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Development Plan Objectives

Volume 1 County Development Plan

Chapter 1 Introduction

- 1A To implement the provisions of Articles 6(3) and 6(4) of the EU Habitats Directive and ensure that any plan or project within the functional area of the Planning Authority is subject to appropriate assessment in accordance with the *Guidance Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland – Guidance for Planning Authorities, 2009*¹ and is assessed in accordance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in order to avoid adverse impacts on the integrity and conservation objectives of the site.
- 1B To implement the Development Management Requirements for new development as set out in Volume 1 and Volume 2 of the Plan as appropriate.

Chapter 2 Climate Change

Strategic Aim: To provide a policy framework with objectives and actions in City and County Development Plan to facilitate the transition to a low carbon and climate resilient County with an emphasis on reduction in energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions, through a combination of effective mitigation and adaptation responses to climate change

- 2A To support and encourage sustainable compact growth and settlement patterns, integrate land use and transportation, and maximise opportunities through development form, layout and design to secure climate resilience and reduce carbon emissions.
- 2B To support the implementation of the National Climate Action Plan and the National Climate Action Charter for Local Authorities, and to facilitate measures which seek to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by embedding appropriate policies within the Development Plan:
- 2C To promote, support and direct effective climate action policies and objectives that seek to improve climate outcomes across the settlement areas and communities of County Kilkenny helping to successfully contribute and deliver on the obligations of the State to transition to low carbon and climate resilient society,
- 2D To integrate appropriate mitigation and adaptation considerations and measures into all forms of development.
- 2E To ensure that the Draft Development Plan transposes, supports and implements strategic objectives of the National Planning Framework and the *Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy* to create an enabling local development framework that:
- a) promotes and integrates important climate considerations in local development and the assessment of planning applications and
 - b) supports the practical implementation of national climate policy and targets to assist in the delivery of the national transition objective.
- 2F To promote and encourage nature-based approaches and green infrastructural solutions as viable mitigation and adaptation measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- 2G To reduce energy related CO₂ emissions of Kilkenny County Council
- 2H To achieve the commitment under the European Climate Alliance to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 10 percent every 5 years.

¹ ibid

Chapter 4 Core Strategy

Strategic Aim: To implement the provisions of the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) and to promote the compact growth of Kilkenny City, Ferrybank/Belview (as part of WMASP), the District Towns, the other settlements in the hierarchy and to strengthen rural economies and communities through growth and development of rural areas.

- 4A To accommodate future population growth for County Kilkenny in accordance with projections contained in the Implementation Roadmap for the NPF and Appendix 1 of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy of the Southern Region.
- 4B To ensure growth is achieved in a compact form, with:
- 40% of the projected growth of the County to be delivered in Kilkenny City and the towns and villages within the county
 - 30% of the new housing earmarked for the City and towns to be catered for within their built-up footprints²
 - 50% new housing earmarked for the Waterford MASP area catered for within the built-up footprint of the Waterford area, including that part within County Kilkenny
- 4C To actively promote the redevelopment and renewal of areas in need of regeneration whether urban or rural through appropriate active land management measures during the period of the Plan.
- 4D To monitor the delivery of residential developments throughout the City and County in order to ensure alignment with the NPF, RSES and the Core Strategy and to adjust the approach as necessary where Core Strategy objectives are not being met
- 4E To strengthen the role of Kilkenny City as a self-sustaining regional economic driver with a significant zone of influence and a Key Town on Dublin – Carlow-Kilkenny Waterford M9 Road/Rail,
- 4F To ensure investment and delivery of comprehensive infrastructure packages to meet growth targets that prioritise compact growth and sustainable mobility as per the NPF,
- 4G To achieve a growth of more than 30% in population for Kilkenny City from 2016 to 2040 to 34,500, subject to capacity analysis and sustainable criteria under Section 3.3 of the RSES,
- 4H To deliver 30% of that growth within the current built footprint of the city³,
- 4I To review the Ferrybank Belview Local Area Plan having regard to the MASP and to incorporate into the Kilkenny City & County Development Plan by way of variation.
- 4J To develop a programme for ‘new homes in small towns and villages’ in conjunction with, public infrastructure agencies such as Irish Water and local communities for the provision of serviced sites with appropriate infrastructure to attract people to build their own homes and live in small towns and villages.
- 4K It is an objective of the Council to facilitate and assist Irish Water with the provision of a Water and Wastewater treatment plant upgrades in settlements, including the villages of Mullinavat, Paulstown, Bennettsbridge, Inistioge, Piltown, Fiddown, Kells and others where capacity is required.

