

**TO: AN CATHAOIRLEACH  
& EACH MEMBER OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RE: PART VIII - CONSTRUCTION OF 22 HOUSING UNITS AT  
STATION AVENUE, BALLYRAGGET, CO. KILKENNY**

*Planning & Development Acts 2000 - 2017*  
*Planning & Development Regulations 2001 - 2018*

**DATE:** 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

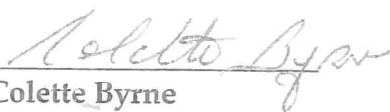
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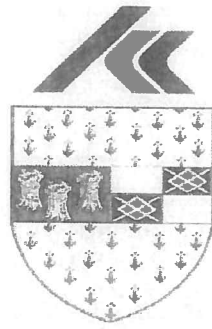
In accordance with 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended, Kilkenny County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to carry out the following development:

**PART VIII - CONSTRUCTION OF 22 HOUSING UNITS AT STATION AVENUE,  
BALLYRAGGET, CO. KILKENNY**

I attach herewith Report of the Director of Services together with Planner's Report. I am satisfied that the proposed development is consistent with proper planning and sustainable development of the area and consistent with the provisions of the County Development Plan 2014 - 2020.

I recommend that Kilkenny County Council proceed with the proposed development in accordance with the plans made available for public inspection and taking into account the recommendations made by the Planning and other Service Departments.

  
**Colette Byrne**  
Chief Executive



# **KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

## **REPORT**

**In Accordance with Section 179 of the  
Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2017**

**RE: Construction of 22 units at  
Station Avenue, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny**

**For consideration by the Elected Members  
of Kilkenny County Council  
at monthly meeting to be held  
on May 21<sup>st</sup> 2018**

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### **Implications for Proper Planning and Sustainable Development of the Area**

The proposed development is consistent with the provisions of the Kilkenny County Development Plan 2014-2020 and is compatible with the proper planning and sustainable development for the area. A copy of a report to this effect from the Planning Department is appended to this report.

change of level across the site is c. 1.38 metres (from north to south). The site has not been used in recent years.

It is proposed to provide the following accommodation:

Type	No of Bedrooms	No of Units	Total
Houses	1 bed / 2 person - apartment	4	22
	2 bed / 4 person - apartment	4	
	1 bed / 2 person - single storey	2	
	2 bed / 3 person - single storey	2	
	2 bed / 4 person - 2 storey	4	
	3 bed / 5 person - 2 storey	4	
	4 bed / 7 person - 2 storey	2	

The 2 no. 2 bed / 3 person houses are designed to be fully wheelchair accessible.

The accommodation i.e. the breakdown of unit sizes was designed to cater for to the specific housing need in Ballyragget, which is currently:-

ORDER\_OF\_PREFERENCE (All)

Unit Size Approved	Number on List	
1 bed	30	35%
2 bed	34	39%
3 bed	13	15%
4 bed	10	11%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>100%</b>

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Unit Size Approved	Number on List	Percentage
1 bed	16	35%
2 bed	23	50%
3 bed	0	0%
4 bed	7	15%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>100%</b>

Kilkenny County Council's Intention Regarding Proposed  
Development

**Proposed Development:** Part 8 Proposal  
Construction of a 22 housing units at  
Station Avenue, Ballyragget, Co.  
Kilkenny

I recommend that Kilkenny County Council proceed with the proposed development in accordance with the plans made available for public inspection and taking into account the recommendations made by the Planning and other Service Departments.

