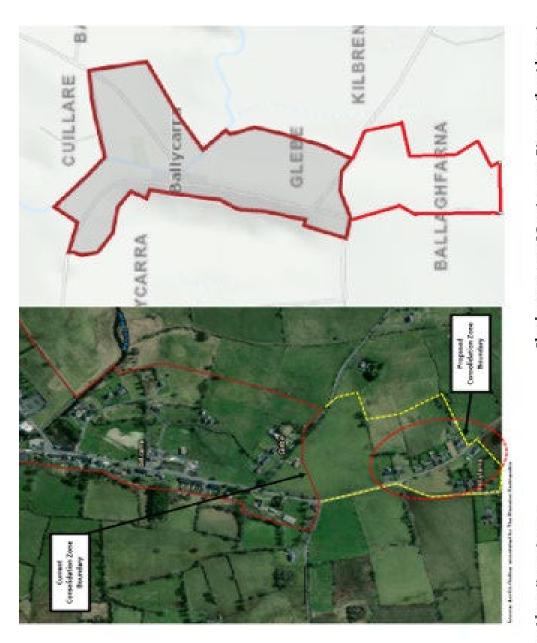
Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations:

Response:

The proposed boundary extension to Belcarra, to include the lands indicated would be contrary to policy CSP 4 'To support the compact growth of towns and villages to ensure that development proceeds sustainably and at an appropriate scale, density and sequence and in line with the Core Strategy Table'. It is also considered that it would mitigate against policy SSP 5 'To promote and encourage the sustainable, balanced development of the Rural Settlements and Rural Villages in an incremental manner, with the emphasis on small scale development over a medium to long-term period, in keeping with the character of the settlement'.

In exceptional cases however, proposed (residential) developments within the consolidated zone boundary, that extend partially beyond the consolidated zone boundary, may be considered if it can be demonstrated that the development is compatible with the intrinsic character and scale of the settlement.

Recommendation:



Site in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red. Site outlined in yellow above.

Proposed extension to Self-Sustaining Consolidation Zone boundary of Belacatta

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-684 Noel Costello

Bellavary

Submission No:	MYO-C11-530
Submitted by:	Fintan Morrin (The Planning Partnership) on behalf of Noel Golden
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans Topic: Bellavary

Summary of Submission:

This submission makes two requests for inclusion in the CDP:

- It is sought to expand of the Bellavary settlement boundary to include some lands owned by their client. Part of the client's lands are within the boundary labelled Part A in their submission; it is requested to extend the settlement boundary to include land labelled Part B as the lands in question are closer to the centre that some lands within the boundary along the Keelogues Road.
- 2. Modifications and additions to the wording of RSVO 4 of the Draft CDP to facilitate new residential schemes in excess of 12 houses in Tier IV and Tier V towns and villages.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

- 1. The proposals to extend the settlement boundary of the of the Tier IV village of Bellavary is considered contrary to GSO 1 and policy CSP 4. It is also considered that it would mitigate against policy SSP 5. The subject site would lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside which would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity for residential lands identified for Bellavary in the development envelope. The additional zoning would also be contrary to the sequential approach and would be contrary to principles of sustainable development. The CDP must comply with the revised core strategy, in accordance with Section 28 Housing Target Guidelines. It is considered that additional zoning at this location would militate against this requirement.
- 2. The proposed modifications are considered contrary to the Sustainable Residential Guidelines for Urban Areas (2009). In exceptional cases however, proposed (residential) developments within the consolidated zone boundary, that extend partially beyond the consolidated zone boundary, may be considered if it can be demonstrated that the development is compatible with the intrinsic character and scale of the settlement

Recommendation:



Site in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-530 The Planning Partnership on behalf of Noel Golden Proposed extension of Self-Sustaining Consolidation Zone boundary in Ballyyagy.

Shrule

Submission No.	MYO-C11-243
Submission by:	Patrick J. Dooley
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Volume 3 Book of Maps, Shrule

Summary of Submission:

This submission requests that the boundary defining the Consolidated Settlement Zoned lands in the Tier IV village of Shrule be extended to include an area of land in his ownership. The land is indicated on an attached map and is located to the northwest of and immediately adjoining the existing Churchfields Housing estate.

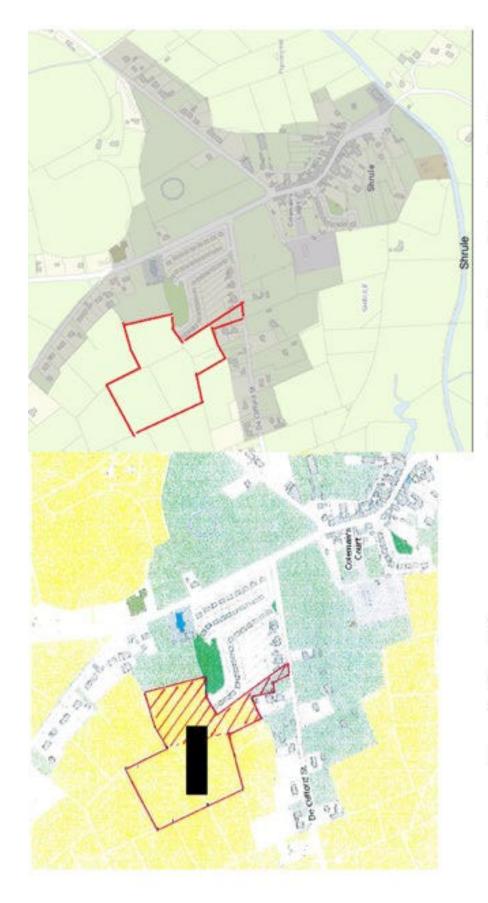
Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The proposed boundary extension to Shrule, to include the lands indicated would be contrary to policy CSP 4 'To support the compact growth of towns and villages to ensure that development proceeds sustainably and at an appropriate scale, density and sequence and in line with the Core Strategy Table'. It would mitigate against policy SSP 5.

In exceptional cases however, proposed (residential) developments within the consolidated zone boundary, that extend partially beyond the consolidated zone boundary, may be considered if it can be demonstrated that the development is compatible with the intrinsic character and scale of the settlement.

Recommendation:



Site outlined in red above.

Site in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Proposed extension to Self-Sustaining Consolidation Zone boundary of Shryle

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-243 Patrick J Dooley

Tier V

Breaffy

Submission Number:	MYO-C11-194
Submission by:	Tirawley Ltd. t/a Breaffy House Resort
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topics: Growth of Breaffy Village

Summary of Submission:

The submission requests the following:

- 1. Breaffy as a settlement be elevated to Tier IV of the County Settlement Strategy.
- 2. The entirety of the Resort be included in the Settlement Consolidation Zone (i.e. two substantial parcels within the resort lands have been omitted).

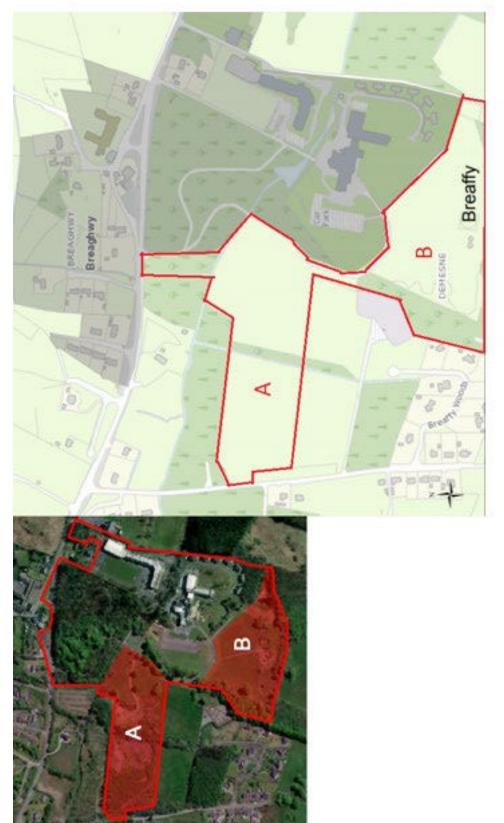
The submission states that in the absence of these changes there will be: a) significant constraints on Breaffy Resort to expand and diversify its offering as planned with resultant lost opportunities in terms of construction and tourism investment and employment; b) significant underutilisation of the recent public and private investment in wastewater infrastructure to the resort lands; and c) very limited opportunity for organic growth of the settlement.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

- 1. Chapter 2, Core and Settlement Strategy, Section 2.8.1 Settlement Hierarchy provides details of the allocation of the settlements within each tier of the settlement hierarchy which was informed by the following: NPF and RSES, Population Size, Settlement Asset Capacity Matrix (Appendix I), Ratio of Jobs to Worker Ratio. This approach ensures that settlements identified for significant population and/or employment growth are supported by the requisite investment in infrastructure and provision of employment opportunities, amenities and services. Chapter 12 Settlement Plans, Section 12.2 Settlement Hierarchy Overview, Table 12.1: Settlement Hierarchy identifies Breaffy as a Tier V Rural Village as informed by the above approach. The request to move Breaffy Village from a Tier V to a Tier IV settlement would mitigate against the aforementioned approach and Core Strategy as set out in Chapter 2, Section 2.7 of the CDP.
- 2. It is considered that the proposed zoning request would be contrary to policies CSP 4 and SSP 5. The subject sites would lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside which would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity of development lands identified for Breaffy in the Draft Plan.

Recommendation:



Sites outlined in red above.

Sites in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Proposed extension to Self-Sustaining Consolidation Zone boundary of Breaffy,

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-586 The Planning Partnership on behalf of Breatty House Resort.

Submission No.	MYO-C11-586
Submission by:	Anthony Heneghan
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Zoning Breaffy Castlebar

The submission requests the that an area of land in Breaffy village is included as part of the proposed settlement consolidation zone for the village, in order to achieve a number of policies listed in the settlement plans. The lands in question are outlined on a map included with the submission.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is considered that the proposed zoning request would be contrary to policies CSP 4 and SSP 5 of the Draft Plan. The subject site would lead to urban sprawl and encroachment into the countryside which would not be considered sustainable given the existing capacity for residential lands identified for Breaffy in the development envelope. It is considered that a sufficient quantum of land has been zoned in the Draft Plan to accommodate the allocated population growth during the period of the Draft Plan.

In exceptional cases however, proposed (residential) developments within the consolidated zone boundary, that extend partially beyond the consolidated zone boundary, may be considered if it can be demonstrated that the development is compatible with the intrinsic character and scale of the settlement.

Recommendation:



Site in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Proposed extension to Self-Sustaining Consolidation Zone boundary of Breatty.

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-586 Anthony Heneghan

The Neale

Submission No:	MYO-C11-985
Submitted by:	Emmett O'Donnell on behalf of Oliver Warde
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic – The Neale

Summary of Submission:

This submission seeks the inclusion of 3.3 hectares of land on the northern edge of The Neale to be included within the Rural Village Consolidation Zone boundary. The author believes the site should be included given its proximity to the public wastewater system, pattern of low density in the area and the sites containment being surrounding by either existing development to the west and north or by woodland to the north.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The proposed boundary extension to Belcarra, to include the lands indicated would be contrary to policy CSP 4 'To support the compact growth of towns and villages to ensure that development proceeds sustainably and at an appropriate scale, density and sequence and in line with the Core Strategy Table'. It is also considered that it would mitigate against policy SSP 5 'To promote and encourage the sustainable, balanced development of the Rural Settlements and Rural Villages in an incremental manner, with the emphasis on small scale development over a medium to long-term period, in keeping with the character of the settlement'.

In exceptional cases however, proposed (residential) developments within the consolidated zone boundary, that extend partially beyond the consolidated zone boundary, may be considered if it can be demonstrated that the development is compatible with the intrinsic character and scale of the settlement.

Recommendation:



Sites outlined in red above.

Sites in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Proposed extension to Self-Sustaining Consolidation Zone boundary of The Neale.

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-985 Emmet O'Donnell Architect on behalf of Oliver Wards.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-987
Submitted by:	Sean Farragher
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: The Neale

This submission seeks the inclusion lands on the northern edge of The Neale to be included within the Rural Village Consolidation Zone boundary. The author believes the site should be included for housing or other possibilities which would complement and enhance The Neale.

Chief Executive's Response Recommendation:

Response:

The proposed boundary extension to Belcarra, to include the lands indicated would be contrary to policy CSP 4 would mitigate against policy SSP 5.

In exceptional cases however, proposed (residential) developments within the consolidated zone boundary, that extend partially beyond the consolidated zone boundary, may be considered if it can be demonstrated that the development is compatible with the intrinsic character and scale of the settlement.

Recommendation:



Sites in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Proposed extension to Self-Sustaining Consolidation Zone boundary of The Neale.

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-987 Sean Faccagher.

Submission No:	MYO-C11-1164
Submitted by:	Gerard Warde
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 12: Settlement Plans
	Topic: The Neale

This submission seeks the rezoning of lands East of The Neale National School for housing or other possibilities which would complement of enhance the village.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

The proposed boundary extension to Belcarra, to include the lands indicated would be contrary to policy CSP 4. It is also considered that it would mitigate against policy SSP 5. In exceptional cases however, proposed (residential) developments within the consolidated zone boundary, that extend partially beyond the consolidated zone boundary, may be considered if it can be demonstrated that the development is compatible with the intrinsic character and scale of the settlement

Recommendation:



Proposed extension to Self-Sustaining Consolidation Zone boundary of The Neale.

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-1164 Gerard Warde.

Non-Tier Village(s):

Kilbride

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 2
Submission by:	Paul Tighe
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Chapter 2: Core & Settlement Strategy
	Chapter 3: Housing
	Chapter 4: Economic Development
	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation
	Chapter 6: Movement & Transport
	Chapter 7: Infrastructure
	Chapter 9: Built Environment
	Chapter 10: Natural Environment
	Chapter 11: Climate Action & Renewable Energy
	Volume 3: Book of Maps
	Appendix III: Municipal District Projects

Summary of Submission:

1. Chapter 2: Core & Settlement Strategy

This observation broadly space for rural development and the continuation of dispersed settlement pattern. It is also stated that there are too many Tier V settlements in the Northwest & Southeast of the county.

2. Chapter 3: Housing

This observation states that derelict site levies should be used sparingly, and the Local Authority should aim to raise funds to improve derelict sites elsewhere, to protect against the temptation to fund LA expenses from derelict site levies.

3. Chapter 4: Economic Development

Topic: Ballina role

3.1 - This observation proposes that Ballina is recognised as an agricultural and manufacturing hub for the county.

Topic: Industrial waste

3.2 - Any plan to develop the old Asahi plant must be mindful of the asbestos roof.

4. Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation

Topic: Downpatrick Head facilities

4.1 - This observation suggests that more facilities are needed at Downpatrick Head in the form of a path to the top of the site, toilet facilities, bins and a café.

Topic Walking

4.2 - This observation seeks an additional TRO to review repair broken/missing waymarkers on existing routes.

5. Chapter 6: Movement & Transport

Topic: Signage structures

5.1 - This observation seeks an additional MTO to ensure every signpost has two poles as the one pole signposts are blown in the wrong direction by wind.

Topic: Parking Charges

5.2 - This observation seeks a new MTP to aim to make parking stations/metres payments through a variety of forms.

6. Chapter 7: Infrastructure

Topic: Household Chemicals

6.1 - This observation seeks an additional objective to encourage households to refrain from washing household chemicals down the sewers.

<u>Topic – Access to Water</u>

6.2 - This observation seeks an additional INP to expand the water network within the County.

7. Chapter 9: Built Environment

This observation seeks and an additional objective for a major art installation to be installed at the junction of the N5 and the new N17.

8. Chapter 10: Natural Environment

Topic: Scenic Route

8.1 - This observation proposes that the Belderrig-Porturlin-Carrowtigh road is included in the scenic routes map.

Topic: Aquifer

8.2 - This observation seeks an additional NEO on groundwater protection that commits to safeguarding groundwater/SPZs in any new windfarm or quarry development.

Topic: Flying rocks

8.3 - This observation seeks additional text on flying debris/rocks to be added to NEO 33.

Topic: Source Protection Zones

8.4 - This submission requests that a source protection zone assessment wells/springs in Kilbride, Ballycastle is carried out.

9. Chapter 11: Climate Action & Renewable Energy

Topic: Hydro potential and peatlands

9.1 - This observation seeks a new objective to say that the upcoming peatland management strategy will explore the possible cross benefits of rewetting peatlands and developing small hydropower projects in the county.

Topic: Wind and Landscape

9.2 - This observation supports both CAP 9 & REO 8

Topic: Medium Hydro

9.3 - This observation seeks an additional REO to explore the potential for a dam on the Owenmore/Oweninny river at Bellacorrick.

Topic: Windfarm cleanup

9.4 - This observation seeks a new REO for Local Authorities to levy against future dismantling of wind turbines and restoration of said sites through an upfront bond.

Topic: Load Balancing

9.5 - This observation seeks for additional text within Chapter 11 to discuss energy load balancing and suggested elevated quarry sites should be repurposed for energy load balancing.

10. Volume 3: Book of Maps

This observation includes a map and seeks for Kilbride to be added to the Tier V Settlement list. It is also suggested to add 12 other north Mayo villages to the Tier V Settlement list.

11. Appendix III, Municipal District Projects

This observation repeats the points made within points 4.1 and 7 above.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

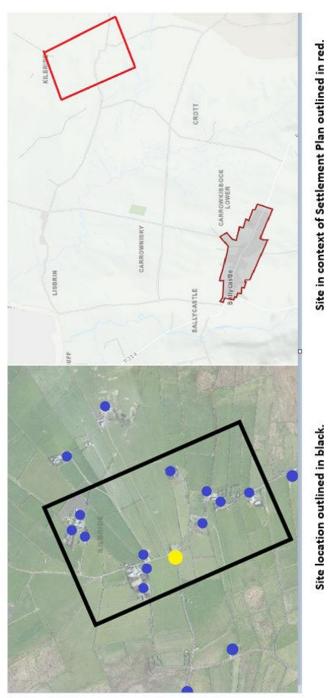
Response:

- 1-2 Noted.
- 3.1 Ballina is designated as a key town within the RSES and it is recognised for its role for the wider economic role for the North Mayo region.
- 3.2 Noted.
- 4.1 It is not considered necessary to include all projects requested as the CDP is a strategic land use document.
- 4.2 It is considered that the provisions of the Draft Plan adequately address these items.
- 5.1 Noted.
- 5.2 This is an operational matter and not relevant to the Development Plan process.
- 6.1 Noted. This is not a matter for the Draft CDP.
- 6.2 Irish Water are the responsible body for expanding the water infrastructure network.
- 7. Noted, this is a outside the remit of the County Development Plan.
- 8.1 The scenic routes were identified under the Landscape Appraisal; it is an objective (NEO 25) of the Draft CDP to review the Landscape Appraisal during the lifetime of the plan. It is at this stage; consideration of additional scenic routes can be considered.
- 8.2 This is considered to be adequately covered under NEO 35-37.
- 8.3 This is considered to be adequately covered under NEO 33.
- 8.4 The Geological Survey of Ireland are responsible for the designation of Source Protections Zones.
- 9.1 This will be examined during the drafting of the Peatland Management Strategy.
- 9.2 9.3 Noted.
- 9.4 Decommissioning of windfarms is dealt with under the Development Management application process.
- 9.5 Noted. This could be explored during the review of the Renewable Energy Strategy.
- 10. It is not recommended to include Kilbride, Ballycastle or the other 11 proposed villages within the single category consolidation land use zoning. All development proposals will be assessed on their individual merits commensurate to the character, capacity and connectivity of the village.

11. See responses to points 4.1 and 7 above.

Recommendation:

1 – 11. No change to the Draft Plan.



Site in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red.

Four Submissions made for the site: MYO-C11-2 Paul Tighe Proposed new Tier V settlement of Kilbride

Glencorrib

Submission No.	MYO-C11- 216
Submission by:	Kevin Morrin
Issues Raised/Relevant Chapter(s):	Rezoning Glencorrib

Summary of Submission:

The submission requests that consideration be given to investigating the possibility for the inclusion of a plot of ground within the village of Glencorrib into the new County Development Plan as a Zoned Consolidated Settlement Area. The submission states that this plot has previously benefited from three planning permissions. It is located in the centre of Glencorrib Village, between the National School and the Church and adjacent to the GAA pitch. A new footpath and setback are currently being provided across the front of the Site as part of a Village Enhancement Scheme.

Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation:

Response:

It is not recommended to include Glencorrib within the single category consolidation land use zoning. All development proposals will be assessed on their individual merits commensurate to the character, capacity and connectivity of the village.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Plan.

Moygownagh



Site in context of Settlement Plan outlined in red. Site outlined in red above.

Proposed extension to Self-Sustaining Consolidation Zone boundary of Moygownagh.

One Submission made for the site: MYO-C11-592 Alex Heffron on behalf of Mayo Greens

Appendix I List of Submissions

Submission No.	Name	Chapters/Topic
MYO-C11-1	Michelle Gavin	Castlebar Old Swimming Pool
MYO-C11-2	Paul Tighe	Chapters 2-12, Volume III and MD
		Projects.
MYO-C11-3	Department of Environment, Climate	Infrastructure: Waste Policy & Resource
	and Communications	Efficiency
MYO-C11-4	Rory O'Connor	Ballyhaunis Rezoning
MYO-C11-5	Department of Environment, Climate	Update of SEA datasets from Geological
	and Communications	Survey Ireland
MYO-C11-6	Joe Mellett	Economic Development for East Mayo
MYO-C11-7	Terence & Geraldine Coleman	Tourism & Recreation/Settlement Plans
MYO-C11-8	Martin Dyar	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-9	Martin Dyar	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-10	Suzanne Malee	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-11	David Malee	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-12	Brendan Quinn	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-13	Patrick Keville	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-14	Cllr Seamus Weir	N26 Priority on Road Project list
MYO-C11-15	Cllr Mark Duffy	Ballina, WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-16	Vincent Lang	N26
MYO-C11-17	Frances Coleman	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-18	Martin Leonard	Renewal energy in Erris
MYO-C11-19	Ballycroy Community Council ltd	Tourism & Recreation
MYO-C11-20	Frances Mellett	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-21	Kevin Mellett	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-22	Catherine Jennings	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-23	Siobhan Jennings	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-24	Catherine Toner	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-25	Sarah Toner	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-26	Christopher Toner	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-27	James Maloney	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-28	Jimmy Maloney	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-29	Stephanie Maloney	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-30	Patrick O'Connor	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-31	Willam O'Connor	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-32	John Mulligan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-33	John Mulligan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-34	John Mulligan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-35	Tom Lavin	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-36	Dolores Maye	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-37	Michael Patrick Maye	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-38	Imelda Comer	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-39	Siobhan Comer	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-40	Kathleen & Jerome Tarpey	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-41	Jack Graham	WRC Greenway

MYO-C11-42	Kristina O'Dowd	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-43	Eddie Douglas	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-44	Sophie McCafferty	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-45	Martin O'Dowd	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-46	Sinead O'Dowd	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-47	Mary O'Dowd	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-48	Michelle Comer	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-49	Joe Mellett	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-50	Marie Mellett	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-51	Sheelah Farrelly	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-52	Michael Farrelly	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-53	Dan Duffy	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-54	Josephine Duffy	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-55	Chris Snip	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-56	Mary Loftus	WRC Greenway
	Eamon McAndrew	•
MYO-C11-57 MYO-C11-58	Gary Buckley	WRC Greenway WRC Greenway
	Caoimhe Folan	WRC Greenway WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-59	Noel Folan	,
MYO-C11-60 MYO-C11-61	Caroline Folan	WRC Greenway WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-61	Norman Keville	WRC Greenway WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-63	Norman Keville	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-64	Evelyn Hennelly	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-65 MYO-C11-66	Marie Tarpey Waldron & Associates	WRC Greenway Claremorris Hub
	John Durkan	
MYO-C11-67 MYO-C11-68	Elizabeth Moore	Railway Bridge at Devlis Ballyhaunis WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-69		WRC Greenway
	Katy Jones Gary Smyth	Peatland Management Strategy
MYO-C11-70 MYO-C11-71	Gary Smyth	Wastewater Treatment Plants
MYO-C11-71	Colette Shannon	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-72		WRC Greenway
	Hilary McCrohan	
MYO-C11-74 MYO-C11-75	Gary Smyth Carmel Bigley	Kiltimagh Community Futures Kiltimagh Community Futures
MYO-C11-76	Martin Maye	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-70	Maureen Farrell	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-77	Danny Farrell	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-79	Seamus Clifford	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-79	Delphine Clifford	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-81	Norman Keville	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-82	Kevin Nestor	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-83	Maura Maye	WRC Greenway
	Brendan Quinn	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-84 MYO-C11-85	Brendan Quinn Brendan Quinn	WRC Greenway WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-85		WRC Greenway WRC Greenway/VeloRail
	John Mulligan Environmental Protection Agency	EPA Submission
MYO-C11-87 MYO-C11-88	James Conway	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-89	Michael Dolan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-89	Tony Walsh	WRC Greenway WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-90 MYO-C11-91	Theresa Walsh	•
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MYO-C11-92	Nuala Gallagher	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-92	Anthony Conway	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-94	Fiona Conway	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-95	Darren Walsh	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-96	Gerry McNulty	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-97	Oliver Burke	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-97	Lynne Coffey	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-98	James Burke	WRC Greenway
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MYO-C11-100	Brendan Quinn	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-101	Lisa Gallagher	Slievemore Archaeological Site
MYO-C11-102	Joseph Stuart	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-103	Martin Stuart	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-104	Sharon Stuart	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-105	Nathan Stuart	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-106	Kevin Murphy	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-107	Anna Stuart	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-108	Michael Stuart	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-109	Kieran Stuart	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-110	Athena Briggs	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-111	Logan Stuart	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-112	Owen Stuart	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-113	Diane Lavin	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-114	Rita Campbell	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-115	Kieran Campbell	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-116	Anne Mulligan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-117	Maura Campbell	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-118	Michael Campbell	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-119	Kathleen Campbell	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-120	Cllr Tom Connolly	Rezoning in Claremorris
MYO-C11-121	Seamus Swift	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-122	Norman Keville	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-123	Norman Keville	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-124	Diarmuid McLoughlin	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-125	Ger Bateman	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-126	Louis Keville	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-127	Maeve McLoughlin	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-128	Margaret Mulligan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-129	Roisin Mellett	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-130	Sarah Keville	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-131	Cllr Tom Connolly	Claremorris Rezoning
MYO-C11-132	Naomi Sloyan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-133	Carmel Sloyan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-134	Garry Bigley	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-135	Alice Bigley	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-136	Bjourn Bigley	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-137	Olivia Niland	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-138	Katy Jones	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-139	Suzanne Niland	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-140	Christy Feerick	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-141	Catherine Swift	WRC Greenway

MYO-C11-142	Thomas Lavin (Lavin's Drapery)	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-142	Emma Lavin	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-144	James Lavin	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-145	Therese Smyth	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-146	Mary Daly	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-147	Peter Stuart	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-147	Seamus Breslin	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-148	John Mulligan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-149	Stephen Fairbrother	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-150	Antoinette Byrne	WRC Greenway
	Therese Fulham	•
MYO-C11-152		WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-153	Peter Fay	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-154	Sligo Greenway Co-op Ltd.	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-155	Brendan Quinn	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-156	Rosaline Horkan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-157	Noreen Slattery	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-158	Brendan Quinn	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-159	Patricia Kilroy	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-160	Michael & Mary Tunney	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-161	Marie Tunney	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-162	James Kilroy	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-163	Rory Quinn	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-164	Rory Quinn	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-165	Geraldine Corry	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-166	Joe Corry	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-167	Tom Byrne	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-168	Billy McNicholas	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-169	John Moran	Rebuilding Rural Ireland
MYO-C11-170	Louise Gallagher	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-171	Andrew Nolan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-172	Pat Moore	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-173	Noel Harrington	WRC Greenway
	Burrishoole Community Partnership	Newport Development
MYO-C11-174	CLG	
MYO-C11-175	Mary Gallagher	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-176	Francie McNicholas	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-177	Alice Kelly	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-178	Owen Nolan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-179	Austin Jordan	Rezoning of land in Ballyhaunis
MYO-C11-180	Disability Federation Ireland	Sustainable Communities
MYO-C11-181	Eoin Gallagher	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-182	Paul Gannon	Active Mobility in Mayo
MYO-C11-183	Valerie McEllin	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-184	Michael McNamara	Marketing and Training
MYO-C11-185	Irish Wildlife Trust	Wild Nephin
MYO-C11-186	Brendan Quinn	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-187	Laurence M. McEllin	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-188	Noelle Henry	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-189	Peter Jordan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-190	Ann Taylor	WRC Greenway

MYO-C11-191	Breda McHugh	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-192	Bernie Stephens (McNabb)	Claremorris Rezoning
	Northern & Western Regional	NWRA submission.
MYO-C11-193	Assembly	
MYO-C11-194	Tirawley Ltd. t/a Breaffy House	Breaffy House Resort
	Resort	,
MYO-C11-195	Julie Kelly	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-196	Hugh McHugh	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-197	Breege McHugh	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-198	Irish Farmers Association (IFA)	IFA Submission
MYO-C11-199	Mena Walsh	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-200	Michael Duffy	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-201	Colin Callanan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-202	Rebecca Dempsey	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-203	Shane Duffy	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-204	Gary Buckley	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-205	James McHugh	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-206	John Darwell	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-207	Rebecca McHugh	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-208	Swinford Knit & Knatter Club	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-209	Michael McHugh	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-210	Desmond McHugh	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-211	Swinford Go Getters (Games for Life)	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-212	Bridie Reddington	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-213	Seamus Killeen	Rezoning in Ballina
MYO-C11-214	Swinford Active Retirement	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-215	Eoin Lavin	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-216	Kevin Morrin	Lands at Glencorrib
MYO-C11-217	Vanessa McHugh	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-218	Colm Dee	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-219	Monica Browne	Chapter: 12 Settlement Plans
MYO-C11-220	Margaret Graham	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-221	Timothy Glavey	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-222	Maire Jordan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-223	Angela Duffy	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-224	Niamh Carroll	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-225 MYO-C11-226	Mrs. K. Walsh	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-227	Aisling Sandawahla Alan Heneghan	WRC Greenway WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-228	John Halligan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-229	Carmel Burke	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-230	Eileen Halligan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-231	Cathy Burke	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-232	Colin Scanlon	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-233	Michael Walsh	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-234	Orla Halligan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-235	David Burke	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-236	Fiona Brennan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-237	Kevin Brennan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-238	David Burke	WRC Greenway
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MYO-C11-239	Fiona Halligan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-240	Paul Halligan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-241	Devoric Cowley	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-242	Ger Kelly	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-243	Patrick J. Dooley	Rezoning on lands at Shrule
MYO-C11-244	Grace Burke	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-245	Jamie Scanlon	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-246	John Burke	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-247	John R Burke	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-248	Julie Dee	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-249	Laura Waldron	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-250	Margaret Glavey	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-251	Michael Dee	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-252	Mike Ryan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-253	Norrie Walsh	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-254	Stephen McGuire	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-255	Vanessa Ryan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-256	Coillte	Coillte Submission
		Tourism route and activities in North
MYO-C11-257	Peter Jordan	Mayo.
MYO-C11-258	Fiona O'Grady	Housing
MYO-C11-259	Brendan Quinn	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-260	Alan Howie	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-261	Breege Hession	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-262	Declan Scanlon	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-263	Eoghan Duffy	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-264	Irene Walsh	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-265	John Carroll	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-266	John Walsh	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-267	Lil Nolan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-268	Padraic Murray	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-269	Primrose Hill W. C. Day Service	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-270	Rowena & Philip O'Brien Gleeson	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-271	Tracey Millar	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-272	Bridie & Peter Clenton	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-273	Barry Durkan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-274	Tom Hession	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-275	Quiet Man Greenway CLG	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-276	James Dolan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-277	Grace Carroll	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-278	Niamh Carroll	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-279	Anne McGrath	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-280	Ellen Dolan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-281	Jonathan Dolan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-282	Melissa Dolan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-283	Séamus Dolan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-284	Christine Dolan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-285	Catherine Clendon	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-286	Niall Clendon	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-287	Ciara Carroll	WRC Greenway

MYO-C11-288	Caoimhe Carroll	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-289	Aoife Carroll	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-290	Joseph Carroll	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-291	John Mulligan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-292	Orla Reilly	Westport housing
MYO-C11-293	Brendan Quinn	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-294	Michael Higgins	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-295	Joe Mellett	Walking in safety
MYO-C11-296	Joe Mellett	Greenway Loop of Town
MYO-C11-297	Alan Jones	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-298	Brabazon Park Trustees (Swinford)	WRC Greenway/Cycleway Swinford
MYO-C11-299	Peter Jordan	Military Barracks in Ballina
MYO-C11-300	Claremorris Chamber of Commerce	Multiple topics concerning Claremorris.
MYO-C11-301	Sean Carroll	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-302	John Carroll	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-303	Jack Carroll	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-304	Owen Carroll	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-305	Ellen Carroll	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-306	Leanne Carroll	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-307	Joe Mellett	Protected Structures
MYO-C11-308	Liam Campbell	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-309	Shane Conway	Housing
<u> </u>	Sharie conway	WRC Greenway/Cycle route in Swinford
MYO-C11-310	Swinford Triathlon Club	area
MYO-C11-311	Irish Concrete Federation	IFC Submission
MYO-C11-312	Roadstone Ltd.	Quarries
	Environmental Health Service Mayo-	Multiple topics on the Draft Plan.
MYO-C11-313	HSE WEST	
MYO-C11-314	Grainne Heffron	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-315	A King	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-316	Aileen Gallagher	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-317	Aidan McGing	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-318	Diane McIntyre	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-319	Transport Infrastructure Ireland	Chapter 6: TII Submission
MYO-C11-320	Alan Tiernan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-321	Alina Pugaciov	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-322	Amanda Bell	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-323	Amelia McEntire	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-324	Angela Jordan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-325	Anna Stankiewisc	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-326	Marie O'Brien	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-327	Pauline Wright	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-328	Jennifer McCann	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-329	David Malee	WRC Greenway
	Louisville Physiotherapy & Exercise	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-330	Clinic	
MYO-C11-331	Katy Williams	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-332	Mary McEllin	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-333	Helen Duggan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-334	Dave O'Brien	WRC Greenway

MYO-C11-335	Katie O'Brien	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-335	James Corcoran	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-337	Brian King	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-337	Frank Reynolds	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-339	Declan Harte	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-340	Sinead Higgins	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-341	Cathal Reynolds	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-341	Patricia Farragher	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-343	Withdrawn Submission	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-344	Eamon Gavin	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-345	Michael Brennan	WRC Greenway
		WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-346	Withdrawn Submission	*
MYO-C11-347	John Kennedy	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-348	Caroline O'Malley	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-349	Fergus Farragher	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-350	Joan Quinn	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-351	Mary Dunnigan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-352	Vera Tiernan	WRC Greenway
NAVO 644 252		WRC Greenway/Development of Cycle
MYO-C11-353	Swinford Cycling Club	Routes
NAVO C11 254	Man Duff	WRC Greenway/Kiltimagh Community
MYO-C11-354	Mary Duffy	Futures Action Plan
MYO-C11-355	Deirdre Lavin	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-356	Fionnula Henry	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-357	Tommy Meehan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-358	Michael Maye	Urban Renewal & Regeneration
MYO-C11-359	P Kirrane	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-360	Felim O'Rourke	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-361	Declan Divilly Martin Donohue	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-362		WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-363	Martin Gaughan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-364	Joan King	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-365	Ballina Lions Club	Tourism & Recreation
MYO-C11-366	Michelle Kavanagh	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-367	Barry McGing	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-368	Jack Kelly	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-369	Office of Public Works	SFRA
MYO-C11-370	Breda Kelly	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-371	D Cleary	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-372	Grace & Niamh Kelly	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-373	Ellen Duffy	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-374	Sadie Byrnes	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-375	Sinéad Ryall	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-376	Marie Casserly	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-377	Daithí Ó'Rafhail	WRC Greenway
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		biodiversity, waste, tourism & green
		economy.
MYO-C11-721	National Transport Authority	NTA Submission – Chapter 6
MYO-C11-722	Beckett Developments Ltd.	Chapter 12: Rezoning in Claremorris
MYO-C11-723	Fáilte Ireland	Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation
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MYO-C11-724	Cllr. Mark Duffy	Rail, Roads, Cycling, Walking
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MYO-C11-725	Natural Forces Ireland	projects.
MYO-C11-726	Wind Energy Ireland	WEI Submission
MYO-C11-727	Roman McGoldrick	WRC Greenway
		Provision of Regional Football Centre at
MYO-C11-728	Bekan Development Committee	CMS Park, Knock
MYO-C11-729	Jennings O'Donovan Engineers	Proposed Renewable Energy Lands
MYO-C11-730	Renewable Gas Forum Ireland	Renewable Gas
MYO-C11-731	Jennings O'Donovan Engineers	Proposed Renewable Energy Lands
		Dark Skies, Light Pollution & Natural
MYO-C11-732	Georgia MacMillan	Environment.
	Mayo Community Transport T/A TFI	Accessibility, rural transport and
MYO-C11-733	Local Link Mayo	frequency.
		Economic Development of Belmullet &
MYO-C11-734	Margaret Tallott	Erris Region
		Building community resilience,
		providing food security, enhancing the
MYO-C11-735	Edible Landscape Project CLG	local landscape.
MYO-C11-736	Jennings O'Donovan Engineers	Proposed Renewable Energy Lands
MYO-C11-737	David Doocey	Wind Energy
MYO-C11-738	Irish Green Building Council	Core & Settlement Strategy + Standards
MYO-C11-739	Gary Smyth	Serviced sites in Swinford
MYO-C11-740	Jennings O'Donovan Engineers	Proposed Renewable Energy Lands
MYO-C11-741	Geraldine Finn	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-742	Dr. Fergal Ruane	Belmullet Community Hospital
MYO-C11-743	Inland Fisheries Ireland	Natural Environment, Settlement Plans
MYO-C11-744	Keith Joseph O' Donnell	Attymass Eirgrid 110kV Project
MYO-C11-745	Ballyhaunis Chamber	Active Travel Corridor
MYO-C11-746	Jennings O'Donovan Engineers	Proposed Renewable Energy Lands
MYO-C11-747	SSE	Energy, infrastructure & climate action
MYO-C11-748	Cllr. Mark Duffy	Ballina Projects
MYO-C11-749	Office of the Planning Regulator	OPR Submission
MYO-C11-750	Kiltimagh Tourism Association	Tourism
MYO-C11-751	Balla CRD	Balla Sensory Community
MYO-C11-752	Ballyhaunis Community CouncilCLG	Active Travel Corridor
MYO-C11-753	Clir. Mark Duffy	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-754	Geraldine Wilson	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-755	lan Bradshaw	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-756	Inez Leahy	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-757	James Kilroy	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-758	James McLoughlin	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-759	John Cawley	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-760	Kevin O'Donnell	WRC Greenway

MYO-C11-761	Loretta Gallagher	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-762	Louisa Flannery	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-763	Marie & Brendan Moran	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-764	Mary Cannon	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-765	Mary Duffy	WRC Greenway
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MYO-C11-768	Michael J Connelly	WRC Greenway
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	Nora Kelly	WRC Greenway
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MYO-C11-782	Suzanne Nolan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-783	Maria Kavanagh	WRC Greenway
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MYO-C11-785	Ann Lennon	WRC Greenway
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MYO-C11-795	R Heeran	WRC Greenway
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MYO-C11-963	A Barnes	WRC Greenway
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MYO-C11-965	Agnes O'Toole	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-966	Ailis Merrick	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-967	Aislinn Farrington	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-968	Aiden Horkan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-969	Westport Warriors Basketball Club	Sustainable Communities: Westport
MYO-C11-969		·
	Frank Mulligan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-971	Ardboley Road Action Committee	Ardboley Road Action Committee
MYO-C11-972	Alan Heaney	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-973	Angela McHugh Boyle	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-974	Ann Marie Burke	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-975	Ann Meehan	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-976	Withdrawn Submission	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-977	Anna and Thomas O'Boyle	WRC Greenway
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MYO-C11-981	Anna McArdle	WRC Greenway
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MYO-C11-985	Emmet O'Donnell Architect	The Neale Zoning
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MYO-C11-991	Aoibheann Cafferty	WRC Greenway
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MYO-C11-992	Committee	
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MYO-C11-994	Aoife Conlon	WRC Greenway
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MYO-C11-996	Aoife O'Toole	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-997	B McNicholas	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-998	Barbara Vose	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-999	Shane O'Neil	Removal of Property from RPS
MYO-C11-1000	Barry Murphy	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-1001	Bernadette Murphy	WRC Greenway
MYO-C11-1002	Sean Hallinan	Rural Mayo - Housing
		Biodiversity, Water Quality & Light
MYO-C11-1003	Lynda Huxley	Pollution/Dark Skies
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	Castlebar Athletics Club	
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MYO-C11-1010	Bridget Maloney	WRC Greenway
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	Mike, Lorraine, Odrhan & Daimhin	WRC Greenway				
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MYO-C11-1203	Declan Slattery	WRC Greenway					
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	Crossmolina Community Council &	Tourism, Recreation & Community Care					
MYO-C11-1260	Vision 2025						
MYO-C11-1261	Leo Moran	WRC Greenway					
MYO-C11-1262	Mike Mitchell	WRC Greenway					
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MYO-C11-1266	West on Track	WRC Greenway					
	Western Inter-County Railway Com-	WRC Greenway					
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Appendix II OPR & NWRA CE Recommendations

CE Recommendation to OPR Recommendation 1 and Observation 2 & NWRA Observation 1 & 3:

Revised Core Strategy Table (Table 2.4)

Settlement Tiers	Settlements	Population 2016	Population 2021	Population increase to end of 2027	Population Growth Rate % Change	No. of residential units required Housing Targets*	At least 30% of residential units into built up footprint Housing Growth Rate %	Quantum of lands zoned Existing Resi- dential	Quantum of lands zoned for New #Residen- tial use*	Quantum of lands zoned for Strategic Residential Reserve Tier I	Quantum of lands zoned for Strategic Residential Reserve Tier II
Tier I (a) Key Towns	Ballina	10,171	11,160	12,150 12,348	19.4 21.4%	773 446	232 14%	*	29.73	*	*
	Castlebar	12,068	13,242	14,415 14,651	19.4 21.4%	917 553	275 17%	*	36.87	*	*
Tier I (b) Strategic Growth Towns	Westport	6,198	6,745	7,225 7,513	19.4%	470 257	141 8%	*	17.13	*	*
Tier II	Ballinrobe	2,786	3,010	3,275 3,323	17.7%	192 106	58 3%	64	30.38 7.1	23.28	30.52
Self-Sustaining Growth Towns	Ballyhaunis	2,366	2,556	2,785 2,822	17.7%	163 90	50 3%	58.68	28.12 6	22.12	5.99
	Béal an Mhuirthead	1,019	1,101	1,200 1,215	17.7%	70 39	21 1%	39.28	18.09 3	15.09	N/A
	Claremorris	3,687	3,984	4,340 4,397	17.7%	25 4 140	76 4%	118.48	4 3.91 8	35.91	9.57

	Swinford	1,394	1,506	1,640 1,663	17.7%	95 53	28 2%	54.89	17.91 3	14.91	7.7
Self-Sustaining	Balla Charlestown Kiltimagh Killala Knock Louisburg Newport Foxford Crossmolina		8,357	8,600 8,998	9.9 15%	304 251	91 8%	N/A	50.2	N/A	N/A
Tier IV Rural Settlements	18 Settlements* (see Table 2.x Settlement Hier- archy)	3931 4535	4,741	4280 4,989	8.9 10%	137 116	41 6%	N/A	23.2	N/A	N/A
Tier V Rural Villages	37 Villages* (See Table 2.5 Settlement Hier- archy)	N/A	N/A	330	N/A	128	38	*	*		
Total		51,444 52,048	56,403	60,240 64,461	17.4 18.3%	3,237 2,095	881 67%				
Rural Villages* (Tier V) and the Open Countryside		79,063 78,459	81,101	85,460 84,072	7.9 7.15%	1,157	34%				
County Total		130,507	137,504	145, 700	11.6 12.6%	3,252					

*Note: Statutory Local area plans LAPs to will be prepared for Tier I (a & b) towns. Lands zoned for Residential in Tier II towns will be monitored to ensure the delivery of the proposed housing targets. Upon reaching the new residential in the new res

init target per settlement, the remaining undeveloped residential lands will revert to strategic residential reserve lands. Tiers III, IV and V adopt a single category mixed used consolidation zoning approach.

* Settlements: See Table 2.5 Settlement Hierarchy

* Housing Targets cover plan period Q1 2022 to Q4 2027.

* Tier V Rural Villages population aggregate of 2,421 persons.

CE Recommendation to OPR Recommendation 2a and NWRA Observation 1:

Table 2.5 Revised Settlement Hierarchy

Settlement Hierarchy Table for County Mayo (Table 2.5)

Settlement Hierarchy for County Mayo (Table 2.5).

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Rural Countryside	Tier 5	Tier 4	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 1
	Rural Villages	Rural Settlements	Self-Sustaining Towns	Self-Sustaining Growth Towns	Key Towns
					N
					Strategic
					Towns
	Aghagower, Aghamore, An	Keel-Dooagh, Shrule,	Balla, Charlestown,	Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis,	Ballina, Castlebar,
	Tinbhear (Inver), Attymass,	Kilkelly, Gob an	Crossmolina, Foxford,	Béal an Mhuirthead	Westport
	Ballycroy, Ballyglass,	Choire (Achill	Killala Kiltimagh, Knock,	(Belmullet), Claremorris	
	Ballyheane, Bekan, Breaffy,	Sound), Bangor Erris,	Louisburgh, Newport	Swinford	
	Brickens, Bun an Churraugh	Ballindine,			
	(Bunnacurry),	Ballycastle,			
	Carnacon, Carracastle,	Bunnyconnelan,			
	Ceathrú Thaidhg	Bellavary, Kilmaine,			
	(Carrowteige), Corrchloch	Cong, Turlough,			
	(Corclough), Cross,	Mulranny, Belcarra,			
	Crossboyne, Doogort,	Bohola, Lahardane,			
	Eachléim (Aghleam), Gaoth	Irishtown, Dumha			
	Sáile (Gweesalia), Geata	Thuama (Doohoma).			
	Mór (Binghamstown),				
	Gleann na Muaidhe				
	(Glenamoy), Glenhest				
	Glenisland, Hollymount,				
	Islandeady Kilmovee,				
	Knockmore, Mayo Abbey,				
	Moygownagh, Moyne				
	(Kilmeena), Parke, Partry,				
	Poll an tSómas				
	(Pollatomish), Roundfort,				
	The Neale & Tuar Mhic				
	Esdaigh (Toursmakesdu)				

CE Recommendation to OPR Recommendation 2a & NWRA Observation 1: Revised Mayo Settlement Hierarchy Table.

Settlement Type	Settlements	Role
Tier I(a) Strategic Growth Towns Key Towns	Ballina & Castlebar & Westport	Large urban centres with a high level of jobs and services, with the capacity to act as significant economic growth drivers within the Mayo Catchment and wider region, including complementing the Galway Metropolitan Area and Sligo Regional Growth Centre.
Tier I(b) Strategic Growth Town	Westport	Large urban centre with a high level of jobs and services, with the capacity to act as significant economic growth driver, in combination with its intrinsic links with Castlebar, within the Mayo Catchment and wider region.
Tier II Self- Sustaining Growth Towns	Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Béal an Mhuirthead (Belmullet), Claremorris & Swinford.	Self-Sustaining Growth Towns with a moderate level of jobs and services and their own labour catchment areas. These towns have good transport links and have the capacity for continued sustainable growth. These towns play an important role in supporting the social, economic and cultural life within rural communities.
Tier III Self- Sustaining Towns	Balla, Charlestown, Crossmolina, Foxford, Killala, Kiltimagh, Knock, Louisburgh & Newport.	Self-Sustaining Towns with low to moderate levels of population growth and a limited localised employment base and which are largely reliant on other areas for employment and/or services. These towns play an important role in supporting the social, economic and cultural life within rural communities.
<u>Tier IV</u> Rural Settlements	Ballindine, Ballycastle, Bangor Erris, Belcarra Bellavary, Bohola, Bunny- connelan, Cong, Dumha Thuama (Doohoma), Gob An Choire (Achill Sound), Irishtown, Keel- Dooagh, Kilkelly, Kilmaine, Lahardane, Mul- ranny, Shrule & Turlough.	Towns and villages with local service and limited employment functions, which play an important role in supporting the social, economic and cultural life within rural communities.
<u>Tier V</u> Rural Villages	Aghagower, Aghamore, An Tinbhear (Inver), Attymass, Ballycroy, Ballyglass, Ballyheane, Bekan, Breaffy, Brickens, Bun an Churraigh (Bunnacurry), Carnacon, Carracastle, Ceathrú Thaidhg (Carrowteige), Corrchloch (Corclough), Cross, Crossboyne, Doogort, Eachléim (Aghleam), Gaoth Sáile (Gweesalia), Geata Mór (Binghamstown), Gleann na Muaidhe (Glenamoy), Glenhest, Glenisland, Hollymount, Islandeady Kilmovee, Knockmore, Mayo Abbey, Moygownagh, Moyne (Kilmeena), Parke, Partry, Poll an tSómas (Pollatomish), Roundfort, The Neale &	Villages with local service functions, which play an important role in supporting the social, economic and cultural life within rural communities.

CE's Recommendation on OPR Recommendation 6b, 6d & 10cc and NWRA Recommendation 3: Table 12.2 Land Use Zoning Objectives for Tier II to V Towns and Villages Settlement Plans

Land Use Zoning Objectives					
It is an objective of the Council to implement the following land use zoning objectives for lands in Tier II to V Towns and Villages Settlements:					
1a. Agriculture	To reserve land for agricultural and rural uses and to preserve the amenity of the town setting.				
1b. Community Services/Facilities	To provide land for community and social facilities.				
1c. Enterprise & Employment	To provide land for light industrial and appropriate commercial development.				
1d. Industry	To provide land for industrial use and ancillary facilities.				
1e. Infrastructure & Utilities	To provide land for public infrastructure and public utilities.				
1f. Recreation & Amenity	To provide land for recreation and amenity purposes.				
1g. Existing Residential (including Strategic Residential Reserve Boundary).	To protect the amenity and character of existing residential areas.				
1h. New Residential	To provide for high quality new residential development and other services incidental to residential development.				
1i. Rural Transition	To act as a transitional area between the build-up area and the rural hinterland. This zoning facilitates agricultural compatible development and renewable energy, including single houses on a limited basis, subject to demonstrable economic or social need (Objective RHO 1).				
1j. Strategic Residential Reserve Tier I	To protect and safeguard suitable, undeveloped residentially suitable lands for future development multiple residential developments. These lands are generally not developable during the lifetime of this plan for multiple residential developments. However, this position will be reviewed by the Planning Authority periodically over the lifetime of the plan to ensure housing growth targets are achieved (Core Strategy Table). Where it is apparent that 'New Residential' lands cannot or will not be developed within the plan period, residential				

1k. Strategic Residential Reserve Tier II	development maybe considered within Strategic Residential Reserve Tier I. Single houses shall only be considered on a limited basis, where it has been established that the lands in question do not adversely impact on the intended future use of these lands; form part of the overall family landholding and no other appropriately zoned lands are available within of the plan boundary; and a demonstrable economic or social need has been established (Objective RHO 1). To protect and safeguard suitable, undeveloped residentially suitable lands for future development multiple residential developments. These lands are not developable during the lifetime of this plan for multiple residential developments. Where it is apparent that 'New Residential' or 'Strategic Residential Reserve Tier I' lands cannot or will not be developed within the plan period, residential development maybe considered within Strategic Residential Reserve Tier II.
	Single houses shall only be considered on a limited basis, where it has been established that the lands in question do not adversely impact on the intended future use of these lands; form part of the overall family landholding and no other appropriately zoned lands are available within of the plan boundary; and a demonstrable economic or social need has been established (Objective RHO 1
1l. Town centre	To maintain and enhance the vitality, viability and environment of the town centre and provide for appropriate town centre uses.
1I. Town Centre Consolidation Opportunity Sites	To promote the sustainable consolidation of towns and villages, with a focus on vacant, underutilised, infill and brownfield sites, to provide appropriate uses, including the delivery of high-quality residential, commercial, employment uses, and the delivery of renewable energy uses. The zoning primarily provides lands for residential uses and other compatible town centre uses.
1m. Self-Sustaining Consolidation Zoning (Tier III)	To provide for, protect and strengthen the vitality and viability of Tier III Self-Sustaining towns, through consolidating development, and encouraging a mix of uses, including but not restricted to commercial, residential, industry, enterprise and employment, community, amenity, public realm enhancements, while maximising the use of land.
1n. Rural Village Consolidation Zoning (Tier V)	To provide for, protect and strengthen the vitality and viability of Tier V Rural Villages, through consolidating development, and encouraging an appropriate mix of uses commensurate with the character, capacity and connectivity of the rural village, including but not restricted to retail,

	commercial, residential, community, amenity, and public realm enhancements, while maximising the use of land.
1o. Rural Village Consolidation Zoning (Tier V)	To provide for, protect and strengthen the vitality and viability of Tier V Rural Villages, through consolidating development, and encouraging an appropriate mix of uses commensurate with the character, capacity and connectivity of the rural village, including but not restricted to retail, commercial, residential, community, amenity, and public realm enhancements, while maximising the use of land

CE Recommendation on NWRA Observation 13: Implementation and Monitoring Table

CE's Recommendation on OPR Recommendation 6b, 6d & 10cc and NWRA Recommendation 3: Table 12.3: Land Use Matrix for Tier II Settlement Plans

	Land Use Zoning Matrix
Land Use Zoning	Uses Generally Permitted
Residential Medium Density in Strategic Residential Reverse Boundary	Houses, apartments, retirement homes, care homes, medical services, public and community facilities, institutional uses, childcare facilities, places of worship, local shops, local services, leisure & recreation, open space; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses.
(≤20 units/Ha)	Local and home offices may be acceptable, provided that there is no detrimental impact on residential amenity or traffic and that the use does not prejudice the primary use of the town centre for office use.
	All proposals that would be detrimental to established or future residential amenity will not be permitted. These include industrial and warehousing and uses generating significant levels of traffic, noise and other nuisance.
Residential Low Density in Stra- tegic Residen- tial Reverse Boundary	Houses, serviced sites for single houses, retirement homes, care homes, child-care facilities, outdoor recreation, open space, agriculture, and community facilities; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses.
(≤5 units/Ha)	Local and home offices may be acceptable, provided that there is no detrimental impact on residential amenity or traffic and that the use does not prejudice the primary use of the town centre for office use.
	Development which is compatible with the adjacent land use zoning and which will not have an adverse effect on existing uses may be permitted.
	All proposals that would be detrimental to established or future residential amenity will not be permitted. These include industrial and warehousing and uses generating significant levels of traffic, noise and other nuisance.
Town Centre	Shops (including supermarkets), off-licenses, offices, civic and public buildings, places of worship, public houses, hotels, restaurants, indoor leisure, car parks, apartments, houses, community facilities, parks and open spaces and retirement homes; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses.
	Uses that would be detrimental to the vitality and amenity of the town centre, such as industrial uses, will not normally be permitted.