² This means within the existing built-up footprint, as defined by the CSO in line with UN criteria i.e. having a minimum of 50 occupied dwellings, with a maximum distance between any dwelling and the building closest to it of 100 metres, and where there is evidence of an urban centre (shop, school etc.).

³ NPF

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- 4L It is an objective of the Council to prepare design and best practice guidelines for the provision of cluster housing in the rural settlements and rural nodes of the County.
- 4M To monitor the implementation of the Core Strategy during the lifetime of the plan to ensure effective alignment with National and Regional policy and objectives and to adjust, where necessary, the policy and objectives of the Development Plan to secure effective alignment.

Chapter 5 Economic Development

To provide a framework for the implementation of the Council's economic strategy by fostering competitiveness and innovation in all sectors within a high-quality physical environment while having due regard to the protection of the environment and heritage, in order to position the county for sustainable economic growth.

- 5A To ensure an adequate amount of employment land is available within the City and County for ICT and technology office-based industry at the appropriate strategic locations.
- 5B To ensure that there is sufficient quantity of zoned land available and serviced at suitable locations within the City and County to maximise the potential for employment and Foreign Direct Investment in the County.
- 5C To continue to develop high quality tourism, leisure and complementary activities for the City & County with the key stakeholders enhancing the position of Kilkenny as a Hero site within the Irelands Ancient East branding.
- 5D To implement the Woodstock Business Plan on a phased basis as resources permit subject to the outcome of environmental assessments and the planning process.
- 5E Invest in public realm to create more multi-functional vibrant and inviting public spaces in urban areas and villages, which will greatly enhance the overall quality of place and act as a catalyst to stimulate private sector development. The public realm will be informed by the Kilkenny Access for All Strategy 2018-2021.
- 5F Development of the Kilkenny Greenway as part of the South East Greenway in South Kilkenny.
- 5G Development of the Waterford to Rosslare Greenway.
- 5H Continue the development of projects for submission under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) and other funding schemes (e.g. LEADER Programme).
- 5I To secure the development of a third and/or fourth level campus(es) in Kilkenny as part of the development of a Technological University for the South East.
- 5J To continue to work with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to finalise an approach for access to the zoned lands along the N29 at Belview (See Chapter 12 Transport objectives).
- 5K To ensure the sustainable development of the District towns in the County to achieve their target populations and enhance their capacity to attract new investment in employment, services and public transport for the benefit of their own populations and that of their rural hinterlands.
- 5L To promote a diverse and sustainable local economy through the designation of sufficient lands for employment related uses, including facilities, to promote SME growth through the local area plans for the District towns.
- 5M To ensure that Kilkenny County possesses a clear policy framework that can adequately meet the retail needs of the County's residents over the plan period,
- 5N To sustain and enhance the vitality and viability of the four District Towns and their retail offer, and to support their continued growth in accordance with the Core Strategy.
- 5O To ensure all new development respect and enhances the historic environment;