**SIGNED**

  
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Mary Mulholland  
Director of Services

**Appendix A**

**NEWSPAPER AD**

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BY A LOCAL AUTHORITY  
Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh

Kilkenny County Council



Proposed Development by a Local Authority  
Section 179 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2017  
Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2018

In accordance with Part 8, Article 81 of the above Regulations, Kilkenny County Council hereby gives notice of proposals pertaining to the following development:

**Construction of 22 housing units at Station Avenue, Castlecomer Rd, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny [townland of Ballyragget] and all associated site works**

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection from **Friday 16th March 2018 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018** inclusive, on the consult website: <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/en> and at the following Kilkenny County Council offices:

Location	Opening hours
Planning Department, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny City.	From 9am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm Monday to Friday (Except Public Holidays)
Kilkenny Co Co Area Office , Kilkenny St, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny	From 9am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm Monday to Friday (Except Public Holidays)

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and development of the area in which the development will be carried out may be made

- online on the consult website <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/en> or
- via email to [HousingPart8@kilkennycoco.ie](mailto:HousingPart8@kilkennycoco.ie) or
- in writing to the Planning Department, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny

The latest date for receipt of comments on the above scheme is **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Submissions should be clearly marked "**Proposed Housing at Station Avenue, Ballyragget – Part 8 Planning Submission**"

Mary Mulholland  
Director of Services,  
Kilkenny County Council

**Appendix B**

**Planning Report**



**Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh  
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**Planning & Development Acts, as amended  
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**Planning History**

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The scale and density of development will depend on number of factors including the:

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Future growth in the smaller towns and villages will be incremental, small in scale and appropriate to the size, scale and character of the village.

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Objective:

3G To facilitate development of housing, economic development, services and infrastructure in the smaller towns and villages of the county at a scale and character which is appropriate in order to sustain and renew population and services in these areas.

Development Management

- For smaller towns and villages, no one proposal for residential development should increase the existing housing stock (including permitted and committed development) by more than 12.5% within the lifetime of the plan.
- For villages of under 400 in population, any individual scheme for new housing should not be larger than about 10-12 units.

The Planning Authority may limit the extent of development on any one site within the smaller towns and villages having regard to the overall water services capacity and the availability of land for development within the village.

Have regard to existing framework plans/community action plans including existing Village Design Statements that have been prepared in consultation with the local community, and with relevant agencies, as supplementary planning guidance documents.

## **Assessment**

### Site Location and Description

The 0.6662ha site is located to the north-east of Ballyragget with access to the site via the existing housing development of twenty-one dwellings. The combined access with the adjoining residential development to the west leads onto the regional road R694. To the east and north of the site are large detached dwellings on large sites. The subject site is relatively flat and is bounded by low field boundaries along its eastern boundary, and will adjoin the open space area and internal access road of the existing residential development to the south.

### Site Layout

The site layout is comprised of the main area of open space to adjoin the existing open space area serving the residential development to the south. A single access roadway is proposed to serve all the units, with the dwellings facing onto the access road, and leading to a home-zone area and turning circle at the northern end of the site with a number of units fronting onto this area.

### Design

The design of the proposed development consist of a mix of house types, with a mix of single storey and two storey dwelling units, and of detached, semi-detached, terraced and duplex dwelling units. The external finishes of the proposed residential units comprise of white paint to knapp plaster finish and brick.

#### Dwelling units:

House type A: 2 no., 4 bedroom, detached two-storey dwelling, 124.15sq.m.

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The minimum standards as per the *Draft Update: Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments Guidelines for Planning Authorities* Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government December 2017 have been met for the proposed units.

#### Open Space

##### Public

Public open space is primarily located at the southern end of the site which adjoins the existing public open space serving the adjoining residential development. This open space has an area of 0.0754ha which equates to approx. 11 % of the overall area of the site. In addition the area at the southern end of the site has been designated as a home-zone area to be paved with contrasting colour paving. The public open space included for a proposed play area comprising of mounded landscaping.

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The current development plan requires the following private open space provision for dwellings: 1-2 bedroom: 48sq.m. 3 and 4+ bedroom: 60-75sq.m. and for apartments: 1 bed: 5sq.m. 2 bedroom 7sq.m, 3 bedroom 9sq.m and 4 bedroom 13sq.m. The development as proposed meets the private open space requirements.