Town Centre Opportunity Sites Residential High Density (≤35 units/Ha)	Residential and appropriate mixed use, community, amenity and public realm or other uses generally considered acceptable in town centre locations. Uses that would be detrimental to the vitality and amenity of the town centre, such as industrial uses, will not normally be permitted.
Enterprise & Employment	Light Industry, Warehousing (retail and non-retail), Major Offices, Business and Technology Units, Specialist Offices, R&D enterprises, car showrooms, light engineering works, wholesale and trade outlets, public utilities, petrol filling stations, builders providers, repair garages, civic amenity centres, agriculture outlets, distribution depots, heavy vehicle parks, workshops, tourism related development; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses. Uses that would prejudice the primacy of town centre or would undermine the
Industry	objectives of other land use zoning will not be permitted. Industry, Light Industry, Heavy Engineering Works, Warehousing (non-retail), Business & Technology Units, R&D Enterprises; along with uses considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses. Uses that would prejudice the primary industrial function of this zoning or would undermine the objectives of other zoning will not be permitted. These include residential and retail uses.
Recreation & Amenity	Outdoor sport and recreation, buildings associated with outdoor sport and recreation and ancillary uses, parks, open space, camp sites, agriculture, allotments; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses. Temporary markets and exhibitions may be permitted.
Community Service/Facilities	Schools and education, places of worship, community centres, health centres, leisure and recreation, retirement/nursing homes, libraries, cemeteries, open space, childcare facilities, public and civic facilities; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses.
Agriculture	Agriculture, renewable energy, open space, public utilities, outdoor, recreation, camp sites, allotments and cemeteries; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses. New houses will only be permitted in this zone to applicants with demonstrable economic or social need to live in these areas.
Rural Transition	Agriculture, renewable energy, open space, public utilities, outdoor, recreation, camp sites, allotments and cemeteries; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses. New houses will be considered in this zone on their individual merits.
Strategic	Future residential lands, not generally developable in the lifetime of the plan

Reserve

Tier I & II

for Strategic Residential Reserve Tiers I & II). Temporary uses and single houses will be considered on their individual merits, subject to the use not adversely impacting on the intended future use of these lands to accommodate future population/housing targets in subsequent plans. Single houses will be considered on a limited basis, where it is established that the lands in question are part of the overall family land holding, no other appropriately zoned lands are available within the plan boundary and a demonstrable economic or social need has been established (Objective RHO 1).

Infrastructure & **Utilities**

Public utilities infrastructure, public and civic facilities and public infrastructure, along with uses considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses.

Opportunity Site (Claremorris):

To provide for the production of electricity by renewable energy technologies, incorporating wood Biomass only. To provide for a mix of industries (with no production of wood chip or wood pellets on this site) or research and development facilities where it is established that there is a need to locate such uses, within, adjacent or in close proximity to the primary user of the site (i.e. for the production of electricity from renewable energy technologies, incorporating wood Biomass only) or where it is established that there is insufficient appropriately zoned lands to facilitate such uses.

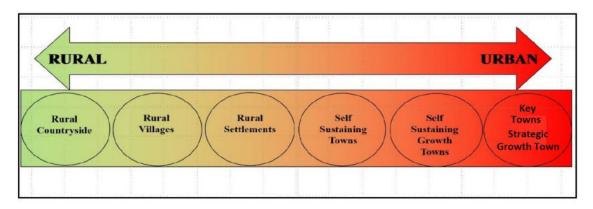
Opportunity Sites

To provide for residential and appropriate mixed use, community, nursing homes, amenity and other uses generally considered acceptable by reason of location and context.

Existing Residential Permitted in principle uses include residential, sheltered Housing, b&b/guest house, community facility/centre, home based economic activities and utilities. Open to Consideration uses include but not limited to bring banks, convenience outlet, childcare facility, halting site, sheltered housing, healthcare practitioner, leisure/recreation/sports facilities, bar, retirement home/residential institution/retirement village, and veterinary surgery.

CE Recommendation to OPR Recommendation 2a & NWRA Observation 1: Terminology.

Synergy Between Rural and Urban through Settlement Hierarchy (Figure 2.2)



CE Recommendation to OPR Recommendation 13a: County Retail Hierarchy Table (Table 2.6)

Tiers	Town	RPGs Retail Hierarchy Tiers
Tier I(a) – Key Towns	Ballina and Castlebar	Regional (Tier 2)
Tier I(b) – Strategic Growth Centre	Westport	Sub-Regional/District Centre (Tier 3)
Tier II – Self-Sustaining Growth Centres	Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Belmullet, Claremorris and Swinford	Small Towns and Rural Areas (Tier 4)
Tier III – Self-Sustaining Growth Centres	Balla, Charlestown Crossmolina, Foxford, Knock, Killala, Kiltimagh, Louisburgh and Newport.	Small Towns and Rural Areas (Tier 4)
Tier IV – Rural Settlements	18 no. Rural Settlements	Local Shopping (Tier 5)
Tier V – Rural Villages	37 no. Rural Villages	Local Shopping (Tier 5)

CE Recommendation to OPR Recommendation 14a: Tier I (Table 6.2) and Tier II (Table 6.3) Towns & National Mode of Travel

Table 6.2

Mode of Travel	Castlebar	Ballina	Westport	Tier 1 (a & b) Combined Average	Mayo CSO 2016*	National CSO 2016
Car Driver	59.35%	53.80%	50.56%	54.57%	43%	61.40%
Car Passenger	17.91%	18.43%	19.26%	18.53%	22.43%	4.10%
Bus	3.77%	4.10%	7.85%	5.24%	8.42%	5.90%
Train	0.08%	0%	0.65%	0.24%	0.27%	3.40%
Walk	11.58%	13.18%	13.86%	12.87%	9.63%	9.30%
Bicycle	0.73%	1.03%	1.21%	0.99%	0.81%	3.00%
Motorbike/Scooter	0.14%	0.14%	0.16%	0.15%	0.11%	0.40%
Other (incl. lorry/van)	4.56%	6.61%	5.82%	5.66%	0.52%	7.30%
Not Stated	2.42%	3.20%	2.19%	2.42%	3.92%	5.00%

^{*} Modal share data for Mayo are based on the CSO 2016 figures for Population aged 5 years and over by means of travel to work, school or college.

Table 6.3

Mode of Travel	Ballinrobe	Ballyhaunis	Béal an Mhuirthead (Belmullet)	Claremorris	Swinford	Tier 2 Combined Average	Mayo CSO 2016*	National CSO 2016
Car Driver	35.88%	40.88%	79.14%	47.29%	49.94%	50.63%	43%	61.40%
Car Pas- senger	26.38%	23.04%	23.52%	22.13%	23.79%	23.77%	22.43%	4.10%
Bus	11.57%	9.33%	0.59%	9.33%	8.47%	7.86%	8.42%	5.90%
Train	0.34%	0.42%	0.00%	0.16%	0.06%	0.18%	0.27%	3.40%
Walk	12.79%	15.71%	10.95%	12.07%	8.53%	12.01%	9.63%	9.30%
Bicycle	0.81%	0.64%	0.44%	0.93%	0.35%	0.63%	0.81%	3.00%
Motorbike/ Scooter	0.15%	0.17%	0.00%	0.16%	0.06%	0.11%	0.11%	0.40%
Other (incl. lorry/van)	2.96%	1.57%	1.77%	1.53%	1.64%	1.89%	0.52%	7.30%

Not Stated	2.22%	3.83%	3.84%	1.05%	3.10%	2.81%	3.92%	5.00%

^{*} Modal share data for County Mayo are based on the CSO 2016 figures for Population aged 5 years and over by means of travel to work, school or college.

CE's Recommendation for OPR Observation 6: Access Visibility Requirements (Table 4)

Access Visibility Requirements									
Road Type	Speed Limit (Kph)	Minimum Maximum X distance (Metres)	Minimum Maximum Y distance (Metres)	Minimum Maximum Z distance (Metres)					
Urban Roads	30	2.4	25 23	25 23					
	50	2.4	50 45	50 45					
	60	2.4	65 59	65 59					

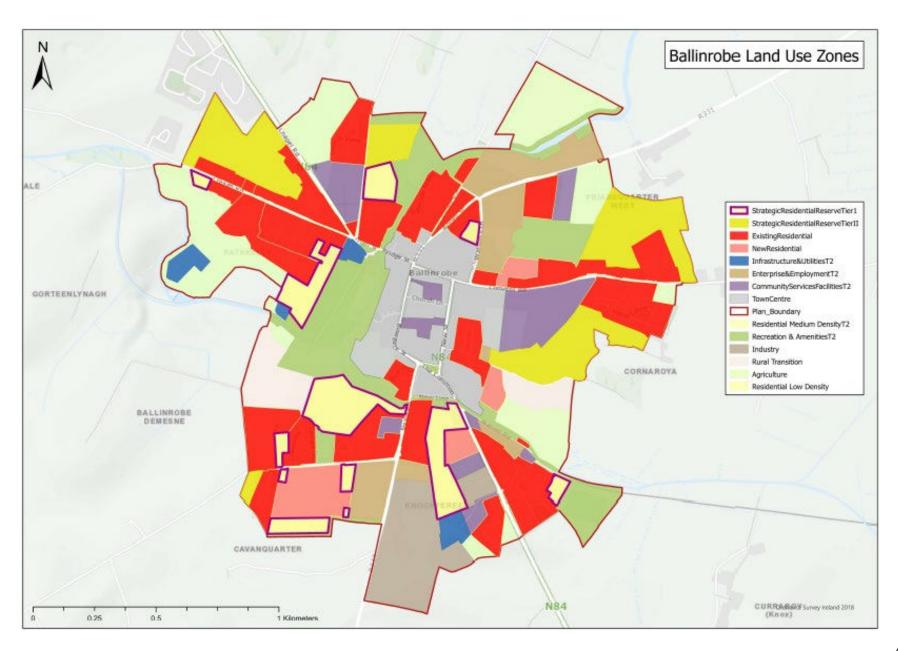
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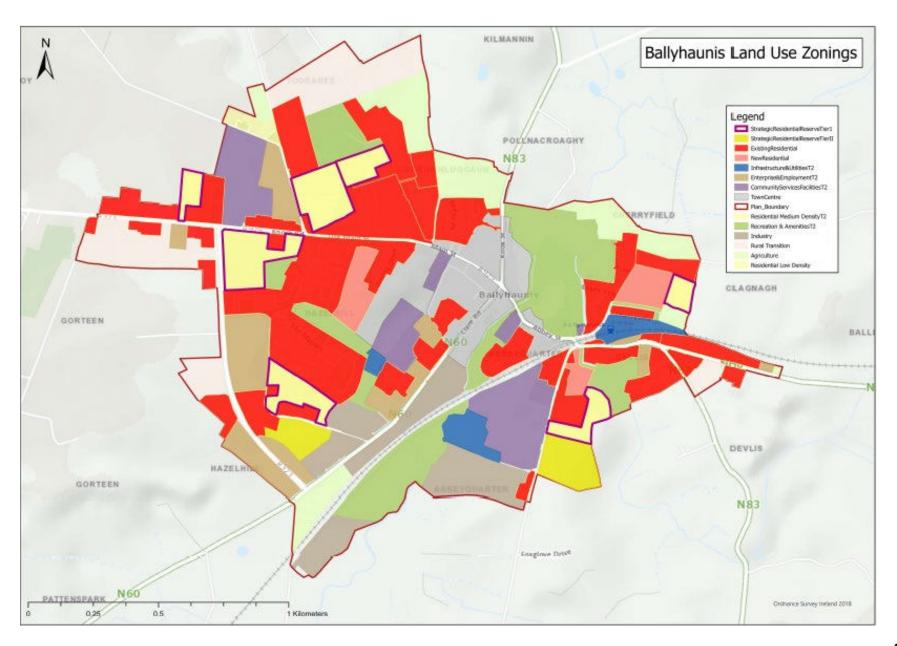
Maximum Minimum Residential Density Requirements		
Location	Density	Dwelling Units
		Ha (Acre)
Town Centre / Immediately	Medium to	35 (14)
adjacent to Town Centre	High	
Inner Urban Suburbs, outside of	Low to	20 (8)
Town Centre	Medium	
Urban Periphery, Rural Settlements	Low	1. (2)

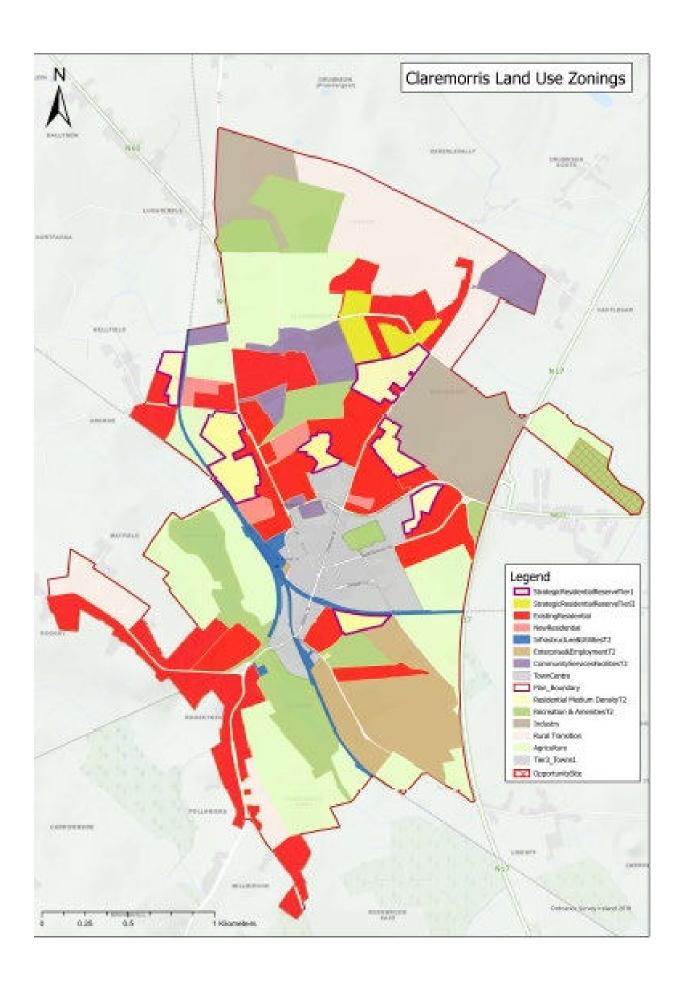
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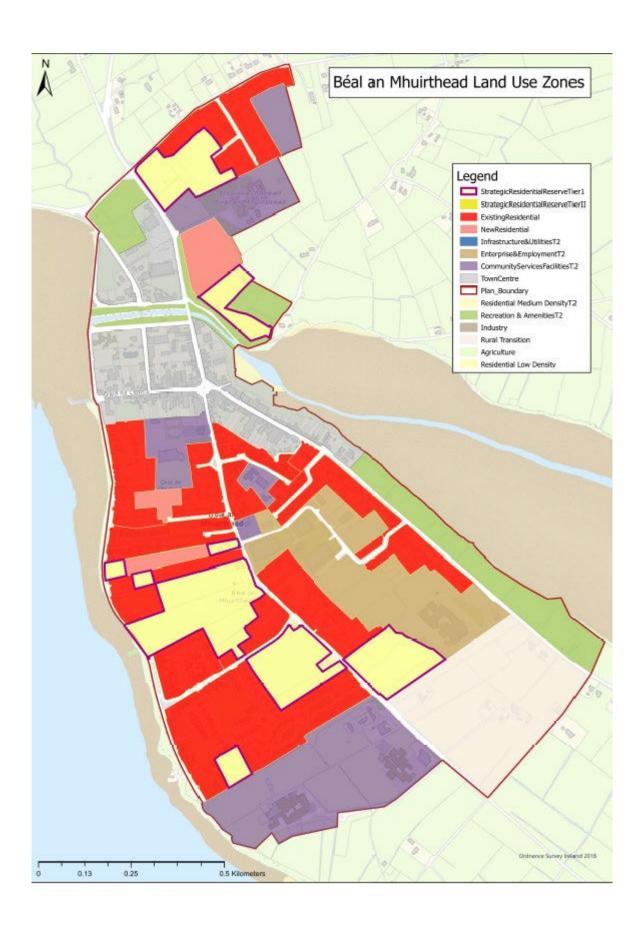
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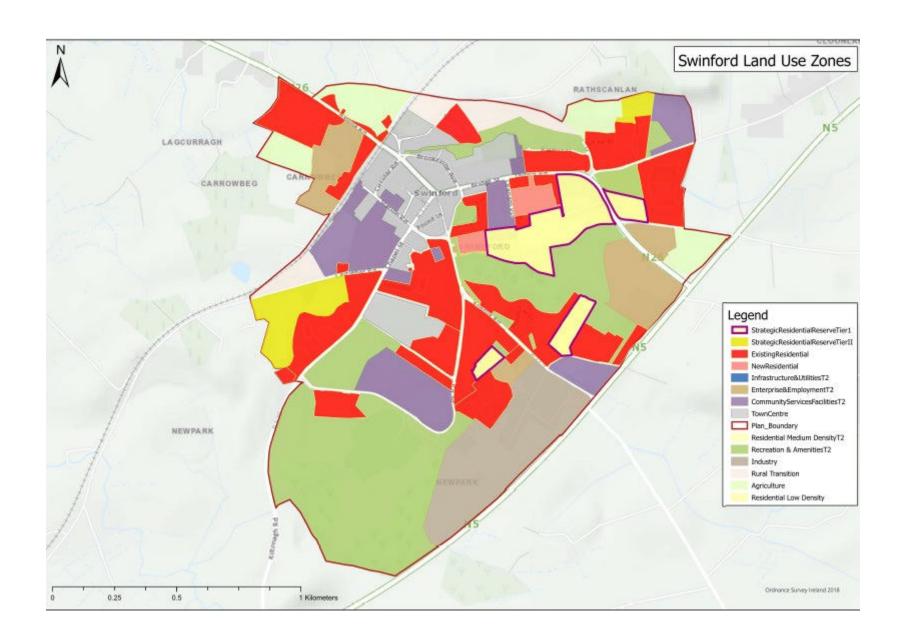
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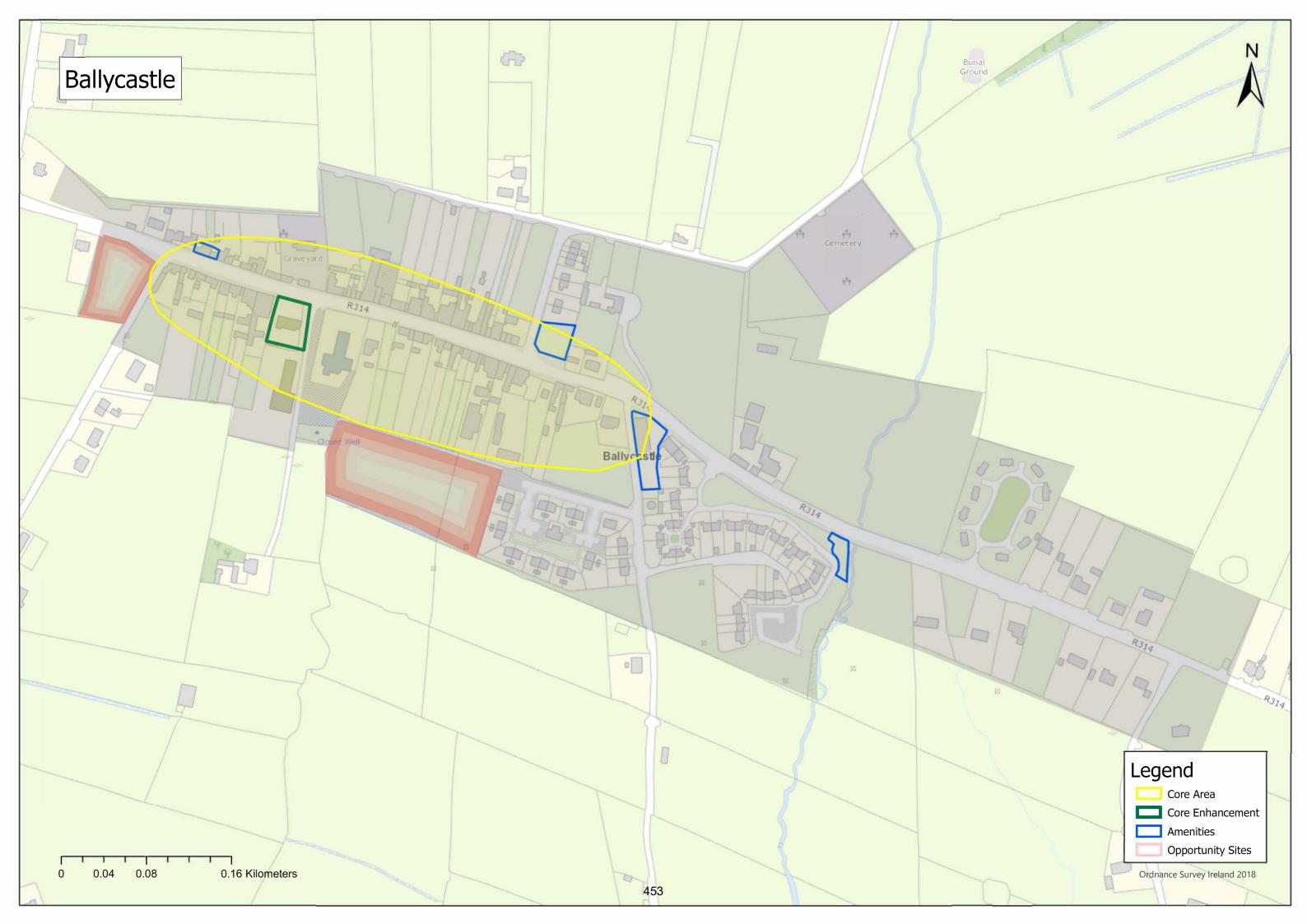




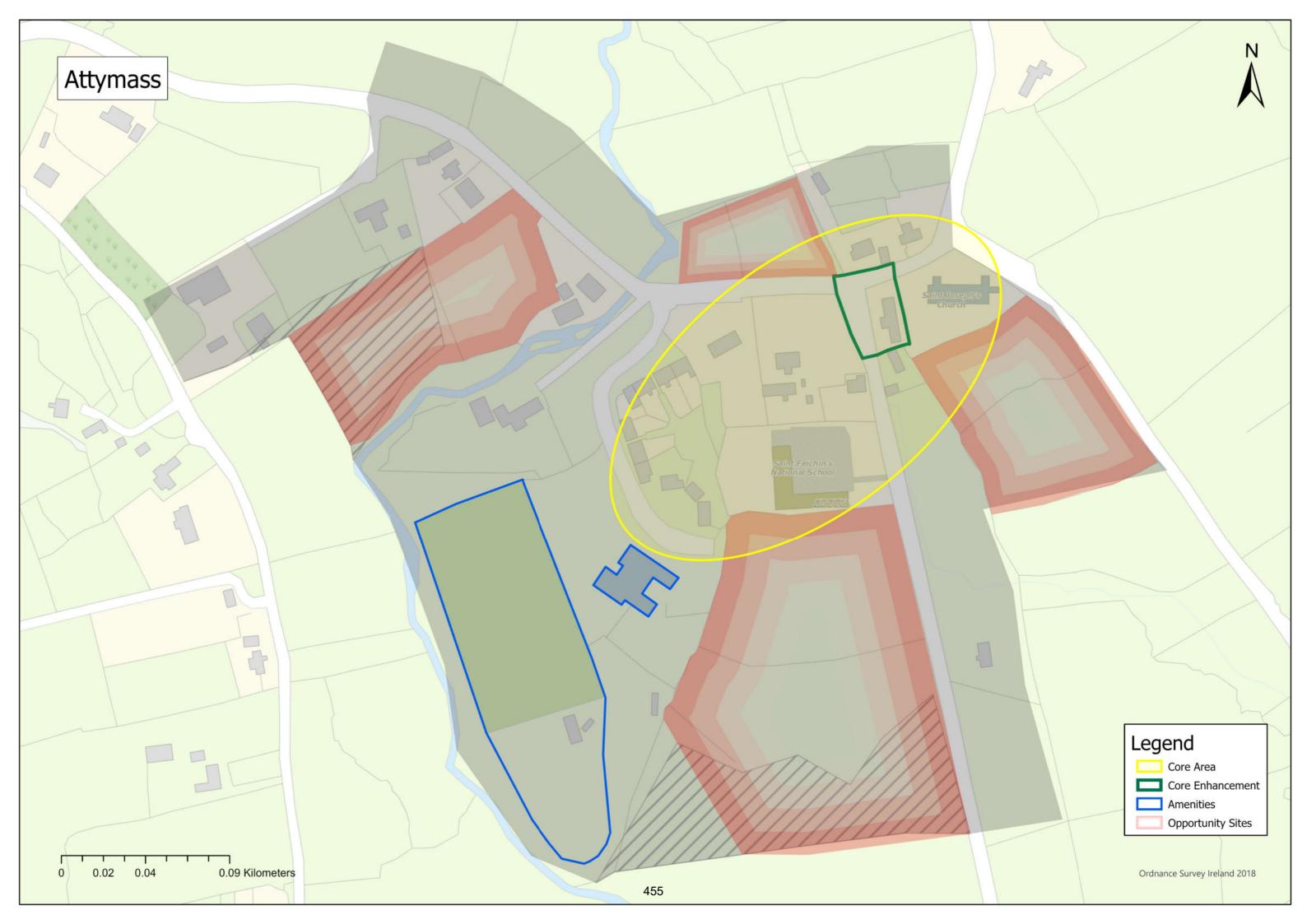


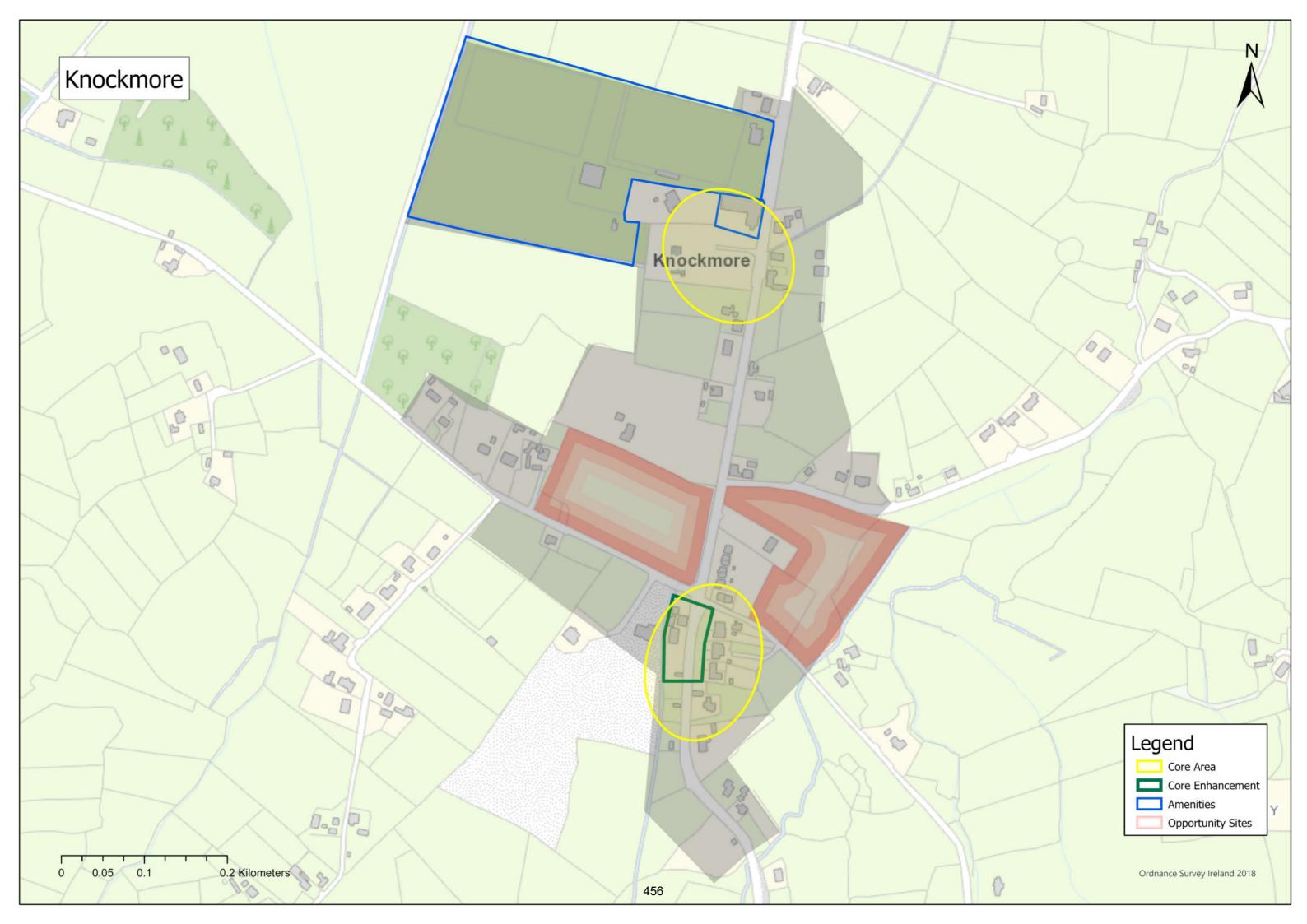
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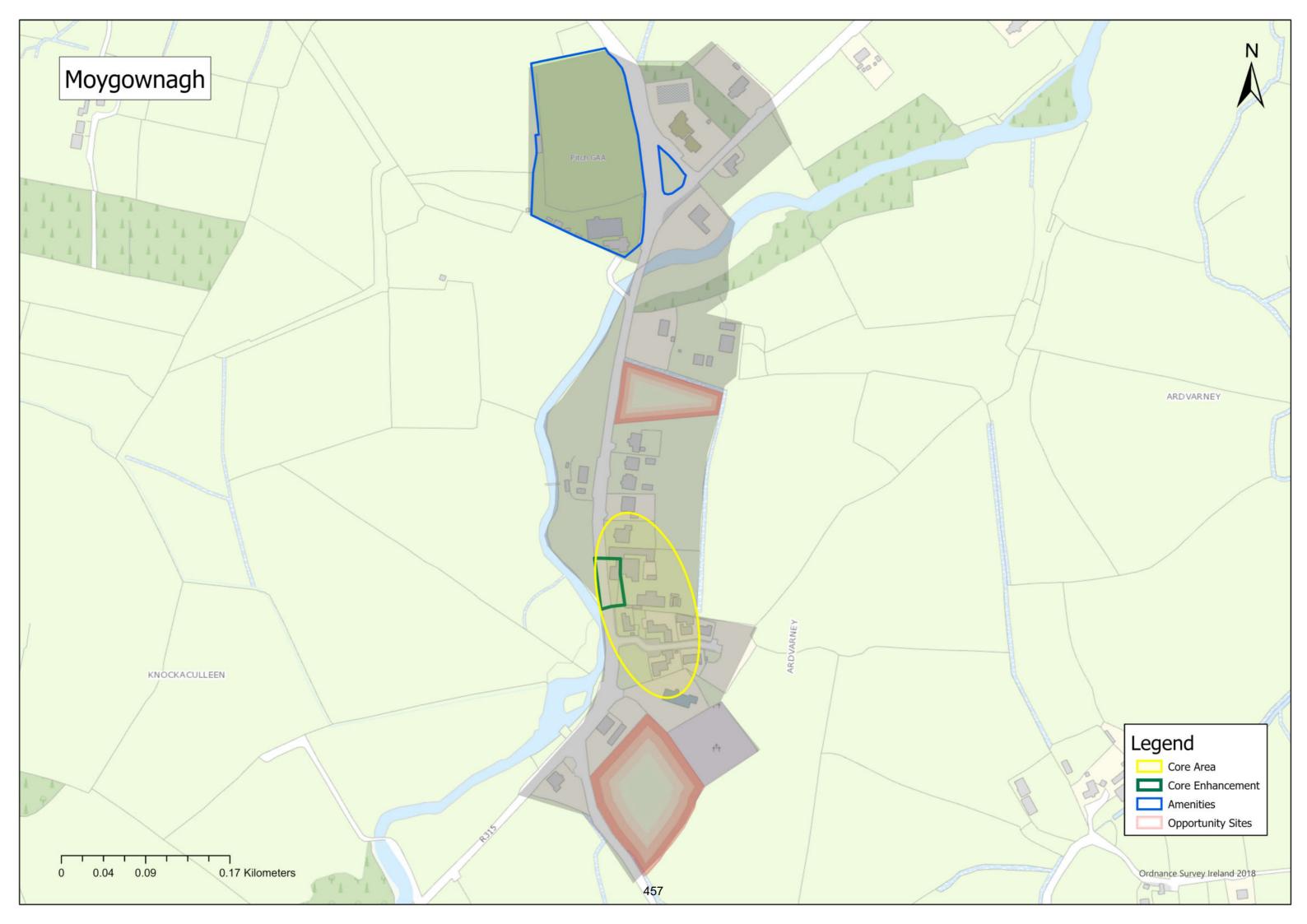
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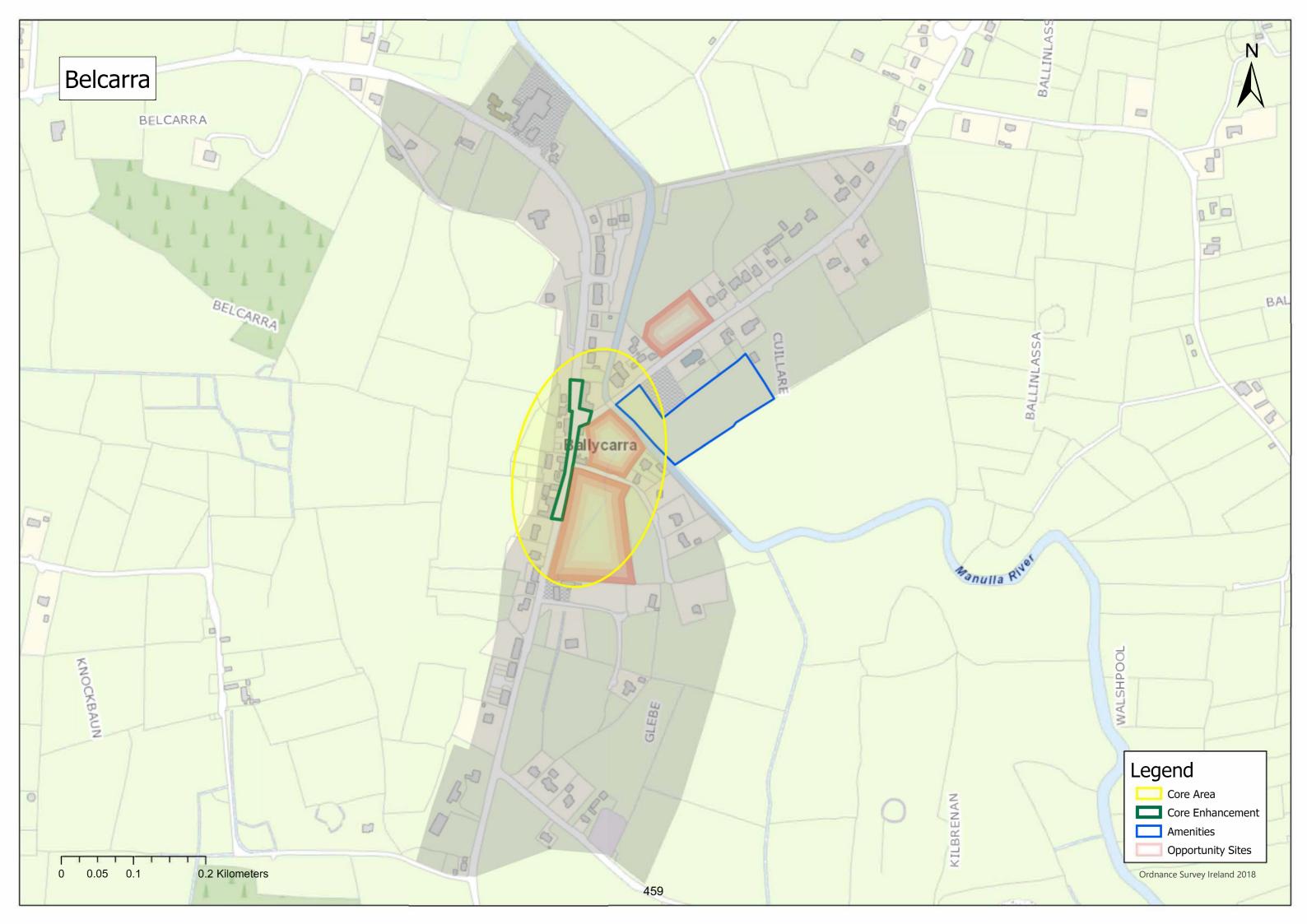


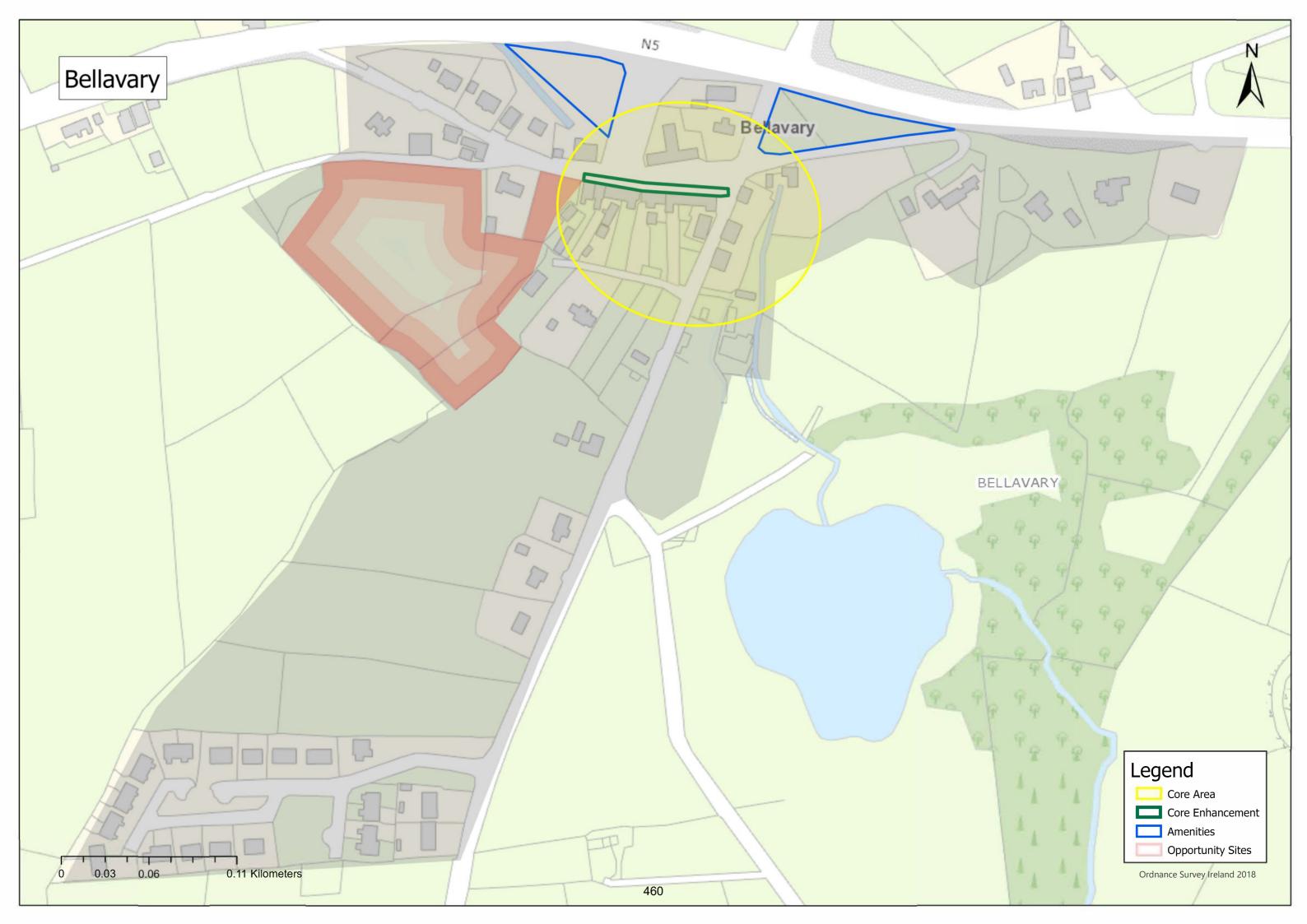






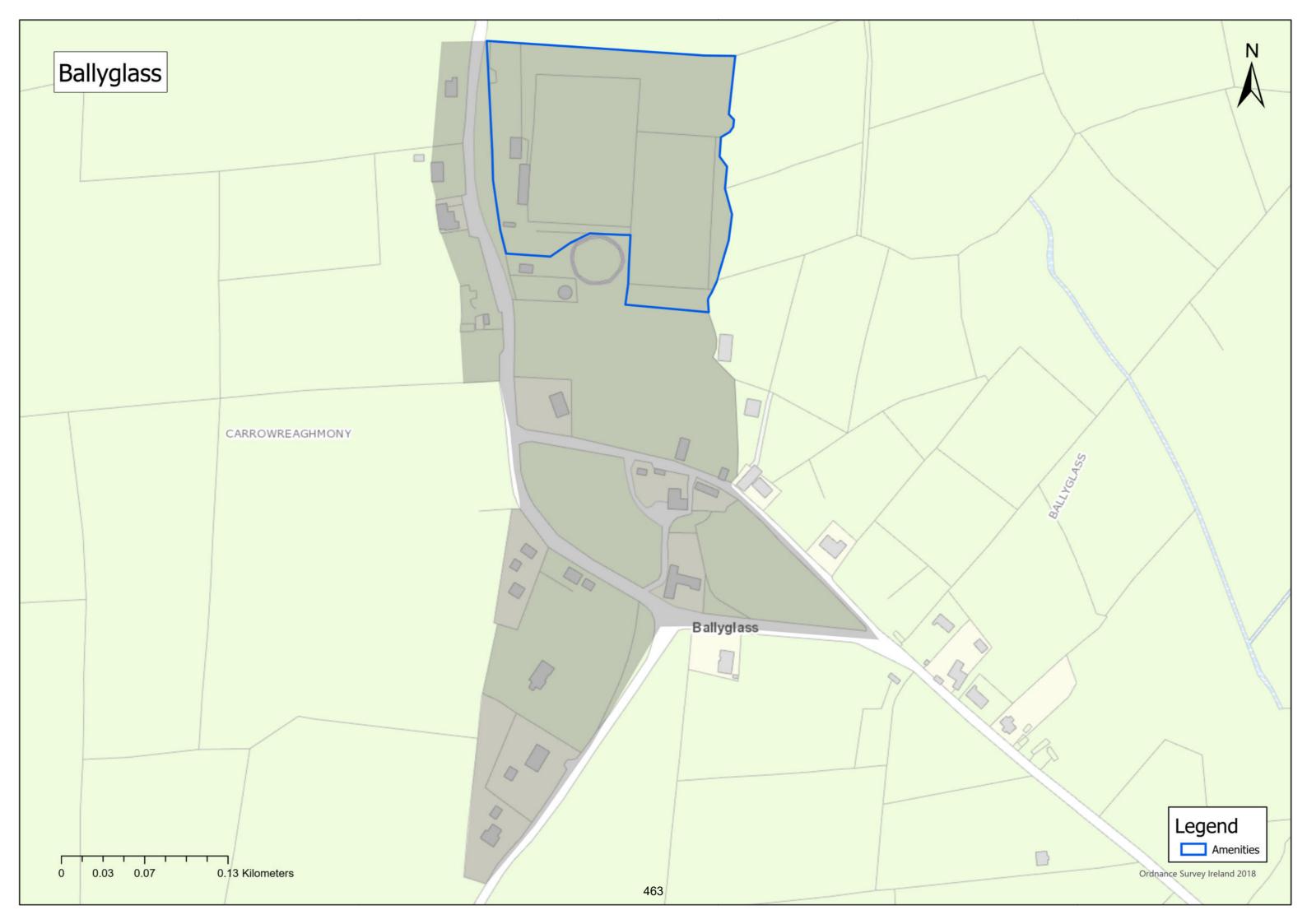
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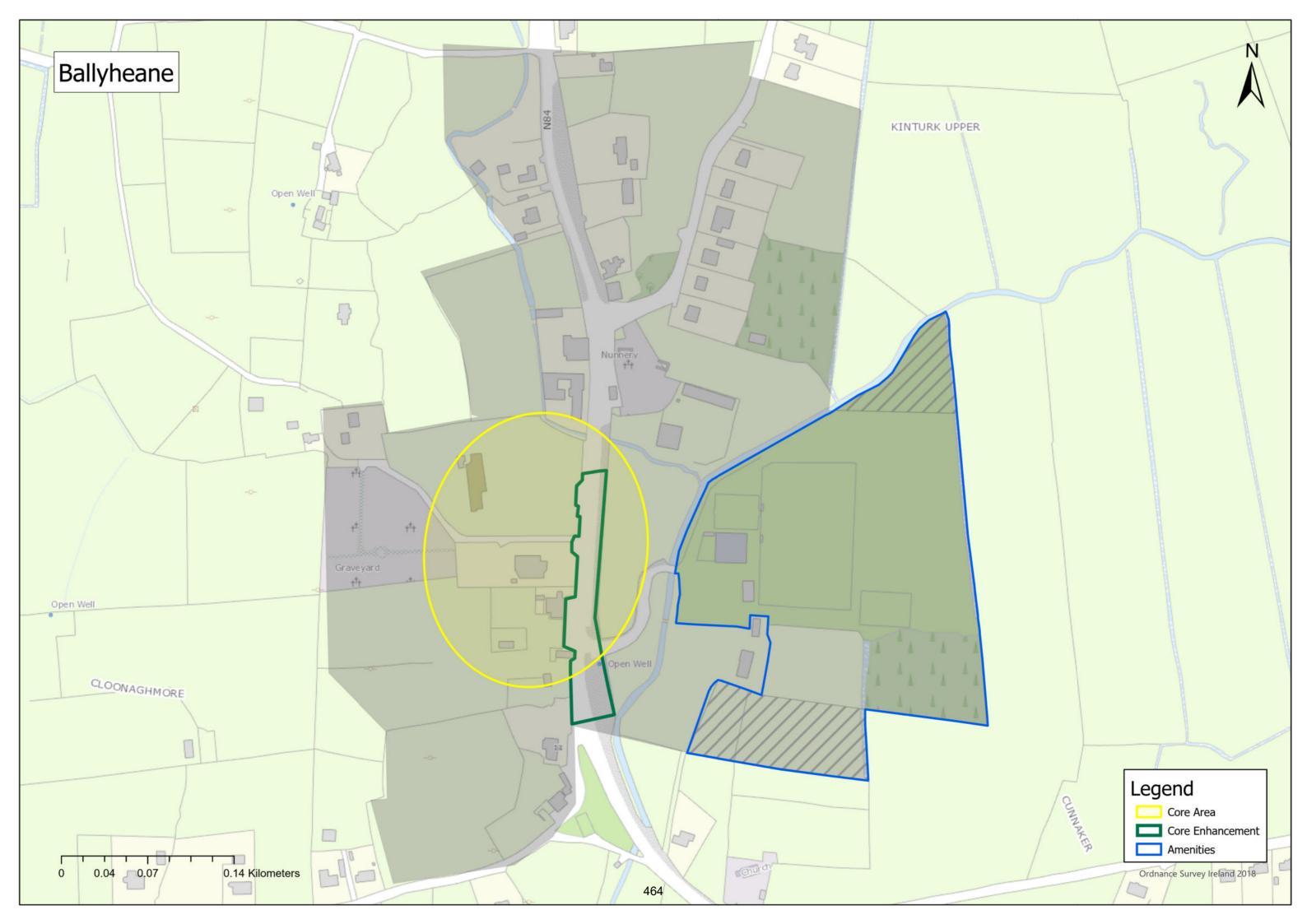