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- 5P To ensure that the synergies between tourism and retailing are taken advantage of.
- 5Q To improve the accessibility of each of the County's town centres and promote all modes of transport.
- 5R To enhance and promote the vitality and viability of Kilkenny City Centre, and to support the centre's role as the dominant retail destination within the County;
- 5S Promote Kilkenny City Centre as a shopping destination that is competitive with other comparable shopping destinations in the South East and further afield;
- 5T To promote a mix of uses within the County's centres, and, promote residential development on upper floors.
- 5U To ensure a town centre first approach is adopted for all future retail development across the County, whereby the order of priority for the sequential approach will be City and Town Centre sites first, then edge-of-centre sites, and then out-of-centre sites;
- 5V To encourage the reduction in vacant floorspace, taking into account suitability, obsolescence, and potential alternative uses that may be appropriate where possible,
- 5W To facilitate the regeneration and reuse of derelict buildings in appropriate locations for town centre uses and support the retention and maintenance of heritage premises and shopfronts.
- 5X To promote investment in Place-Making and high-quality public realm through new development, and the enhancement of existing public realm in the City as well as throughout the County's centres. The aim is to provide more attractive and vibrant urban centre and village locations, supporting retail activity and the wider commercial economy of our settlements and thereby increase footfall;
- 5Y Promote the adaptive reuse of existing units as a priority ahead of developing sites for additional retail floorspace, unless there is a demonstrated need;
- 5Z a joint Retail Strategy shall be undertaken between Kilkenny County Council and Waterford City and County Council for the area covered by the Waterford Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP) in accordance with the retail guidelines and RSES.
- 5Aa To appropriately manage car parking and accessibility in the short term, whilst also planning for the transition to sustainable modes of transport looking ahead to a future where private vehicle travel may not be the dominant form of transport;

Chapter 6 Housing and Community

Strategic Aim: To develop and support vibrant sustainable communities in an attractive living and working environment where people can live, work and enjoy a high quality of life, with access to a wide range of community facilities and amenities, while ensuring coordinated investment in infrastructure that will support economic competitiveness.

- 6A To ensure the creation of attractive, liveable, well designed, high quality urban places that are home to diverse and integrated communities that enjoy a high quality of life and well-being.
- 6B To secure through the application of Development Management Requirements within the Plan the making of quality urban spaces embodying inclusive and universal access design principles for our building stock, public realm, amenities and transport services.
- 6C To promote the redevelopment and renewal of areas identified having regard to the core strategy, that need regeneration, in order to prevent:
 - i. adverse effects on existing amenities in such areas, in particular as a result of the ruinous or neglected condition of any land,
 - ii. urban blight and decay,

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- iii. anti-social behaviour, or
 - iv. a shortage of habitable houses or of land suitable for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses
- 6D To identify vacant sites where appropriate zoning applies and maintain a Vacant Sites Register in the plan area for the purpose of the Vacant Site Levy.
- 6E To implement the provisions of the Housing Strategy contained in Appendix B.
- 6F To require 10% of the land zoned for residential use, or for a mixture of residential and other uses, be made available for the provision of social housing.
- 6G To require that a mixture of residential unit types and sizes are developed to reasonably match the requirements of different categories of households within the city and county.
- 6H To implement the provisions of the Traveller Accommodation programme 2019-2024 and any updates thereof.
- 6I To ensure that all new housing developments and developments for renewal which includes housing, includes a mix of house types with universal design so as to provide for an aging population.
- 6J To ensure the widest possible range of housing options in each new development and to prevent the proliferation of limited option house types in any particular area.
- 6K To seek that all new private residential developments on zoned lands in excess of 20 residential units provide for a minimum of 10% units that can be converted to Universal
- 6L To continue to promote and facilitate the delivery of the objectives and actions set out in the *Kilkenny Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021* (or any subsequent replacement).
- 6M To identify and facilitate the provision of suitable sites for new educational facilities as the need arises throughout the City and County
- 6N To complete the preparation of a masterplan for the lands at St Canice's campus in partnership with the Health Service Executive within the period of the plan (See Volume 2 Core Strategy).

Chapter 7 Rural Development

Strategic Aim: To manage rural change and guide development to strengthen the rural economy and community through the network of towns and villages ensuring vibrant, sustainable and resilient rural areas whilst conserving and sustainably managing our environment and heritage.

- 7A To monitor the trends in rural housing and population during the lifetime of the plan to ascertain if further rural housing policy responses are required during the plan period.

Chapter 8 Open Space and Recreation

Strategic Aim: Strategic Aim: To ensure the provision of open space and recreational facilities in order to maintain, and improve open spaces that contribute to the well-being and making of place for the benefit of residents, workers and visitors to the County while protecting and enhancing biodiversity.