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Signed:   
Executive Planner

Date: 14/5/18

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# Appendix C

## DRAWINGS



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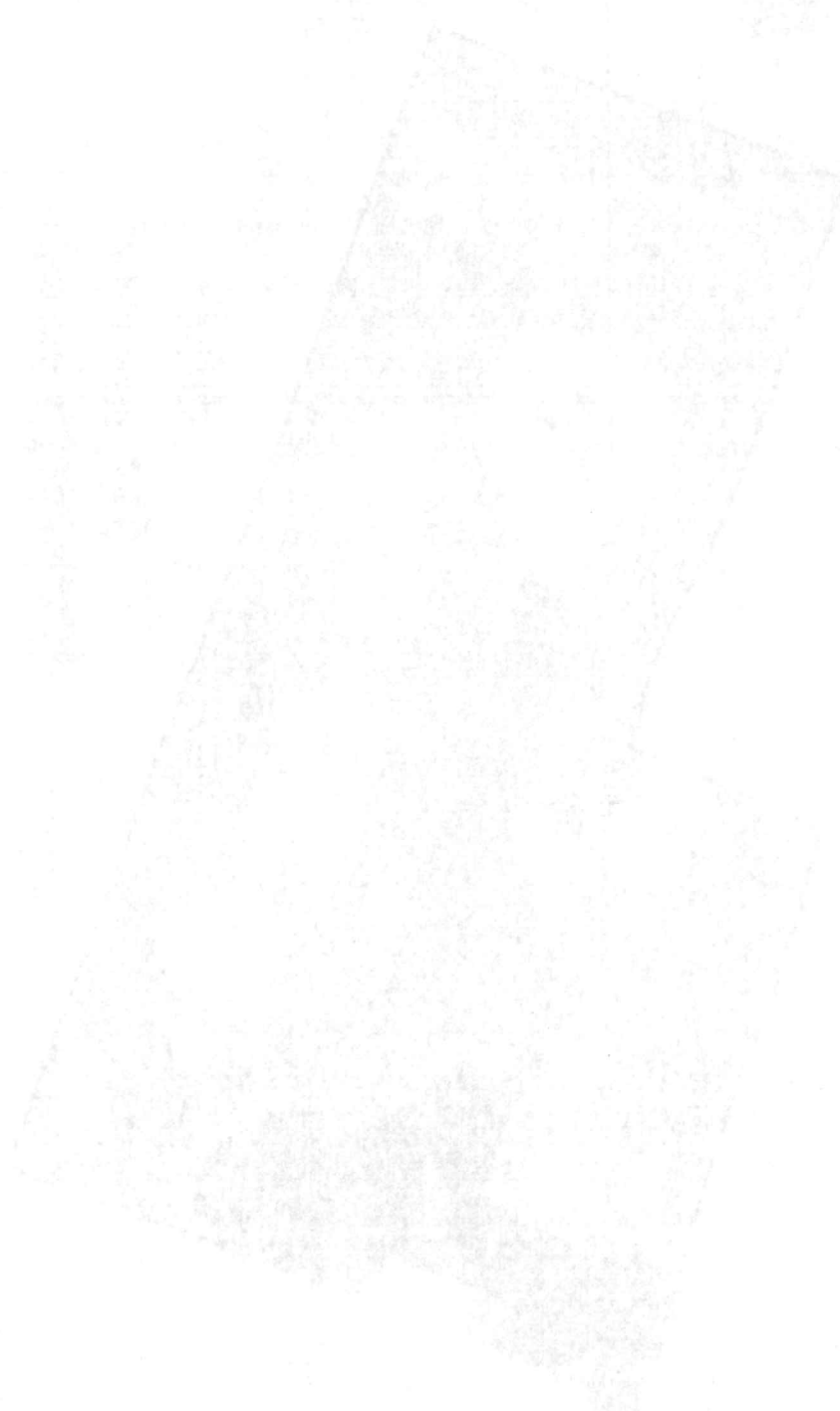




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