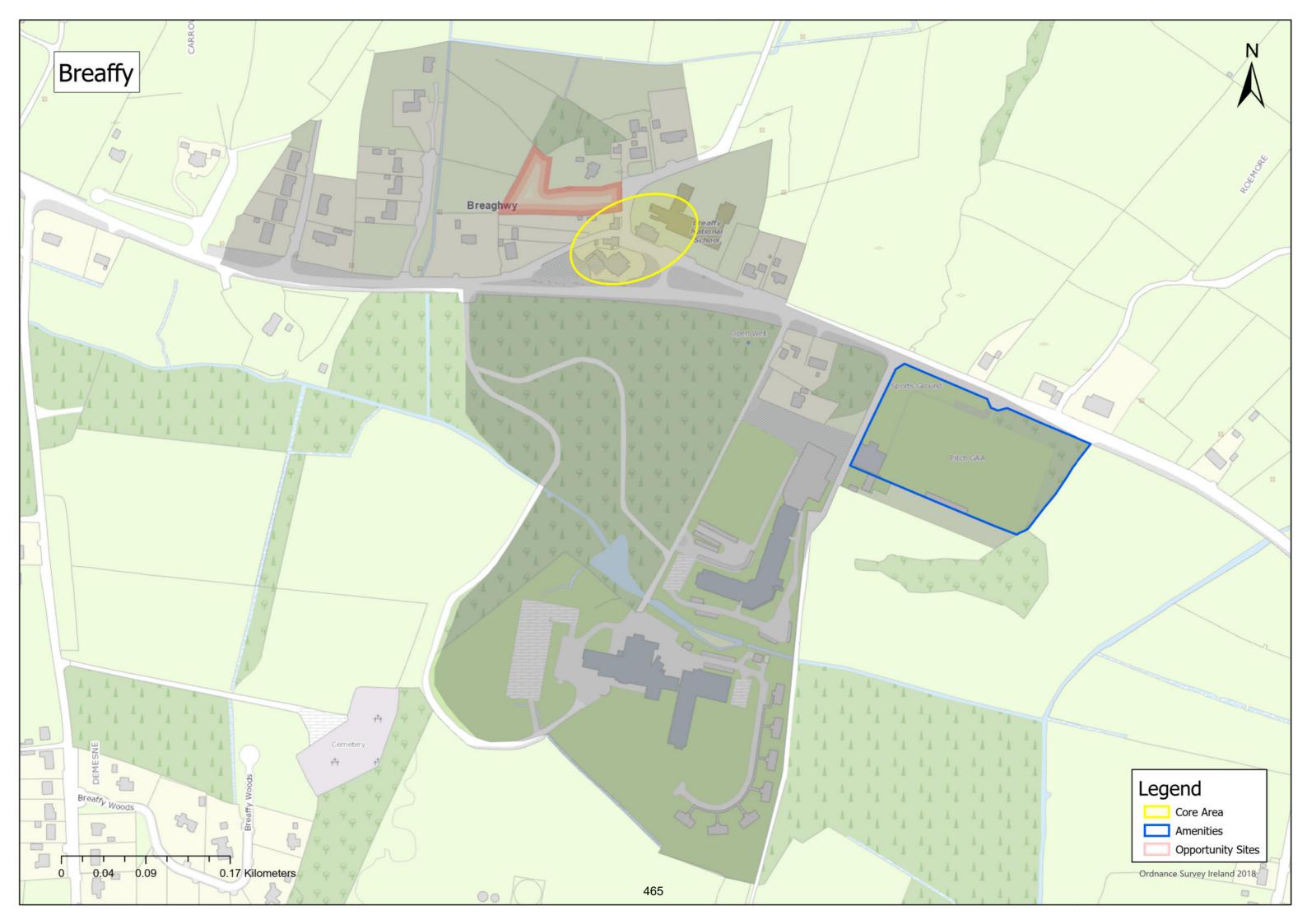


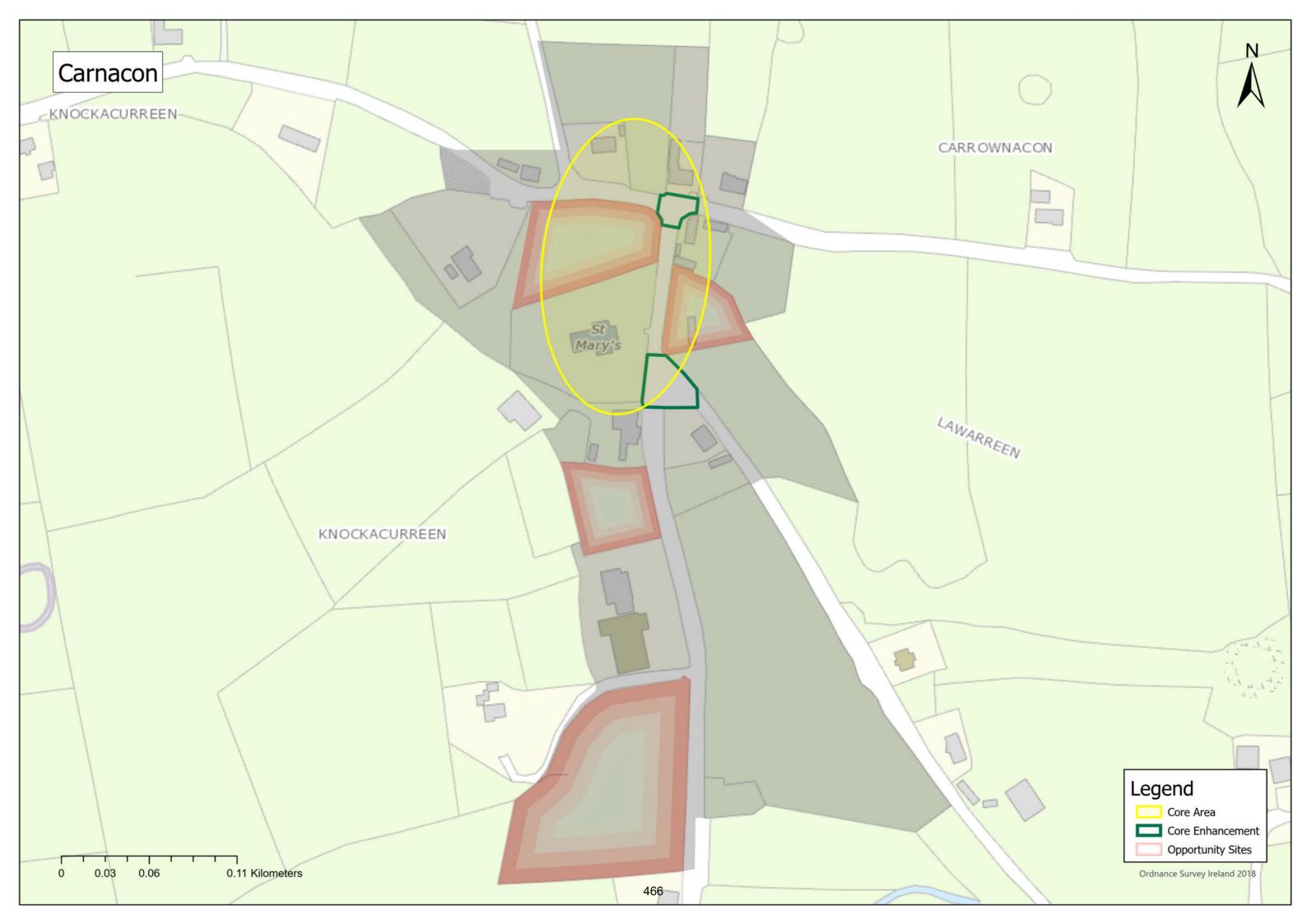




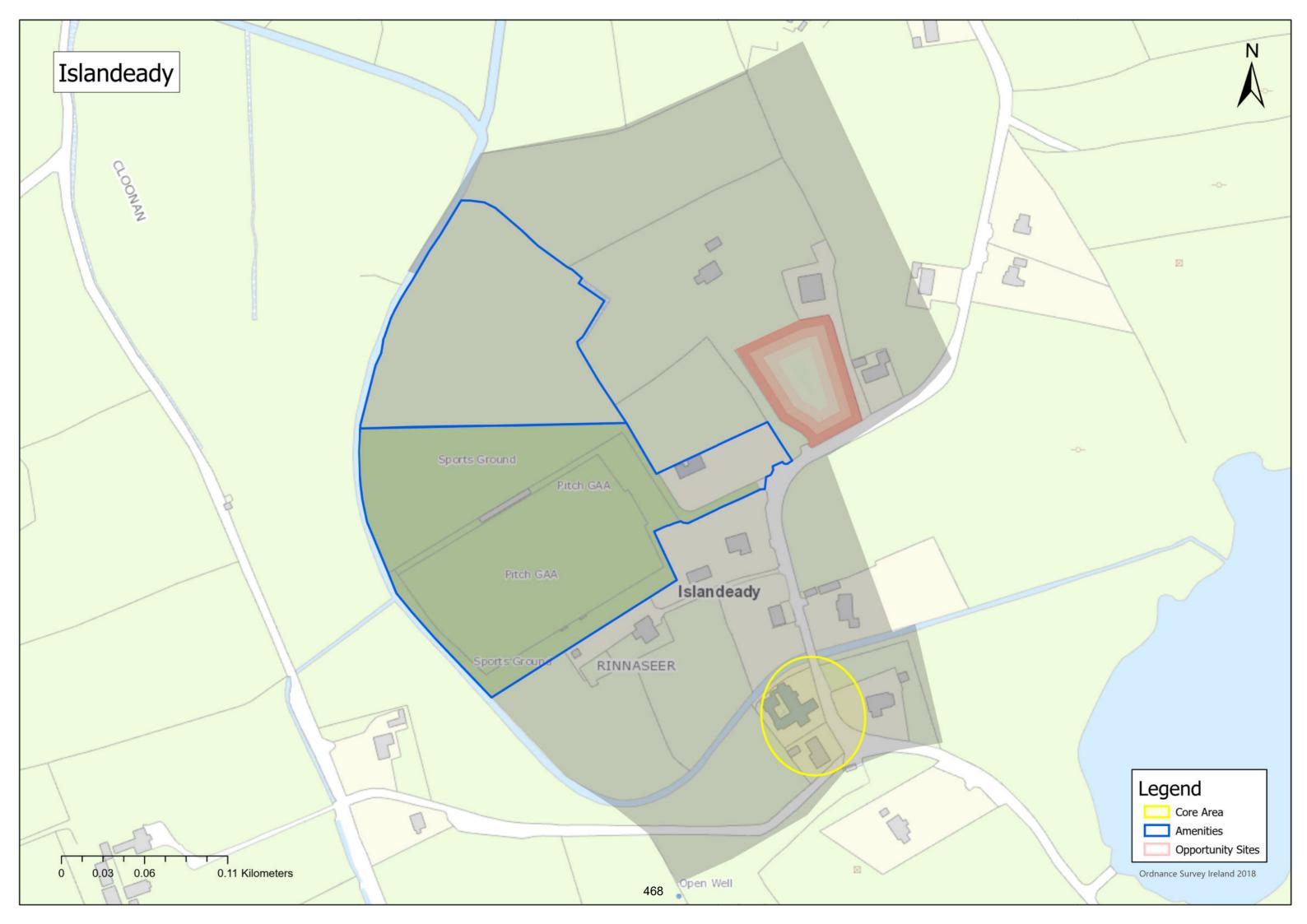


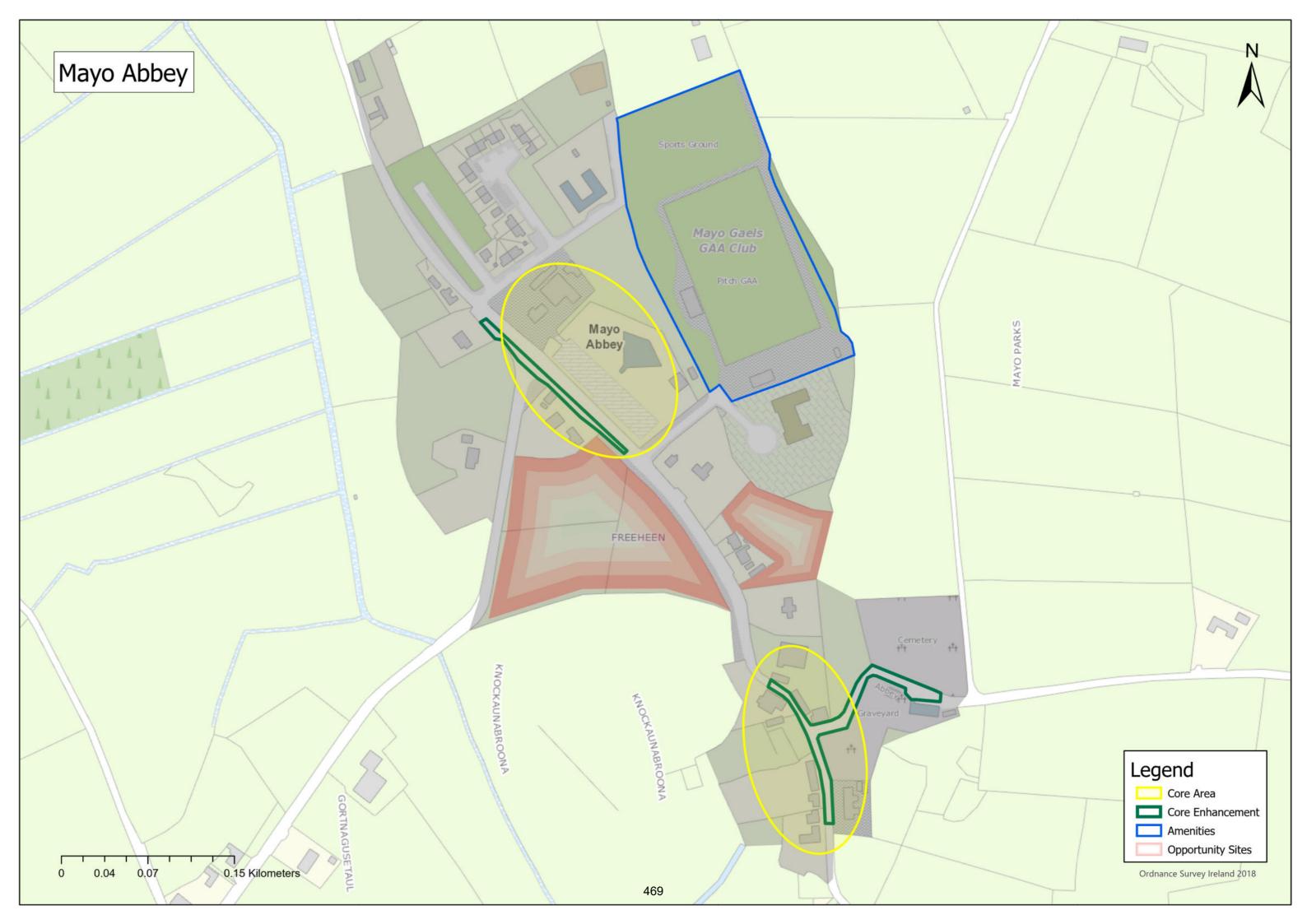


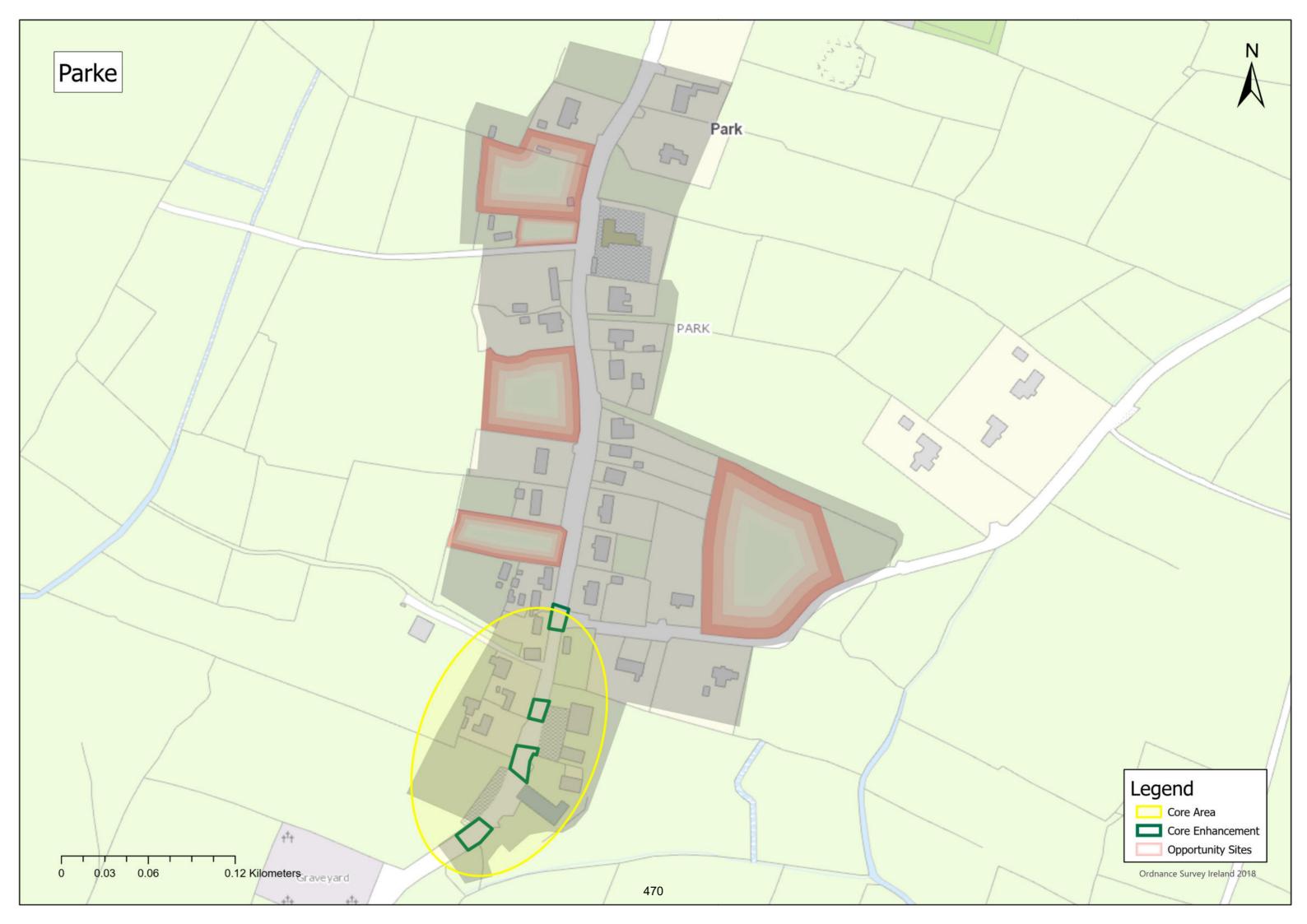


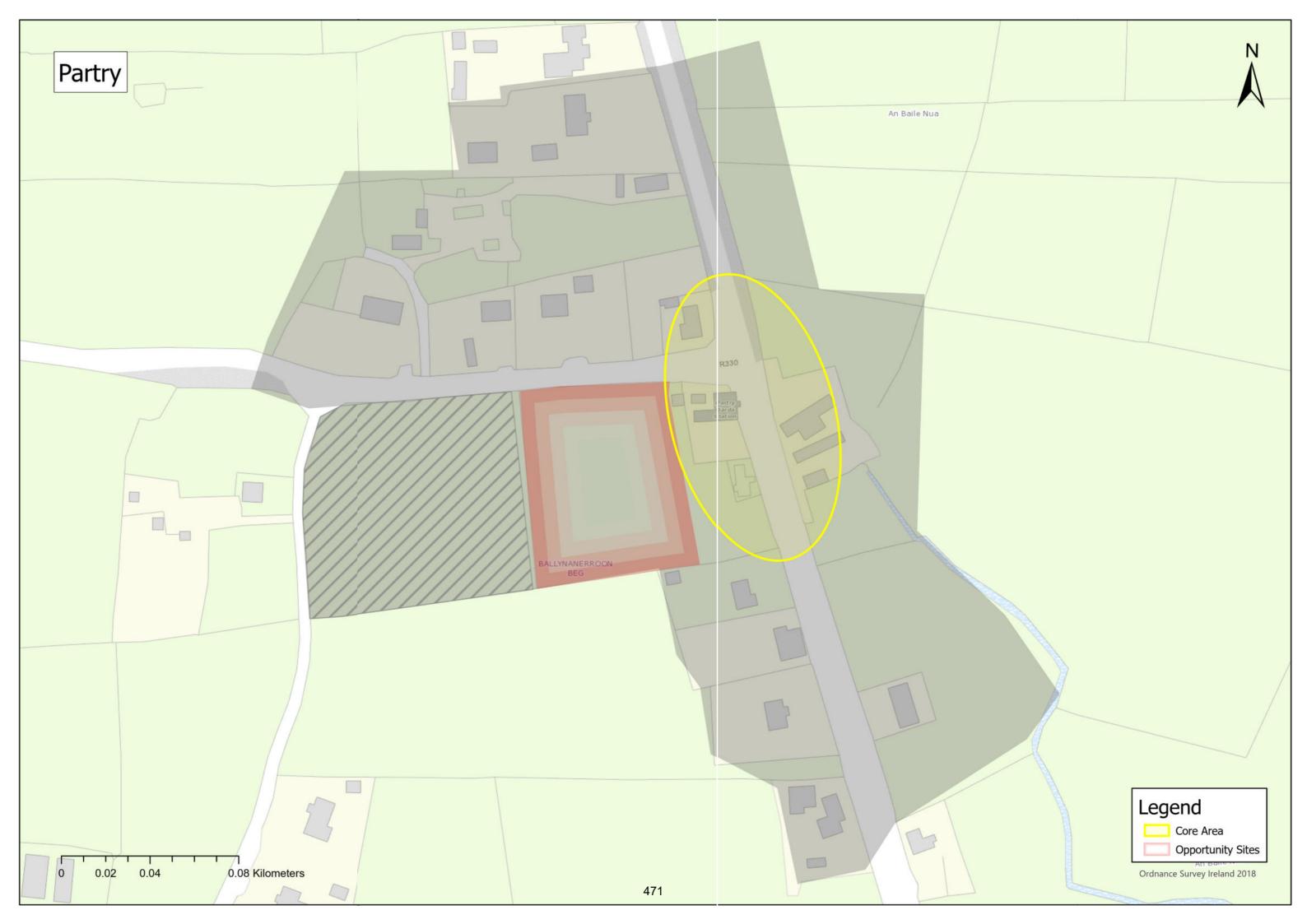


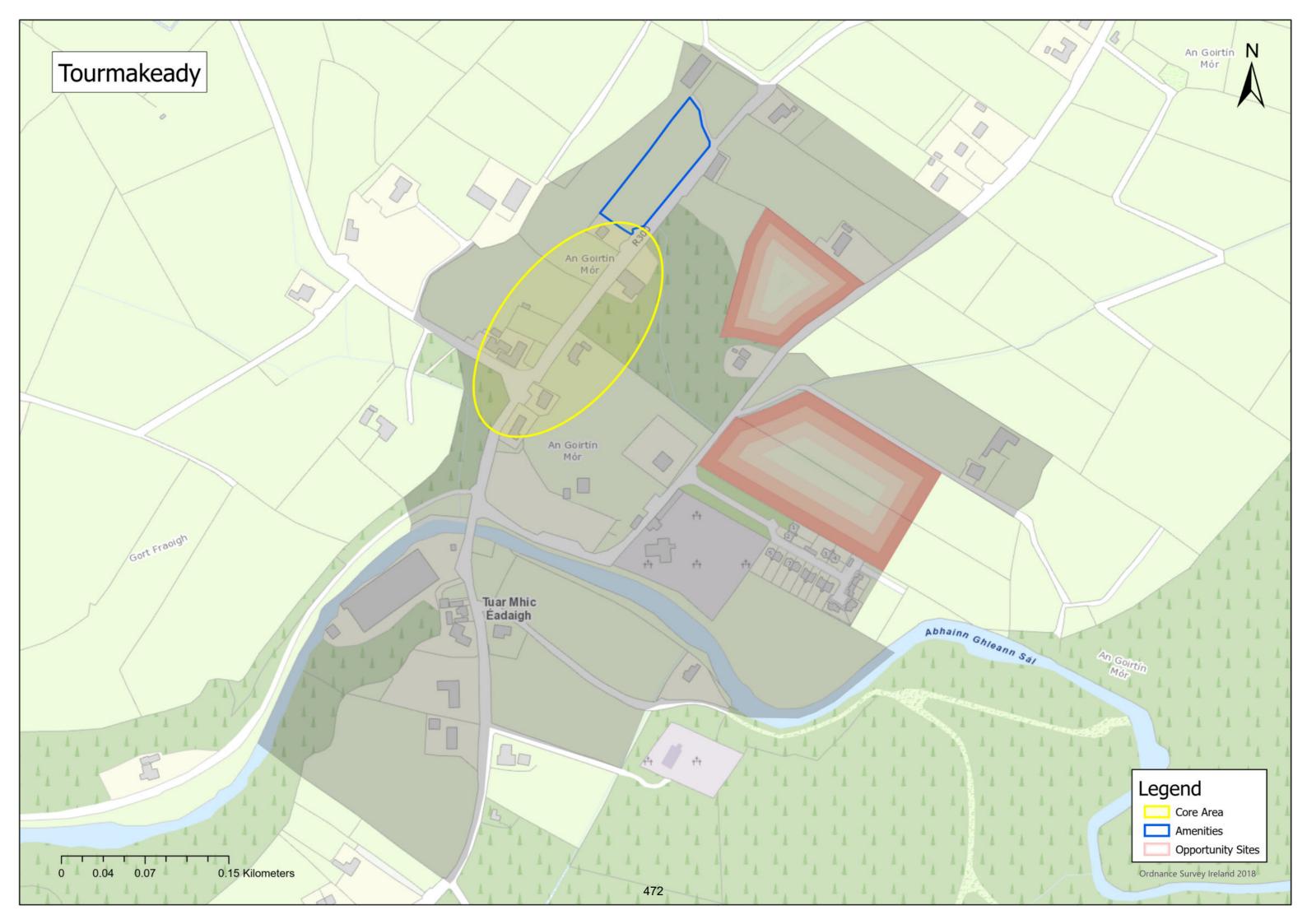




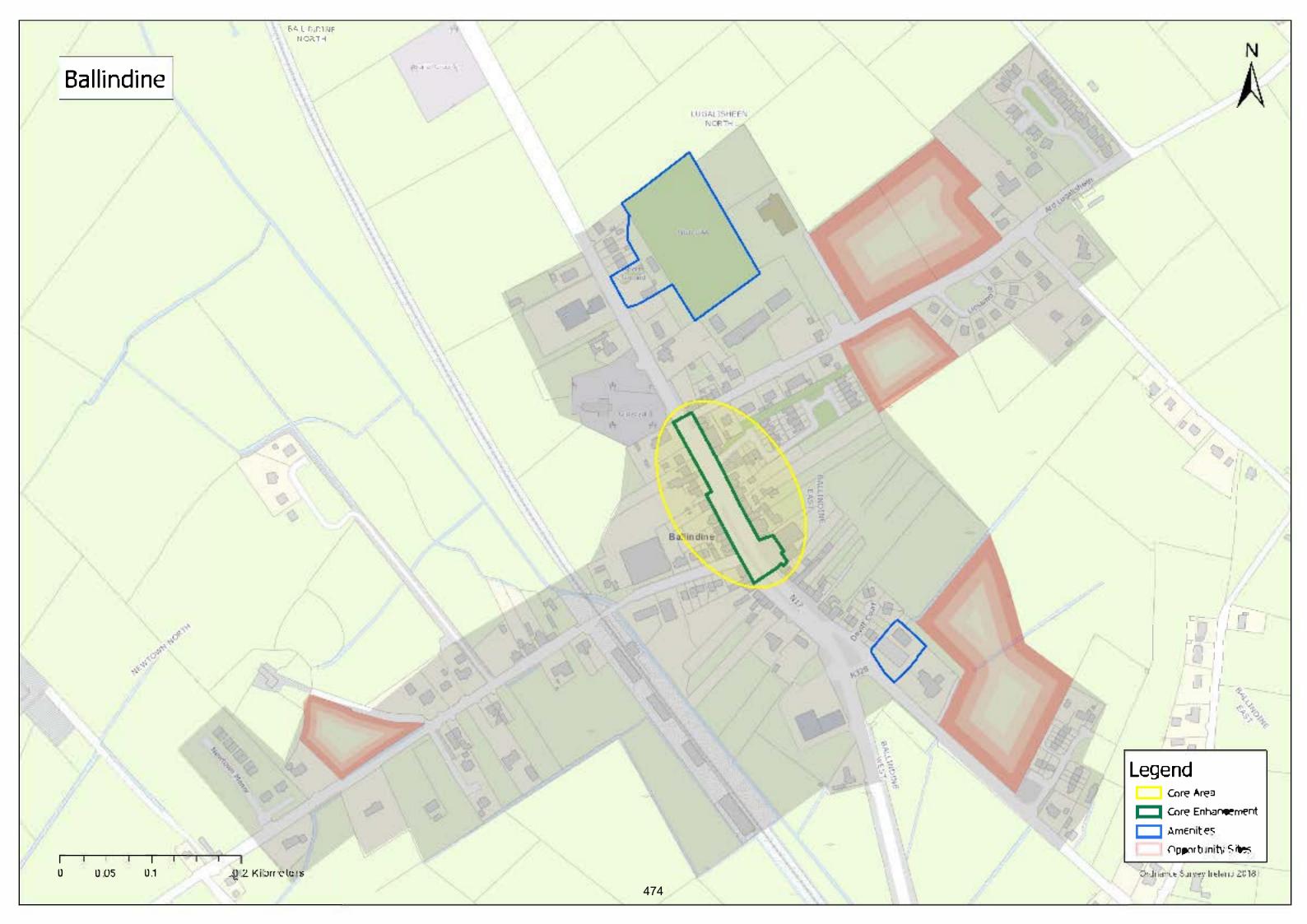


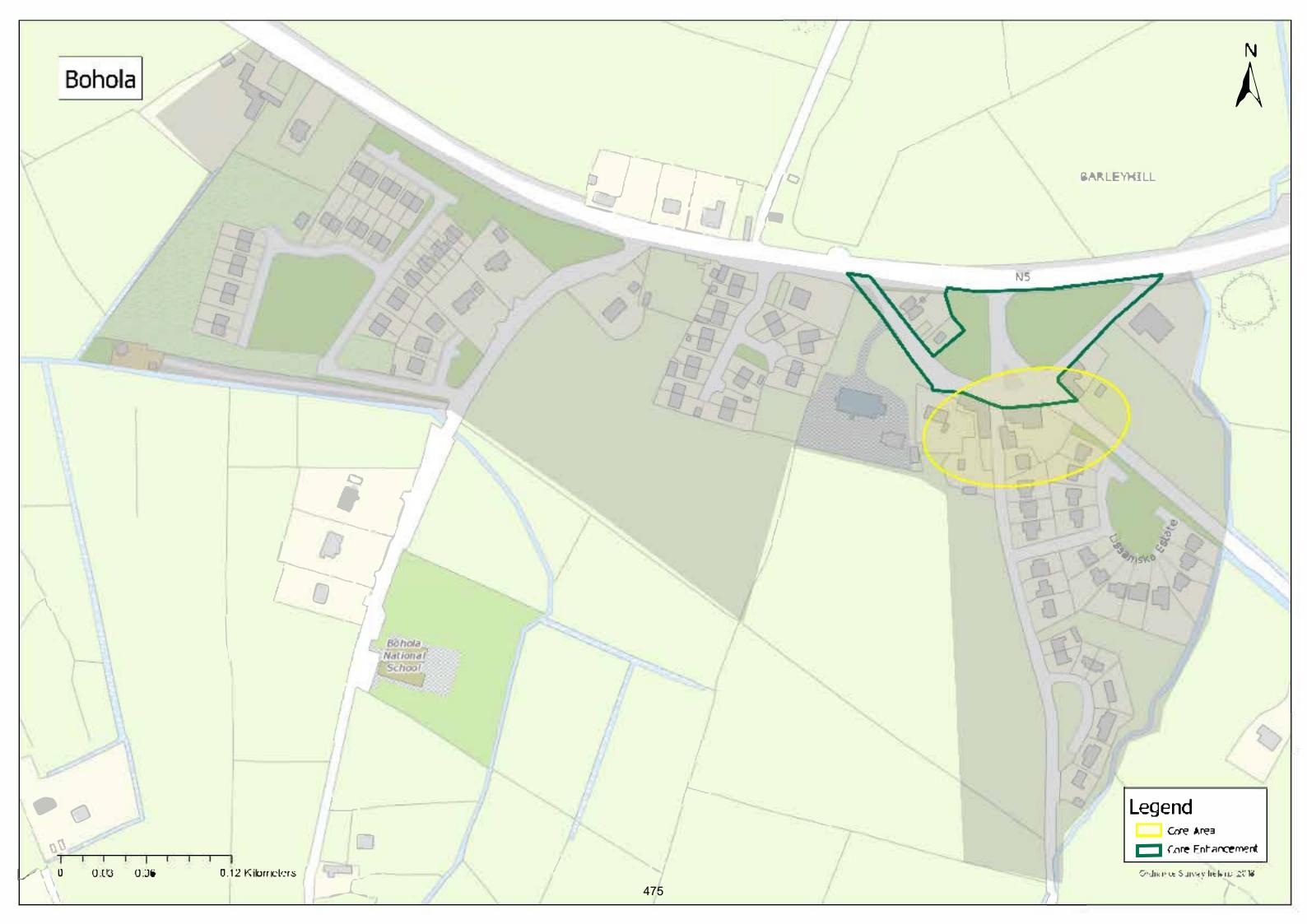


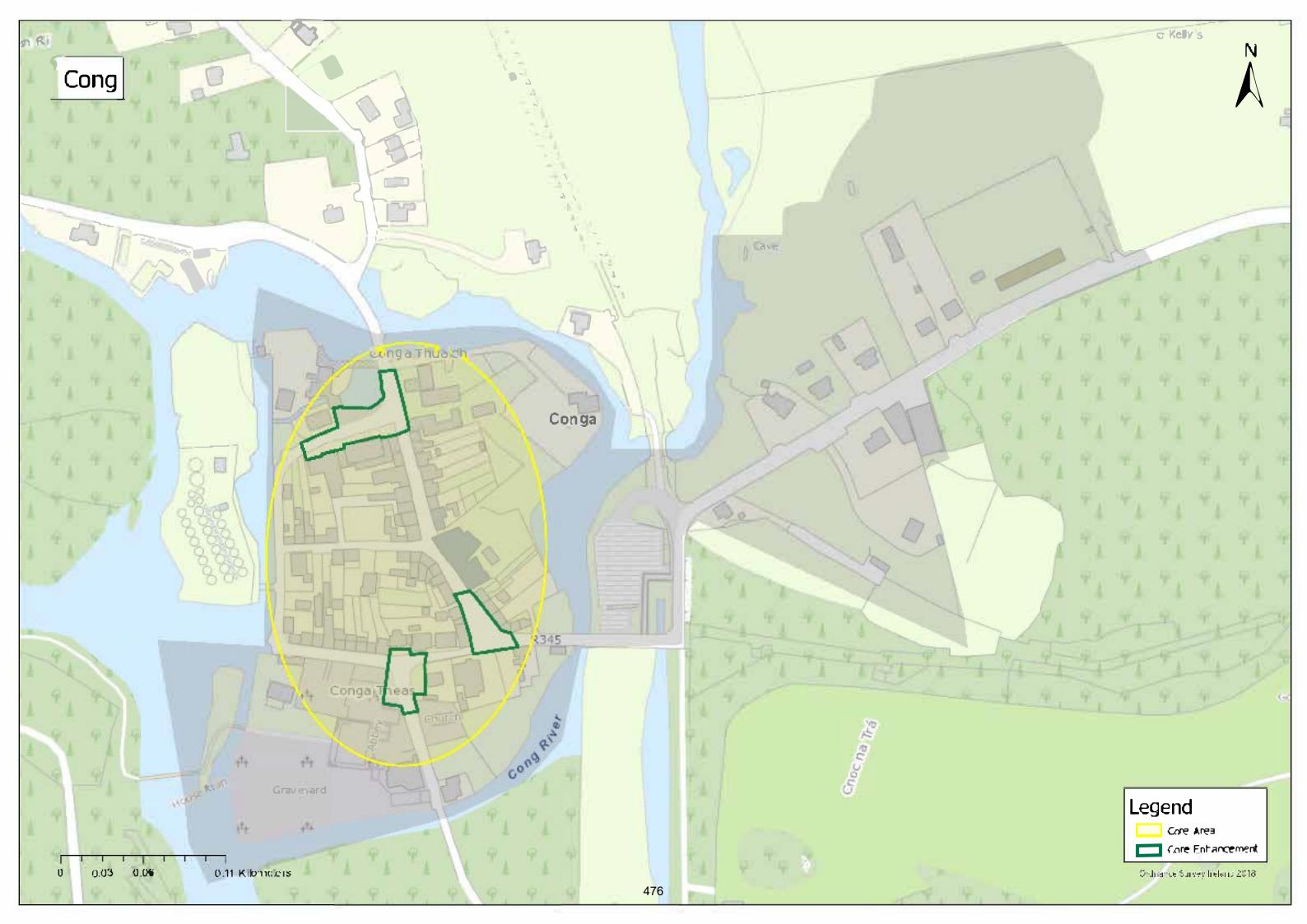




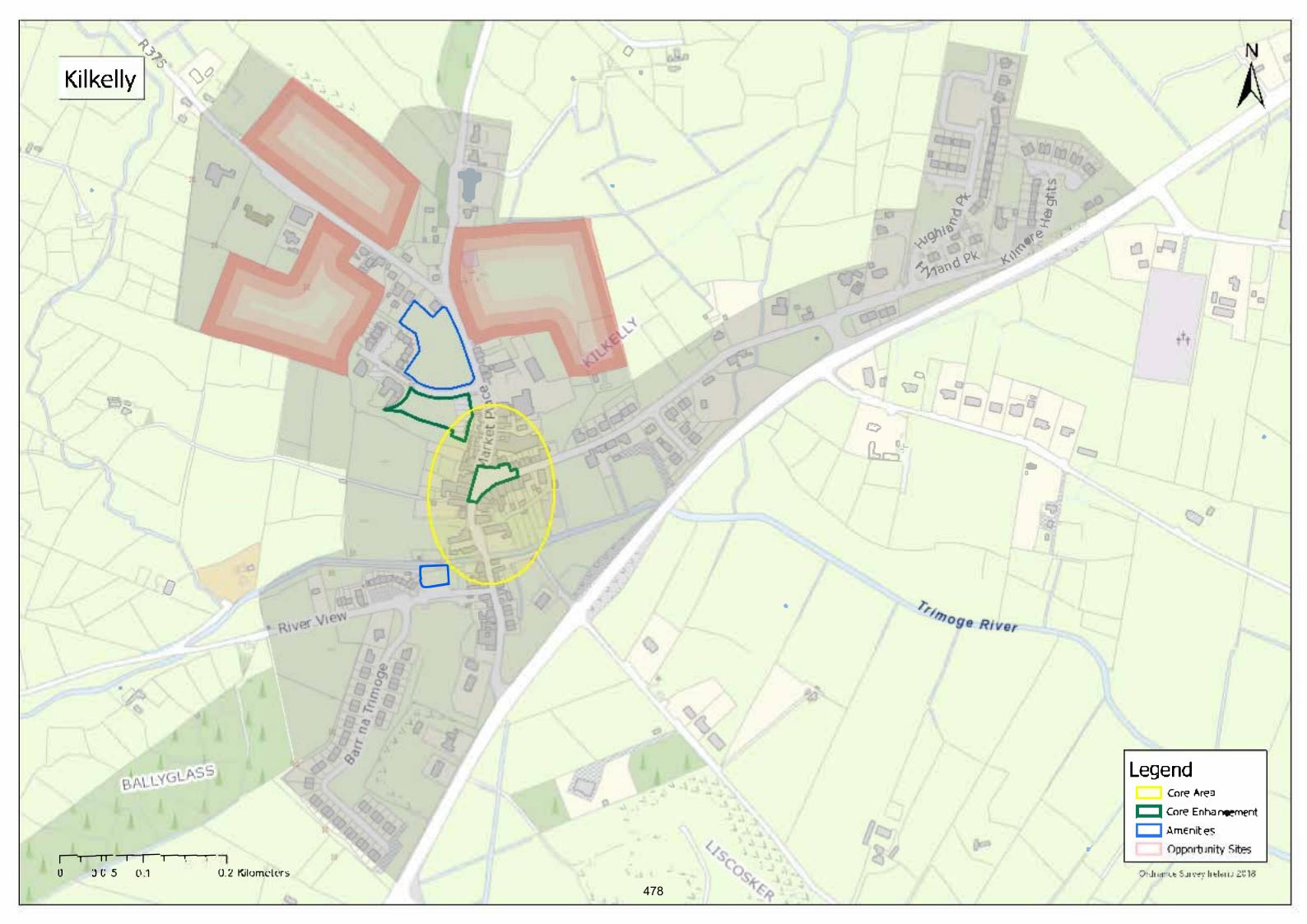
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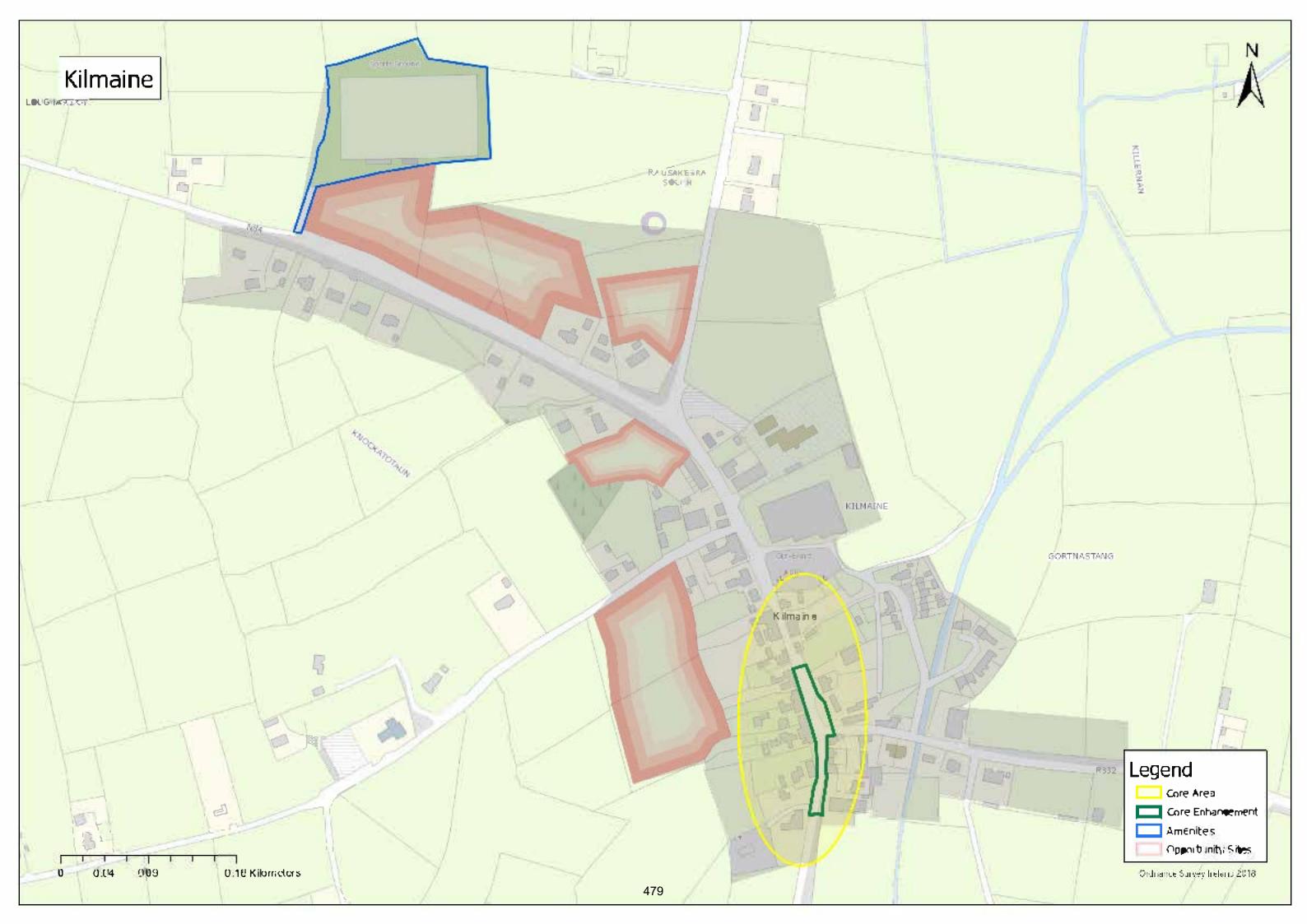