- 8A To develop a recreational and biodiversity park on the site of the now closed municipal landfill at Dunmore.
- 8B To progress plans for the provision of a pedestrian bridge upstream of Greens Bridge including the provision of access along the eastern bank of the river up from Greensbridge, to the proposed bio-diversity park at Dunmore as part of the River Nore Linear Park.
- 8C Construction of a Boardwalk at Greensbridge to link the River Nore Riverside Walk at Riverside Drive with the new Riverside Linear Park in the Abbey Quarter and onwards to the Canal Walk
- 8D To undertake a feasibility study to determine the optimal location for, and to develop, a water sports hub on the River Nore

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- 8E To provide a pedestrian crossing along the northern side of Greens Bridge
- 8F To continue the development of new trails and walkways such as the Castlecomer, Knockdrinna Wood and Ballyhale Looped Walks and the upgrade of others such as the Freshford, Gathabawn and Kilmacoliver Looped Walks and the Nore Valley Walk.
- 8G Investigate the development of a horse trail/bridle path at Woodstock estate.
- 8H To complete the development of the linear park along the River Nore in the area of the Abbey Quarter.
- 8I To extend the linear park at the Abbey Quarter to link with the existing section of the River Nore Linear Park at Riverside Drive.
- 8J To complete the construction of the Kilkenny Greenway, connecting New Ross to Waterford.
- 8K To promote and develop the Waterford to Rosslare Greenway in association with Waterford City and County Council and Wexford County Council
- 8L To complete the skate park as part of the Riverside Park at the Abbey Quarter.
- 8M To undertake a survey to establish any additional existing public rights of way in the county and establish a register within the life of the Plan.
- 8N To protect existing public rights of way that give access to estuary, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other places of natural beauty or recreational use.

Chapter 9 Heritage and Culture

Strategic Aim: To seek the protection and sustainable management of Kilkenny's heritage for the benefit of current and future generations; to encourage the collection of knowledge to inform its protection; and to promote access to, awareness of and enjoyment of heritage.

- 9A Continue to identify and map habitats and green infrastructure of county importance, and raise awareness and understanding of the county's natural heritage and biodiversity.
- 9B To identify and map green infrastructure assets and sites of local biodiversity value over the lifetime of the Plan.
- 9C To protect archaeological sites and monuments (including their setting), underwater archaeology, and archaeological objects, including those that are listed in the Record of Monuments and Places, and in the Urban Archaeological Survey of County Kilkenny or newly discovered sub-surface and underwater archaeological remains.
- 9D To carry out further research on the eighteen archaeological landscapes as identified in the *Preliminary Audit of Archaeological Landscapes in County Kilkenny*.
- 9E To develop an enhanced policy framework for the three priority sites identified in Section 9.3.1.1 above, plus for any additional sites identified through Objective 9D above.
- 9F To provide assistance to owners of protected structures in undertaking essential repairs and maintenance by the provision of relevant information.
- 9G To respond to the Ministerial recommendation to include in the RPS, structures which have been identified as being of Regional, National or International significance in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage survey and to consider for inclusion those rated as being of local significance.
- 9H To continue to review the Record of Protected Structures and add or delete structures as appropriate.
- 9I To ensure all digital mapping for the Record of Protected Structures is up to date and current, and readily accessible to the public.
- 9J To ensure the preservation of the special character of each ACA listed in this Plan (See Table 9.2 and Volume 2 Heritage Strategy) with particular regard to building scale, proportions, historical plot sizes, building lines, height, general land use, fenestration, signage, and other

appendages such as electrical wiring, building materials, historic street furniture, paving and shopfronts.

- 9K To designate ACAs where appropriate and provide a local policy framework for the preservation of the character of these areas.
- 9L To prepare and introduce a set of Shopfront Guidelines.
- 9M To provide for a facility for the Barnstorm Theatre group within the Abbey Quarter.
- 9N To implement the Kilkenny County Council Cultural Strategy.
- 9O To progress and achieve completion of a City Library for Kilkenny City at the Mayfair ballroom.
- 9P Investigate and examine the redevelopment of library services in Thomastown and Callan.