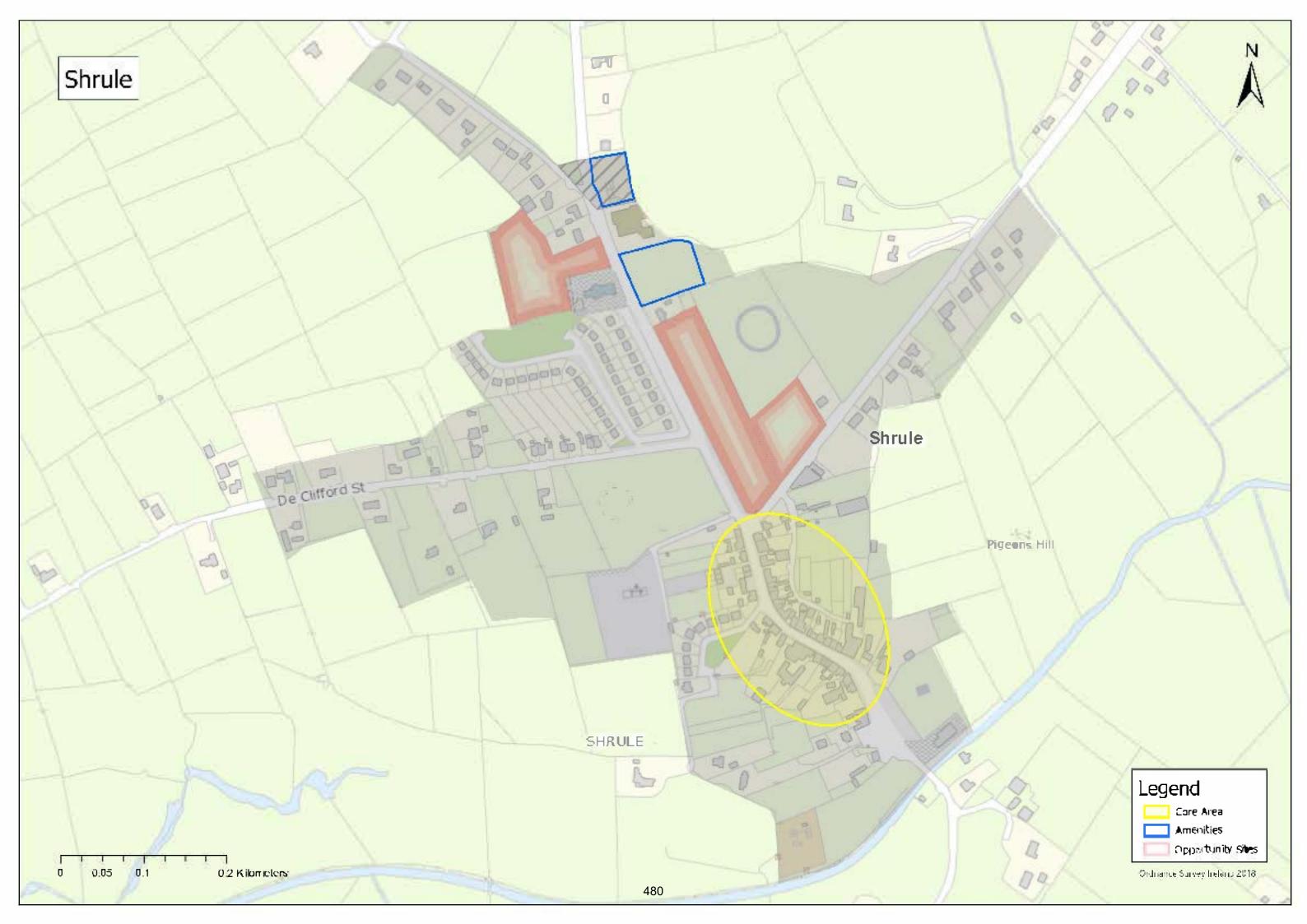


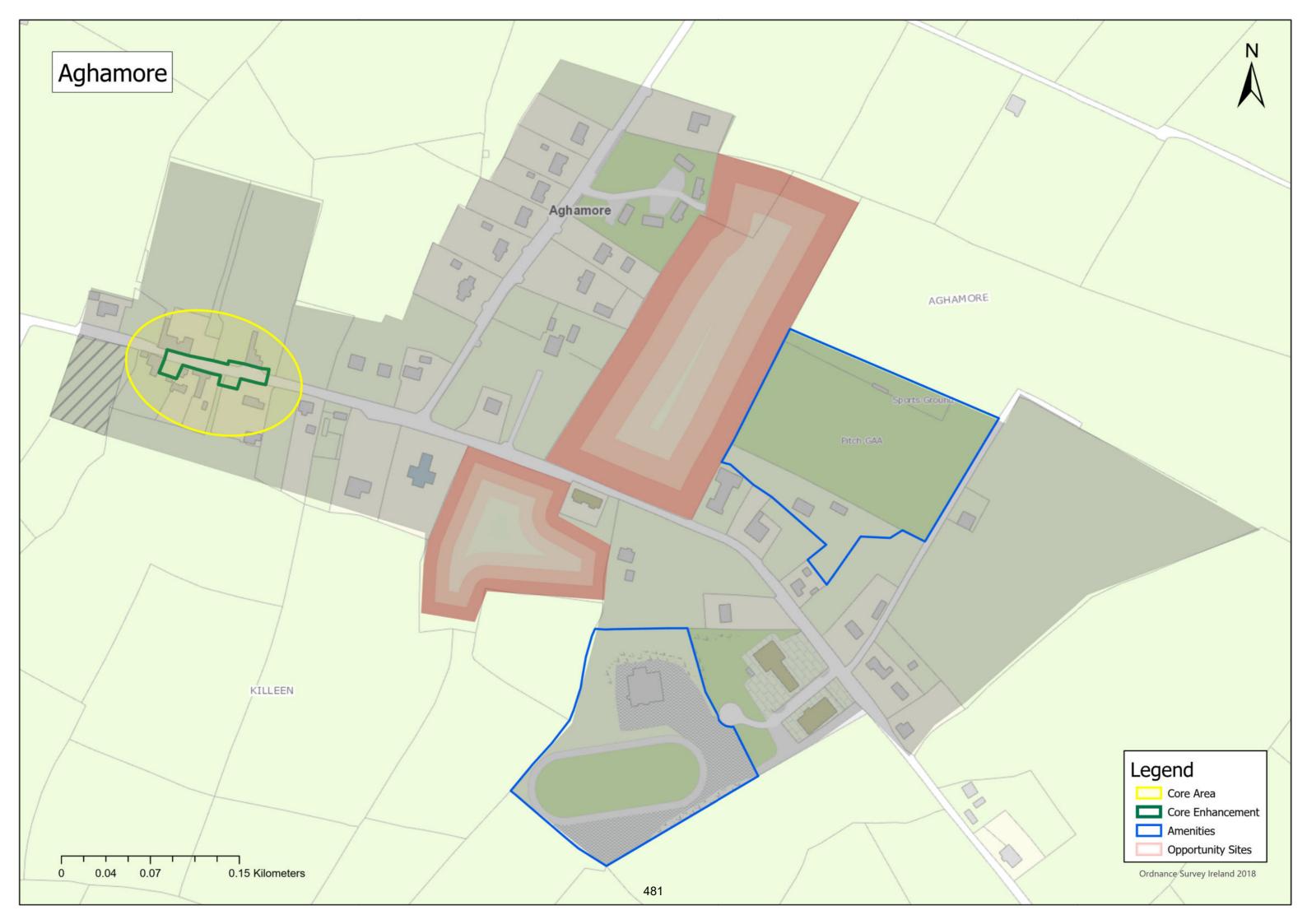


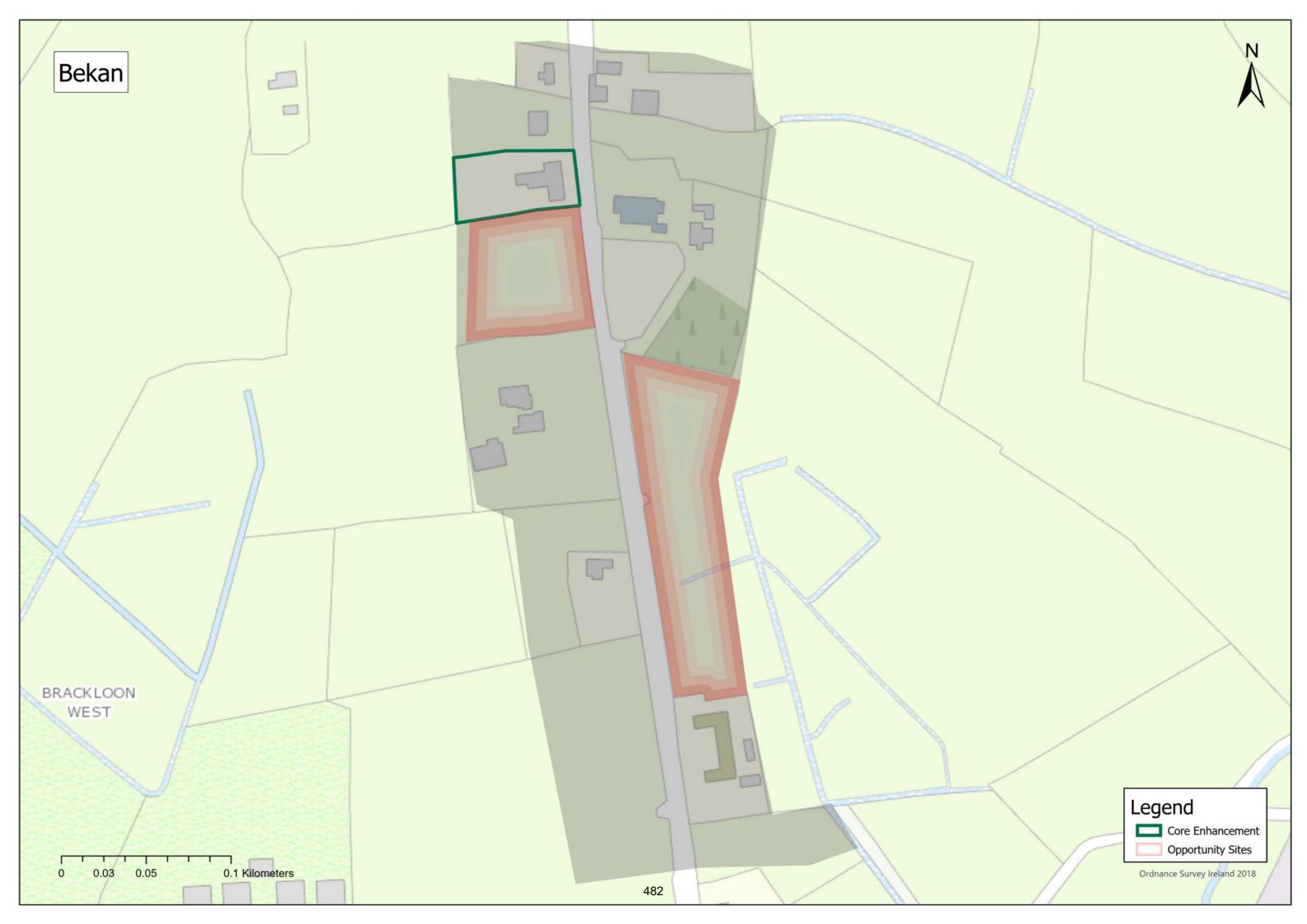


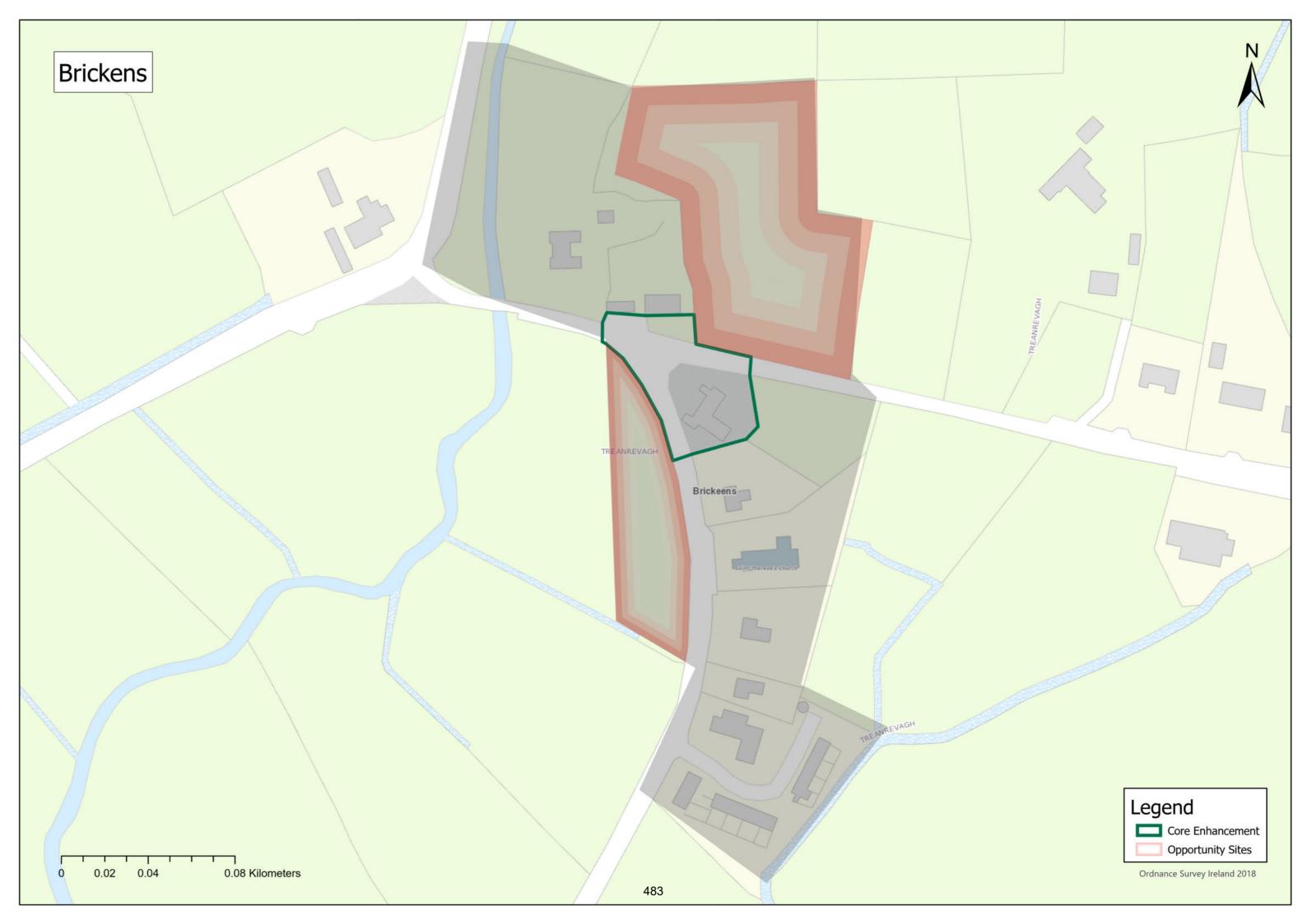


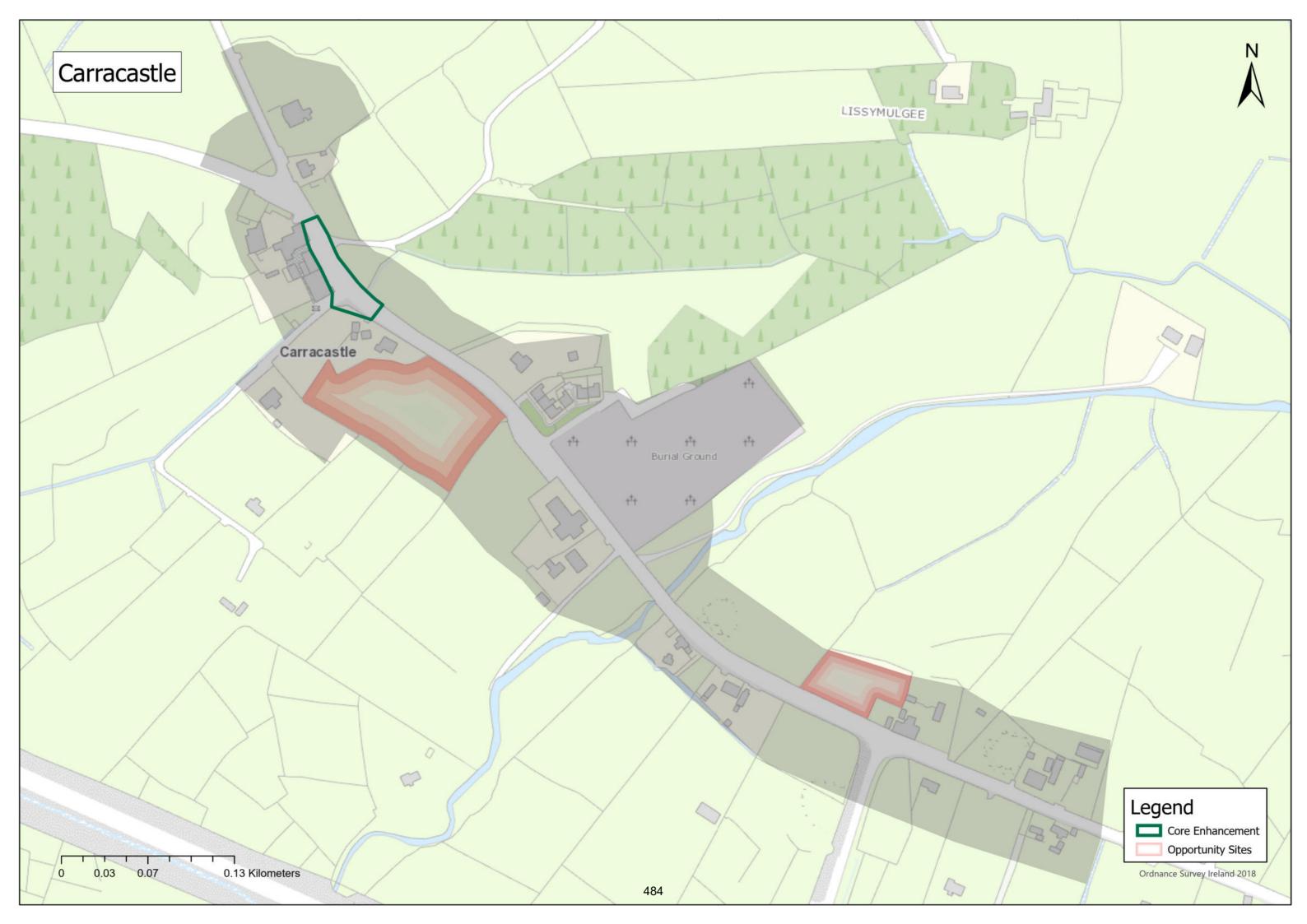


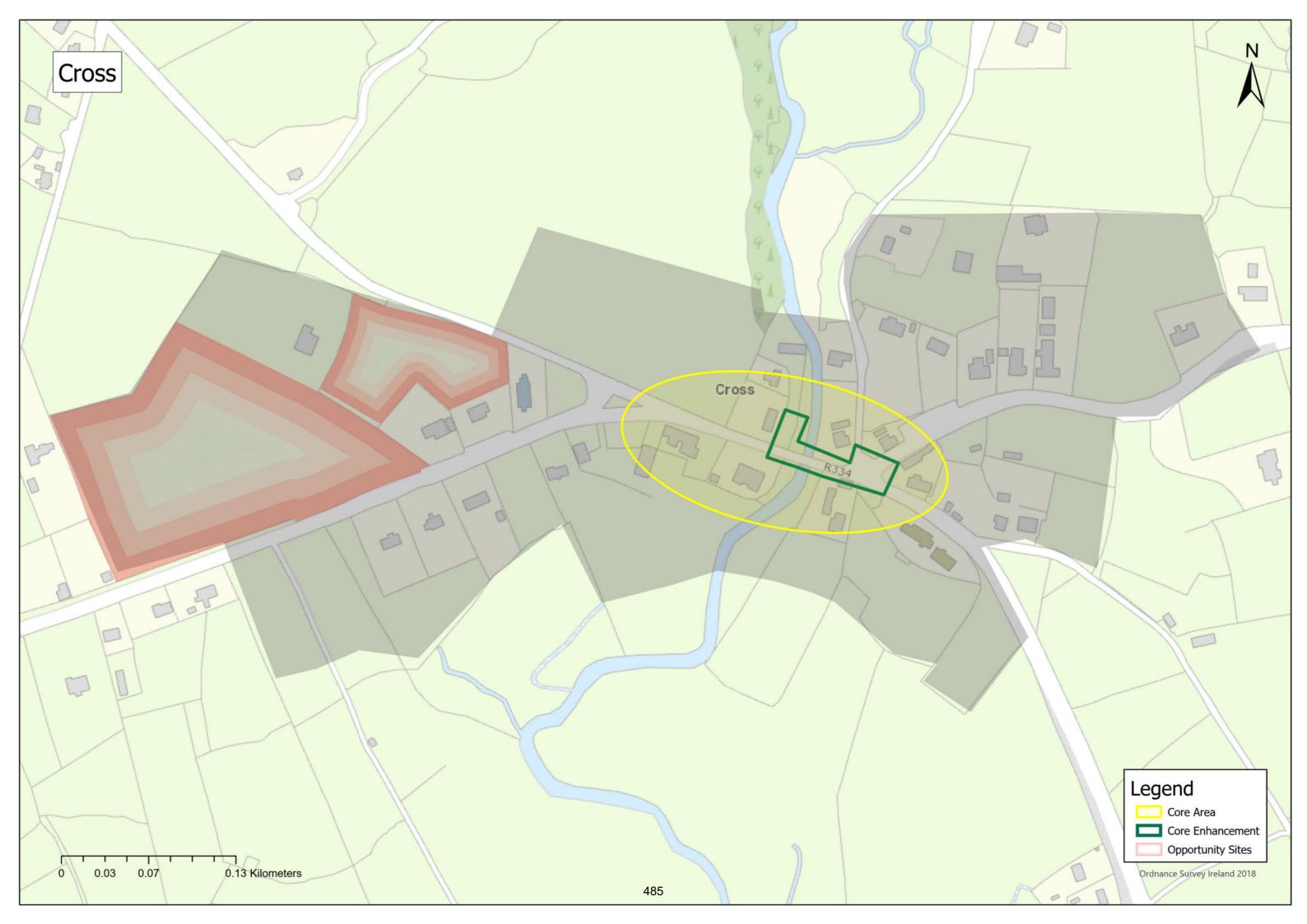


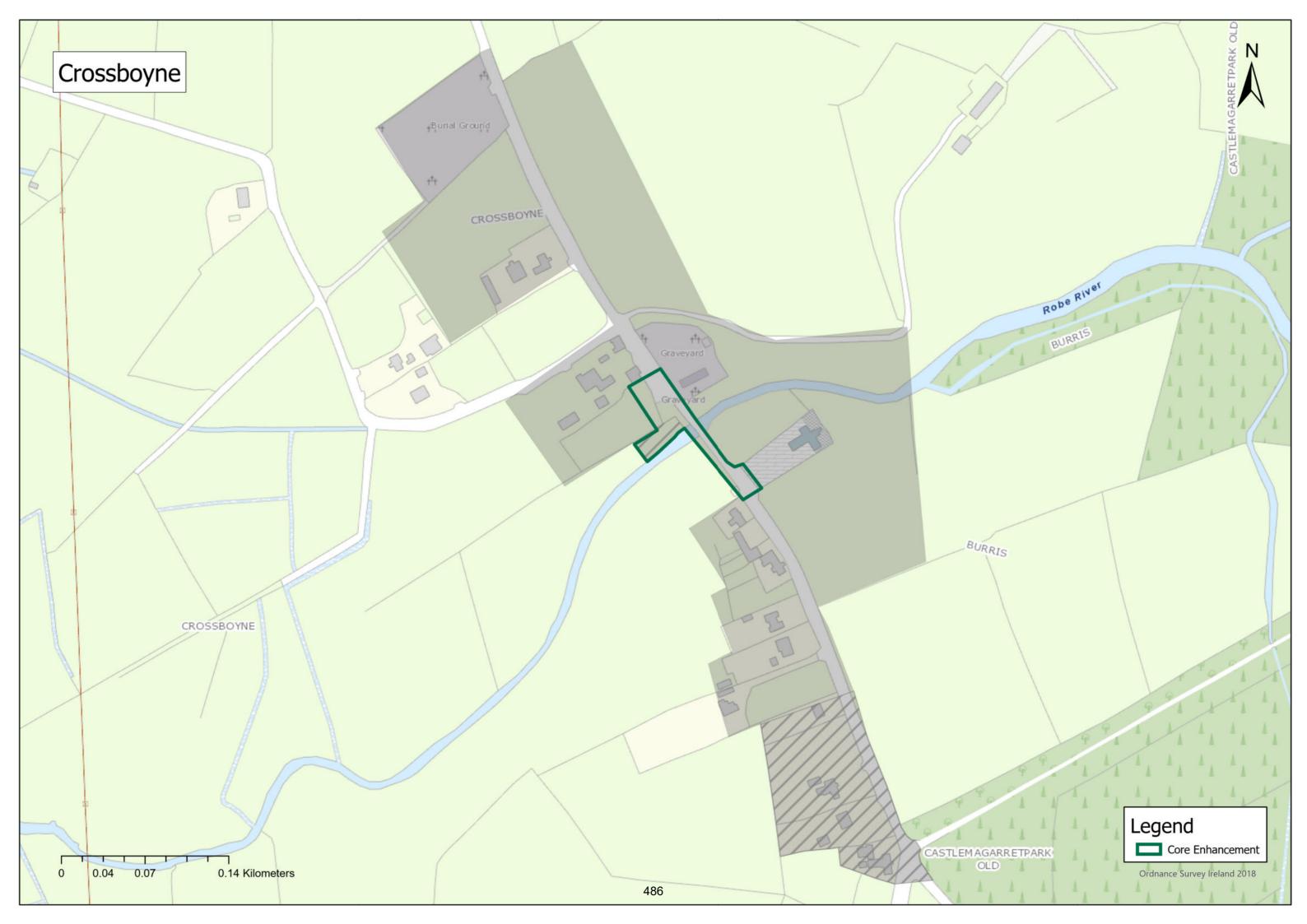


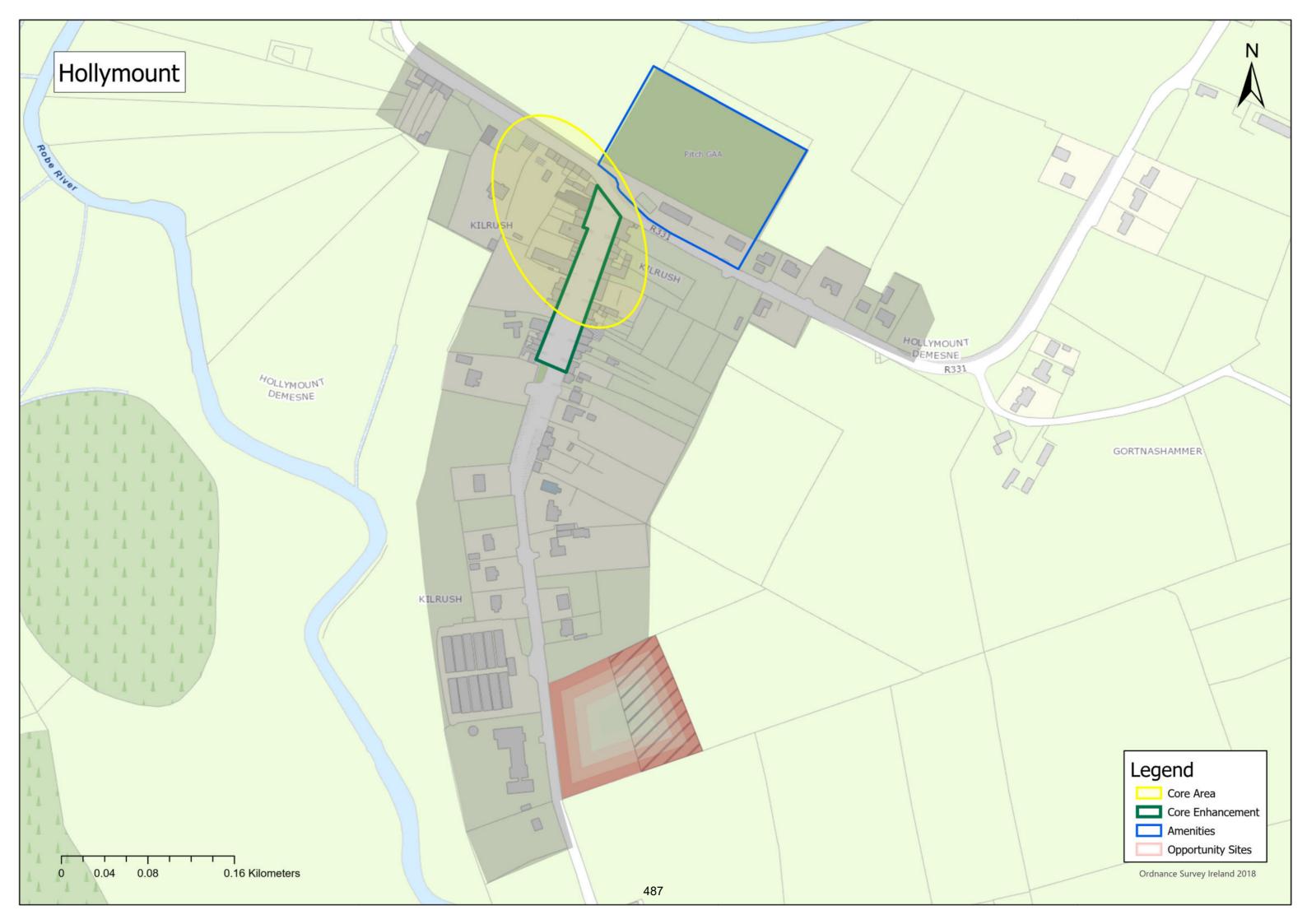


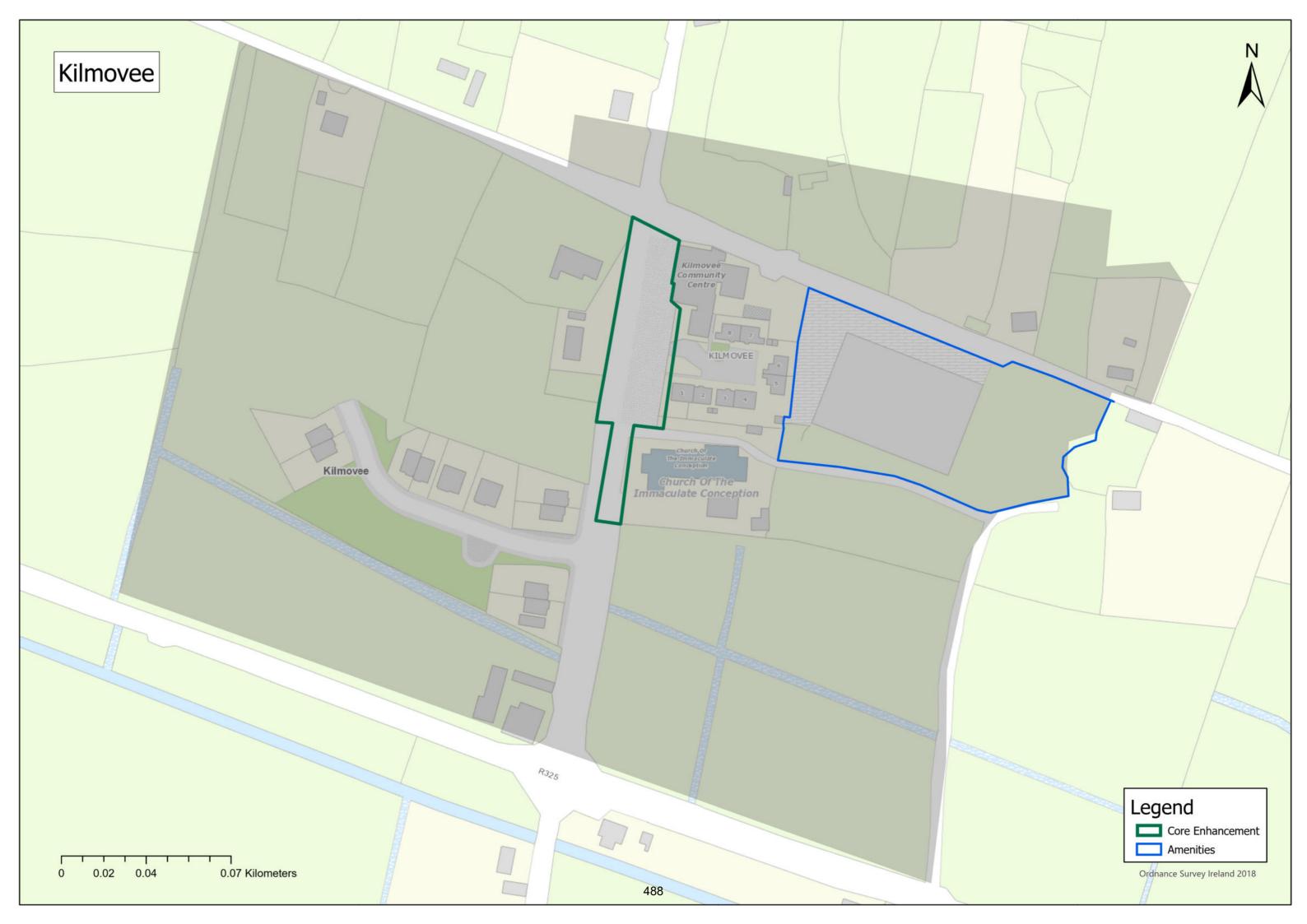


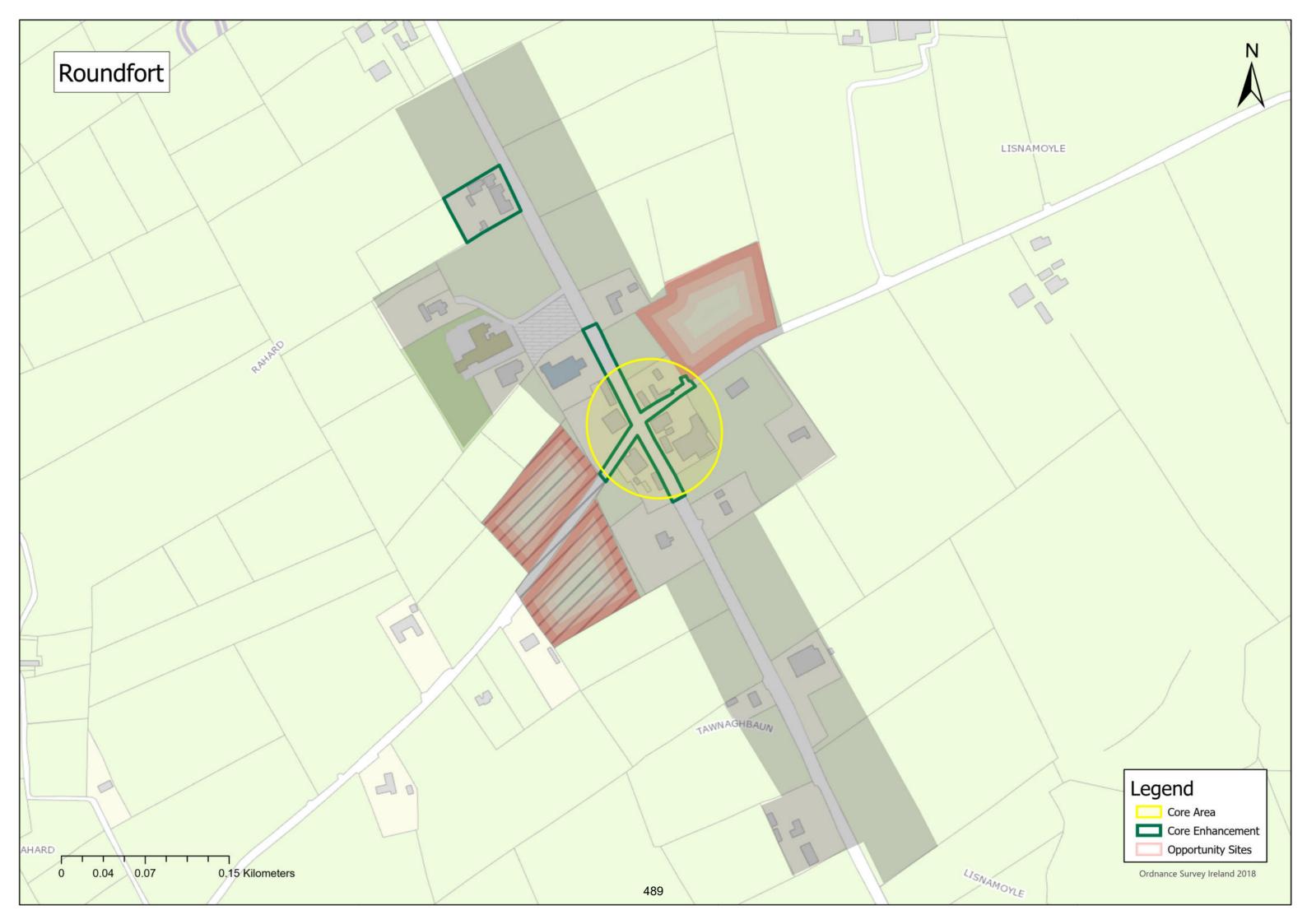


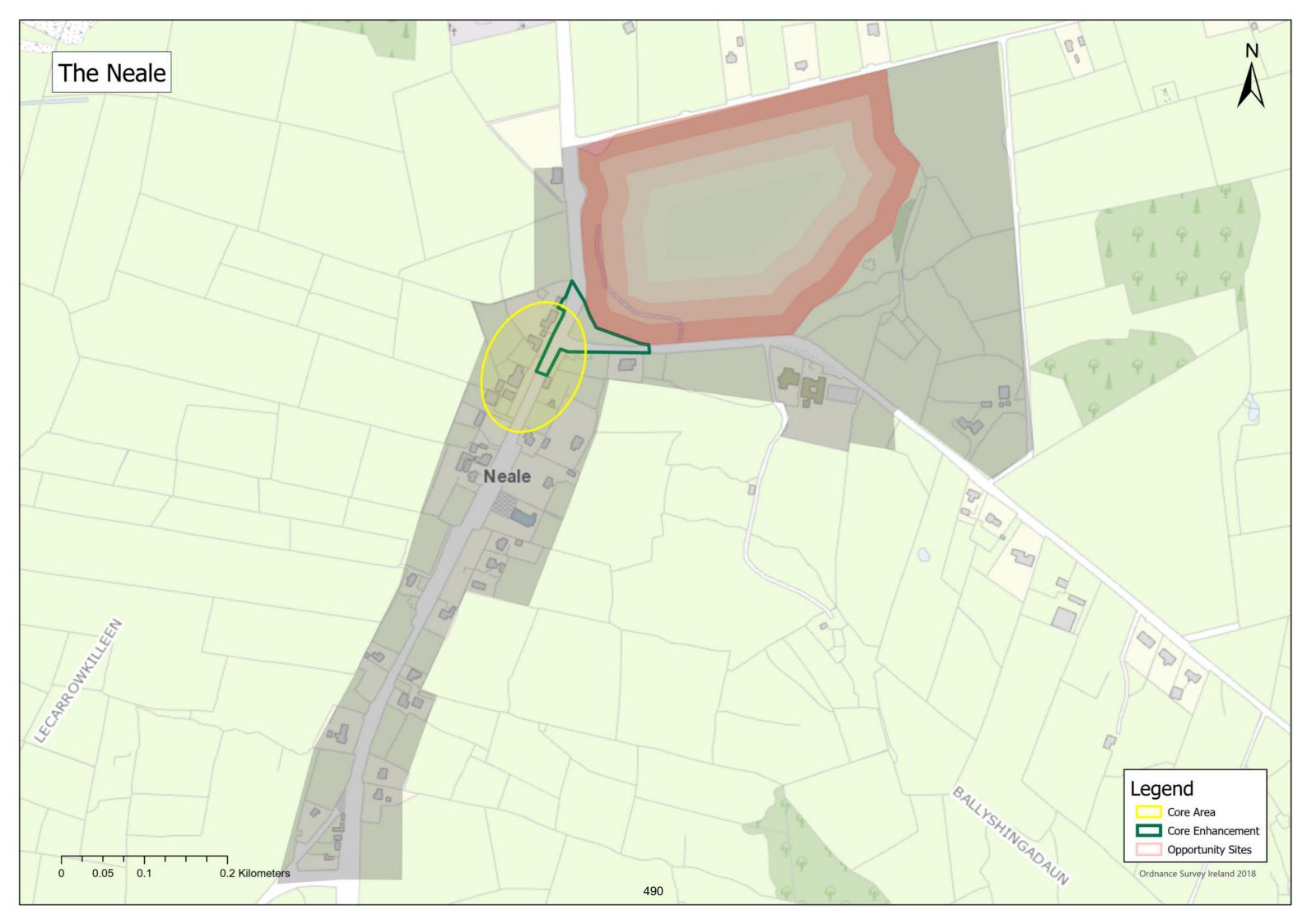




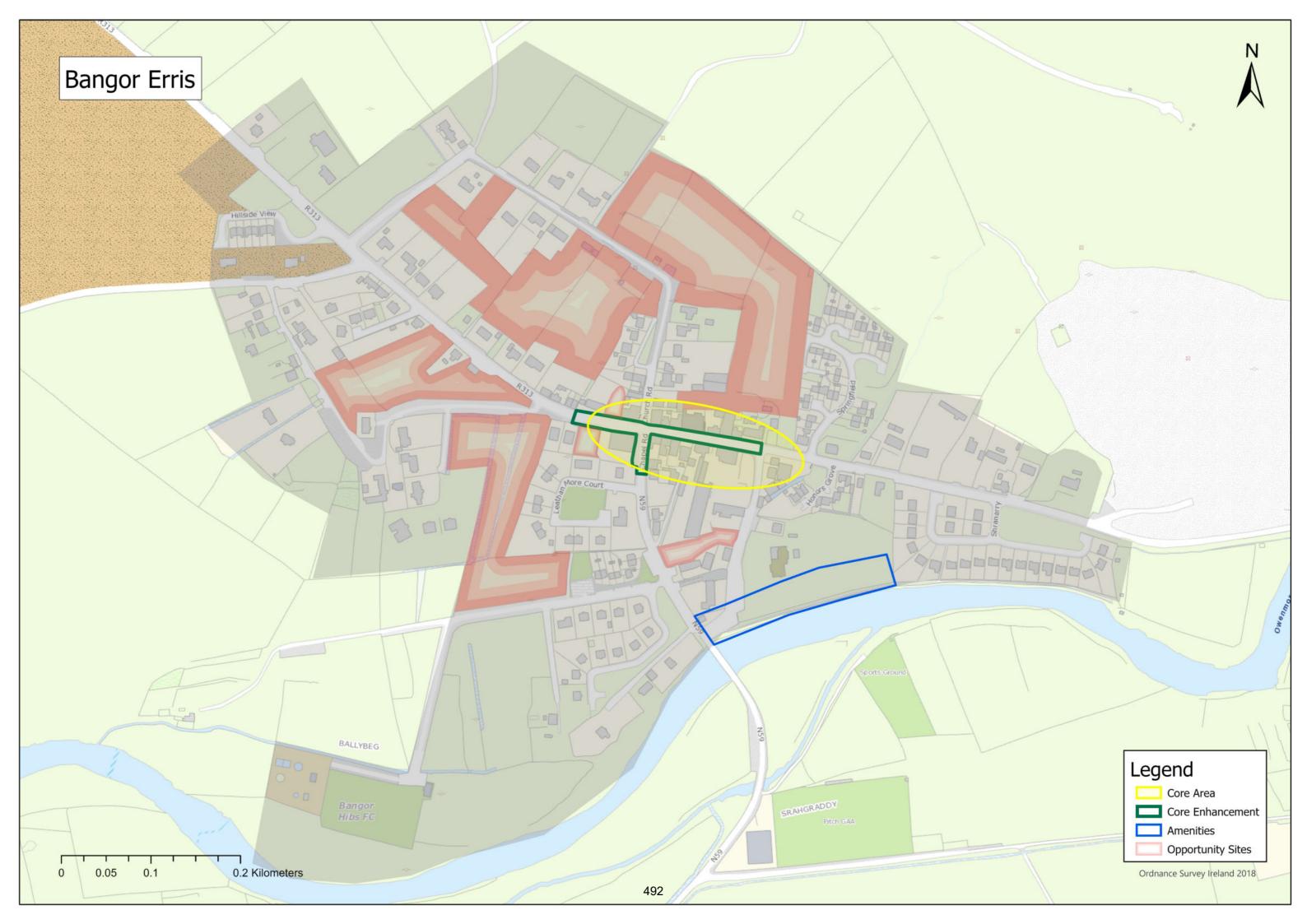


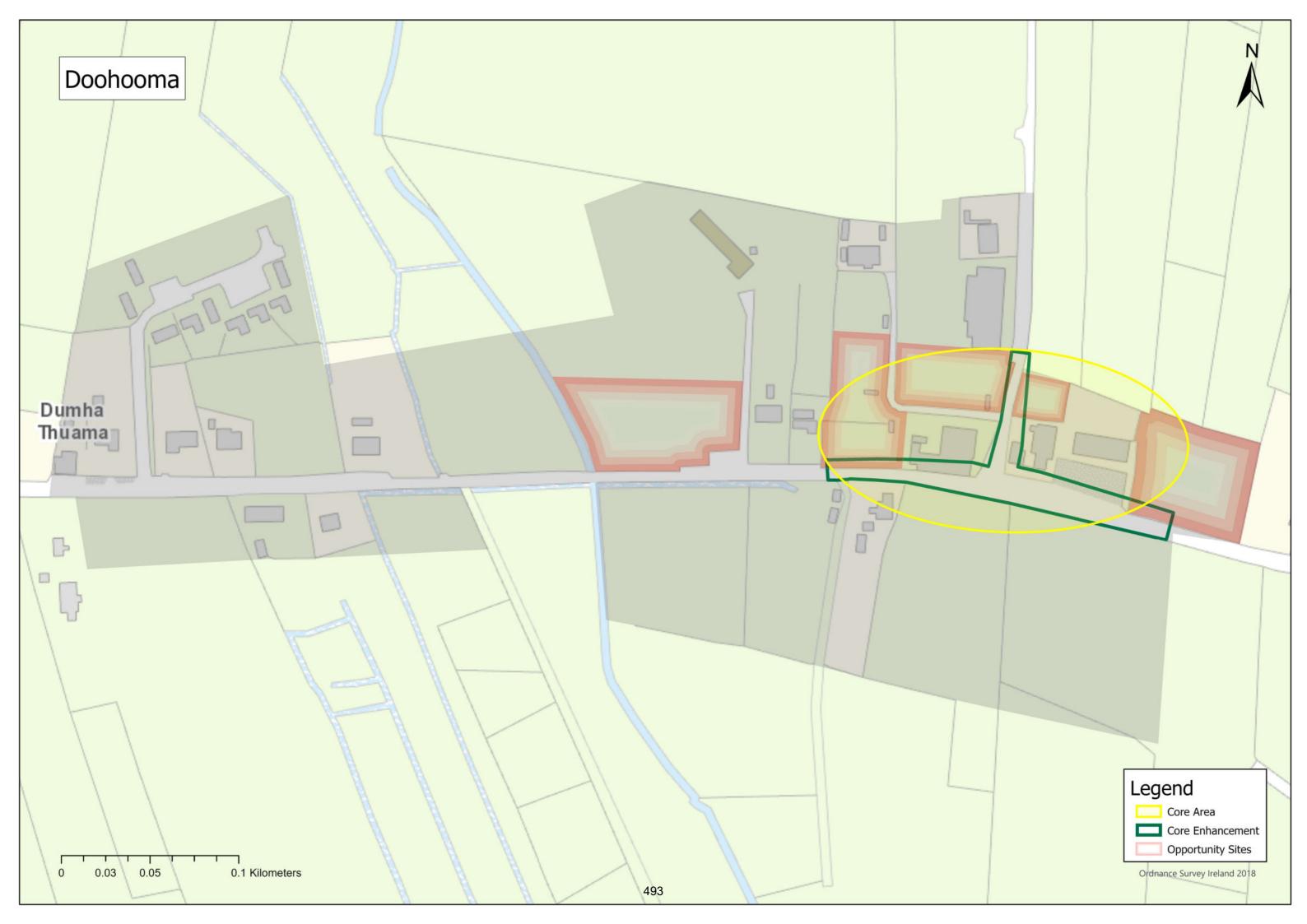


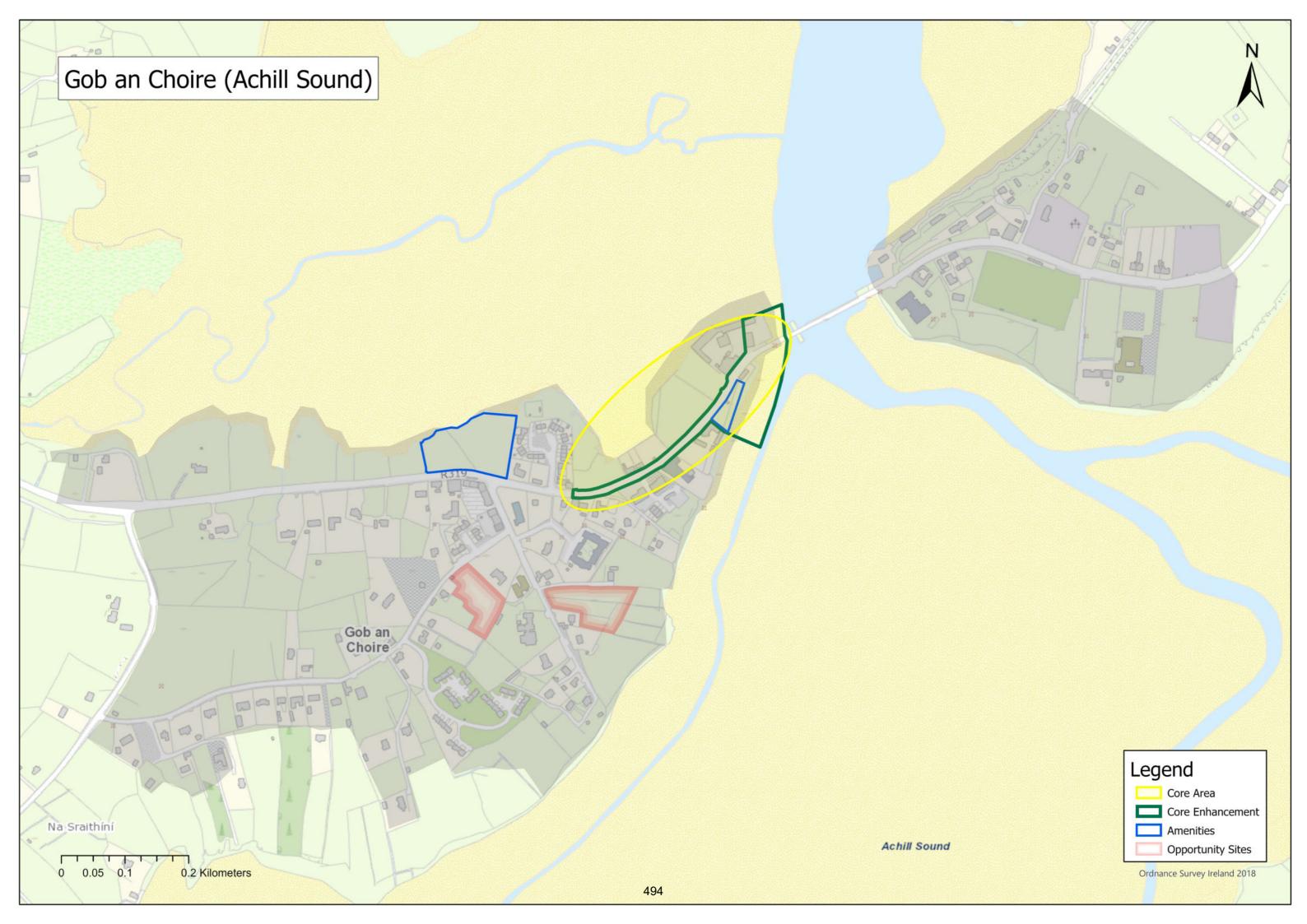


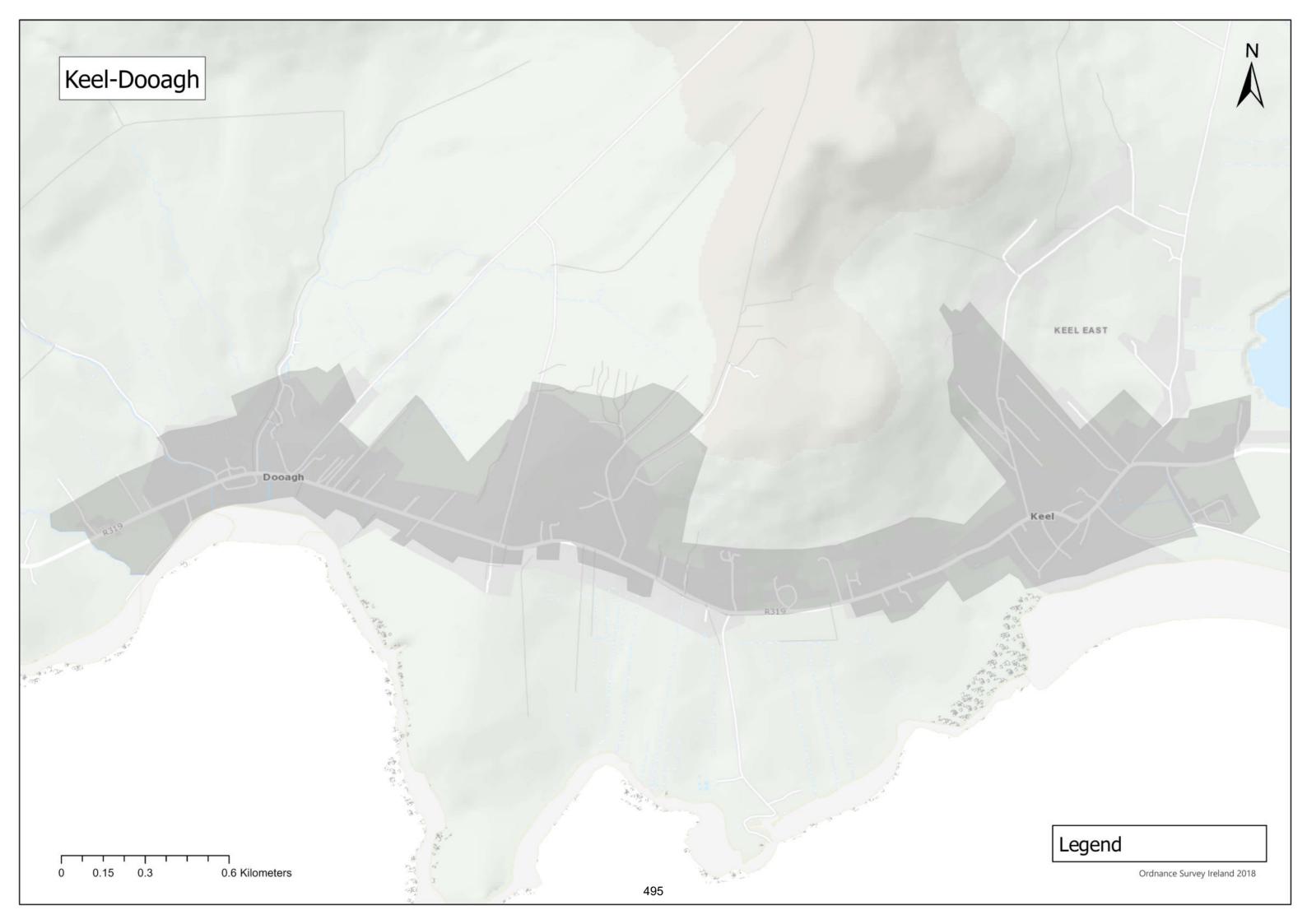


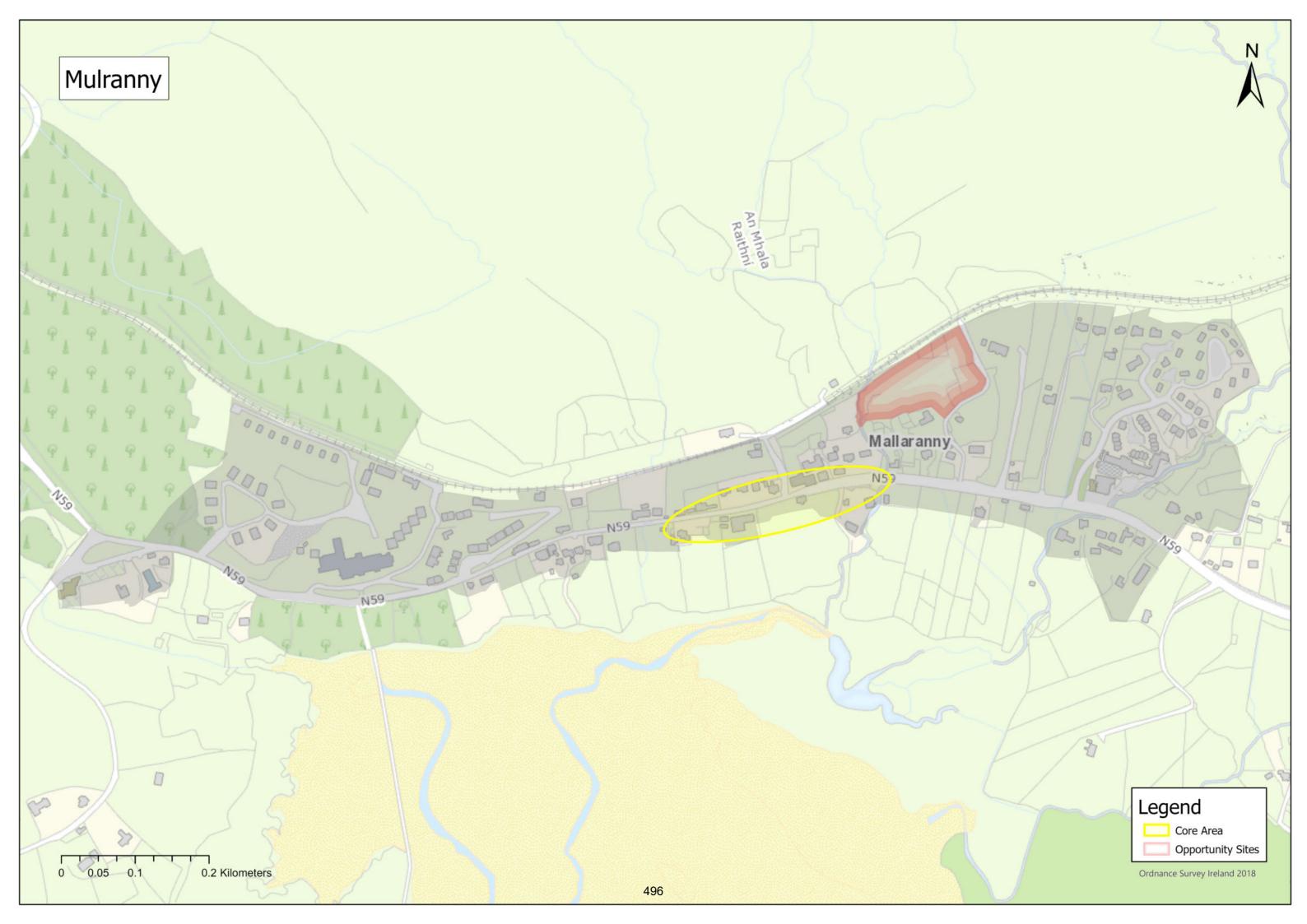
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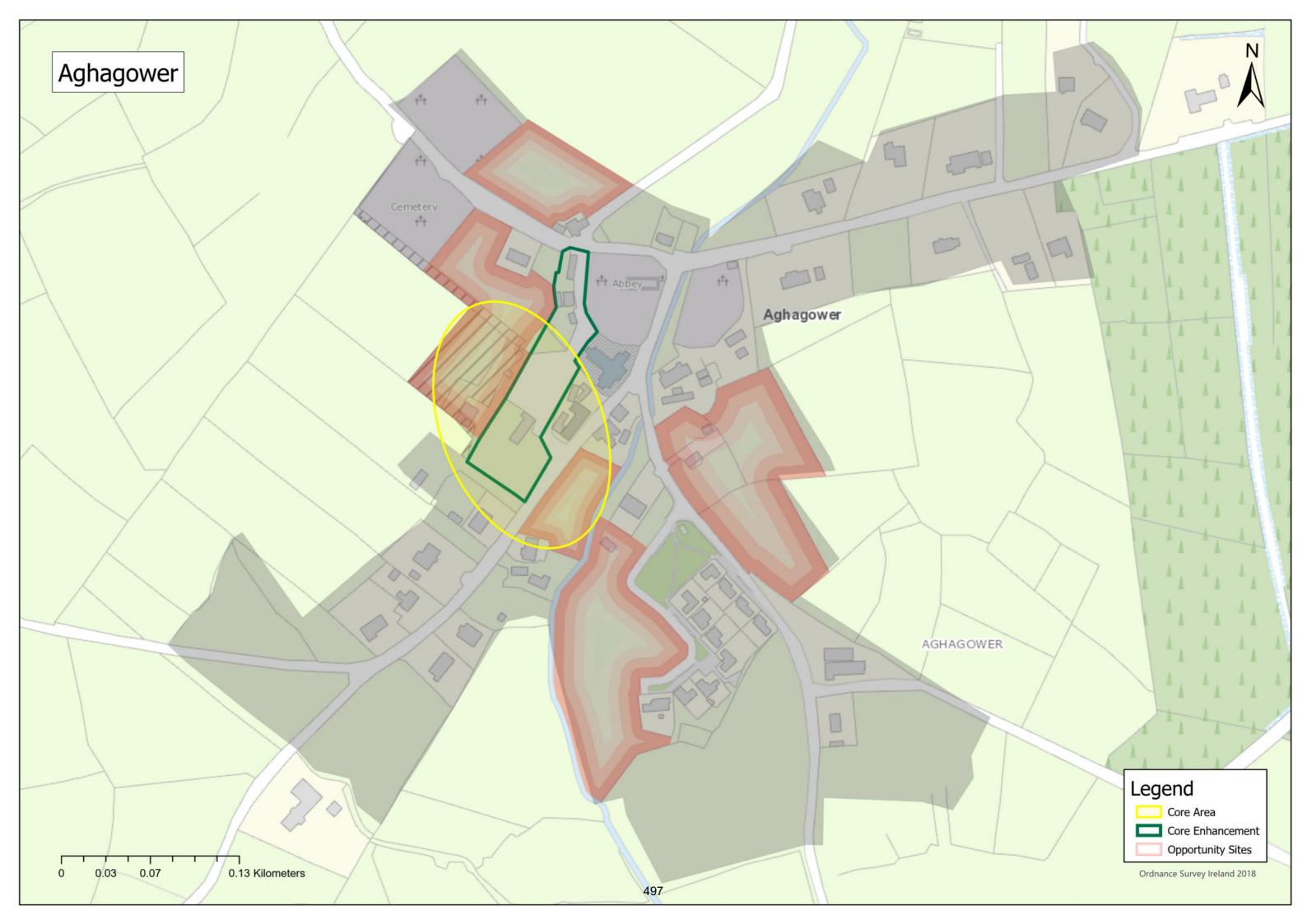