Chapter 10 Infrastructure & Environment

Strategic Aim: To ensure a sufficient level of water services within the county for the implementation of the core strategy, provide a framework for the protection of the environment, including water quality, the avoidance of flood risk and the provision of a high-quality telecommunications infrastructure.

- 10A It is an objective of the Council to facilitate Irish Water and to assist, subject to service level agreements, with the provision of Water and Wastewater infrastructure provision in accordance with the water services strategic plan, made in accordance with the Water Services Act 2007
- 10B It is an objective of the plan to implement the measures of the River Basin Management Plan, including continuing to work with communities through the Local Authority Waters Programme to restore and improve water quality in the identified areas of action.
- 10C To complete the mapping of source protection areas and to map Source Protection Areas for any new public water supply schemes as appropriate.
- 10D To ensure that Source Protection Areas are identified for any multiple unit housing developments with private water supplies.
- 10E To continue to update Noise Mapping in accordance with revised or updated thresholds for Noise Mapping.
- 10F Develop priority list of actionable works to mitigate against excessive noise and implement subject to cost benefit analysis.
- 10G It is an objective of the plan to implement the Southern Region Waste Management Plan.
- 10H It is an objective of the Council to, with due regard to the provisions of the Major Accidents Directive and Regulations, give effect to the Directive by controlling development with respect to:
 - The siting of Major Accident Hazard sites
 - The modification of an existing Major Accident Hazard site
 - Development in the vicinity of a Major Accident Hazard site
- 10I To support and facilitate the delivery of high capacity Information Communications Technology Infrastructure, broadband connectivity and digital broadcasting, throughout the County, in order to ensure economic competitiveness for the enterprise and commercial sectors and in enabling more flexible work practices e.g. remote working subject to other relevant policies and objectives of the Plan
- 10J To set up and maintain a register of approved telecommunications structures which will provide a useful input to the assessment of future telecommunications developments and would also be useful from the point of view of maximising the potential for future mast sharing and co-location.

Chapter 11 Renewable Energy

Strategic Aim: To generate 70% of electricity demand for the County through renewables by 2030 by promoting and facilitating all forms of renewable energies and energy efficiency improvements in a sustainable manner as a response to climate change.

- 11A It is an objective of this plan to support and facilitate the provision of energy in accordance with Ireland's Transition to a Low Carbon Energy Future by means of the maintenance and upgrading of electricity and gas network grid infrastructure and by integrating renewable energy sources and ensuring our national and regional energy system remains safe, secure and ready to meet increased demand as the regional economy grows over the period of the plan.
- 11B To designate a pilot Sustainable Energy Zone in accordance with the Guidelines for a Sustainable Energy Community (SEAI, 2011).
- 11C To meet 100% of electricity needs for Kilkenny from renewable sources by 2030, including Wind energy, Solar energy and bio energy and to work with agencies, including the 3CEA to proactively achieve this target.

Chapter 12 Movement and Mobility

Strategic Aim: To co-ordinate transport and land use planning, reducing the demand for travel and the reliance on the private car in favour of public transport, cycling and walking by providing for a greater mix of suitable uses and by promoting and facilitating the transition to electrification of our transport modes moving away carbon intensive modes to new technologies such as electric vehicles.

- 12A To plan for a sustainable, integrated and low carbon transport system by enhancing the existing transport infrastructure in terms of road, bus, rail, cycling and pedestrian facilities and interfacing different modes as the opportunity arises.
- 12B To plan for a transition towards sustainable and low carbon transport modes, through the promotion of alternative modes of transport, and 'walkable communities' together with promotion of compact urban forms close to public transport corridors to encourage more sustainable patterns of movement in all settlements.
- 12C To undertake appropriate traffic management measures within the City and County to reduce congestion and minimise travel times.
- 12D To develop a 10-minute city framework for Kilkenny City to map and identify infrastructural requirements to support the '10 minute' city
- 12E To deliver on sustainable mobility with an accompanying investment in infrastructure to provide for integration between all modes of transport to support the use of sustainable travel choices.
- 12F Implement strategies to meet the mode share targets during the lifetime of the plan
- 12G To achieve a modal shift from the private car to walking or cycling in accordance with the targets in Table 12.1 for County Kilkenny.
- 12H To compile a Cycling Strategy for the County
- 12I To develop a network of cycling and pedestrian routes within Kilkenny city to provide connectivity and provide an alternative to car-based transport⁴.
- 12J To develop a cycle route between the Eastern Environs and the Breagagh Valley.