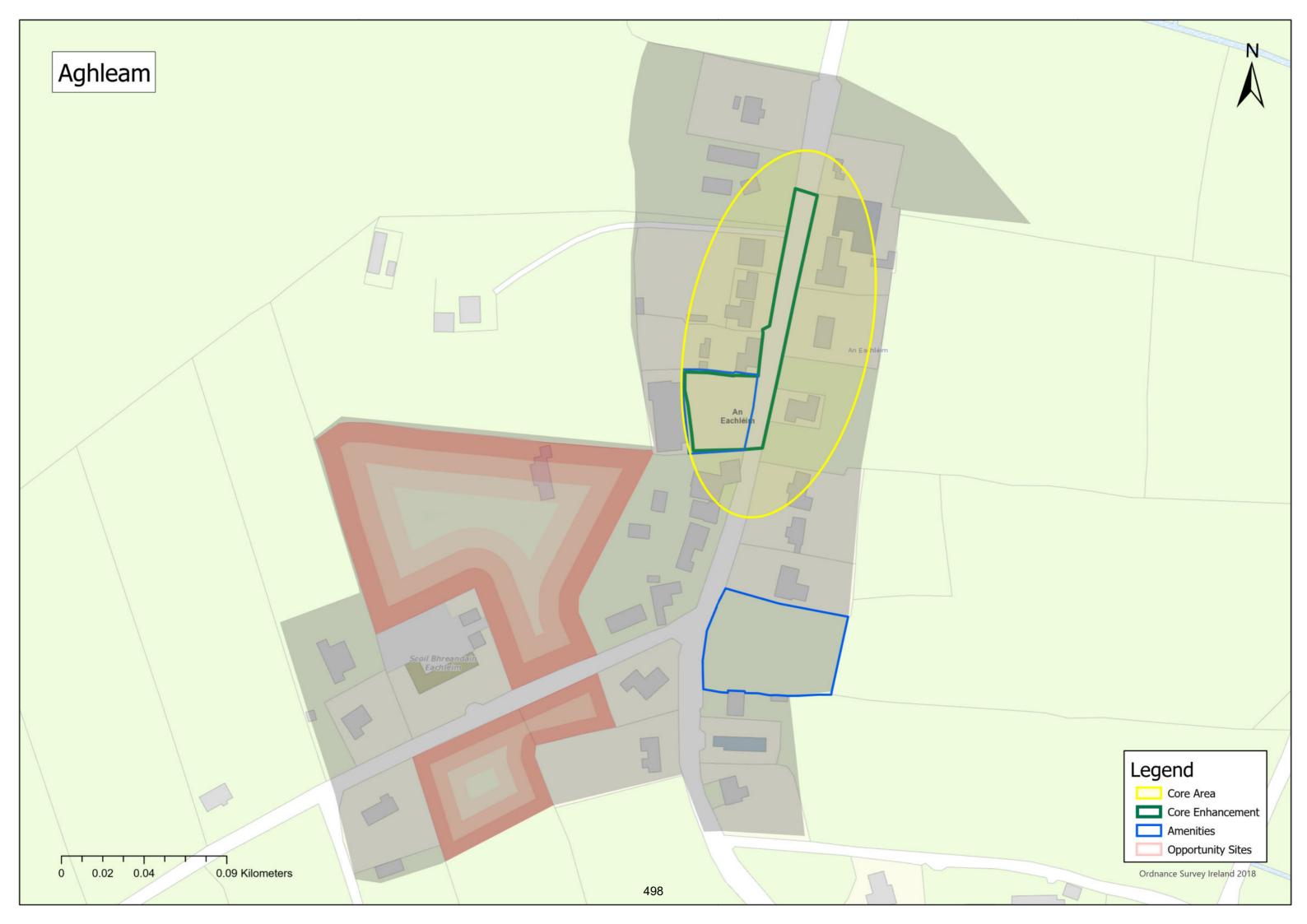


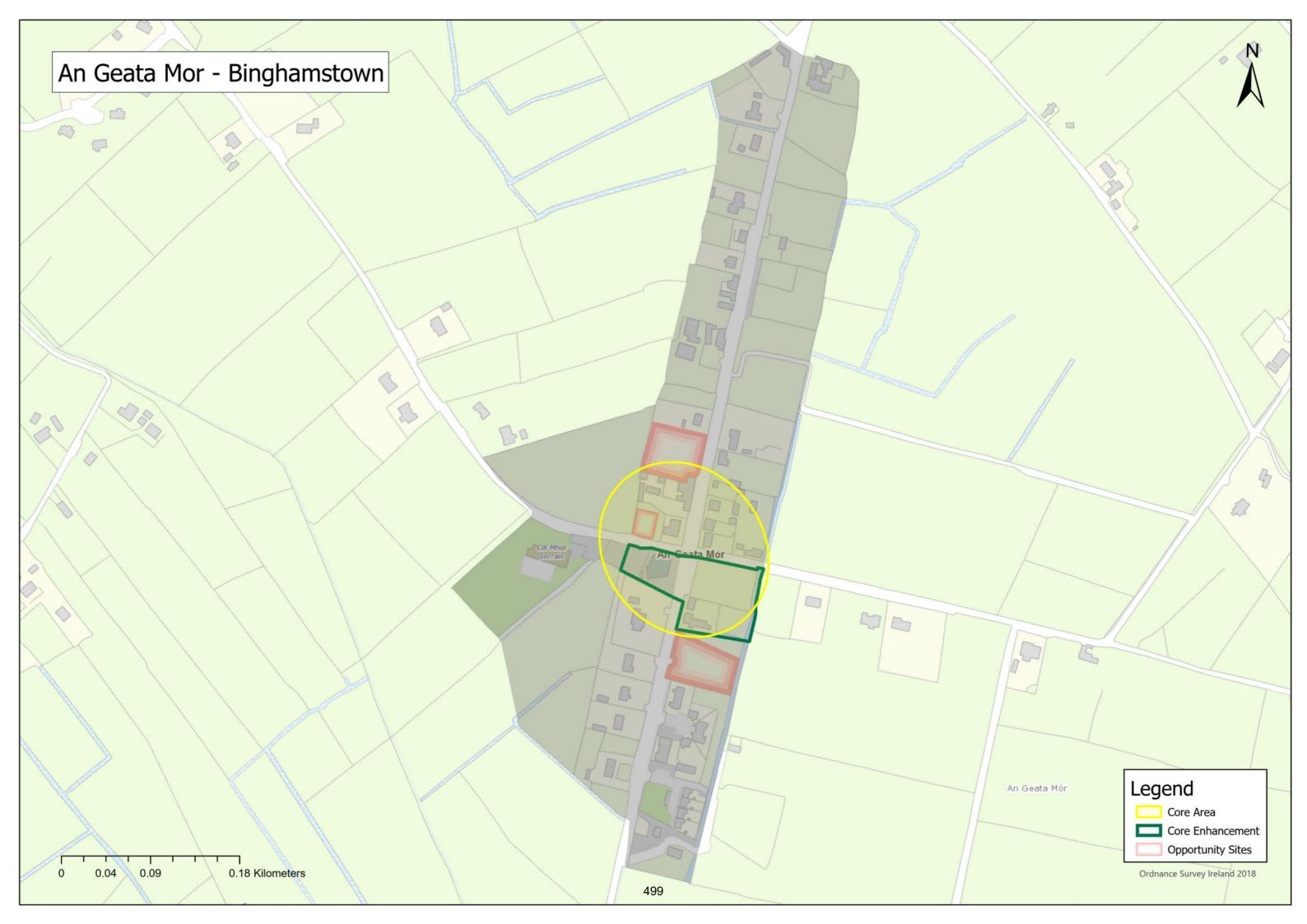


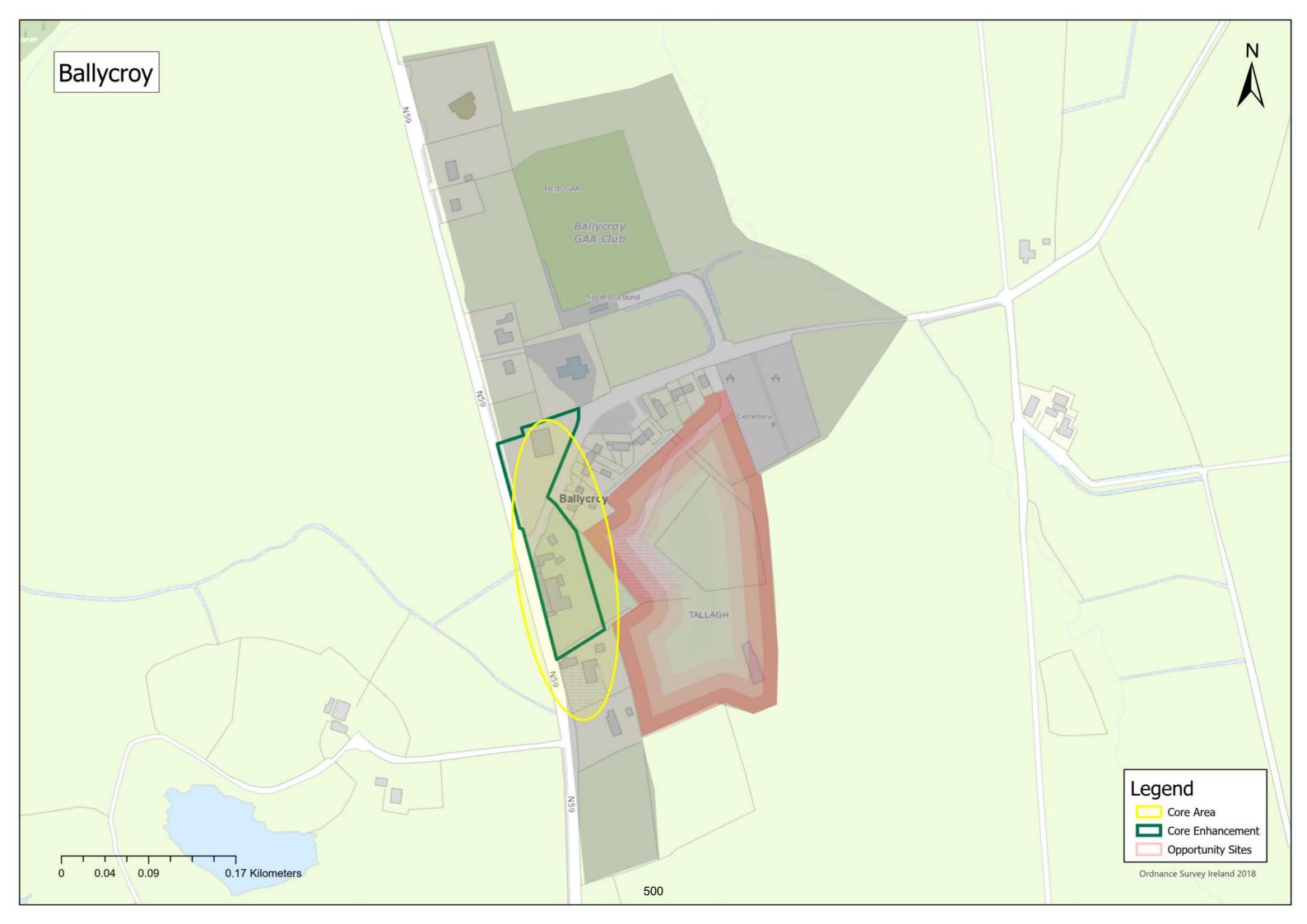


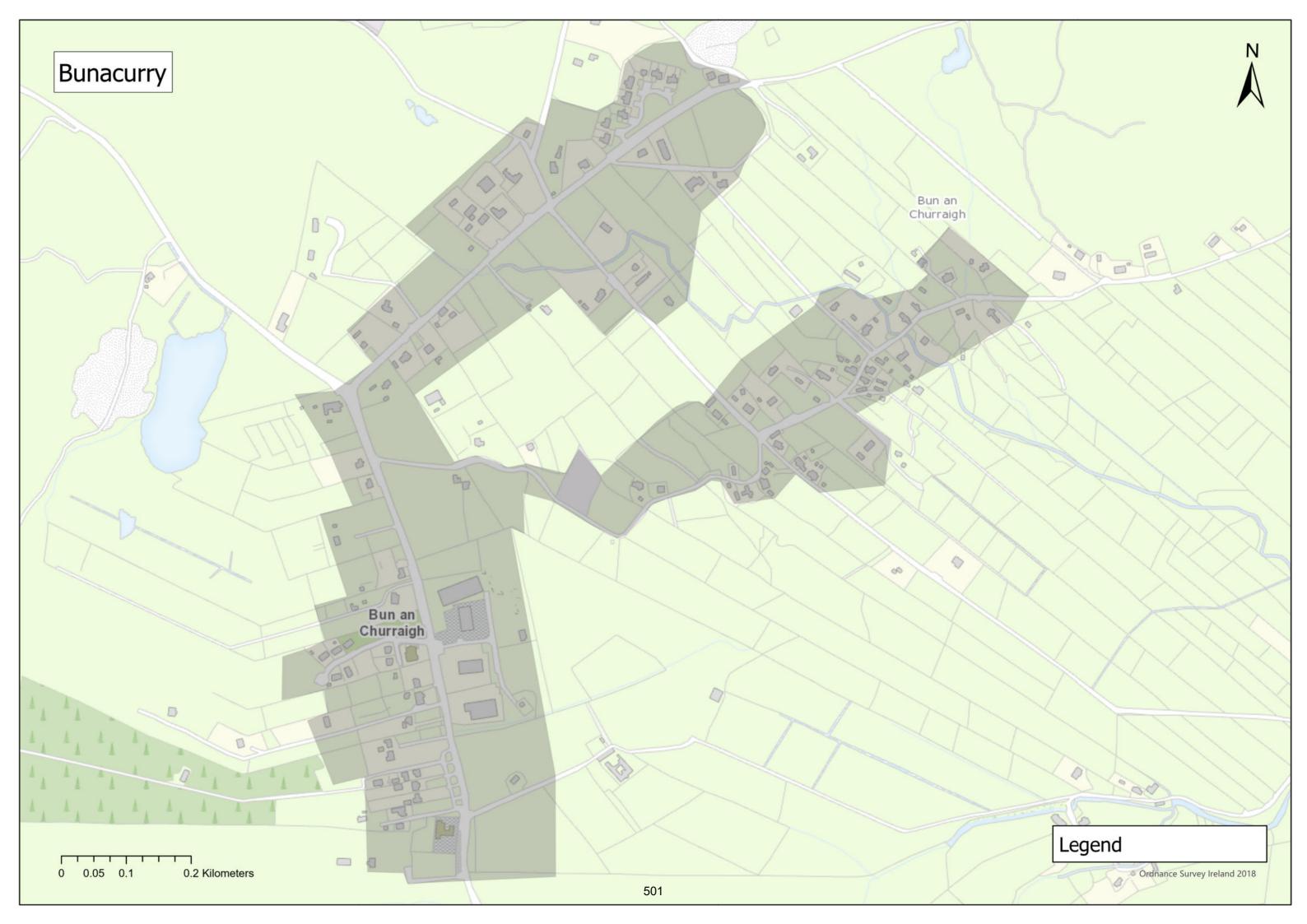






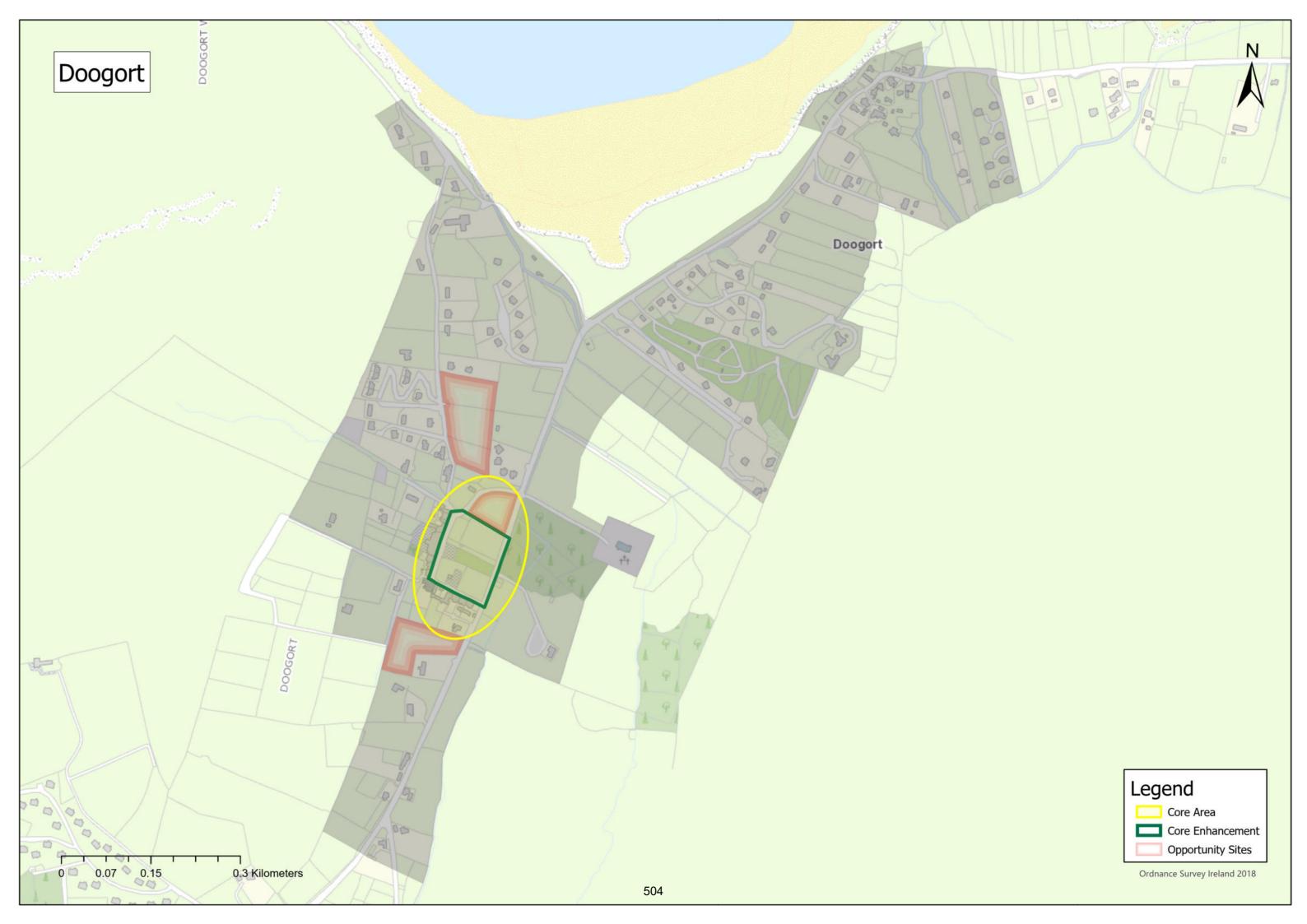


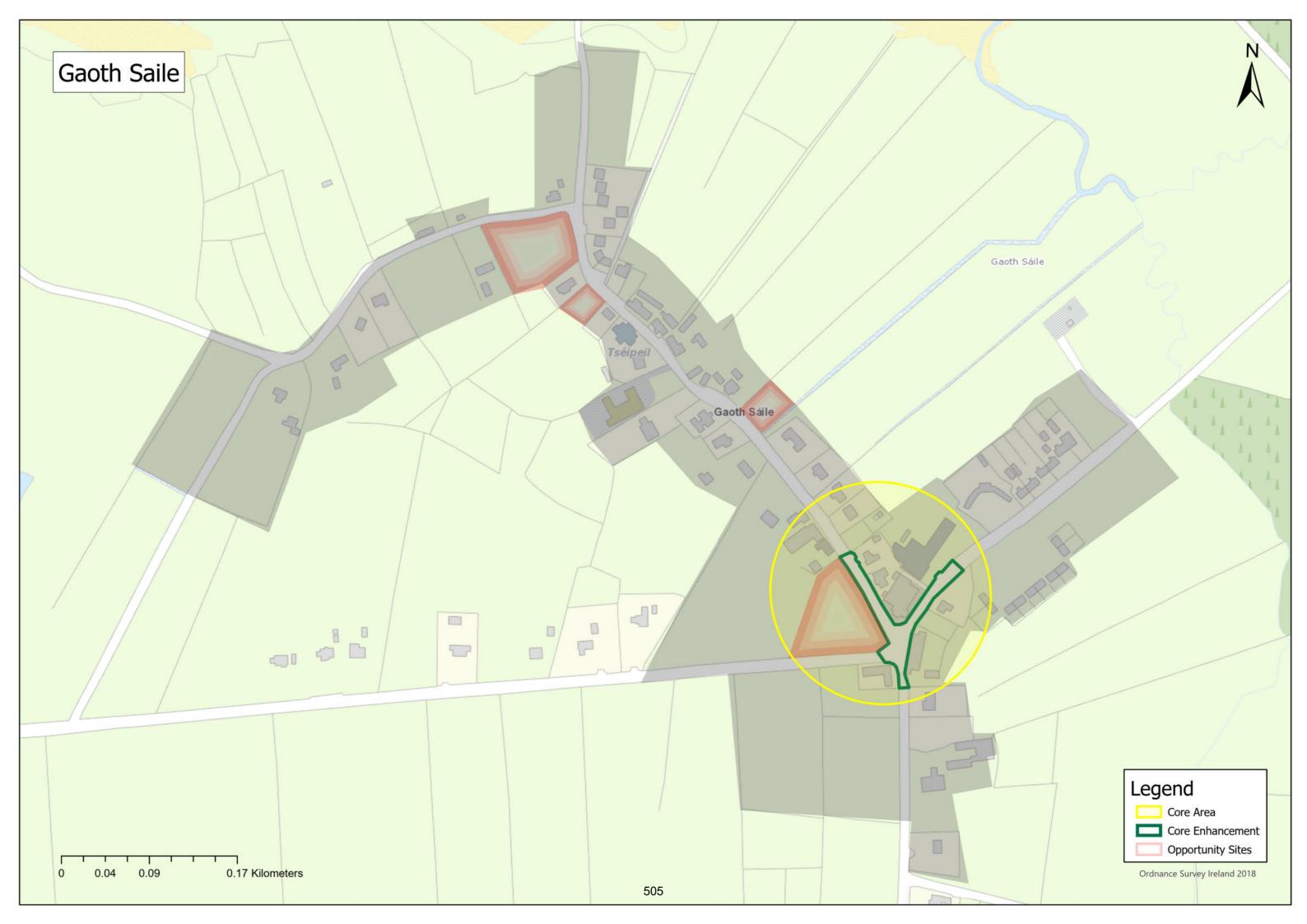


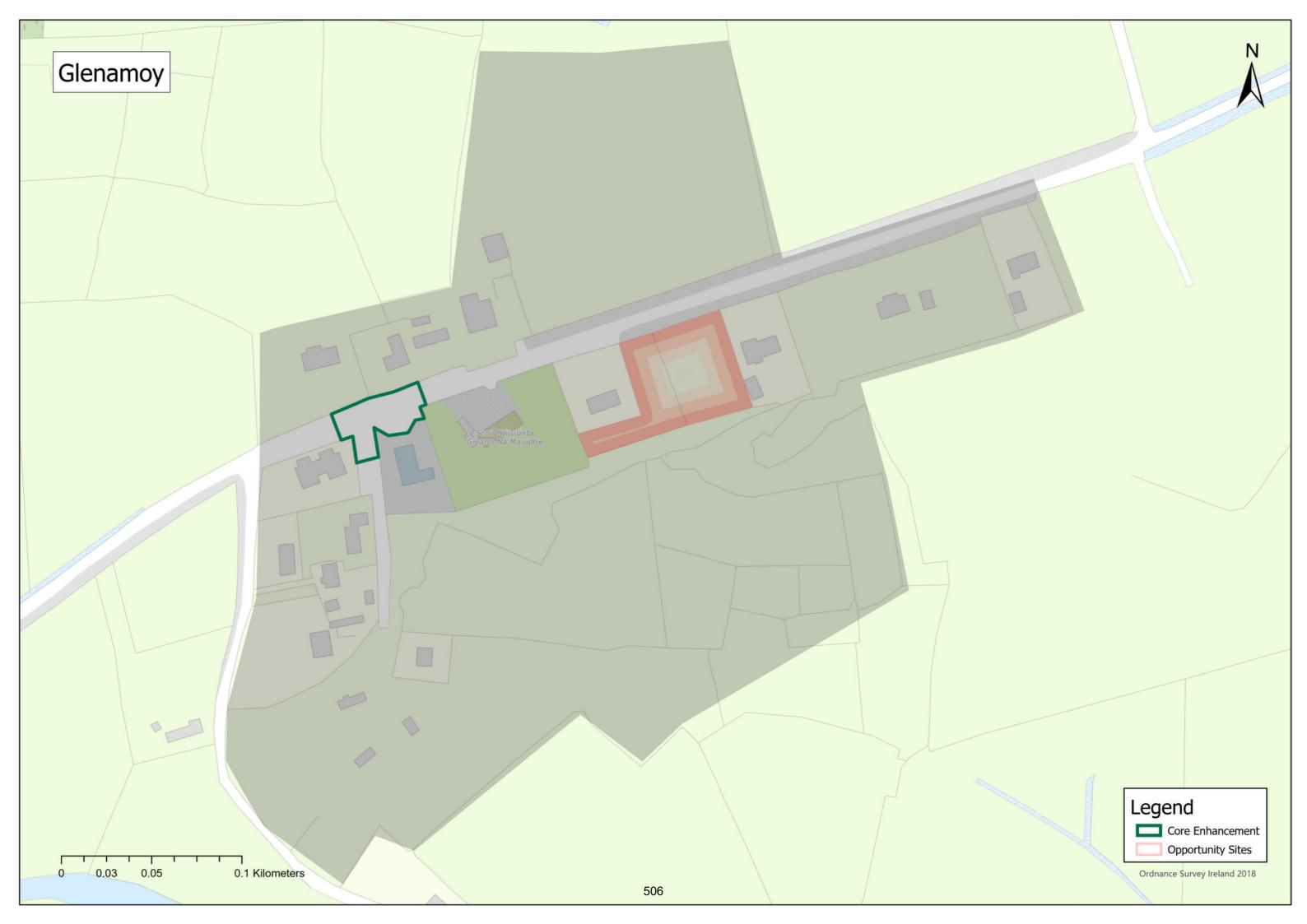




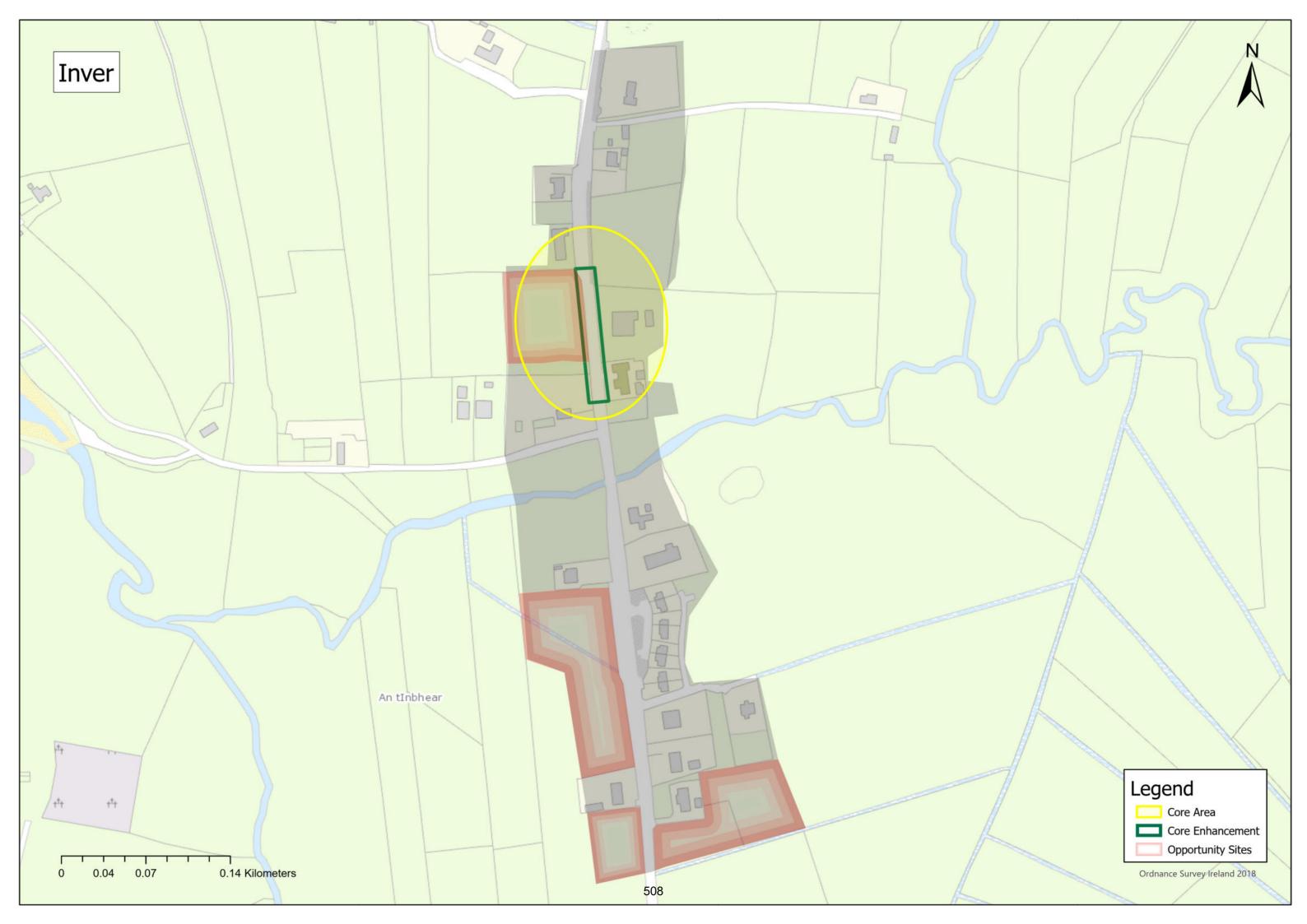




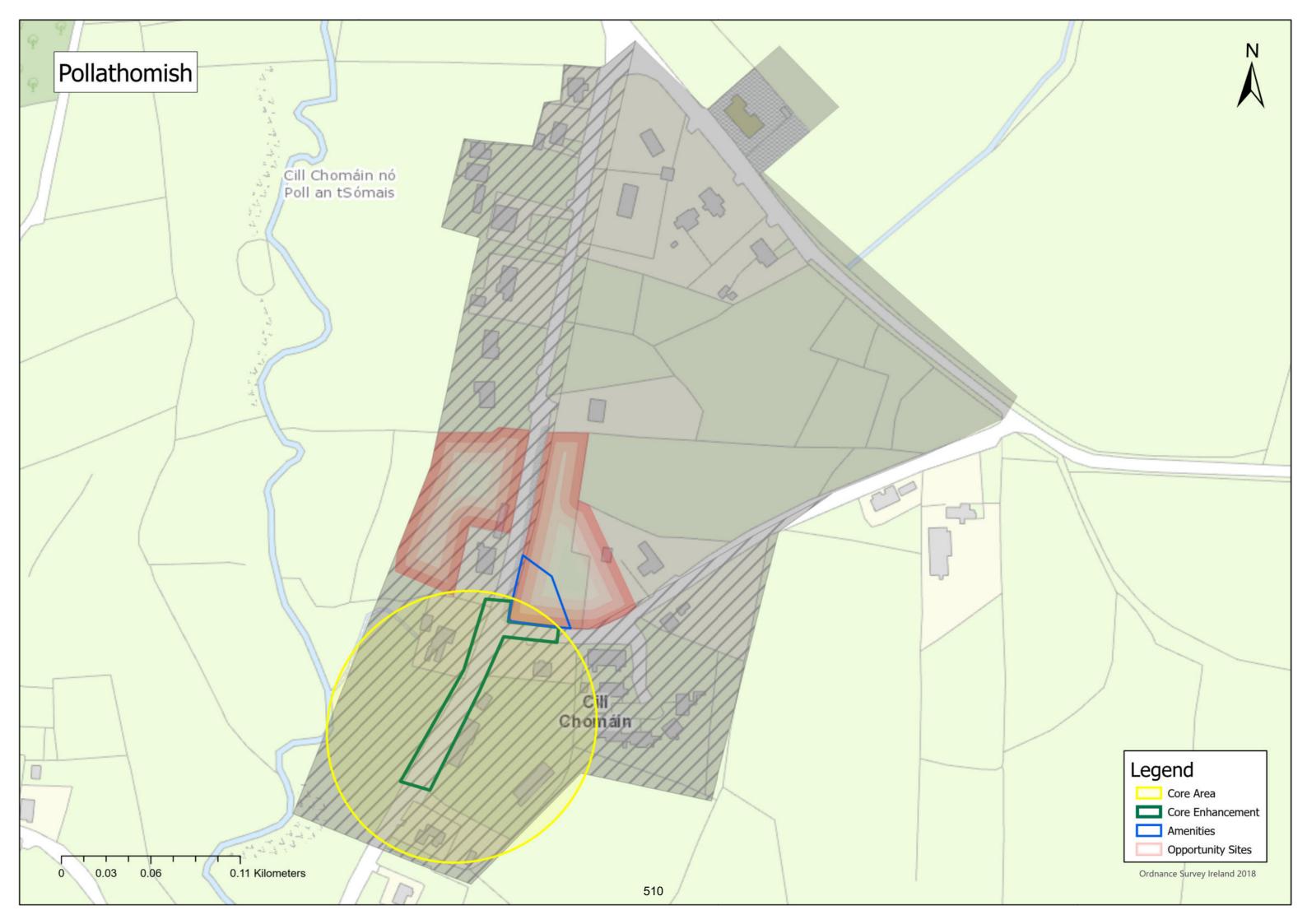






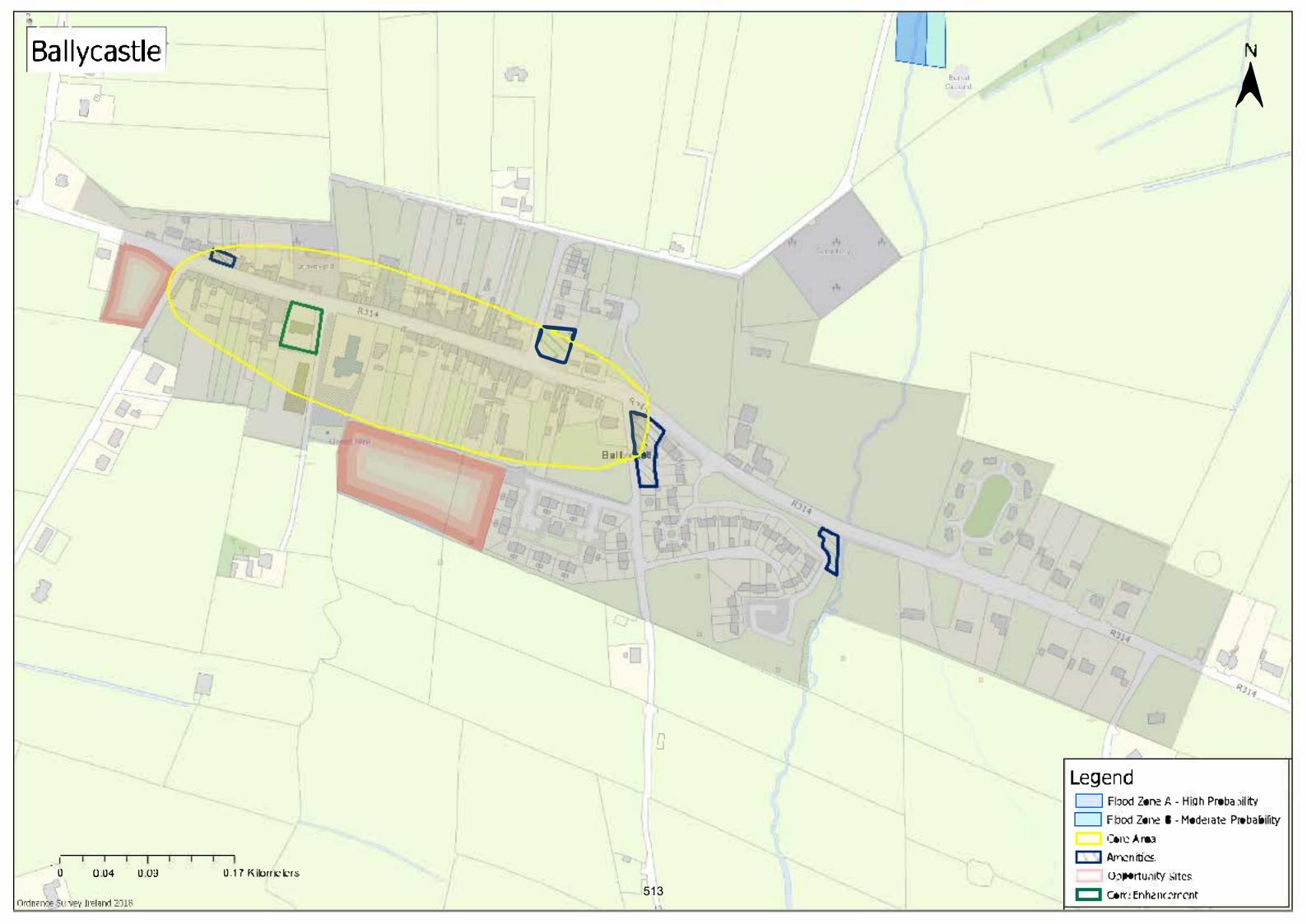


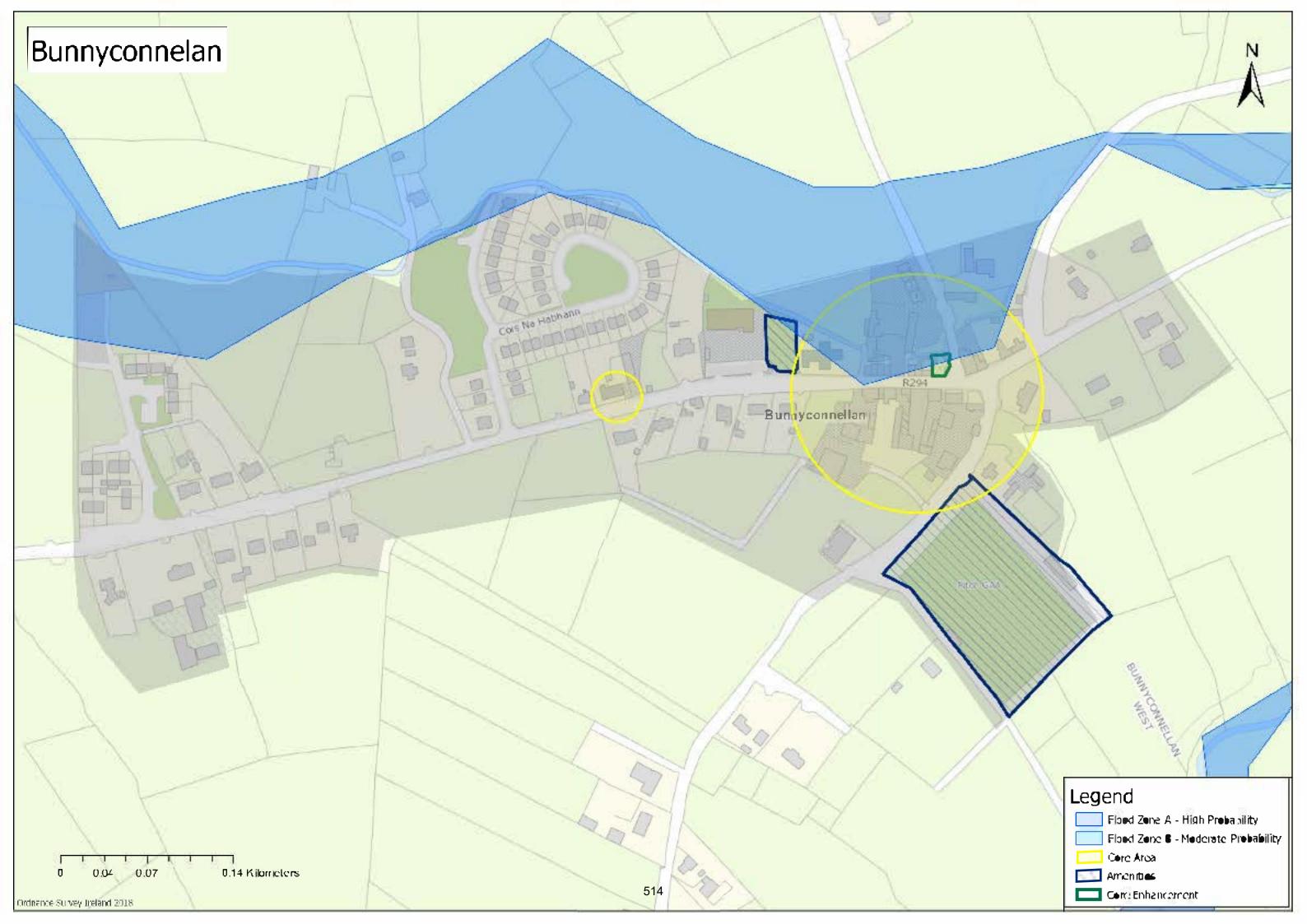


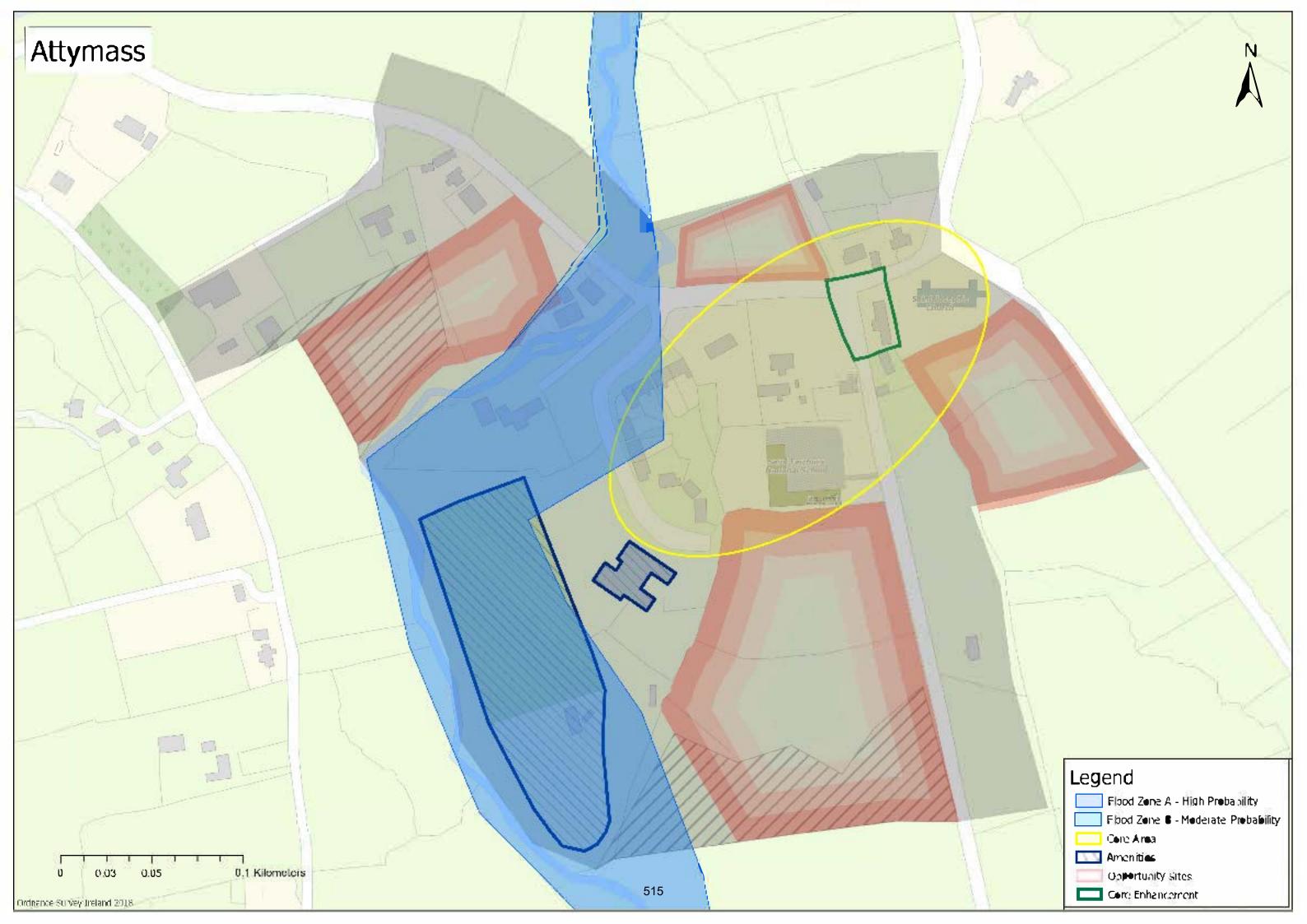


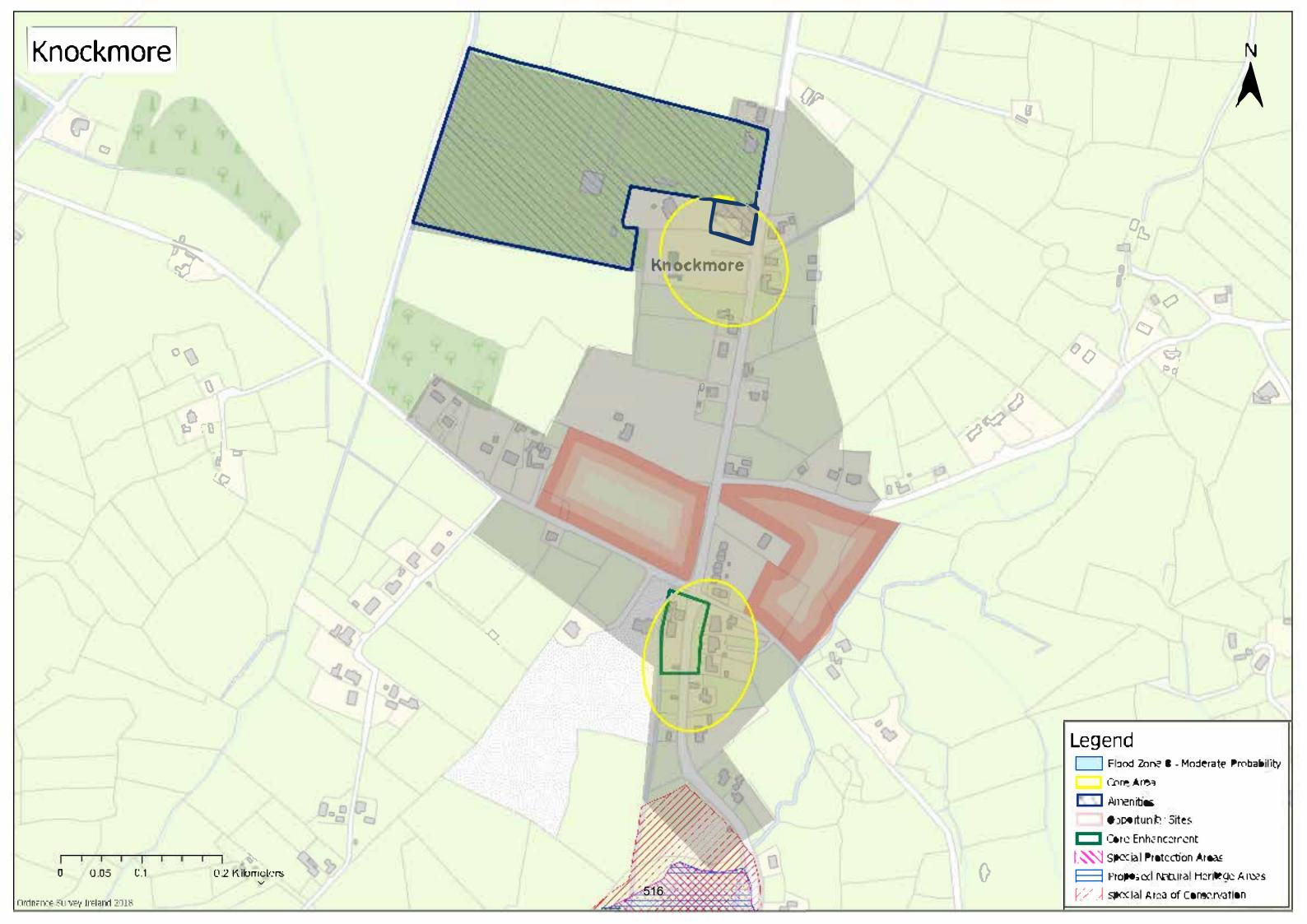
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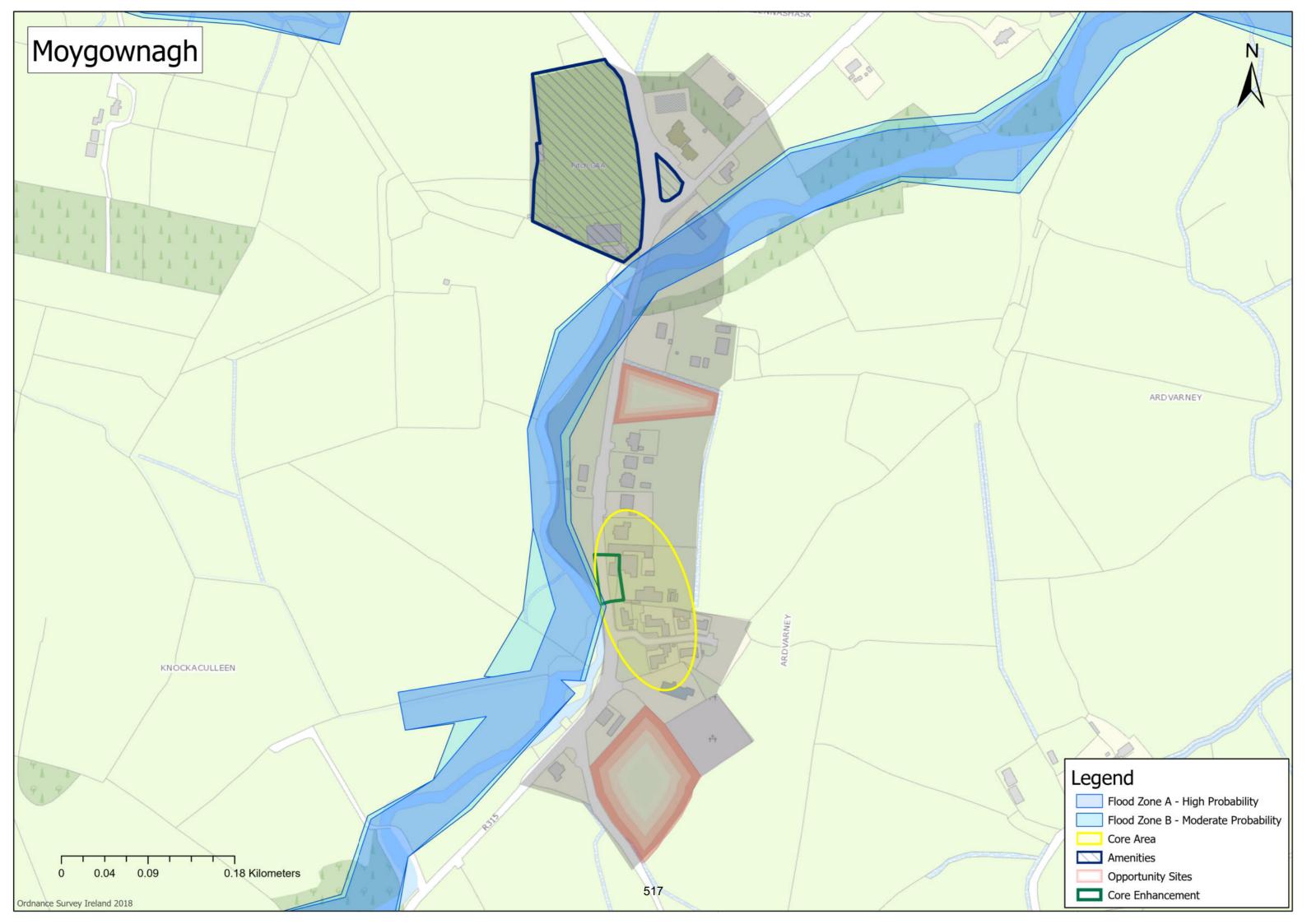
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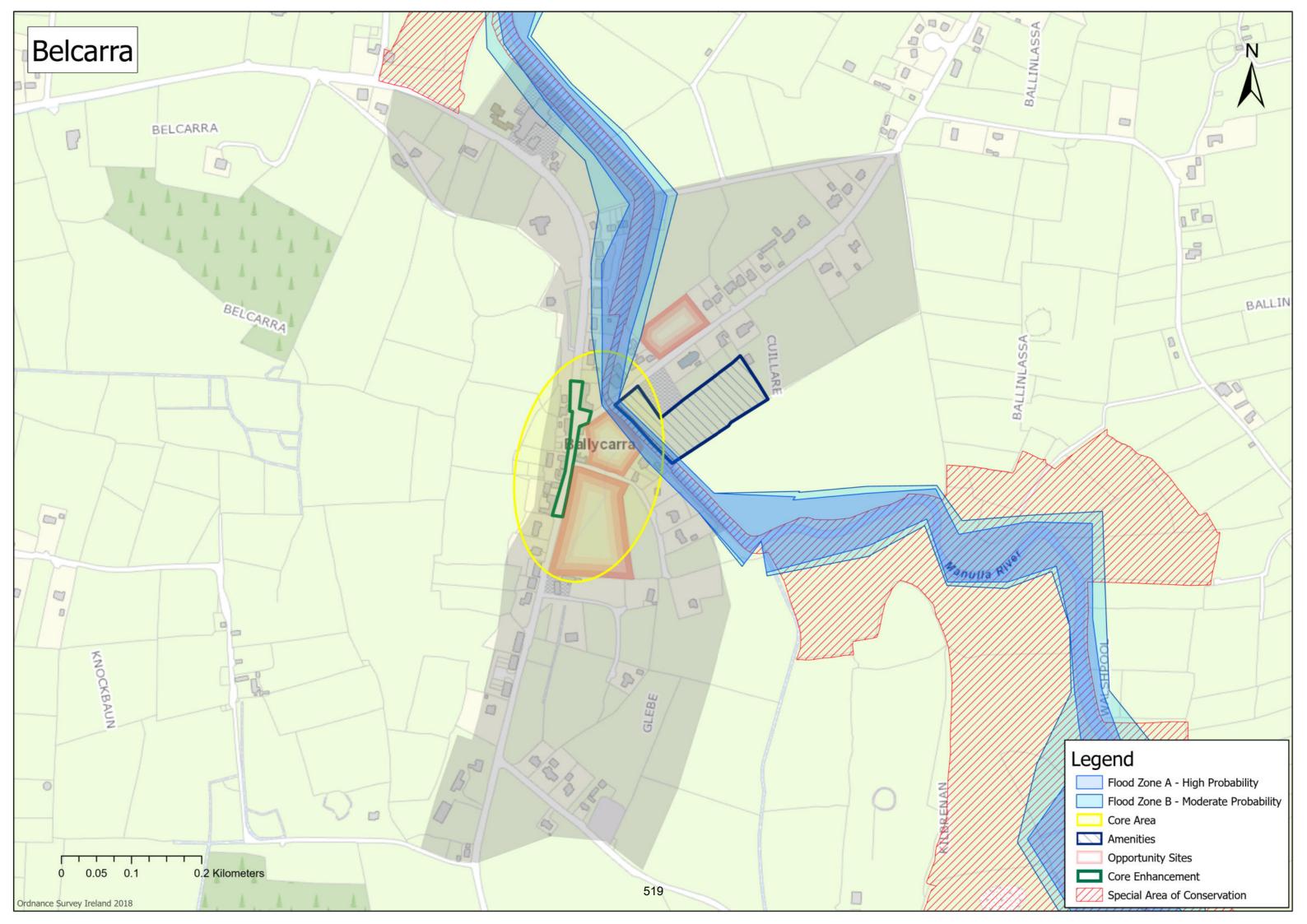