⁴ Transport within Kilkenny city will be addressed in more detail in Vol2 of the plan which will deal exclusively with policies for the Kilkenny city area

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- 12K To investigate the provision of a cycle route along the River Nore Linear Park connecting north of the City with the east and south of the City.
- 12L To improve cycling infrastructure throughout the city in accordance with the recommendations of the Kilkenny Local Area Transport Plan as resources permit.
- 12M To reduce the Council's carbon footprint through the implementation of the Council's own cycle scheme, which will encourage staff members to discharge their official duties in a more sustainable way.
- 12N To carry out an appraisal of each of the District Towns to determine measures to facilitate cycling and walking and improve connectivity within the town particularly from an age friendly perspective.
- 12O To invest in cycling and other smarter travel projects in support of the compact '10-minute city' concept
- 12P To provide connections to the Kilkenny Greenway to settlements along its route as the need arises and resources permit
- 12Q To, in combination with Waterford City and County Council, the NTA, TII and other stakeholders, undertake a Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy in accordance with Waterford MASP Objectives 6(a) and 6(b), covering the Waterford MASP area of County Kilkenny and to implement the adopted strategy to guide investment priorities in accordance with Waterford MASP Objectives 3.
- 12R Support the improved regional connectivity of Kilkenny with Waterford and the South East Region generally through the development and maintenance of Strategic Transport Infrastructure in accordance with Waterford MASP Objective 7 and to prioritise transport investment accordingly.
- 12S Develop the Link Road from the Abbey Road to the Belmont Road
- 12T To carry out improvements to the Abbey Road from the boundary with Waterford City and County Council to facilitate smarter travel improvements to Abbey Road and connect to the Link Road in objective 12S above
- 12U Construct a roundabout on the N29 at the L3412 (Rathculliheen) junction.
- 12V Provide for traffic calming measures between the roundabout and the port gate on the N29
- 12W To introduce a 60km/hr speed limit on the section of the N29 between the roundabout and the port gate.
- 12X To develop and agree an appropriately planned policy response to access the N10 roundabout at Blanchfieldslands near Hebron House in Kilkenny City
- 12Y To investigate a link between the Hebron industrial estate/business park to the link road, see objective above
- 12Z To preserve free from development proposed road realignment/improvement lines and associated corridors where such development would prejudice the implementation of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) or County Council plans
- 12AA To progress a relief road for Thomastown.
- 12AB To seek an upgrade of the R700 between New Ross and Kilkenny to National Secondary status
- 12AC To seek an upgrade of the Kilkenny to Urlingford road (R693) to National Secondary status.
- 12AD Reserve the proposed line of the proposed Northern Ring road Extension in Kilkenny City and progress it through the planning process
- 12AE Provision of a relief road from the Loughboy IDA estate to the Waterford Road including an upgrade to the Outrath Road.
- 12AF To implement the recommendations of the Kilkenny City Local Transport Plan.

- 12AG Completion of internal roads in Kilkenny City to serve the Western Environs\Breaghagh valley and Loughmacask. (The Central Access Scheme) See Volume 2, Figure CS3.
- 12AH To provide for a second access from the Hebron industrial estate/business park onto Hebron road
- 12AI To investigate a connection between the internal roads within the Hebron industrial estate /business park.
- 12AJ To implement the traffic strategy and road cross sections for the Hebron area in accordance with the *Hebron Urban Design Strategy*⁵
- 12AK To improve substandard sections of regional\county roads throughout the County, in particular those most heavily trafficked, and those providing access to existing or proposed industrial, residential or commercial developments as required and as resources permit.
- 12AL To maintain, develop and improve existing roads and to construct new roads as needs arise and resources permit in accordance with the Annual Roadworks programme.
- 12AM It is an objection of the Council to carry out road safety improvements measures at Victoria Bridge, Ahenny
- 12AN To provide further age friendly parking spaces in Kilkenny City and the District Towns following consultation with the relevant stakeholders.