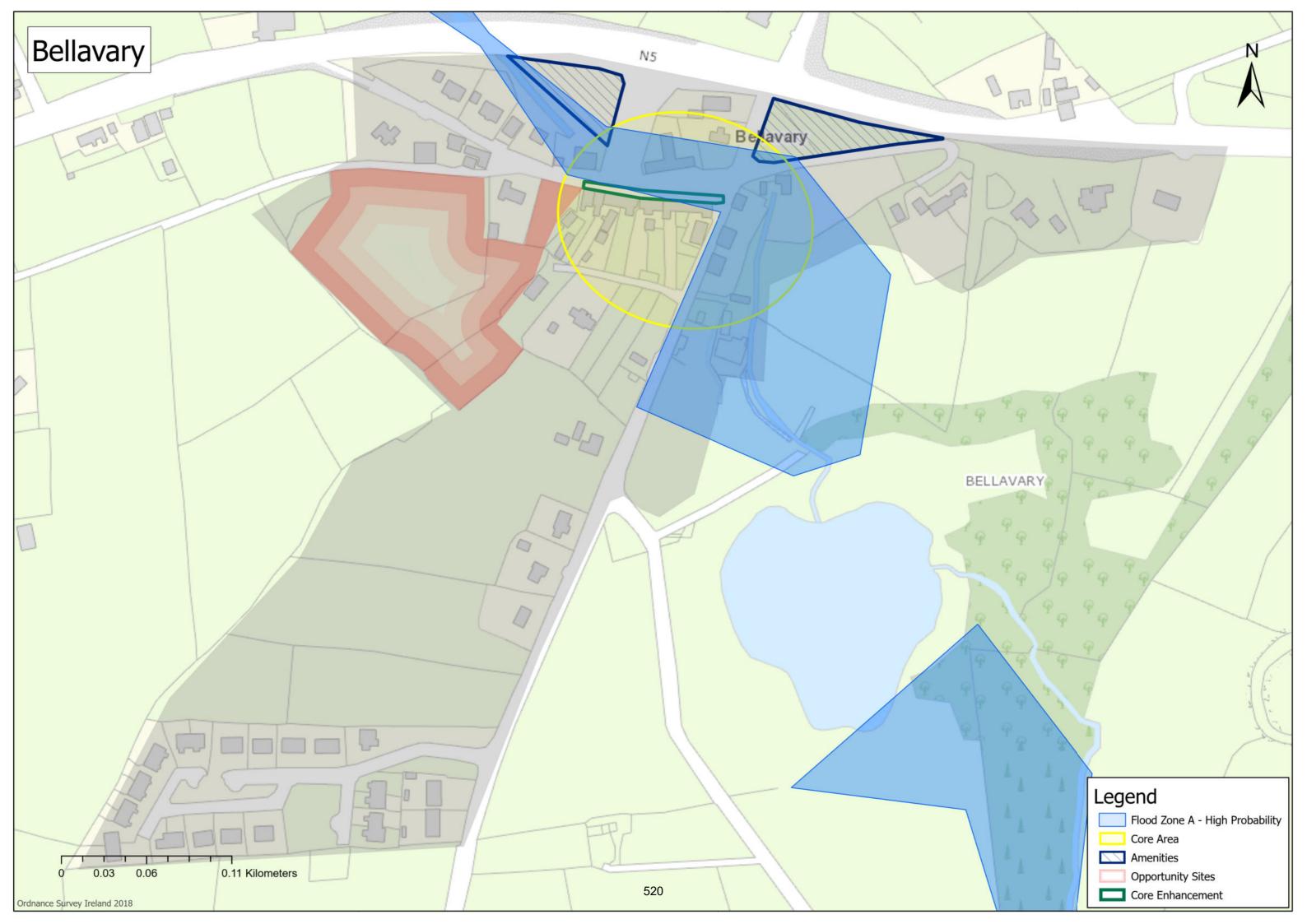


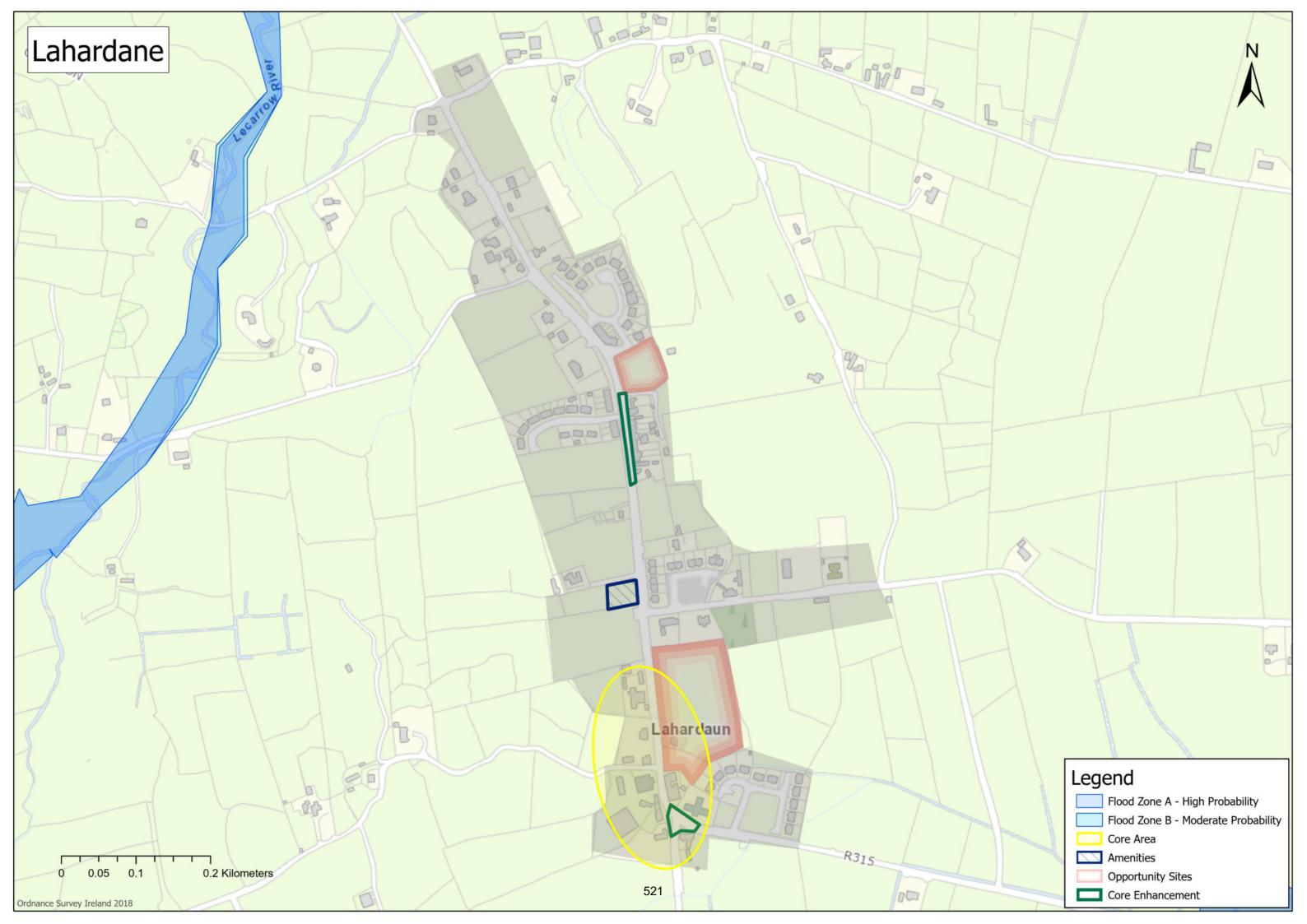


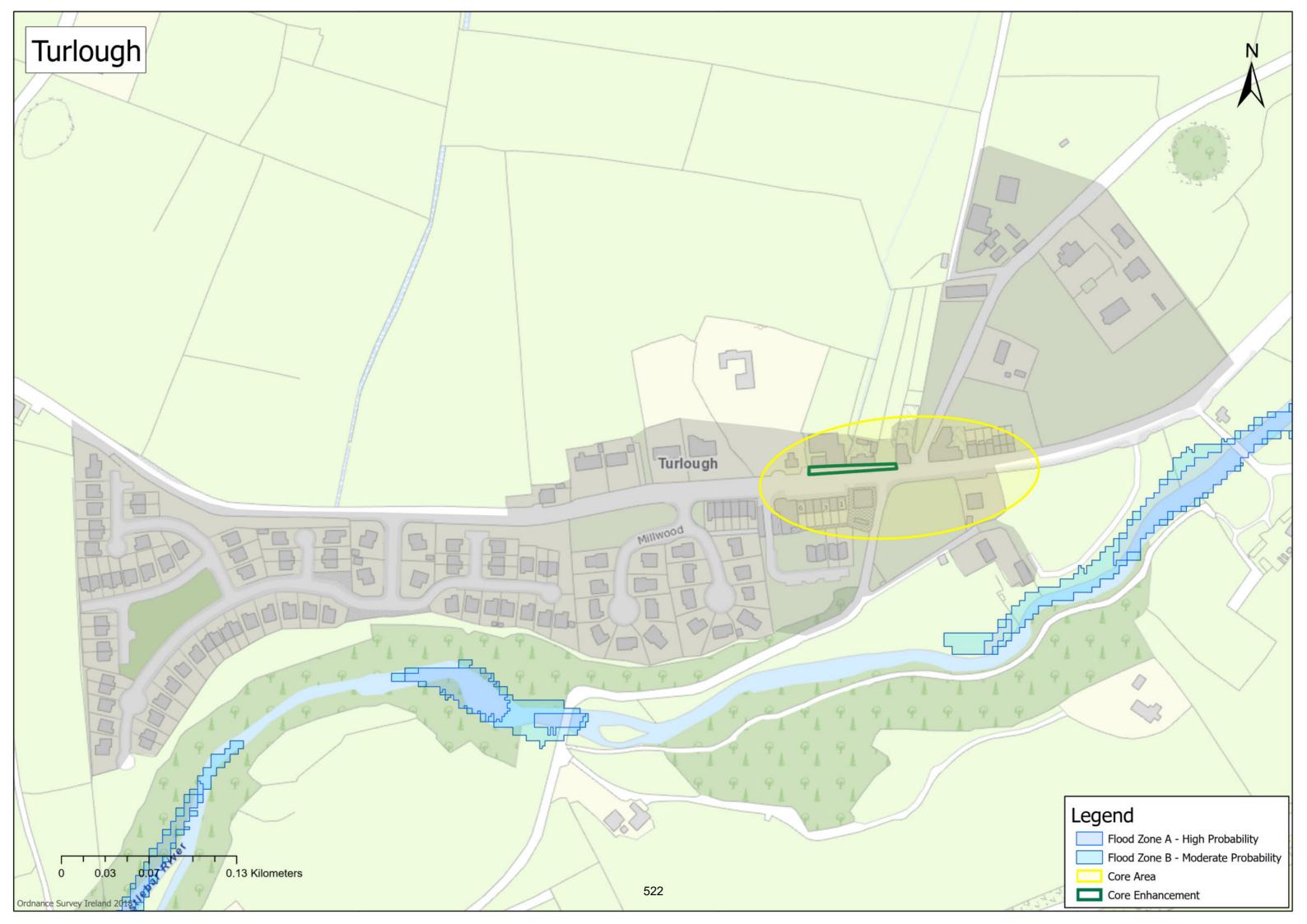


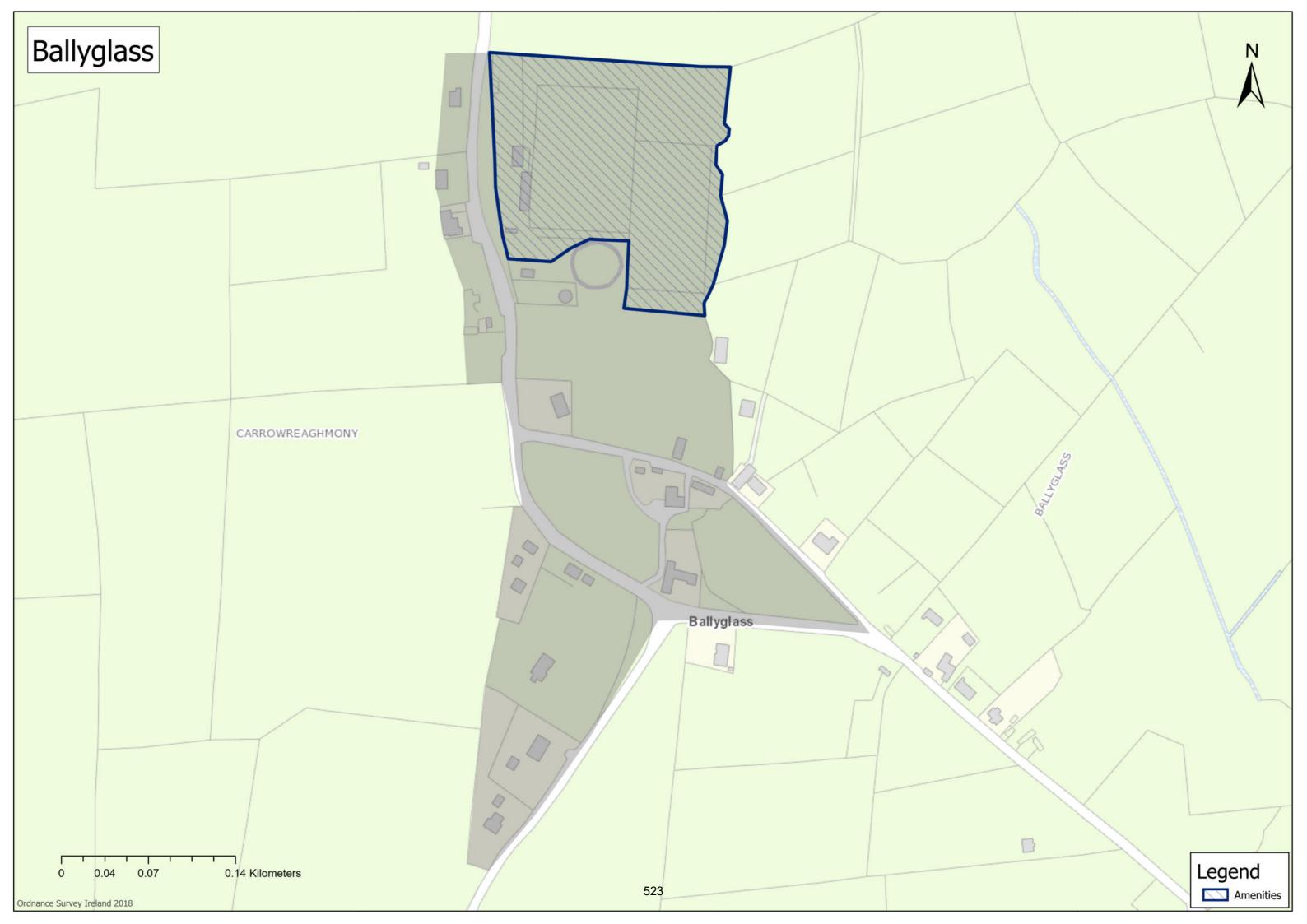
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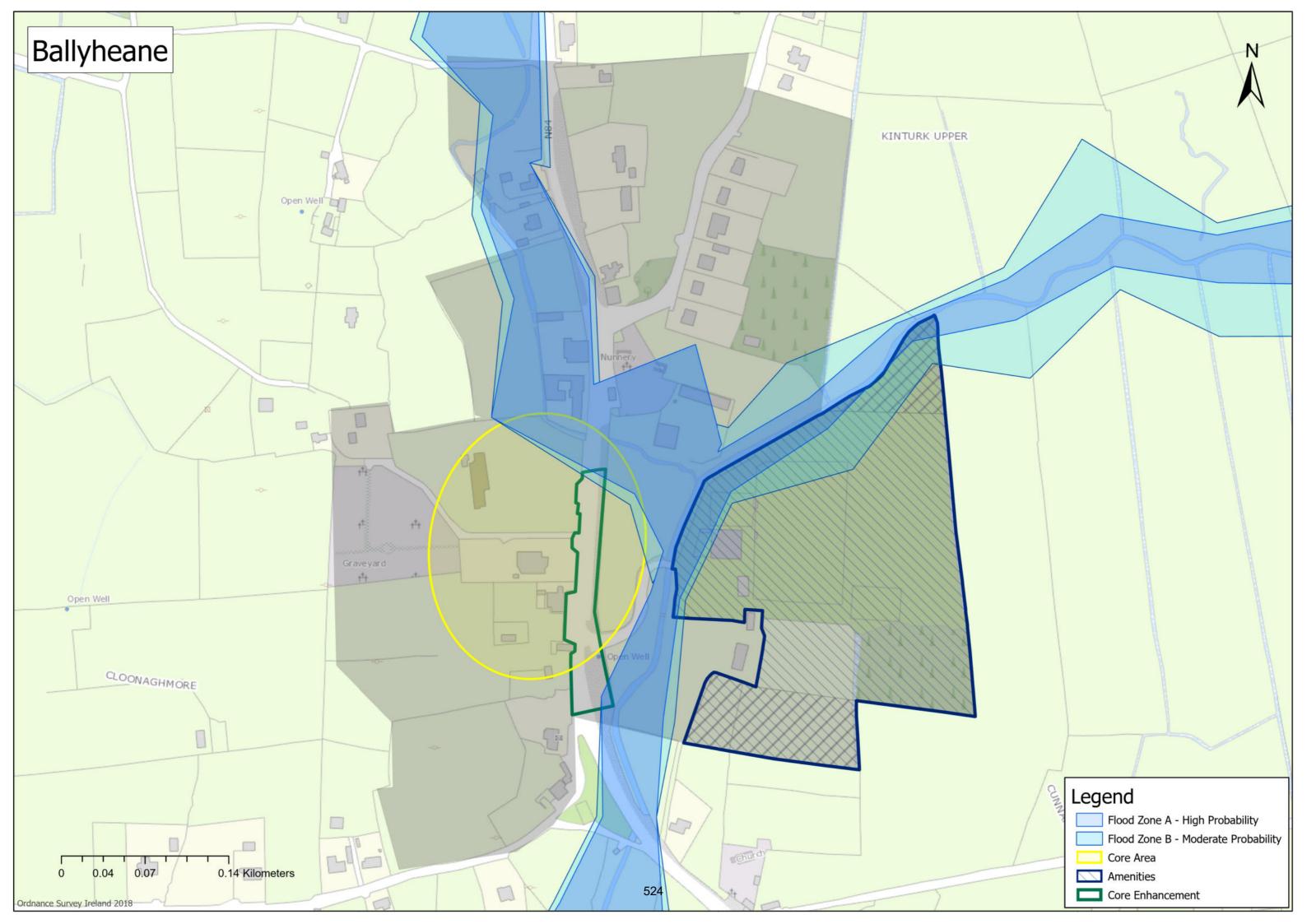


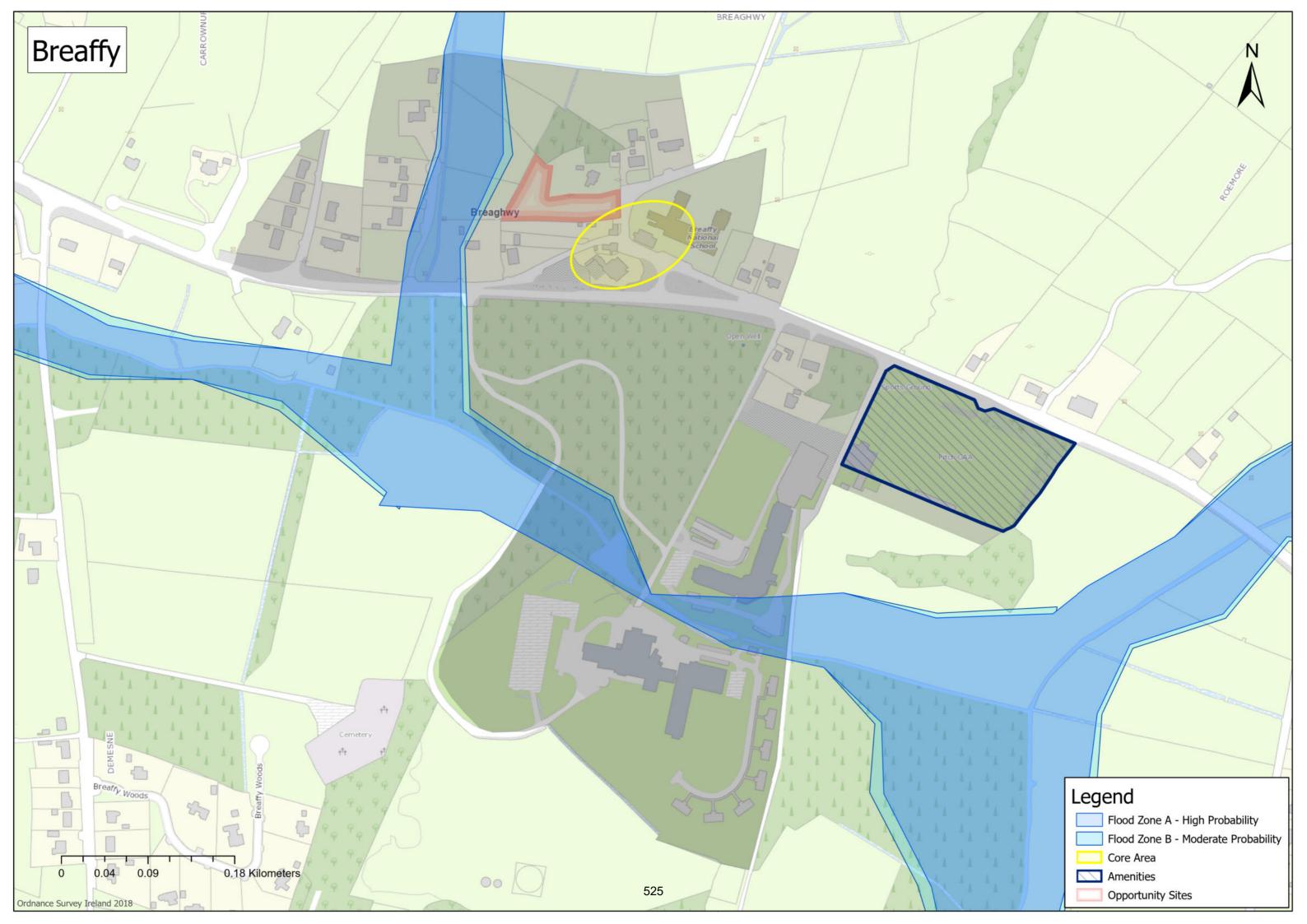


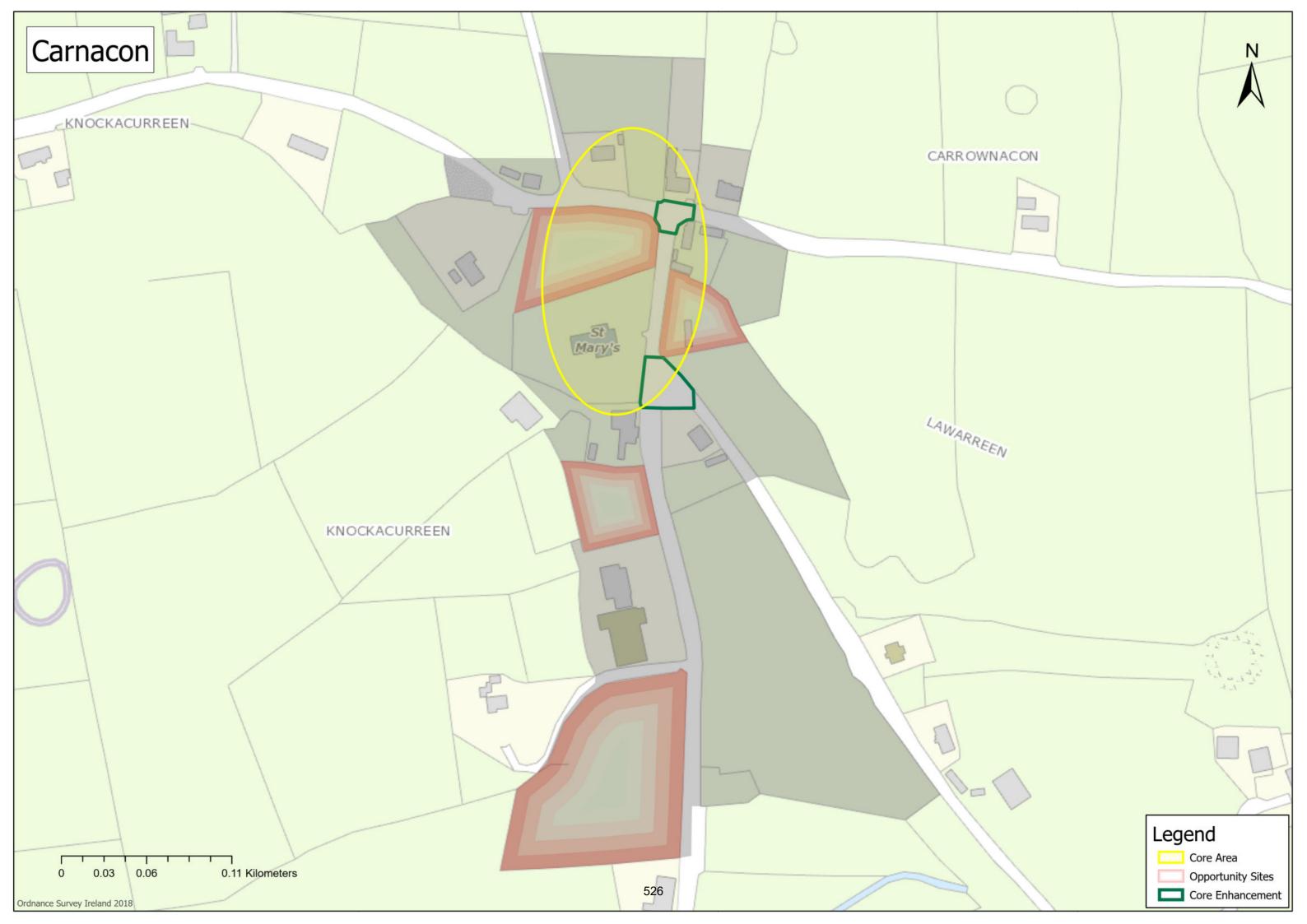




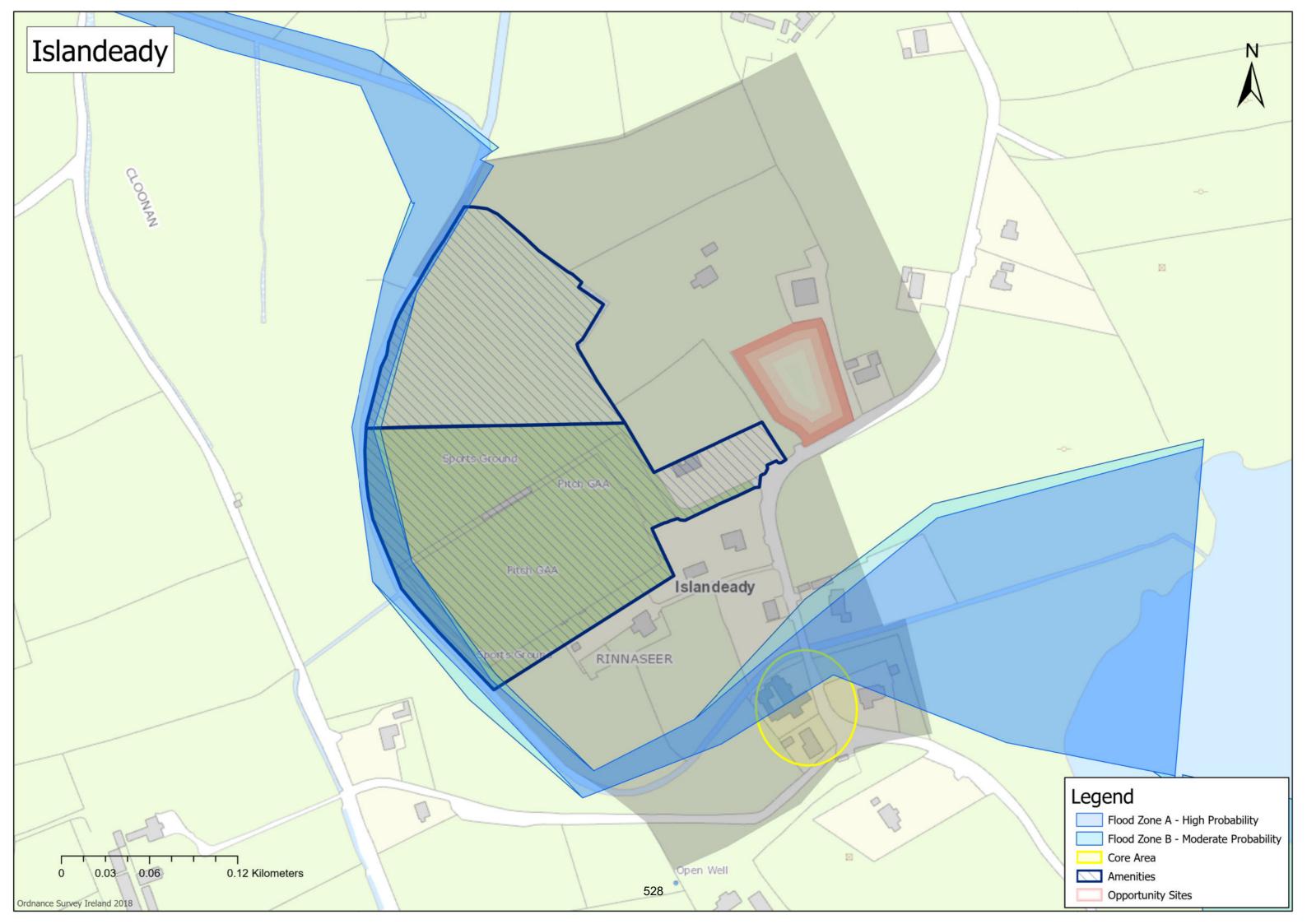


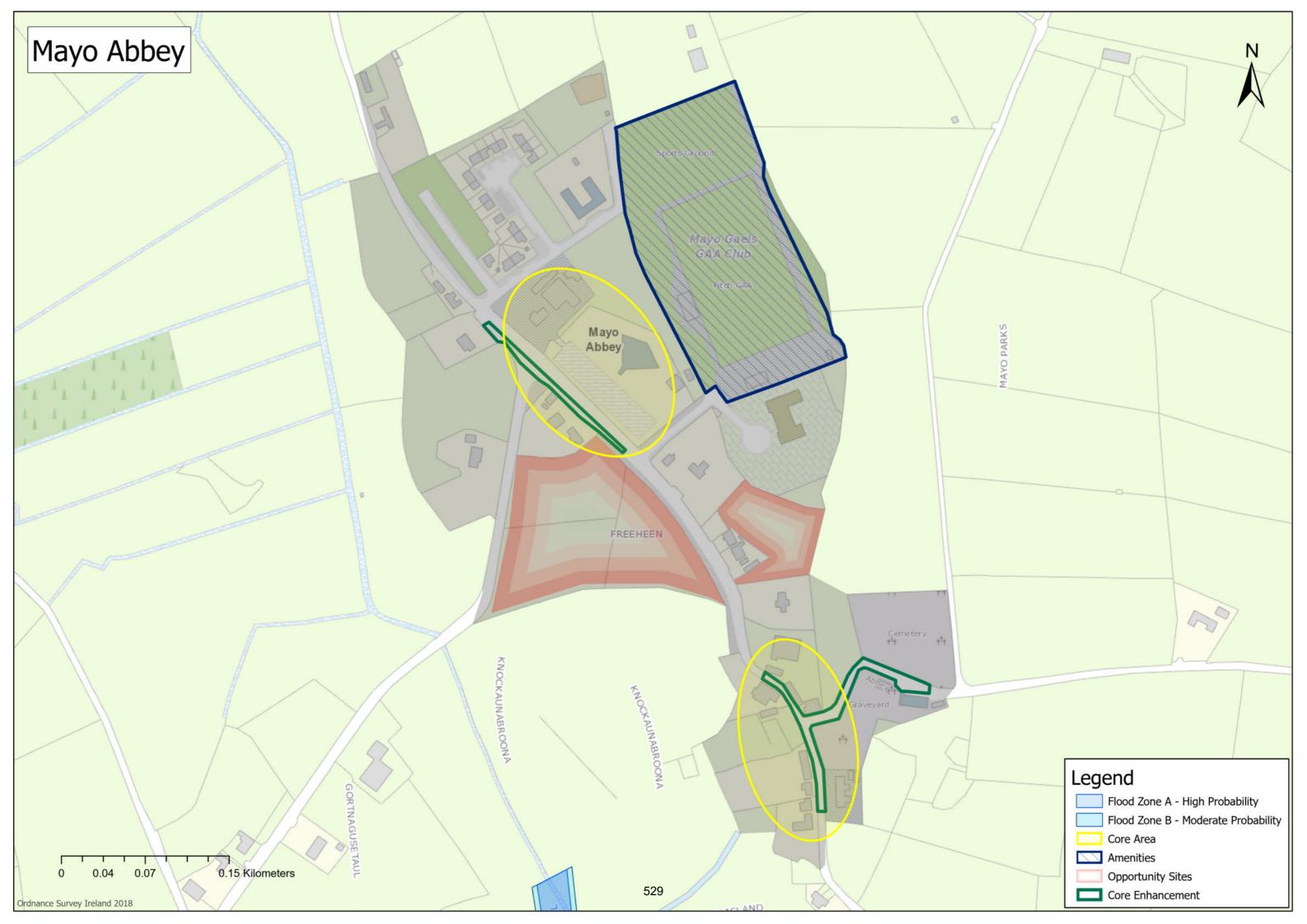


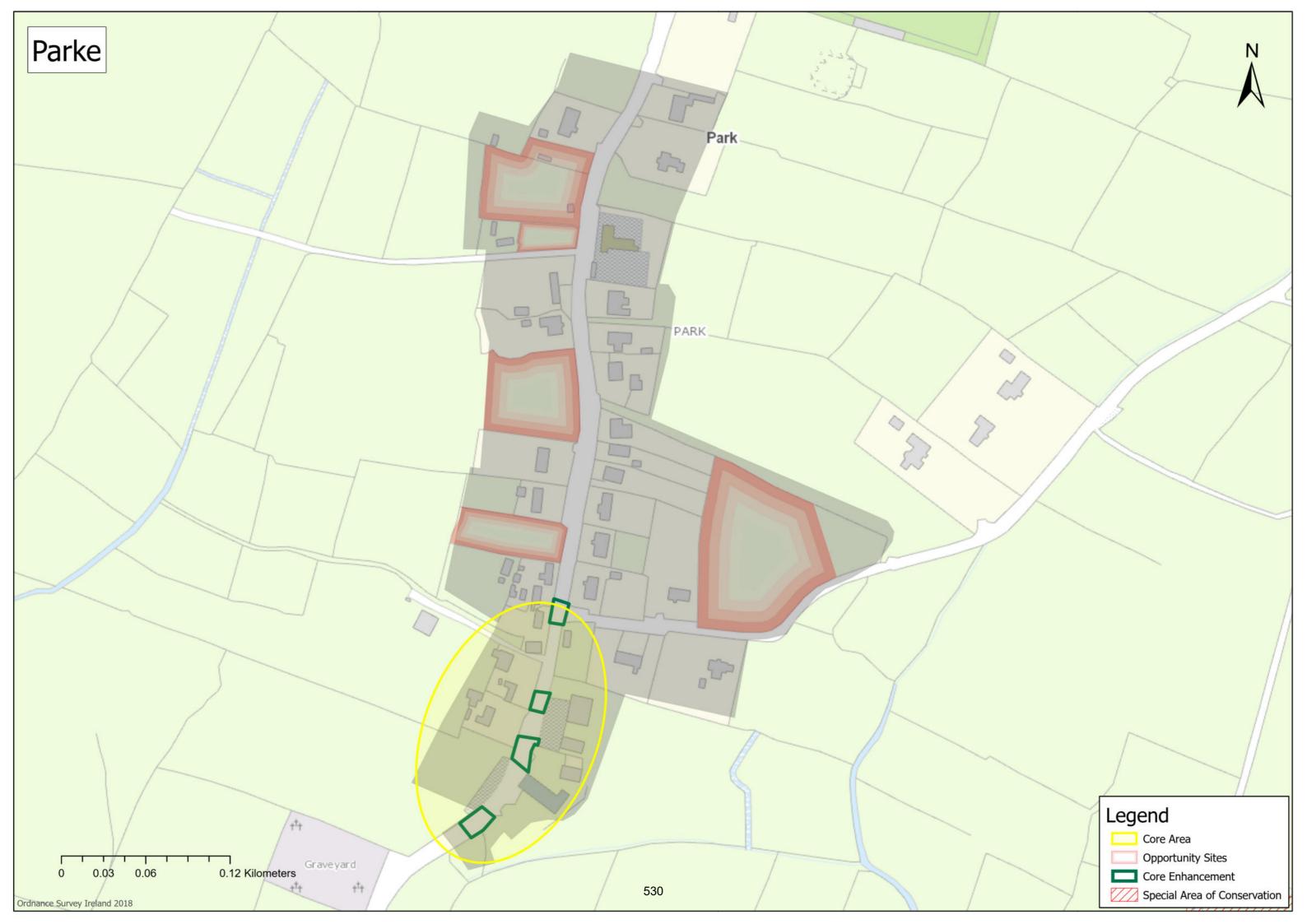


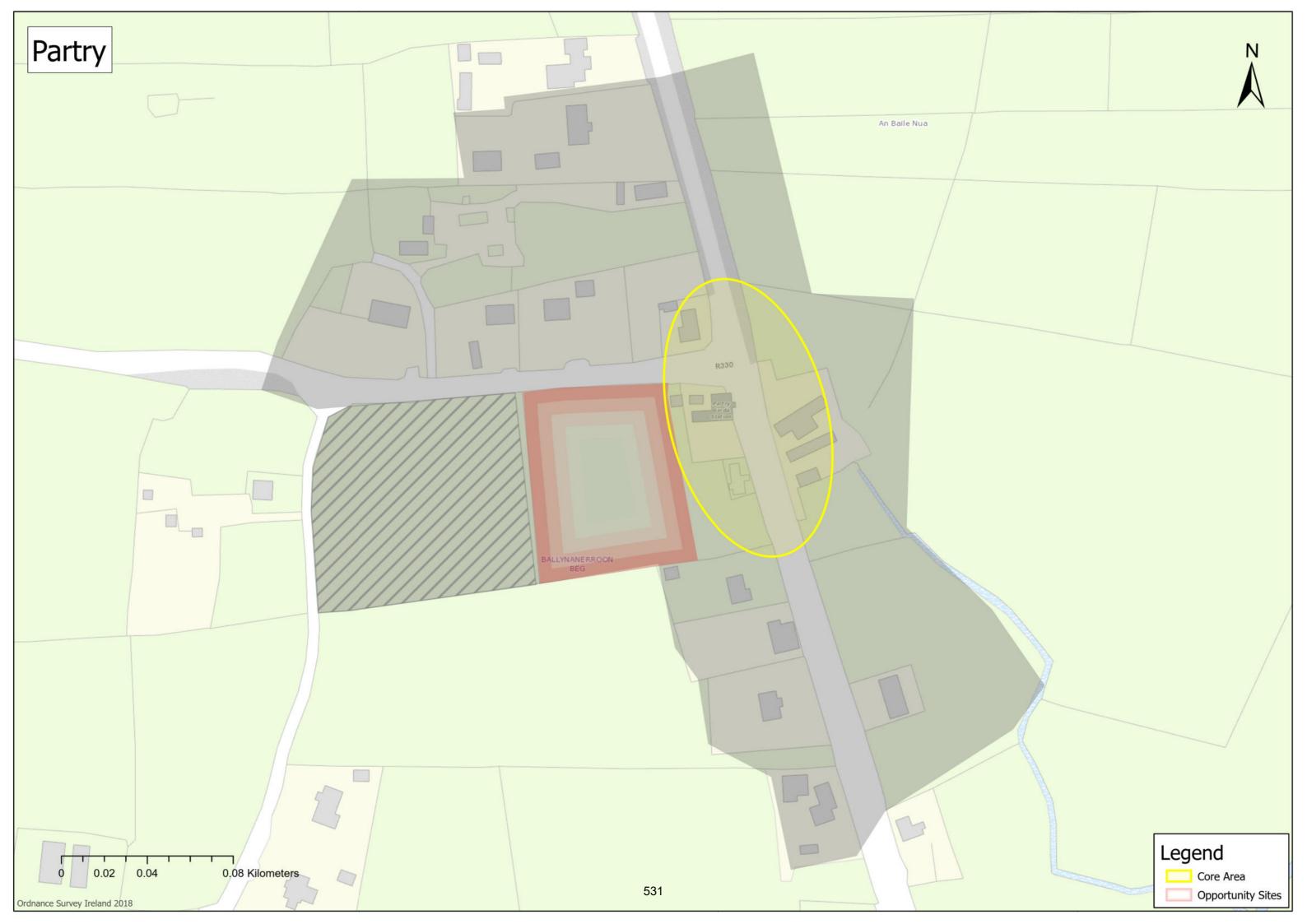


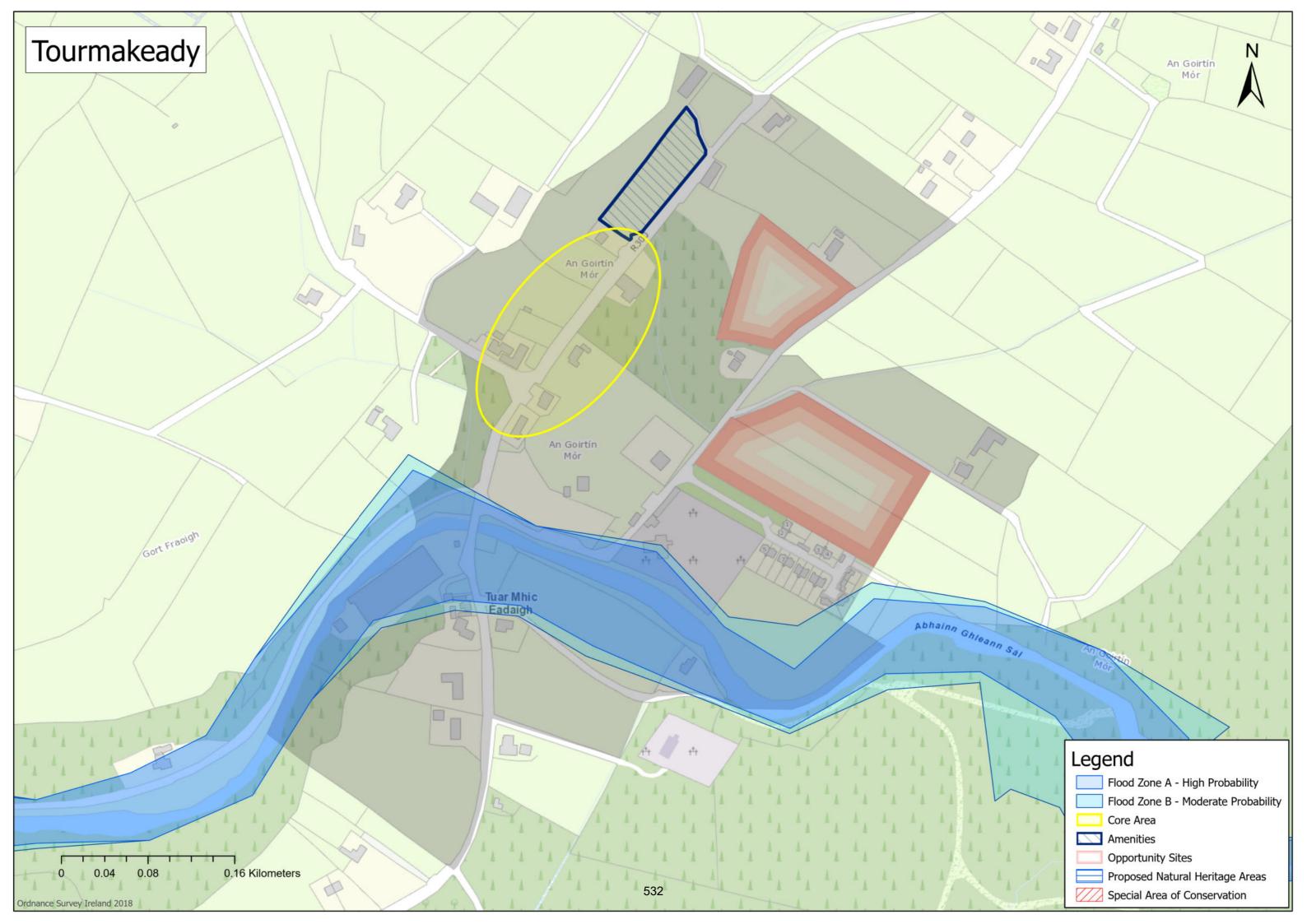




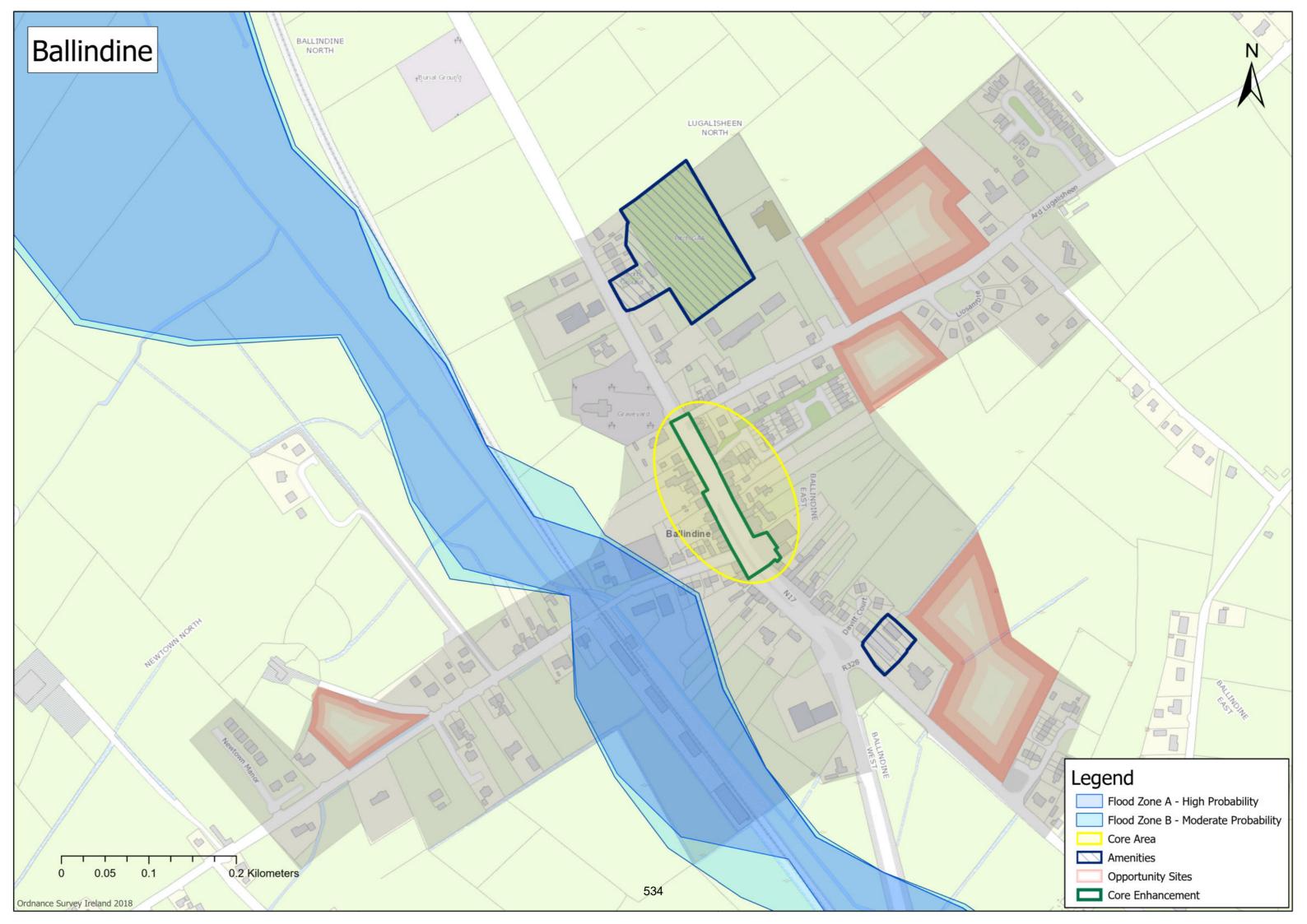


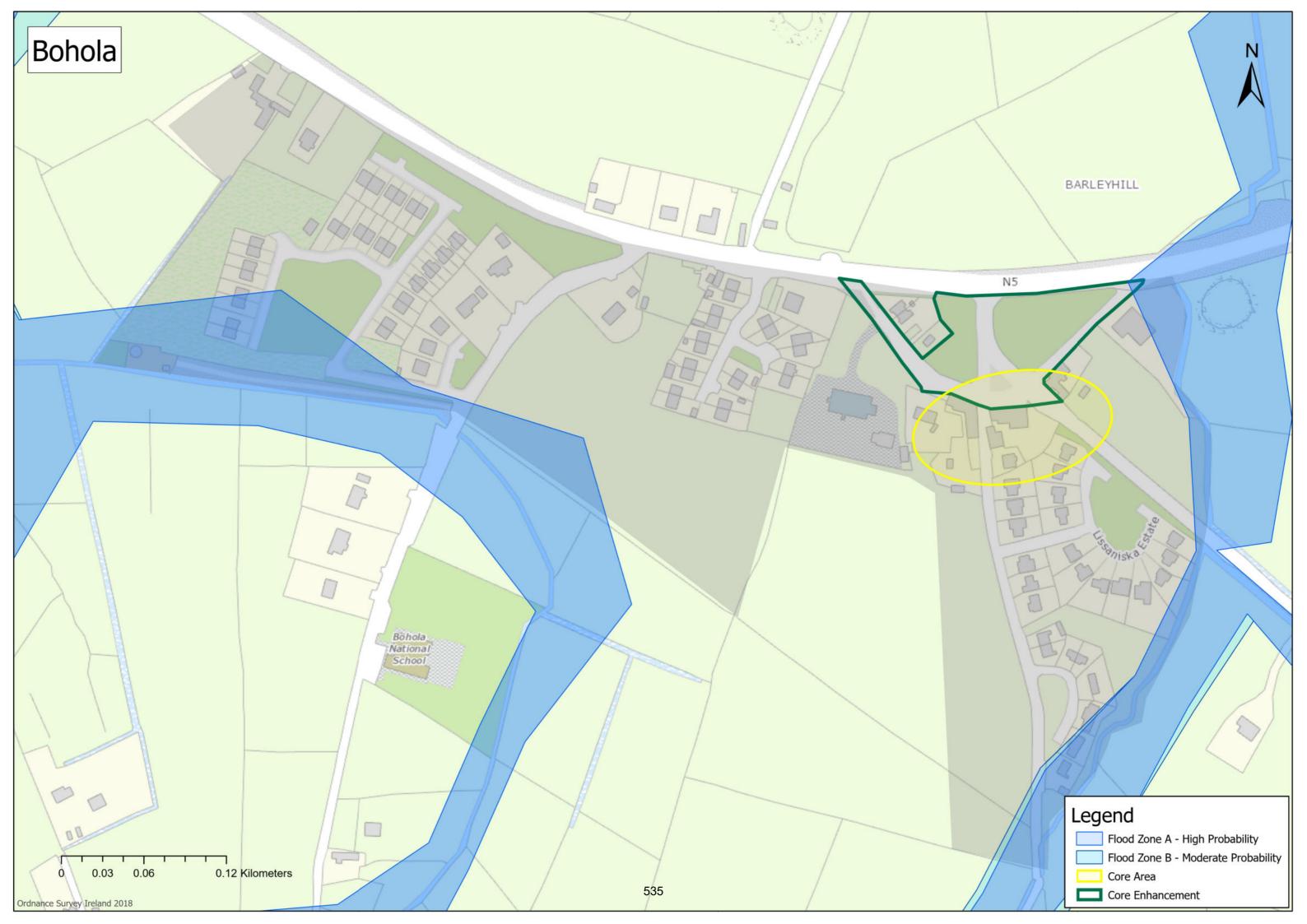


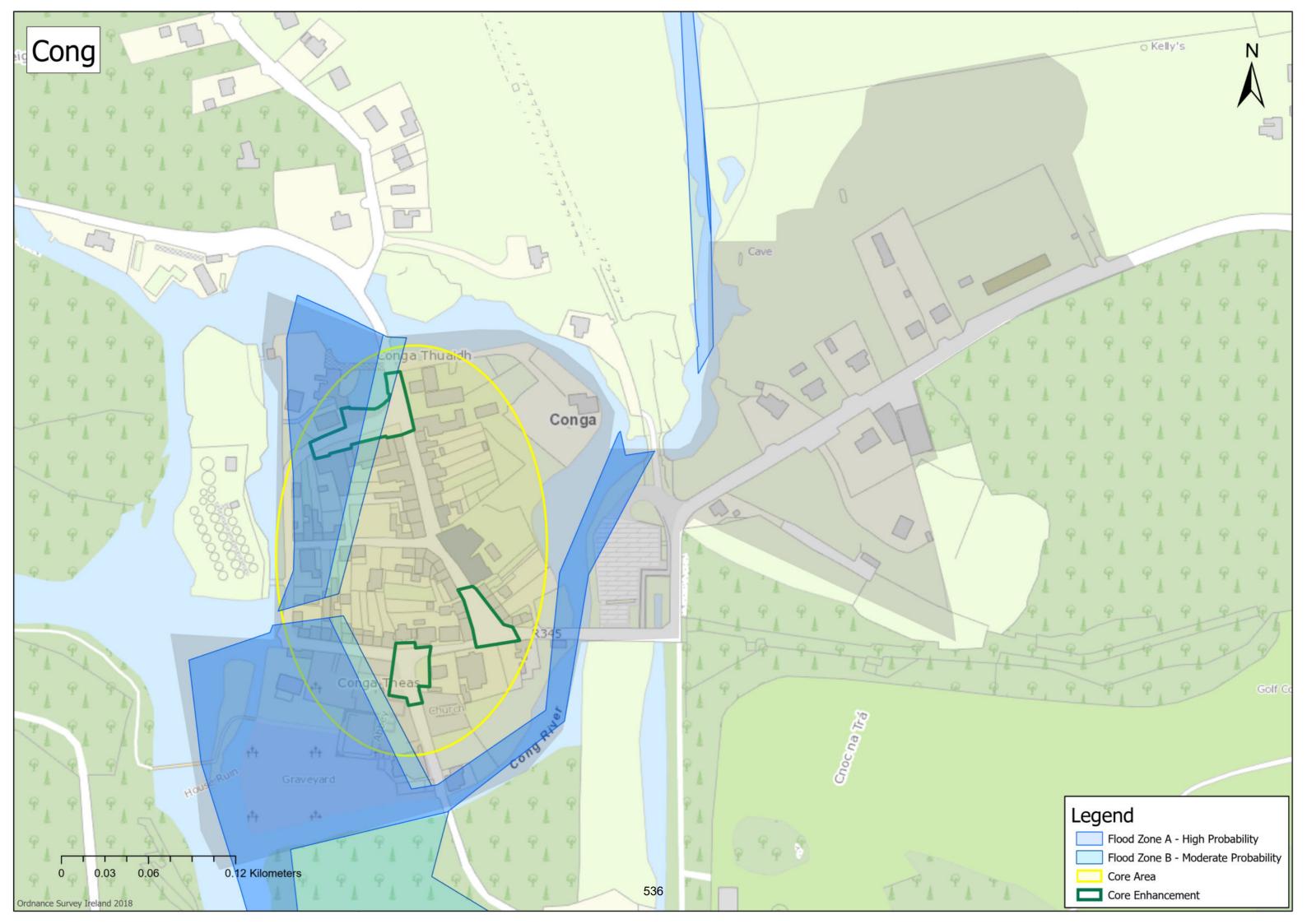


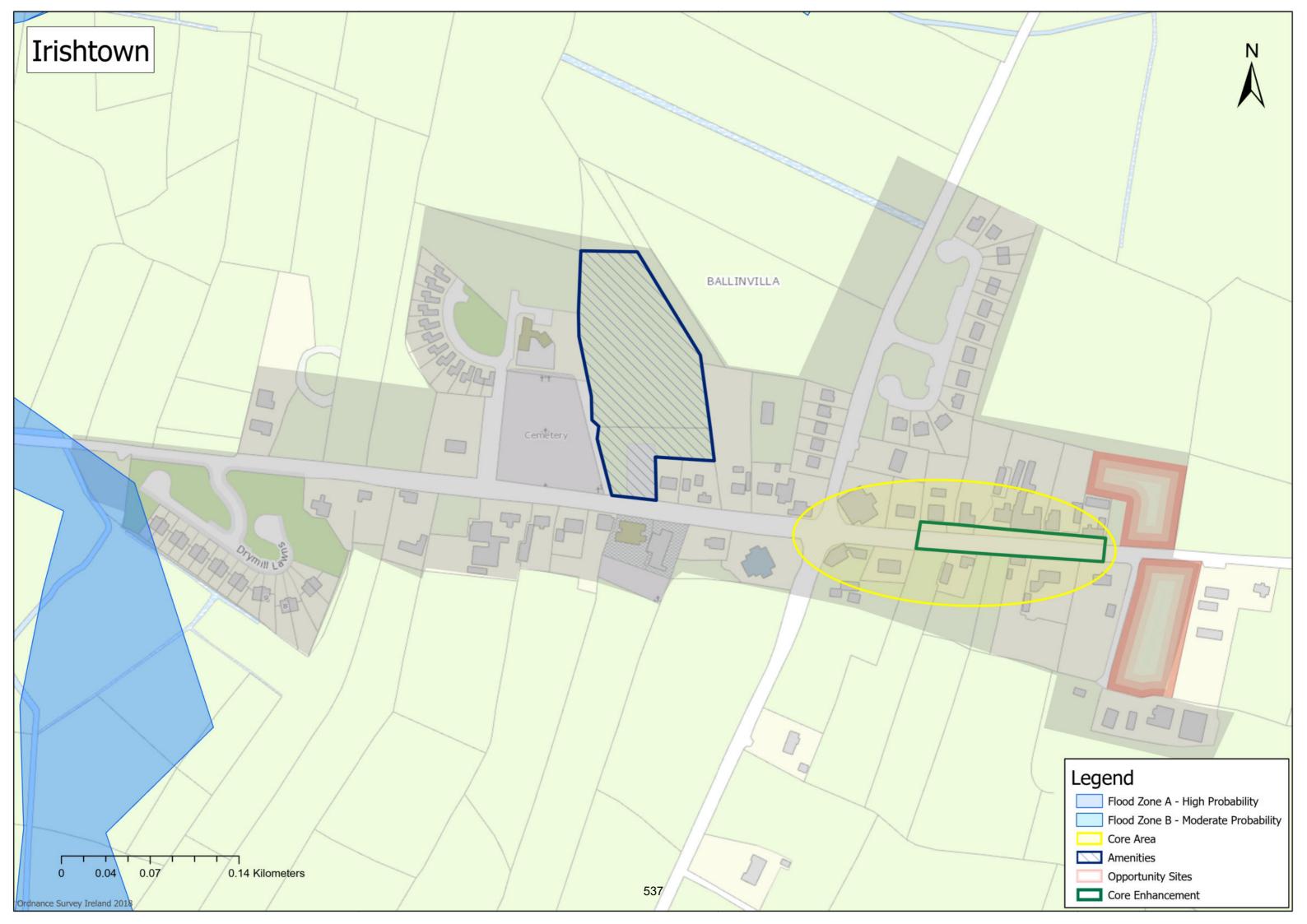


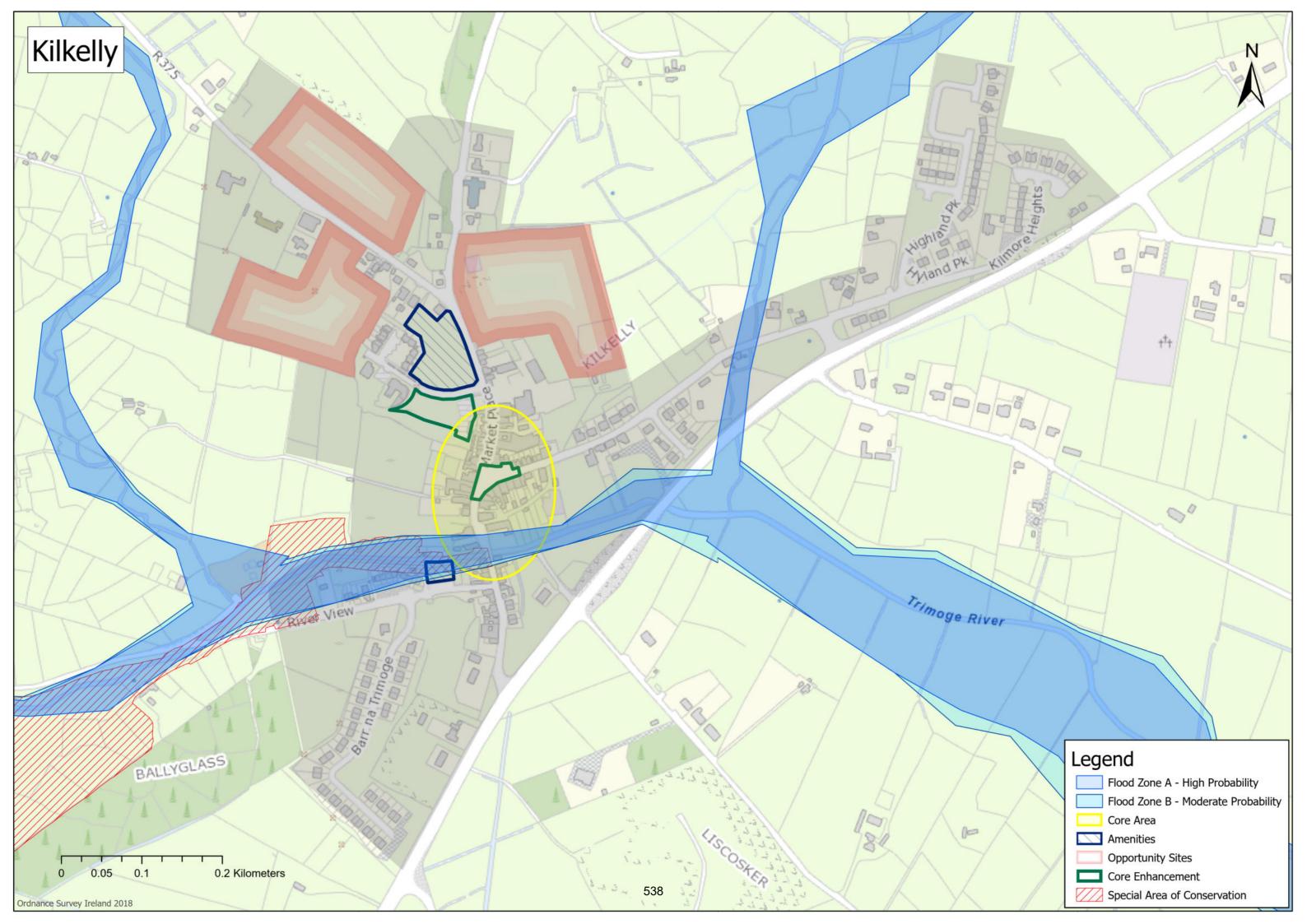
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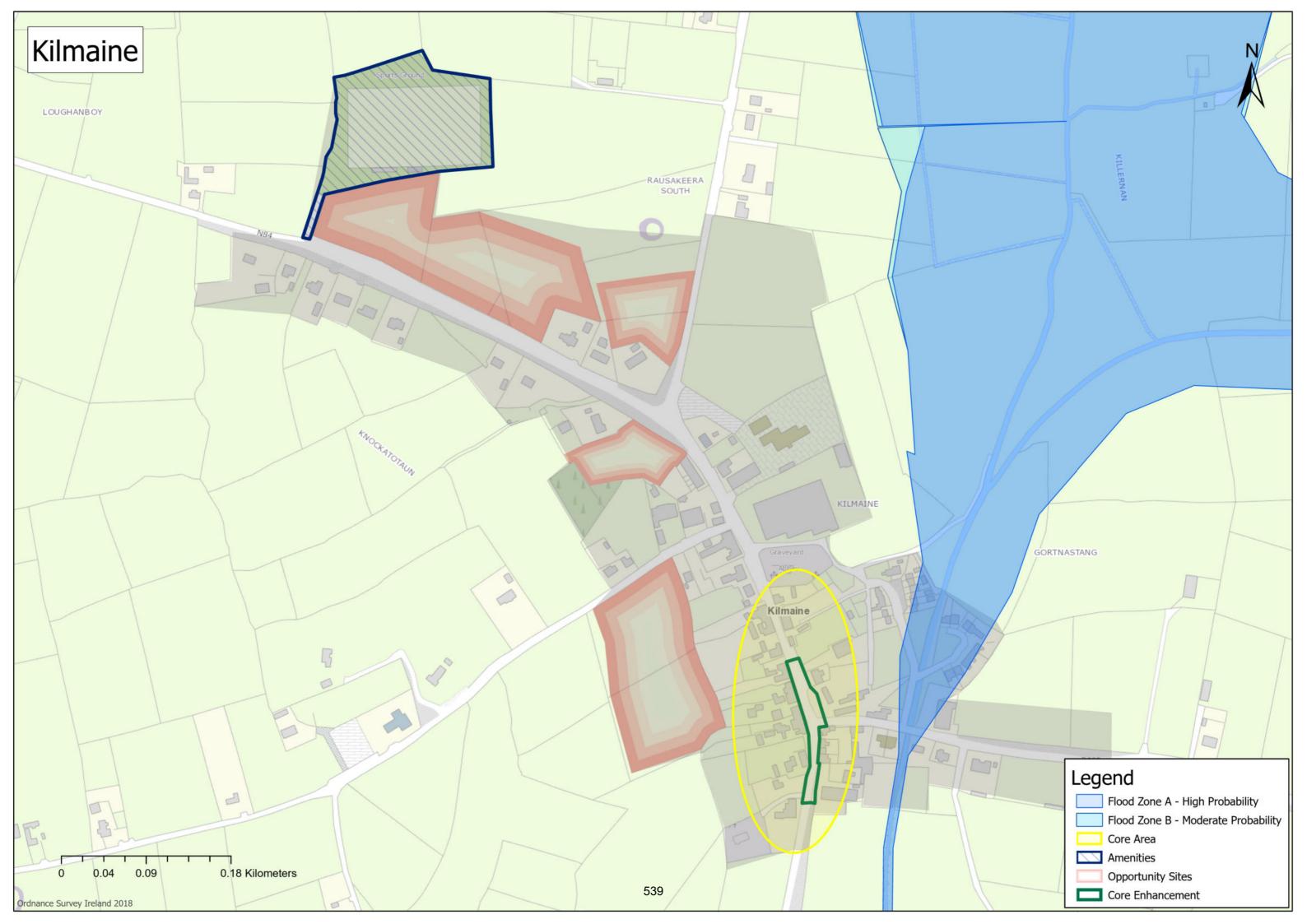


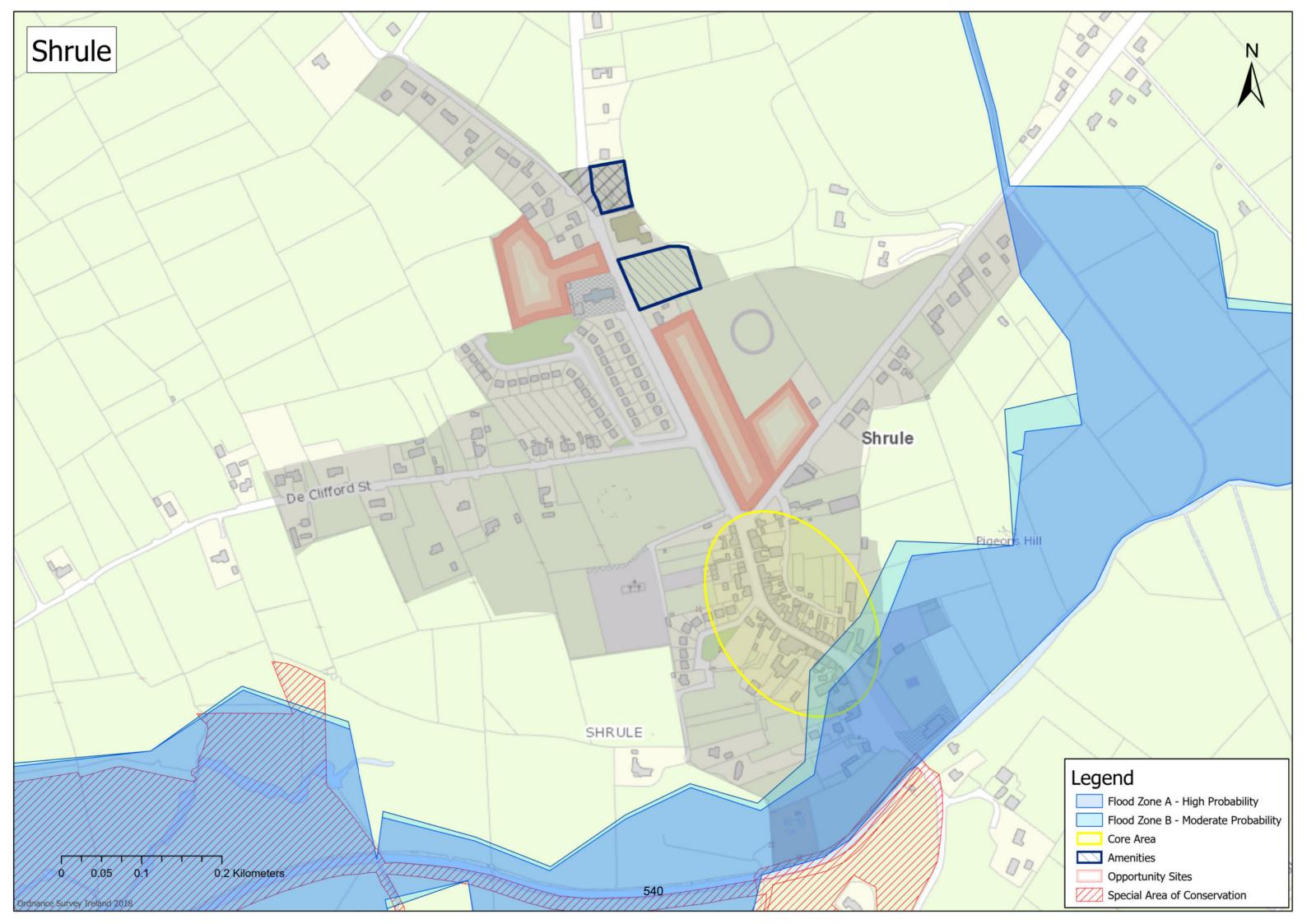


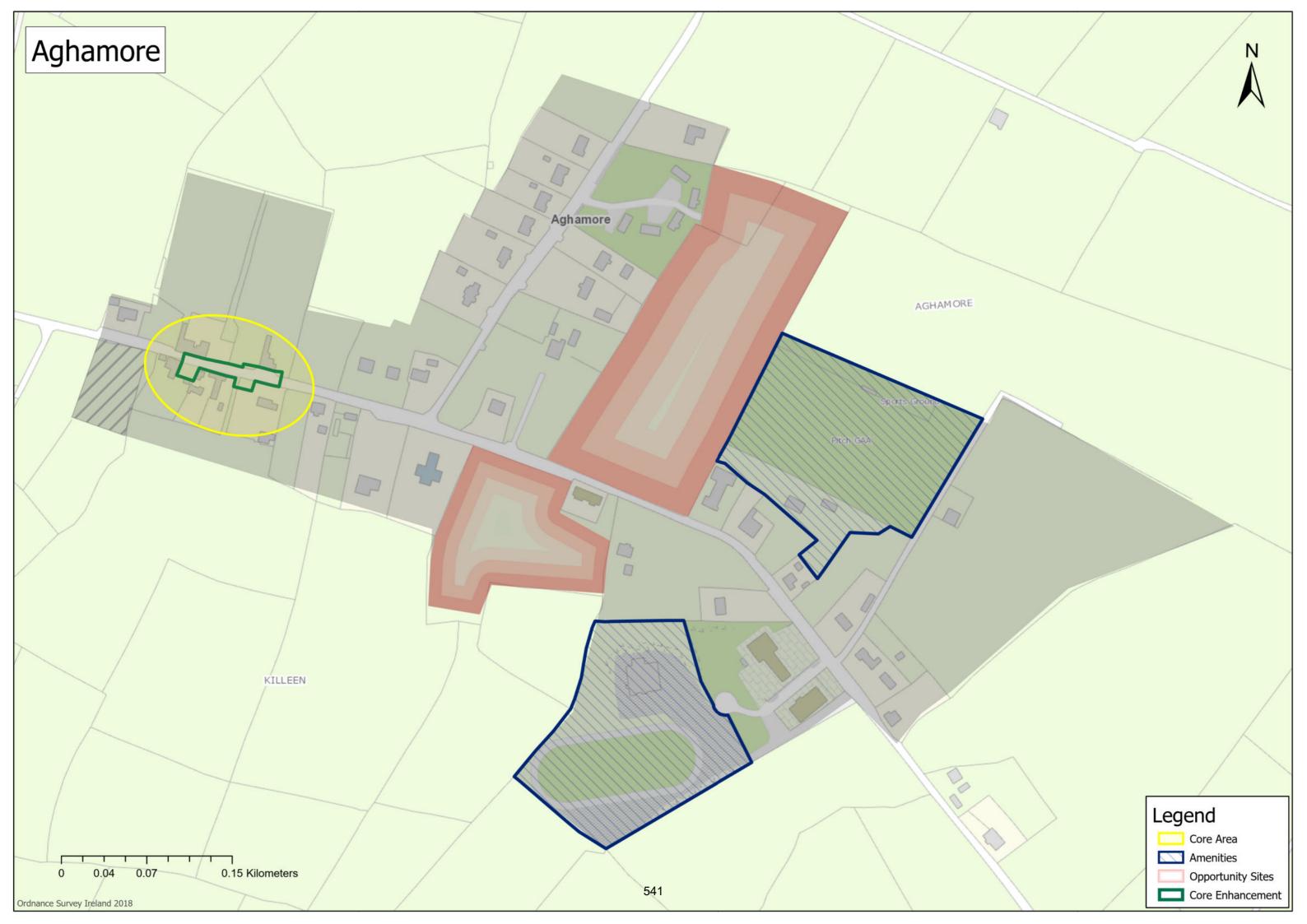


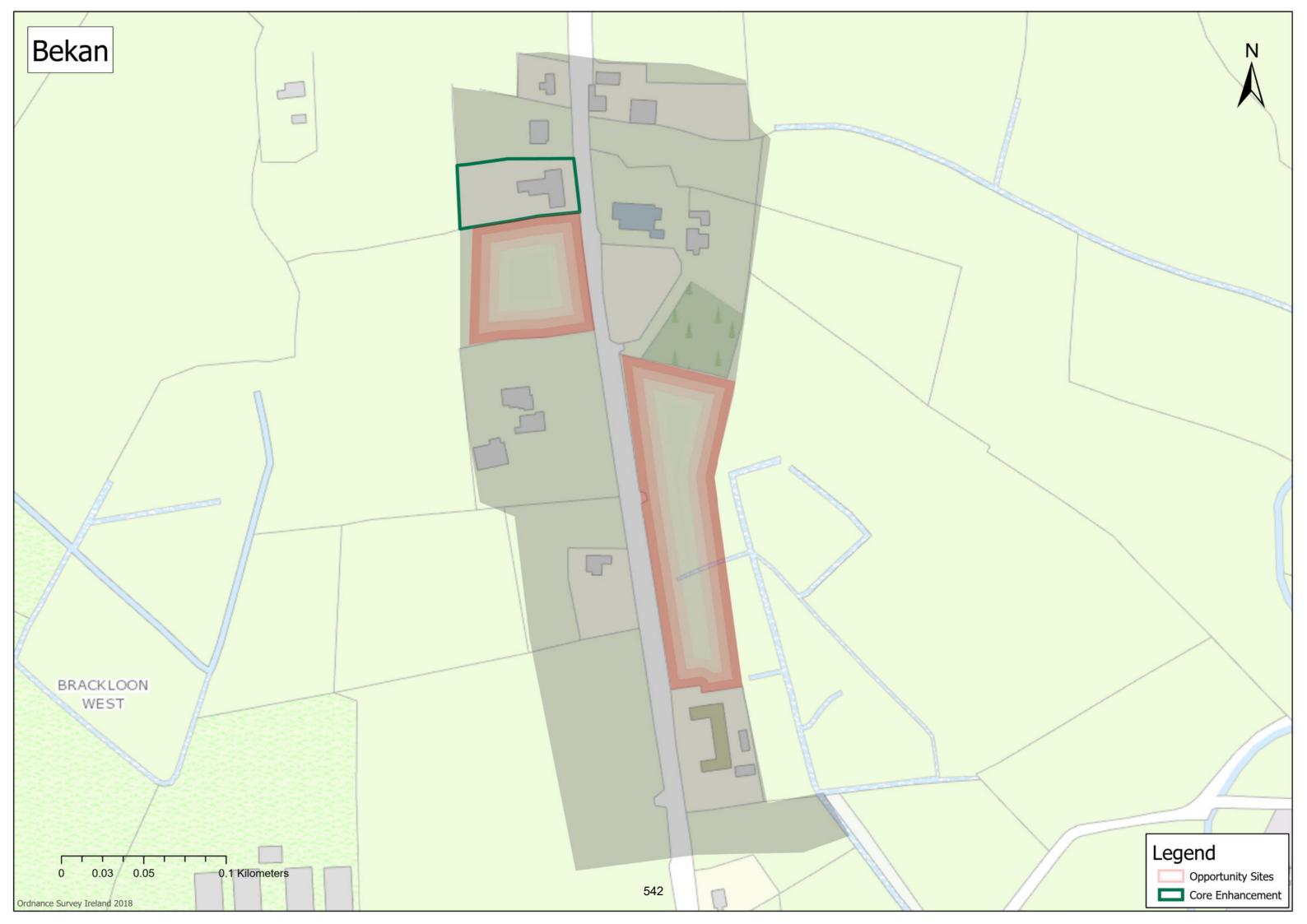


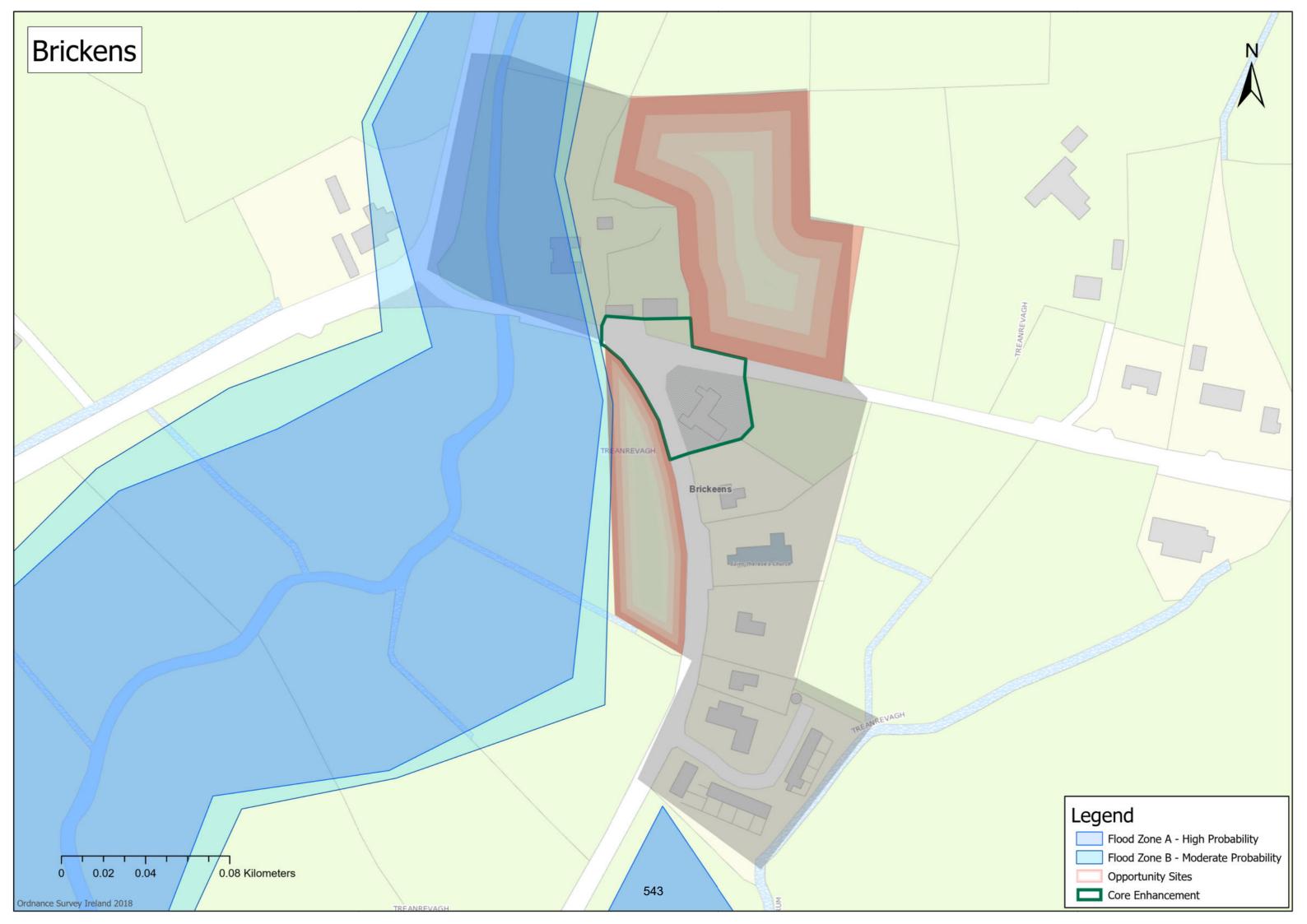


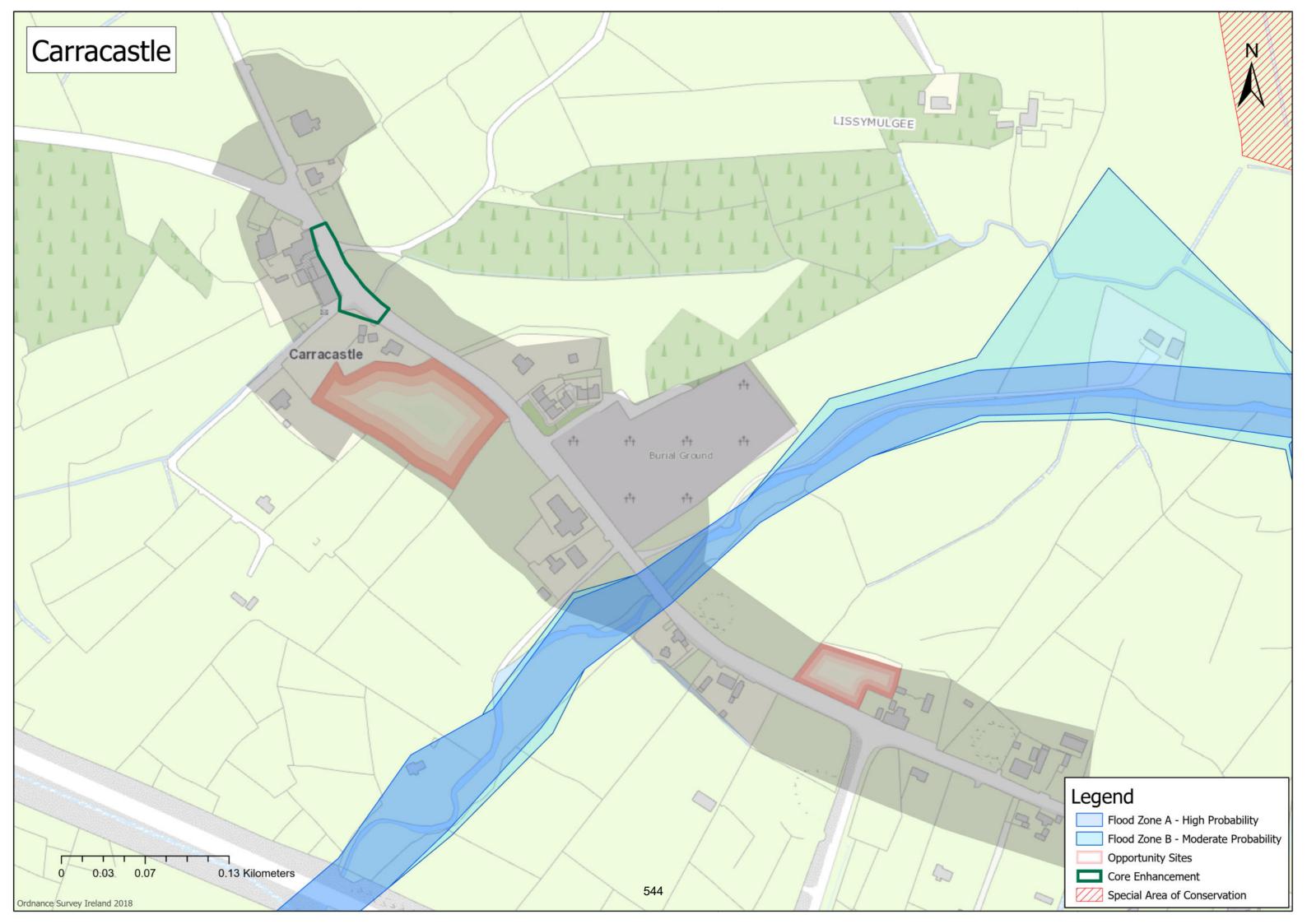


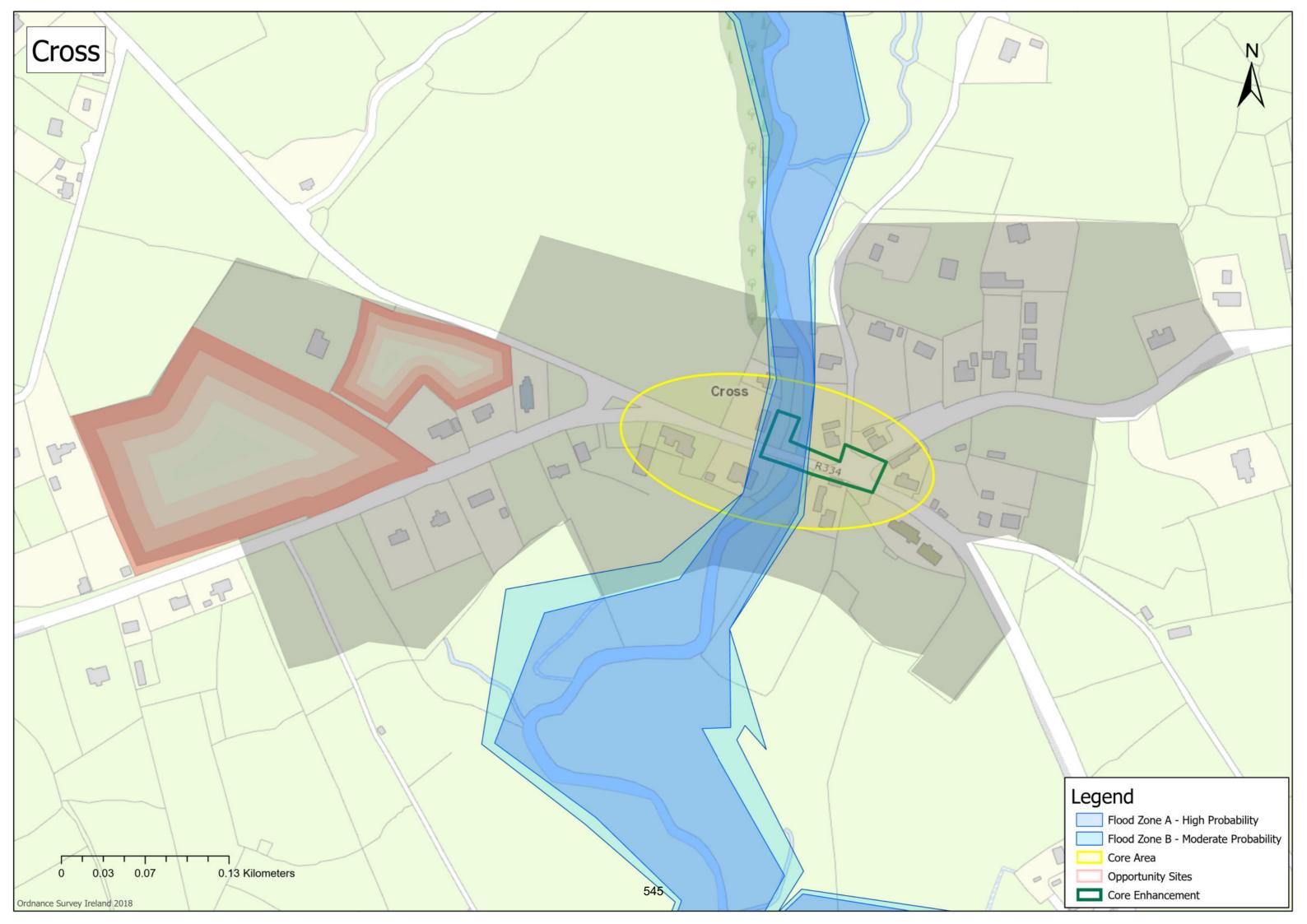


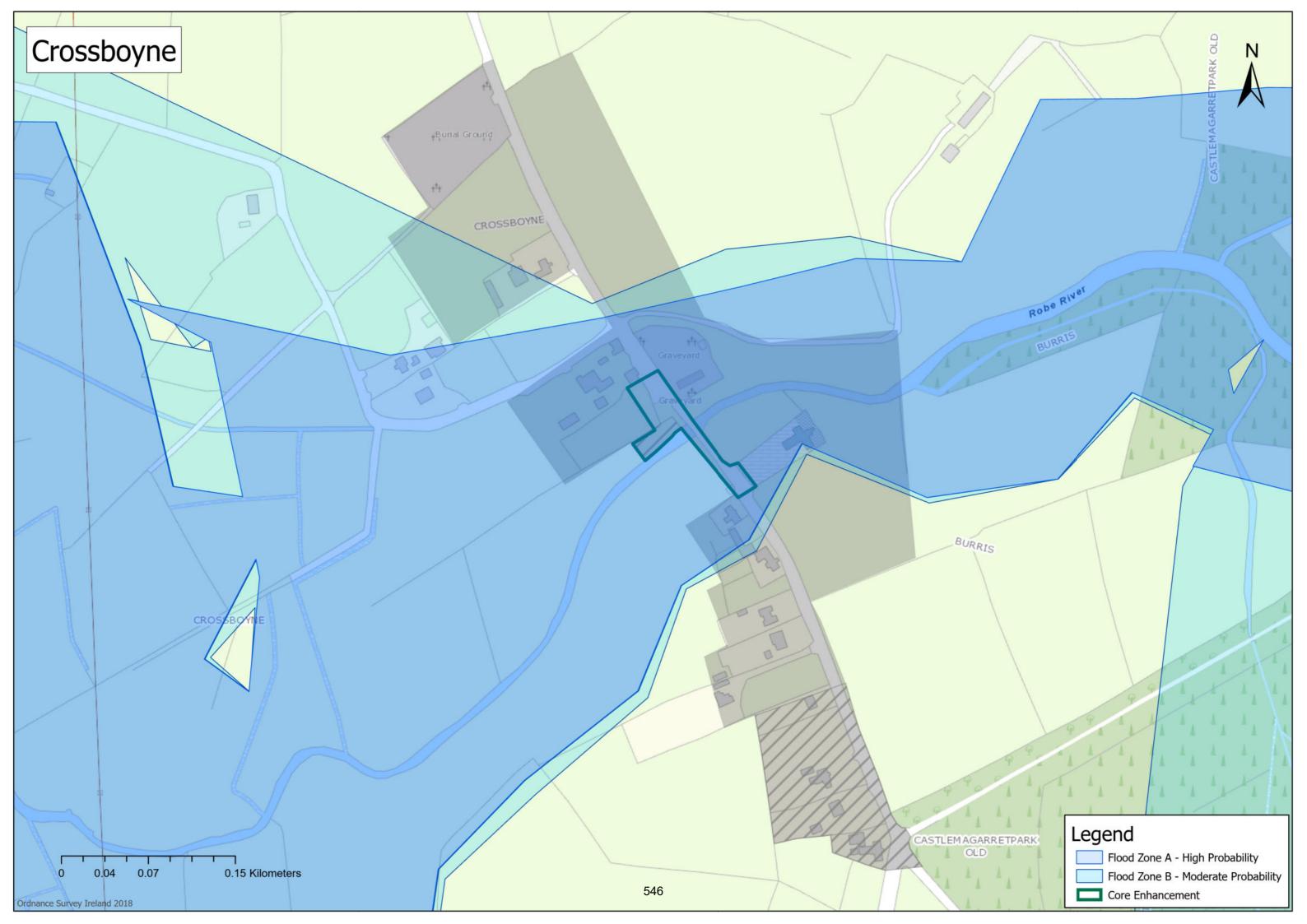


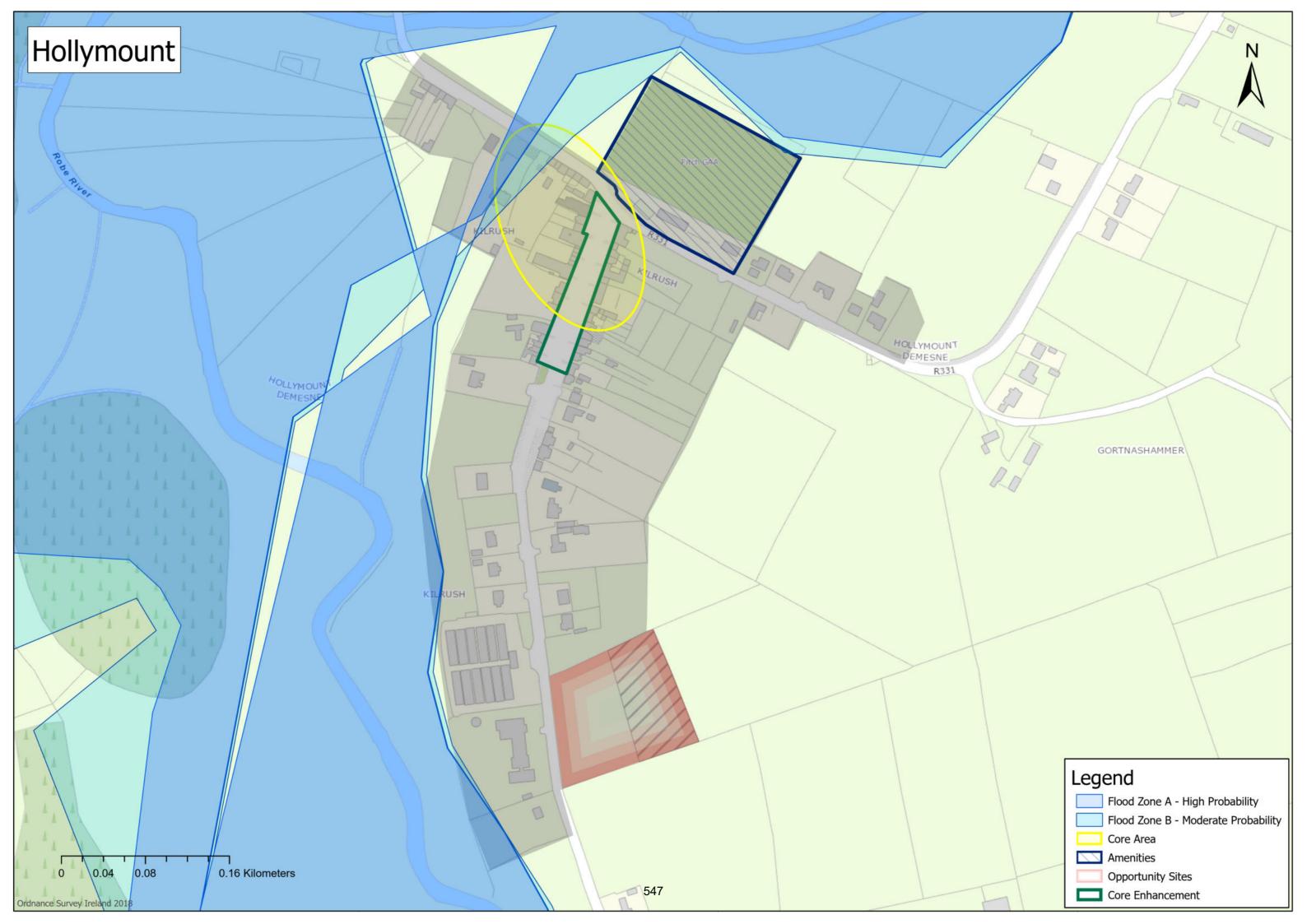


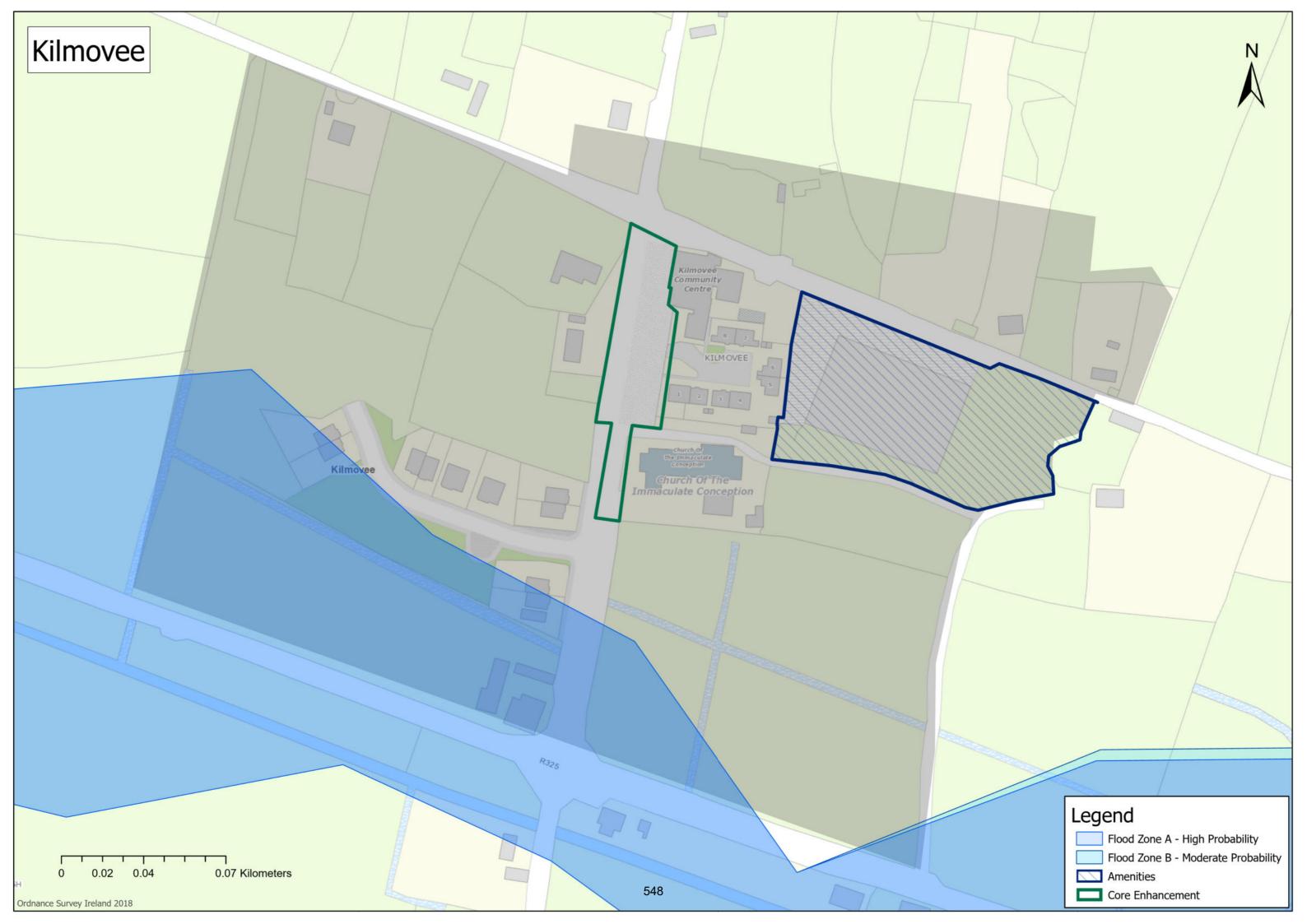


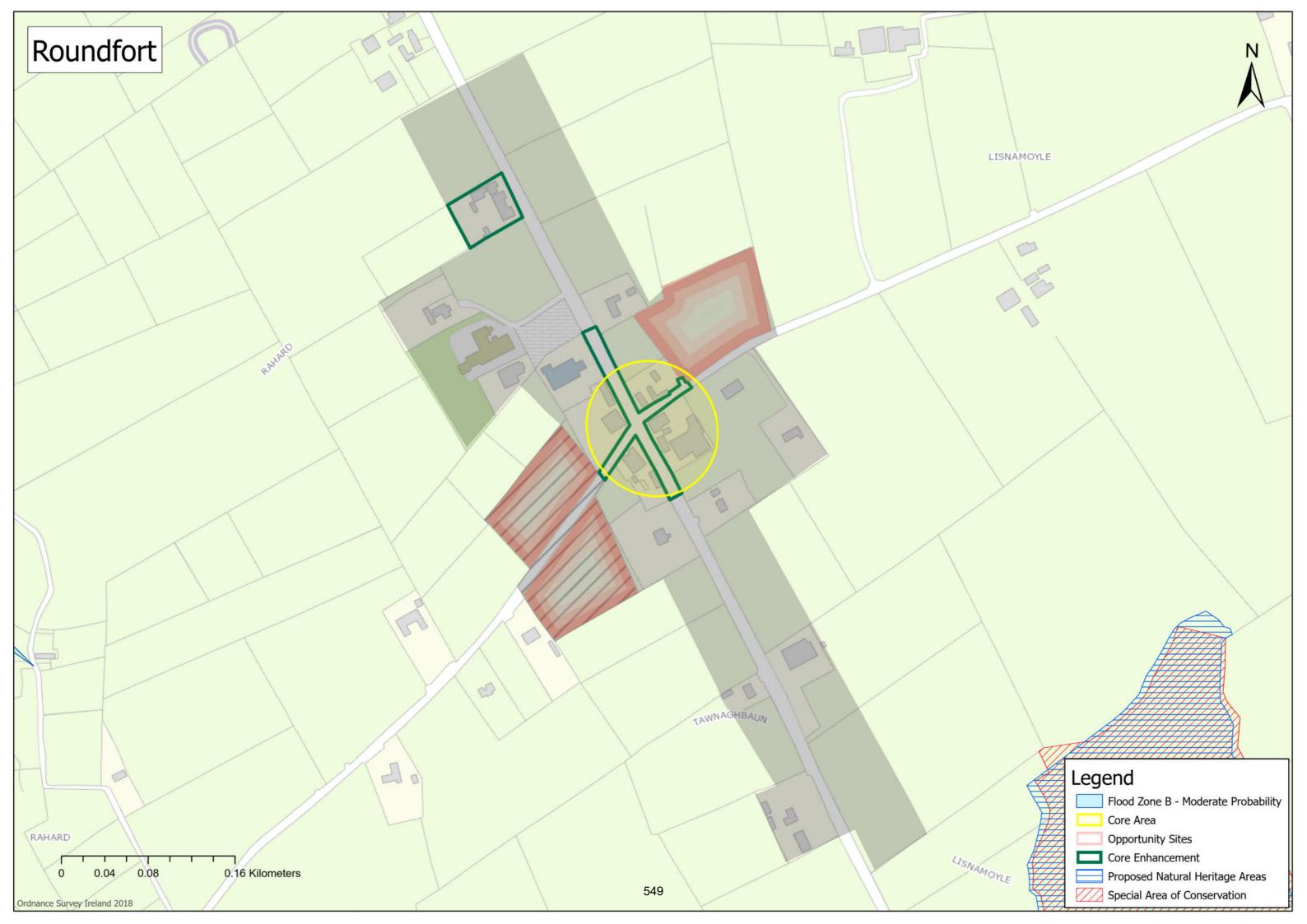


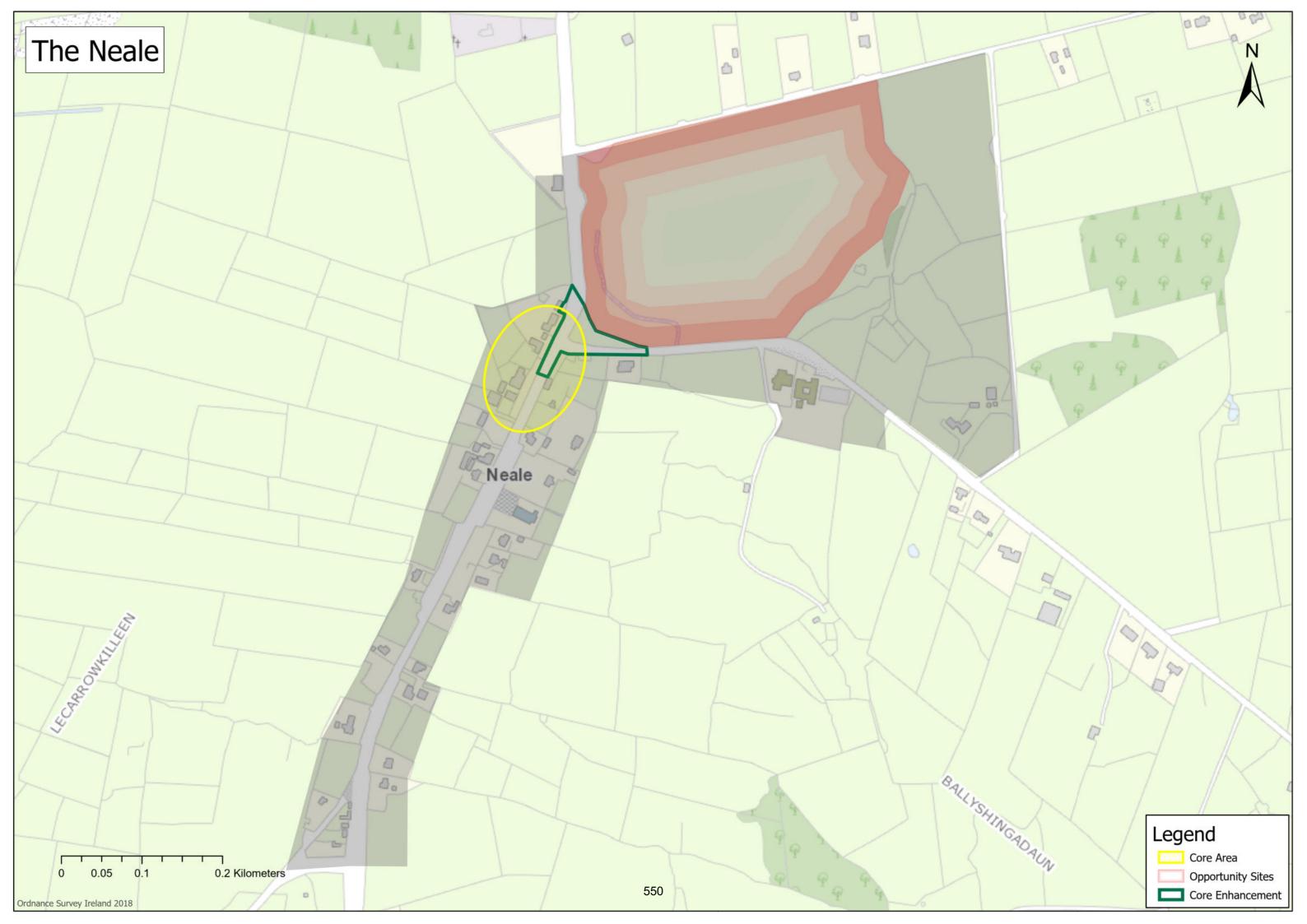




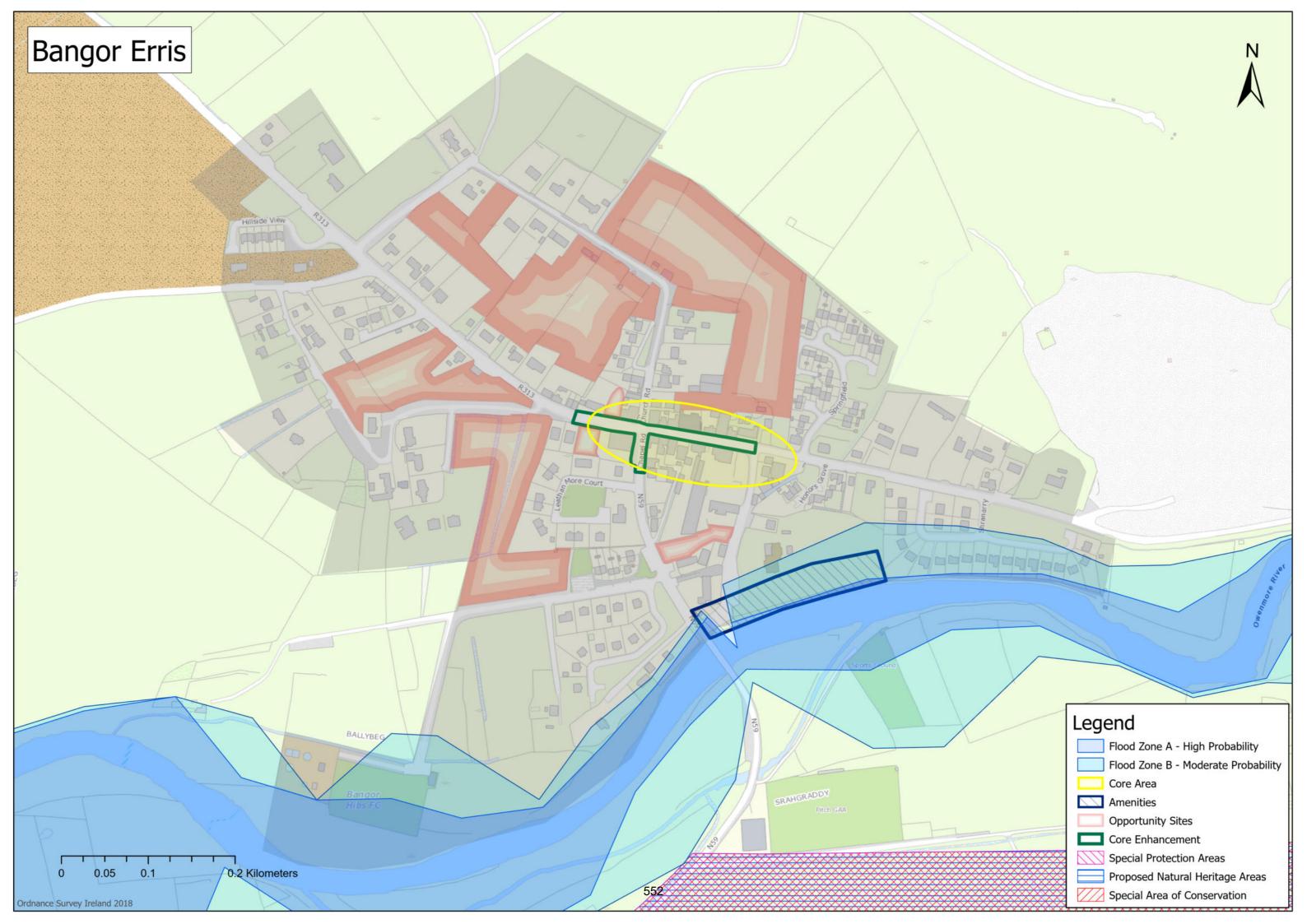


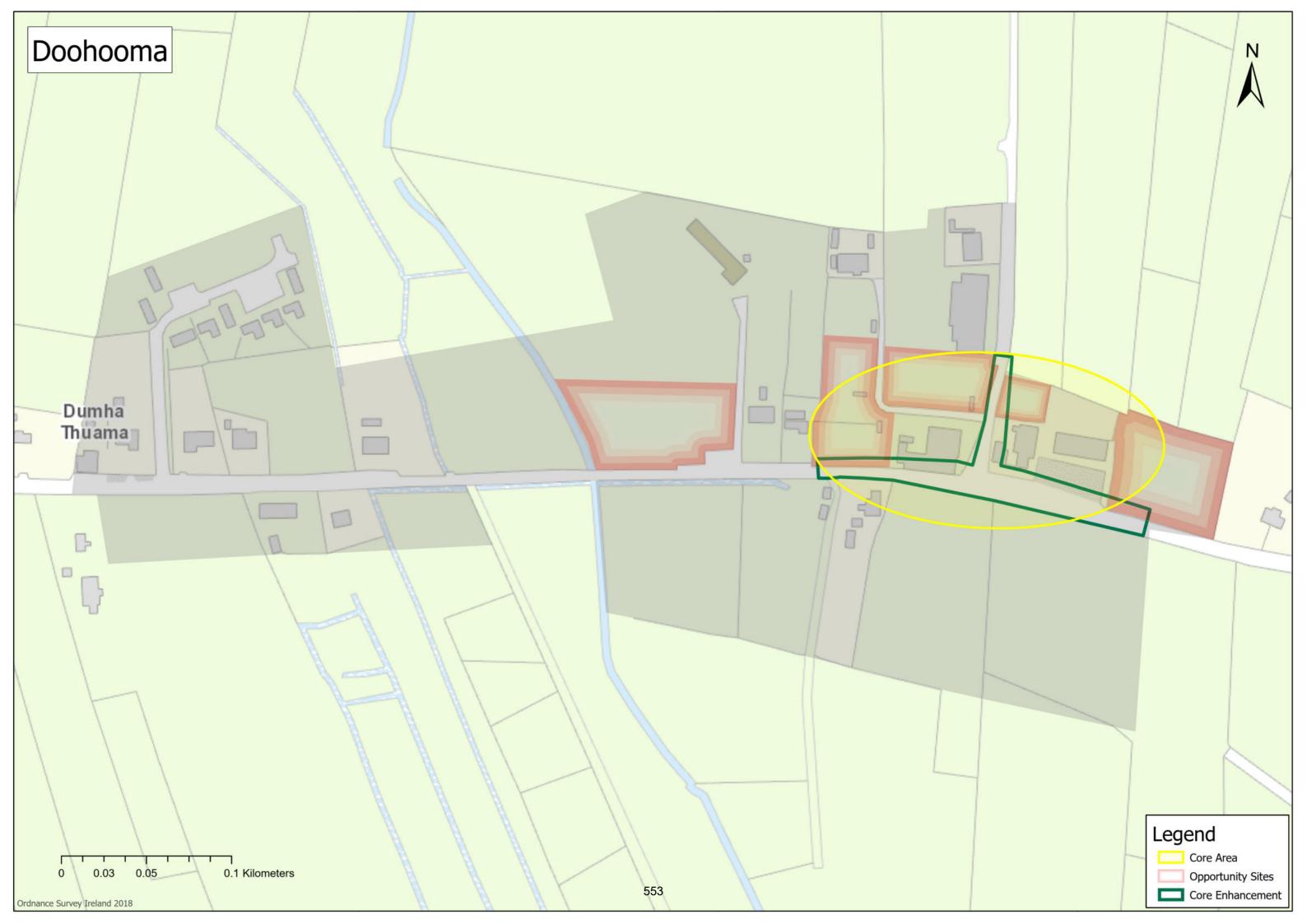


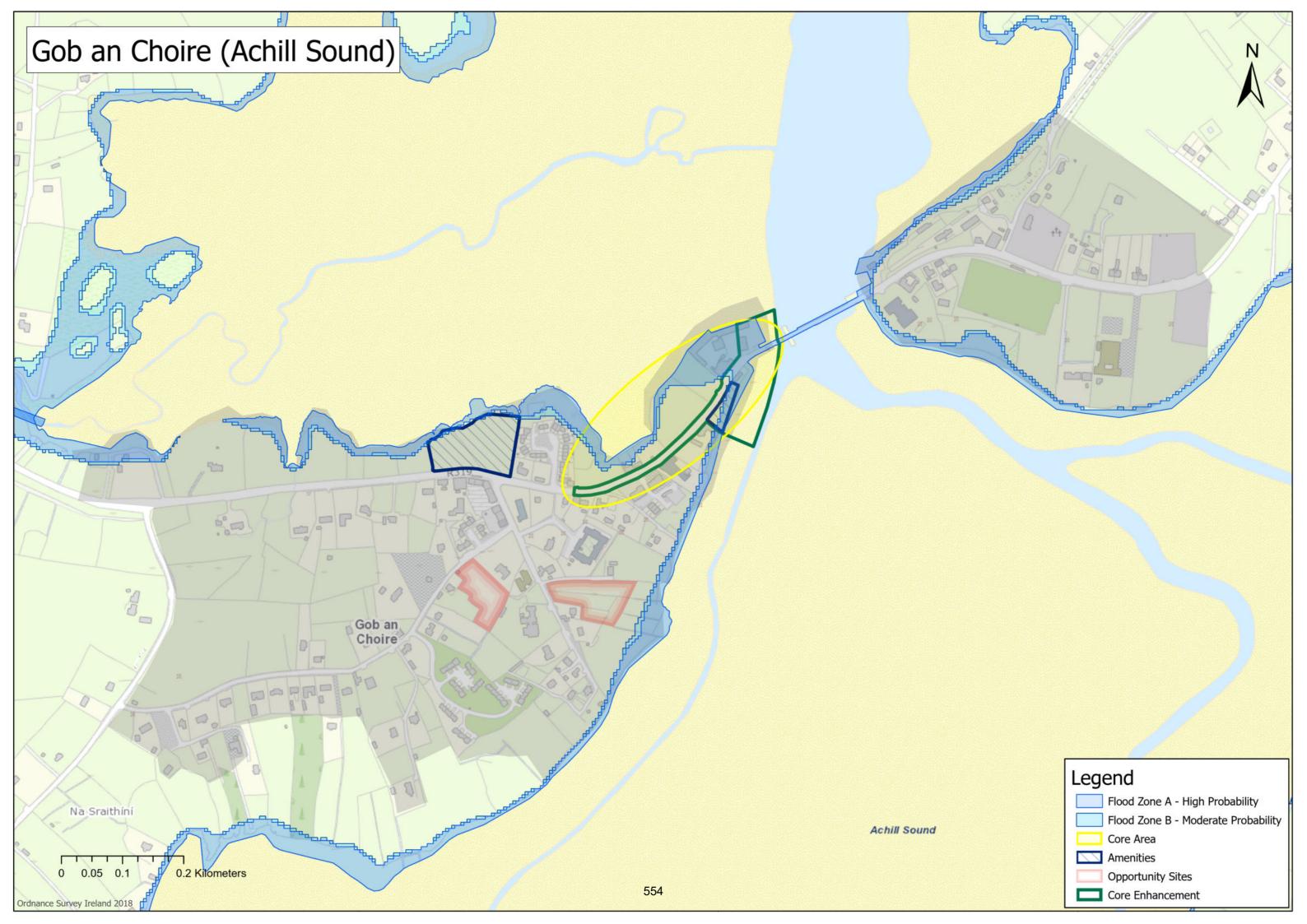


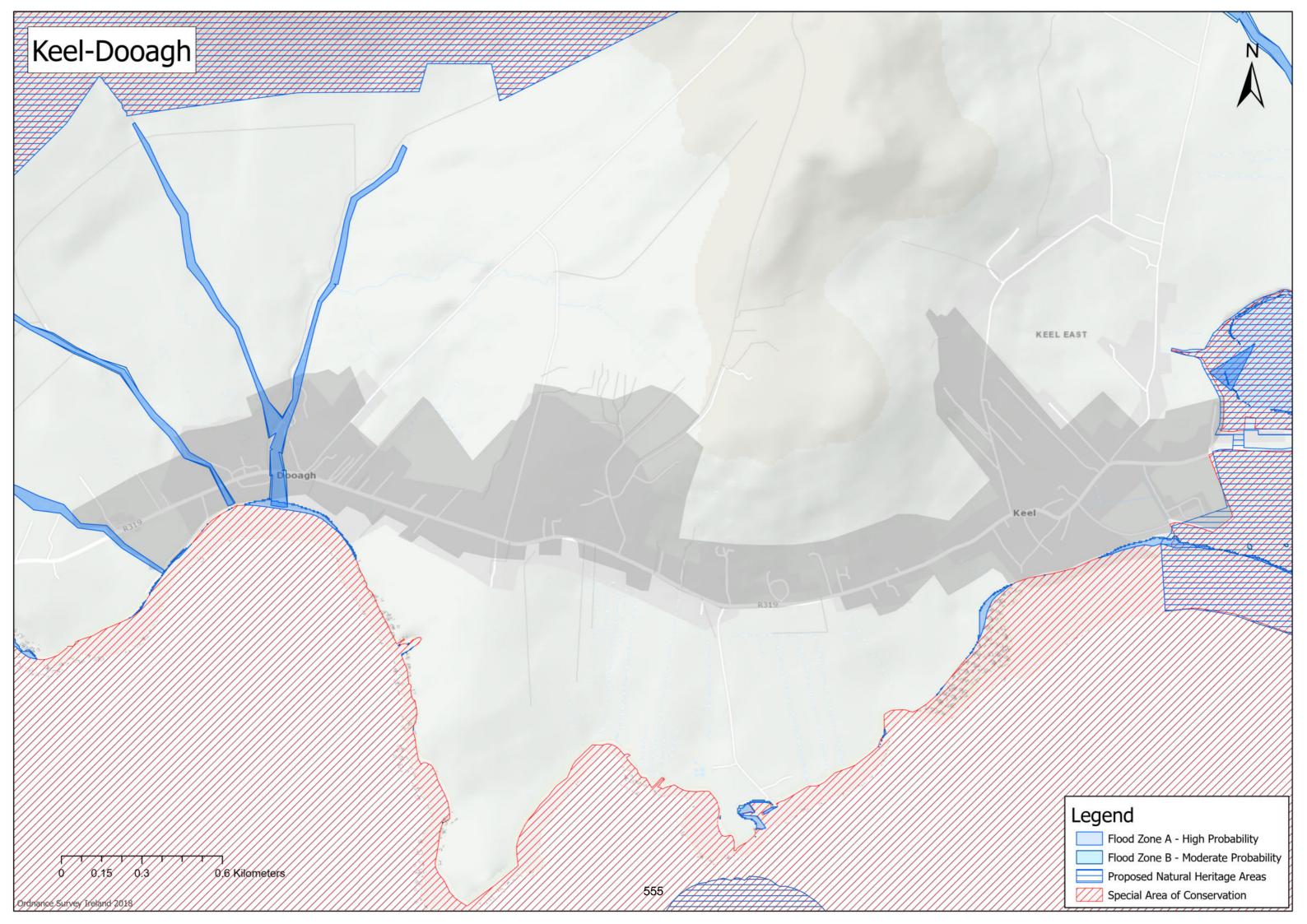


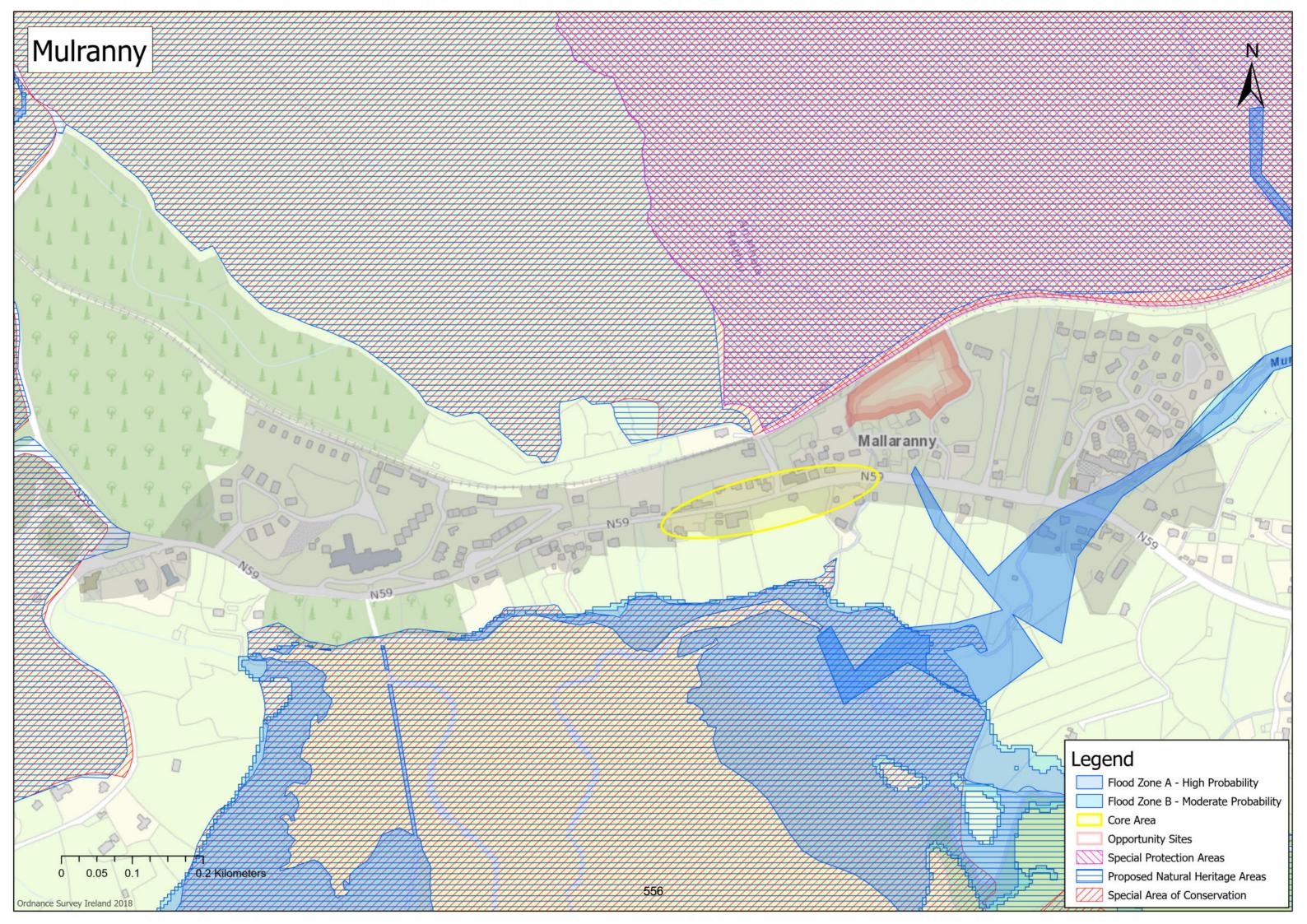
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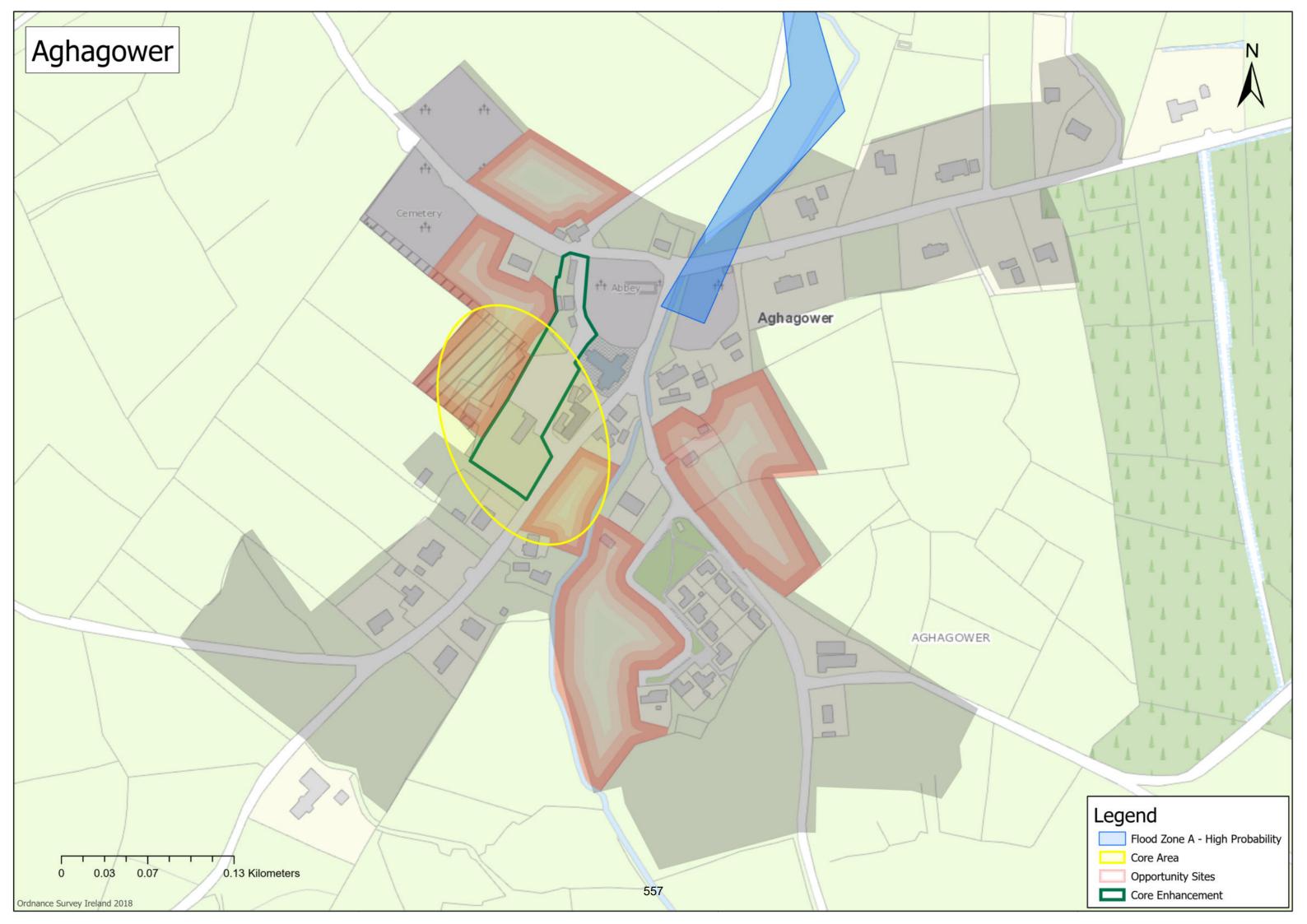




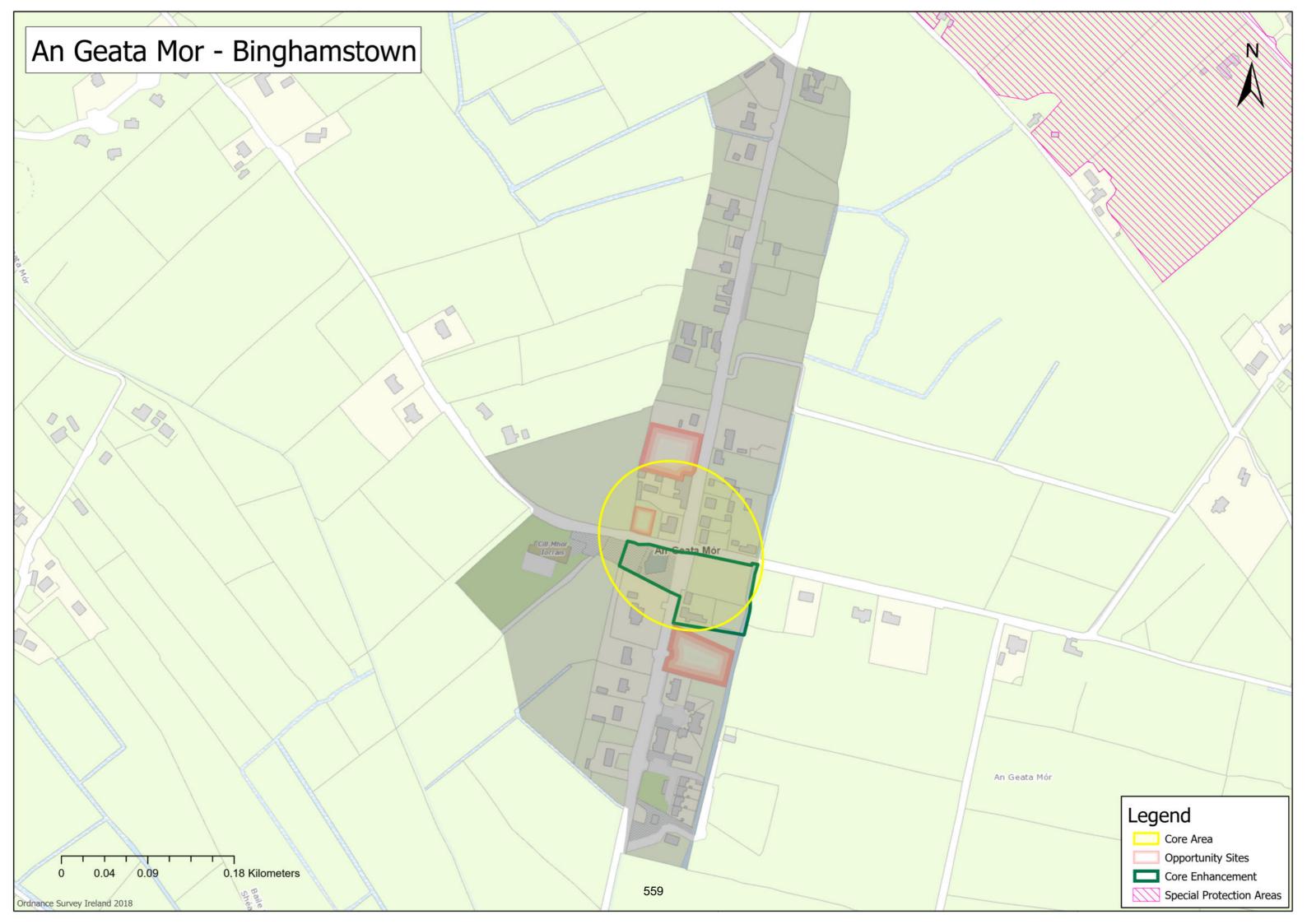


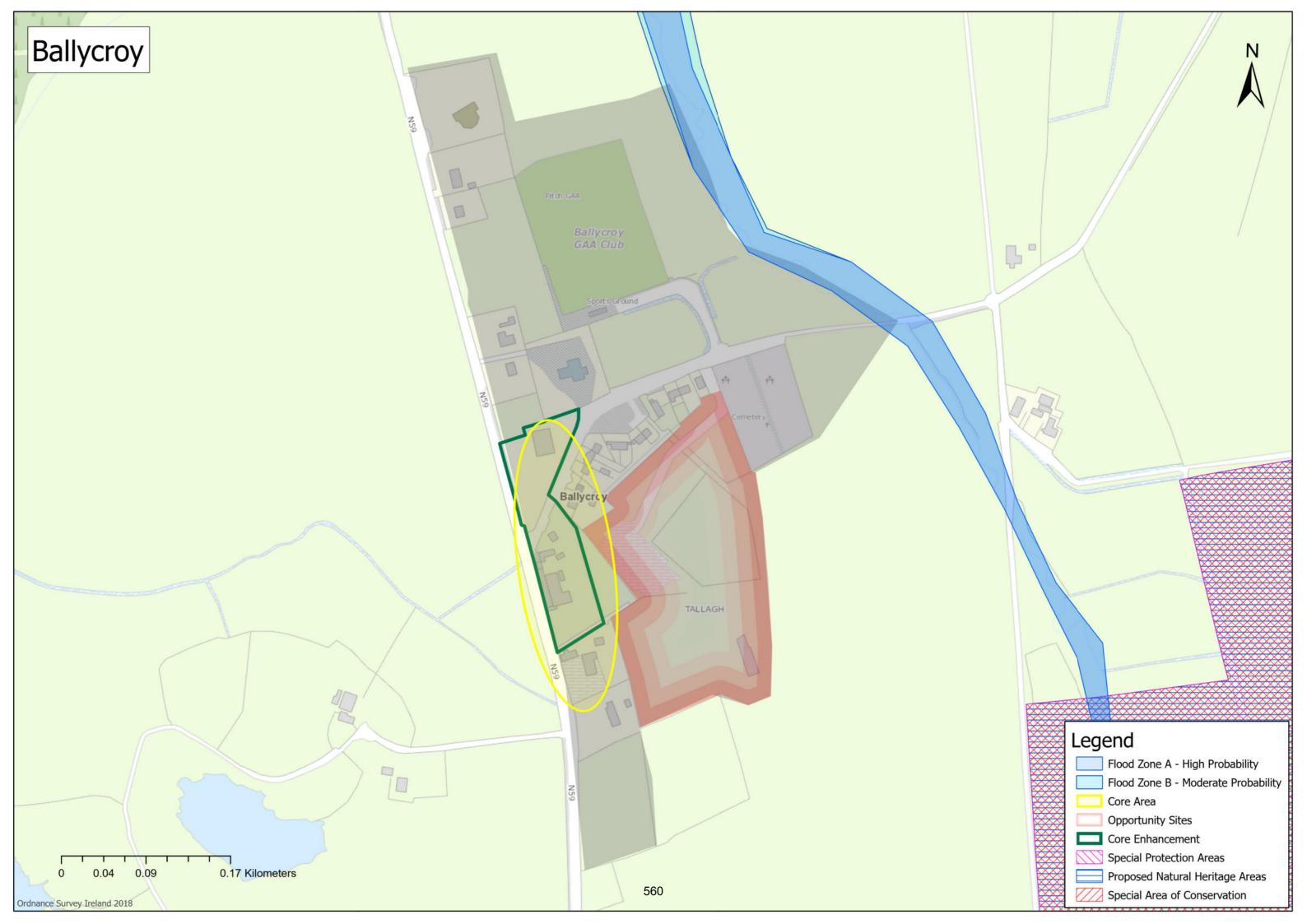








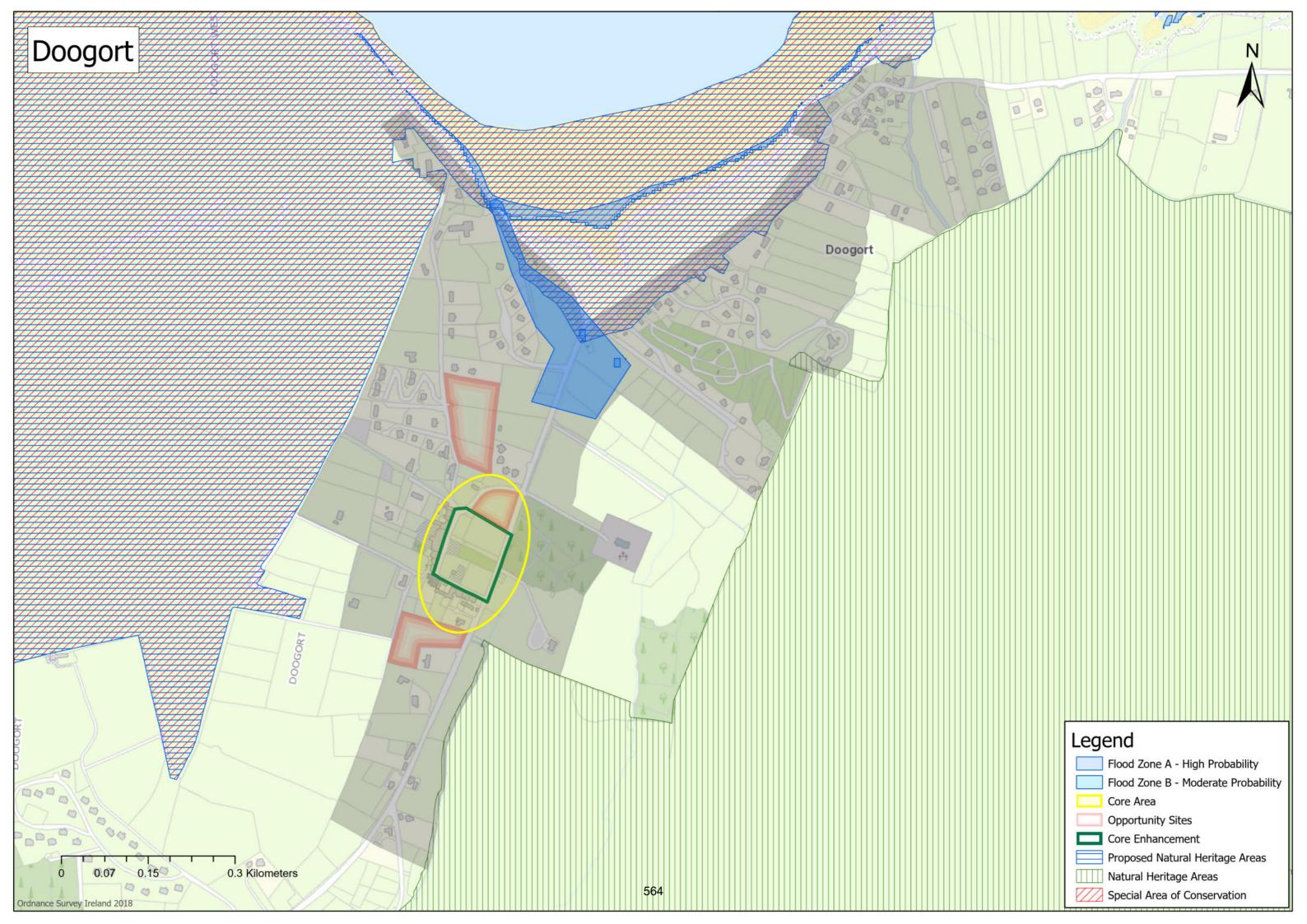


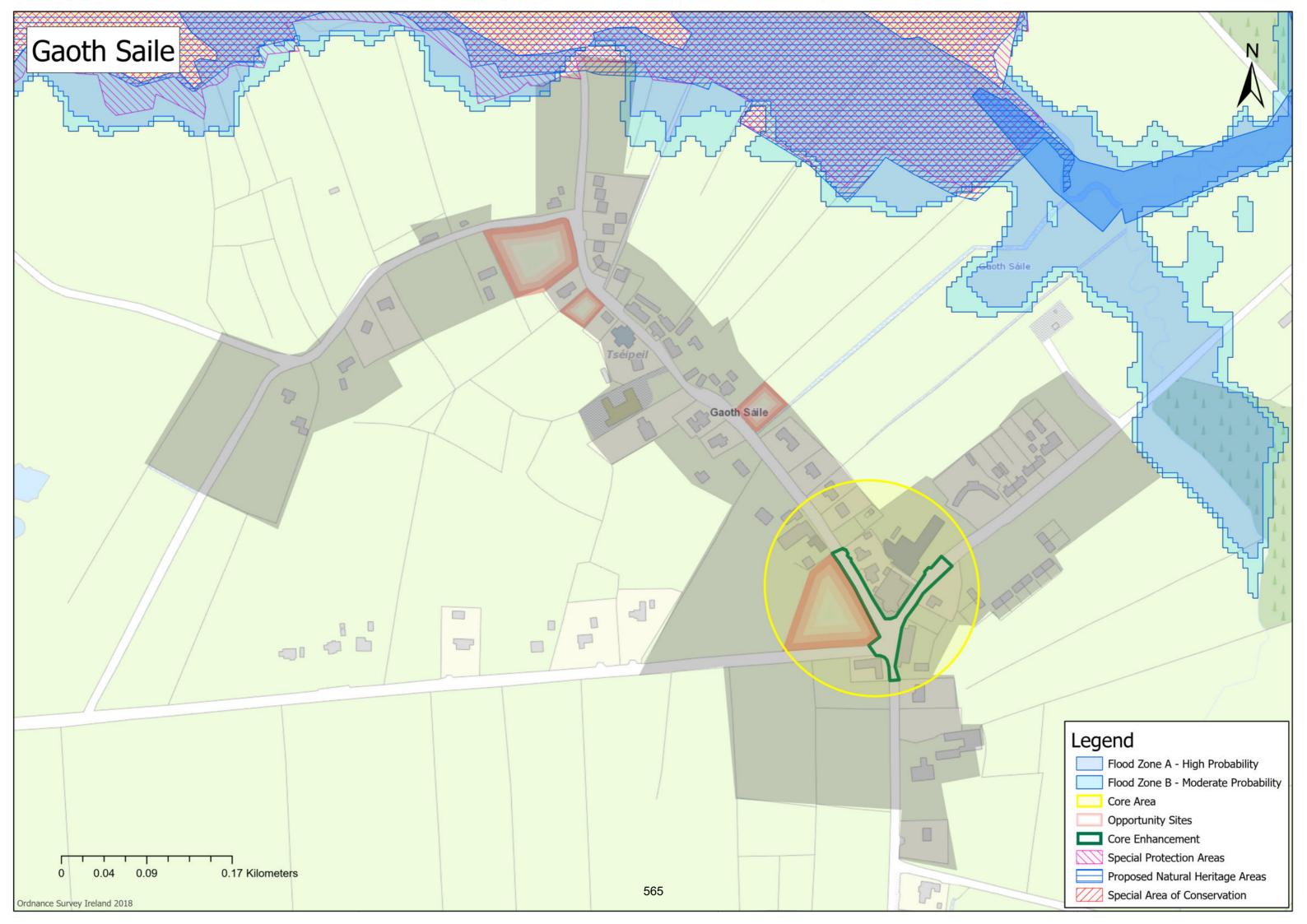


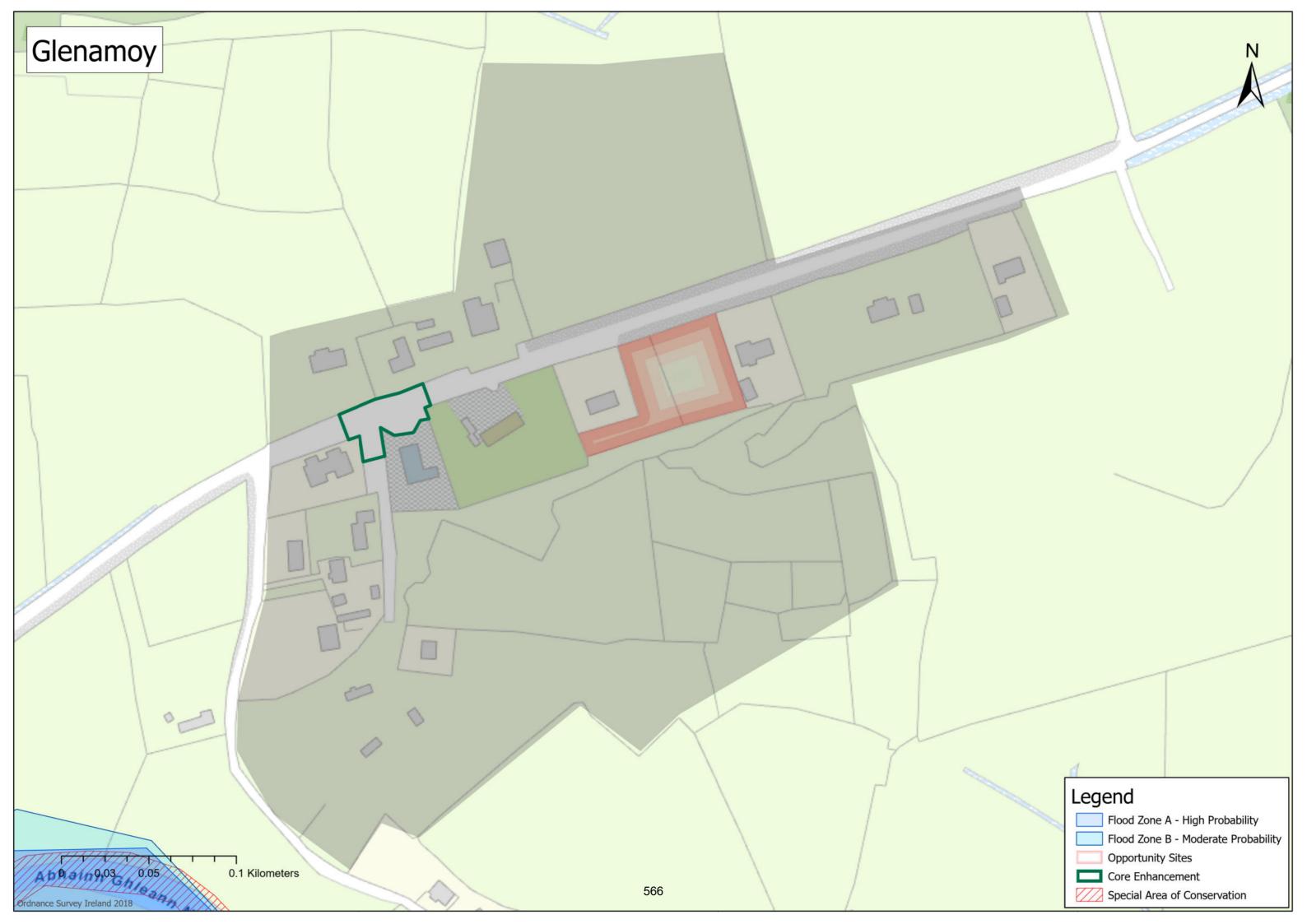


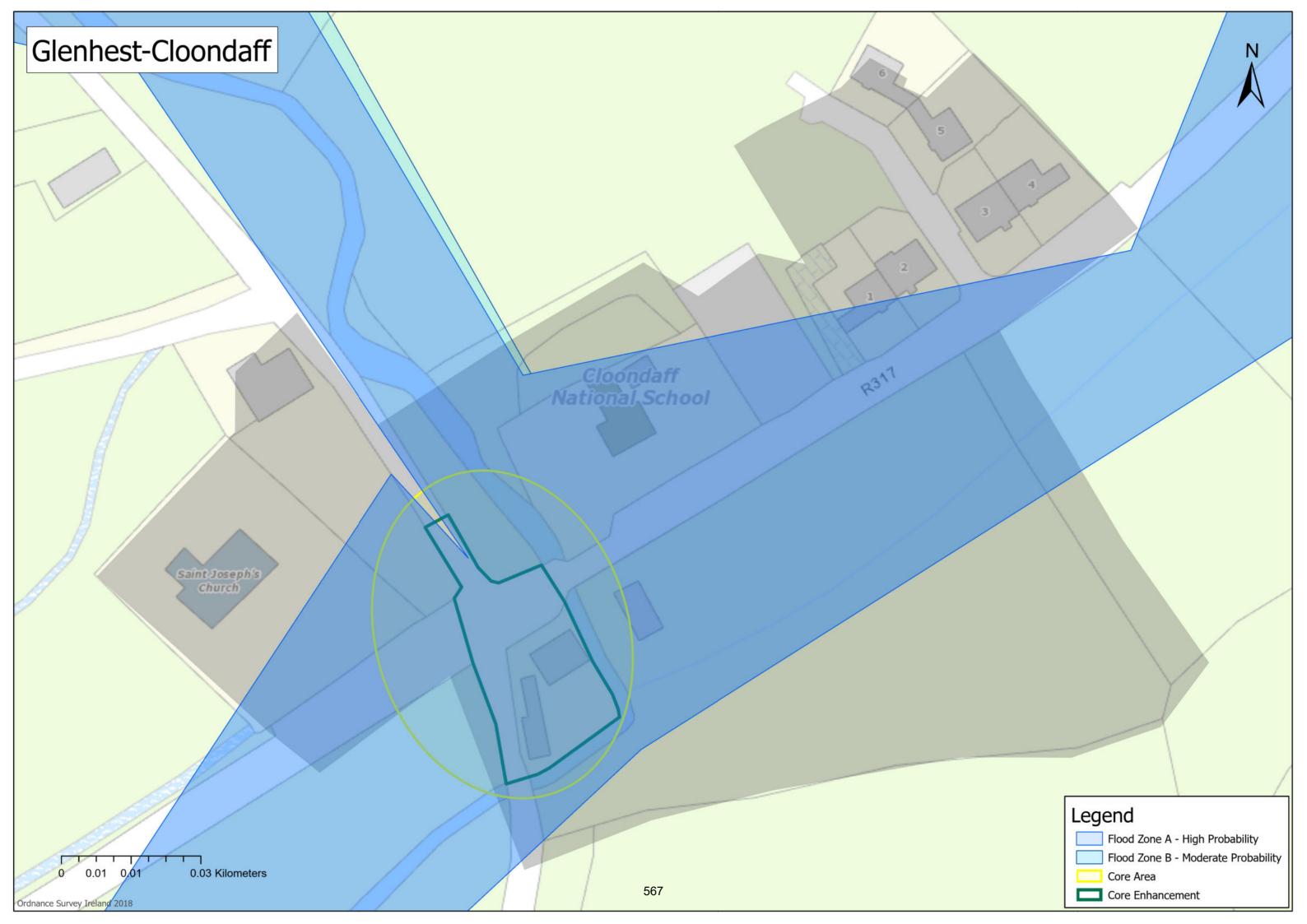


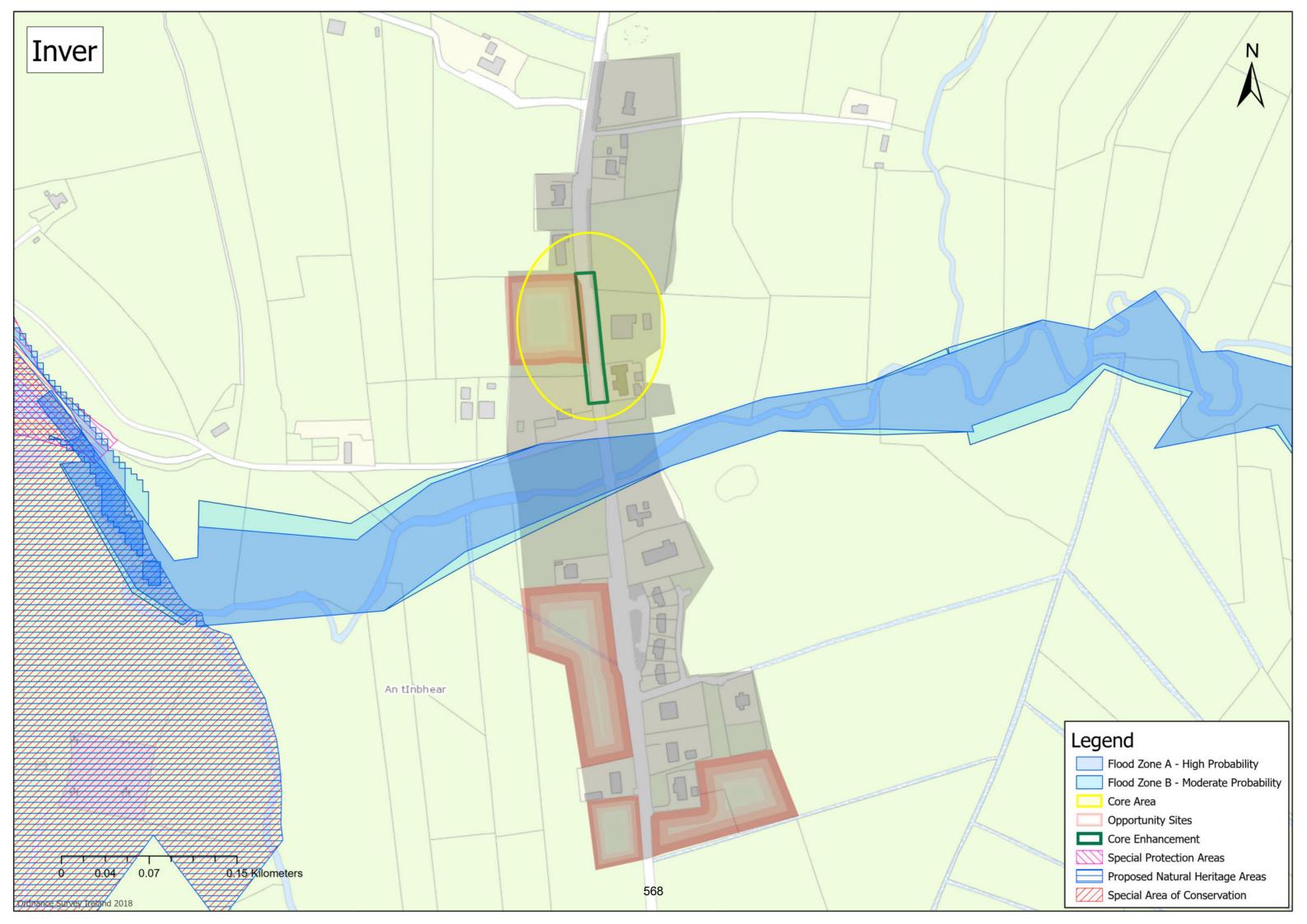


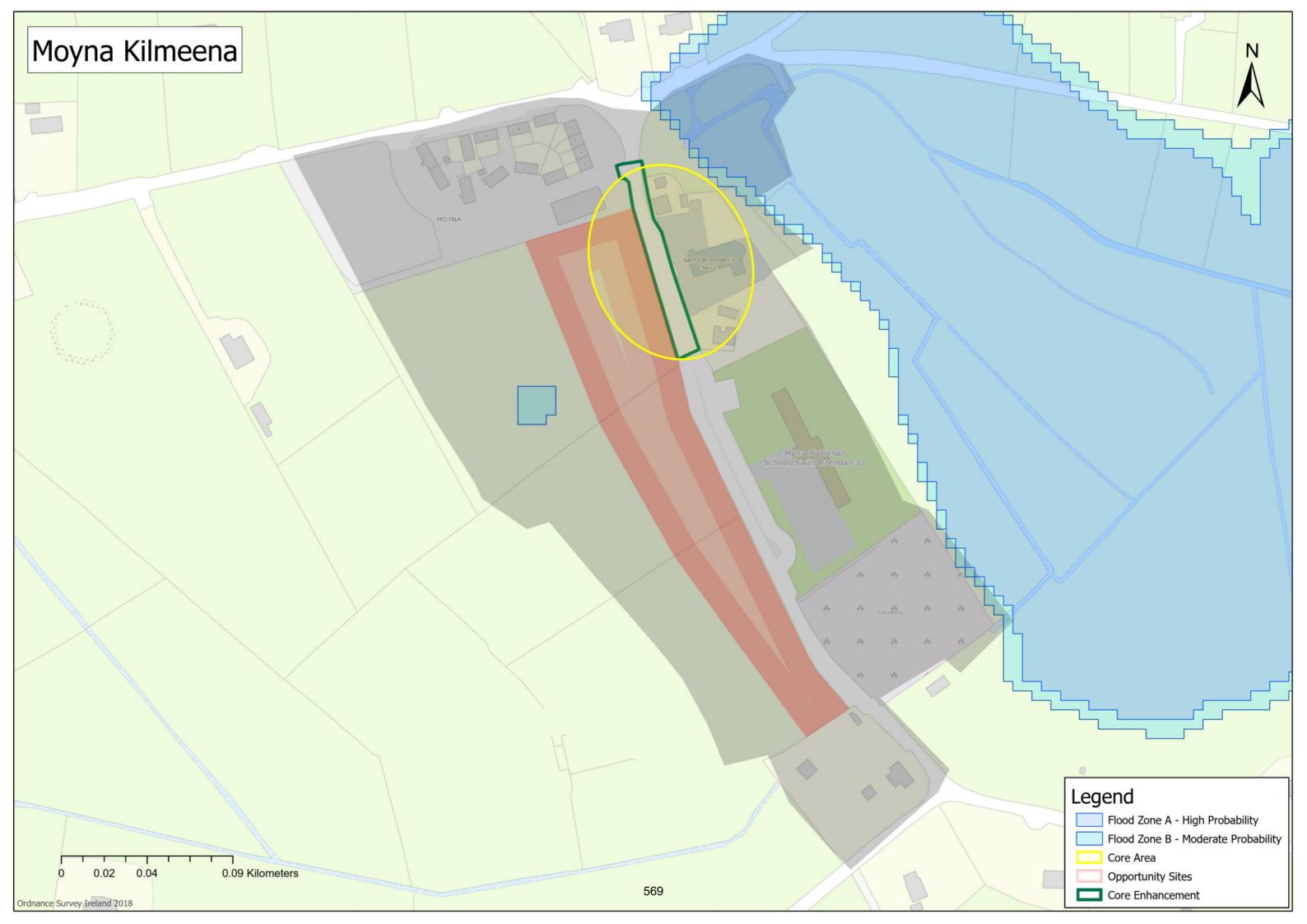


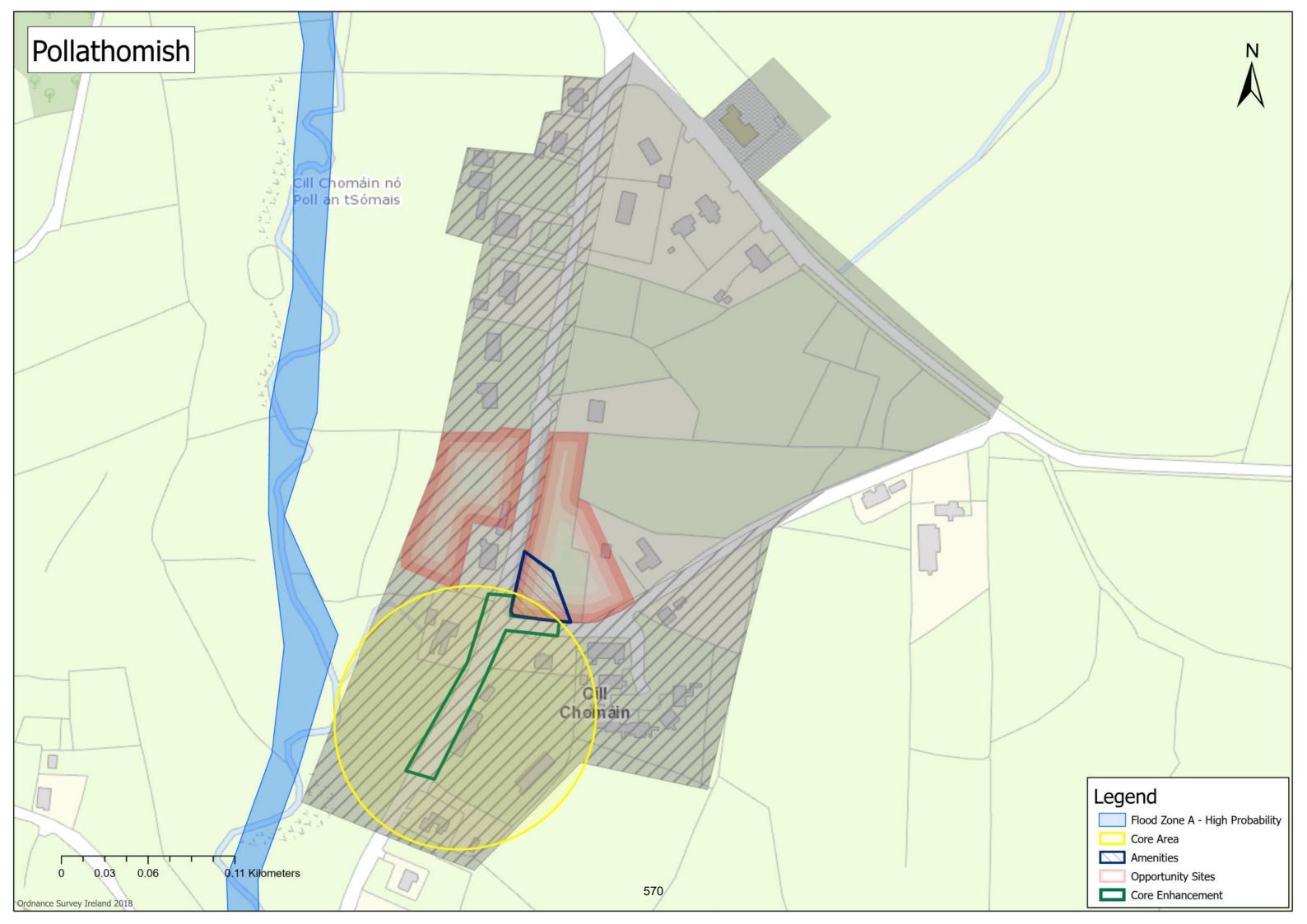




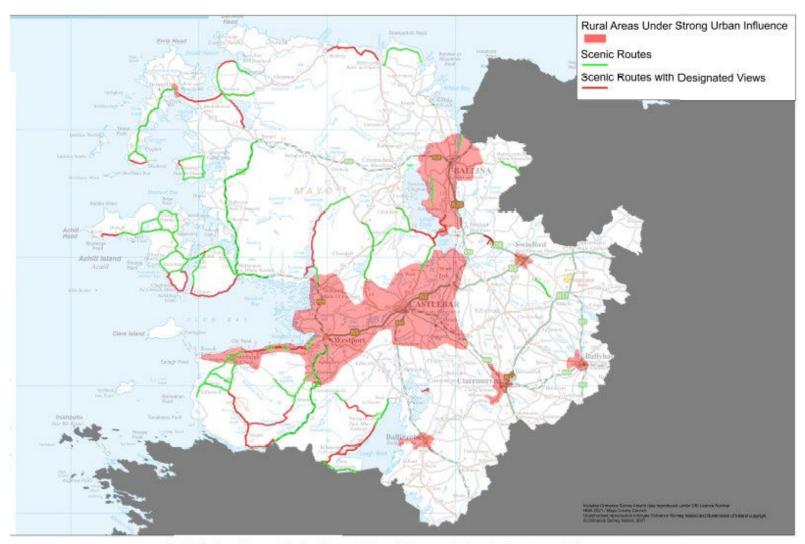








Map 3.1 Revised Map



Map 3.1 - Rural Areas Under Strong Urban Influence & Scenic Routes and Views

Appendix IV Revised Housing Strategy/HNDA