Chapter 13 Requirements for Development

Strategic Aim: To encourage the creation of living and working environments of the highest quality by ensuring a high quality of design, layout and function for all development under the Planning Acts and Regulations, to conserve and build upon positive elements in the built and natural environment, and to protect amenities.

- 13A To compile an analysis and a development guidance criterion for housing opportunities in Kilkenny City's backland areas, underutilised lands and brownfield sites

⁵ Kilkenny County Council, *Hebron Road Urban Design Strategy*, 2017

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1. Introduction

- C1A To implement the Development Management Requirements set out in Volume 2 for Kilkenny City or as otherwise as set out in Volume 1 as appropriate.

2. Core Strategy

- C2A To continue to implement the *Abbey Quarter Masterplan* and *Urban Design Code* and secure the overall development of the area in accordance with their objectives
- C2B To monitor the implementation of the *Abbey Quarter Masterplan* and *Urban Design Code* at least every 12 months from the adoption of this Plan.
- C2C To complete the masterplanning process for St. Canice's campus during the lifetime of the Plan in conjunction with the Health Services Executive.
- C2D To complete a masterplan for the Fair Green area during the lifetime of the Plan.
- C2E Develop a masterplan for the former Mart (Ref Z10) site to deal inter alia with the mix of uses, movement, public realm, design, building heights etc.
- C2F To implement the *Urban Design Strategy* for the Hebron Road as resources permit and as redevelopment opportunities arise.
- C2G To improve the public realm and introduce mobility/smarter travel options and shared spaces along High Street and Rose Inn Street; (A on Figure CS3)
- C2H To upgrade the streetscape and public realm along Ormonde Street to include provision of a new one-way system; (B on Figure CS3)
- C2I To upgrade the streetscape along the pedestrianised St Kieran's Street and the laneways and slips that connect it with High Street; (C on Figure CS3)
- C2J To upgrade the streetscape and laneways in the St Mary's Precinct; (D on Figure CS3)
- C2K To upgrade the public realm in Carnegie Plaza and the streetscape along Barrack Lane, linking to John Street. (E on Figure CS3)

3. Economic and Retail Strategy

- C3A To ensure an adequate amount of employment and enterprise land is available within the City at the appropriate strategic locations.
- C3B Develop an urban street through the Abbey Quarter linking Bateman Quay and St. Francis Bridge and an urban park and public plaza around St Francis' Abbey (linking to the Riverside Linear Park) in accordance with the *Abbey Quarter Masterplan*.
- C3C Improve Trails, Greenways and Walkways, (see Vol. 1 Chapter 8 Open Space), including the construction of a Boardwalk at Greensbridge to link the River Nore Riverside Walk with the new Riverside Linear Park in the Abbey Quarter and onwards to the Canal Walk, and New urban park in Abbey Quarter.
- C3D Implement the Kilkenny City Orientation Study⁶ to rebalance the perceived centre of gravity of the City, attracting more visitors from the Castle into the City Centre, thereby increasing visitor dwell time.
- C3E Provide for enhanced pedestrian facilities at the junction of The Parade, Rose Inn St, High Street and Patrick Street.

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- C3F To provide high quality office accommodation in the Abbey Quarter appropriate to the needs of Kilkenny
- C3G To ensure that an adequate quantity and range of land is available for enterprise development and that the appropriate infrastructure is provided.

4. Heritage Strategy

- C4A To identify and map green infrastructure assets and sites of local biodiversity value over the lifetime of the Plan
- C4B To develop a green infrastructure strategy integrating the existing assets and identifying new assets.
- C4C To undertake an update of the Survey of Mature Trees in the City worthy of preservation.
- C4D To facilitate and support the implementation of existing (and any further) conservation plans, as resources allow.

5. Movement and Mobility

- C5A To prepare a comprehensive Local Transport Plan for Kilkenny City in accordance with the Area Based Transport Assessment Guidelines (TII, 2018) within the concept of a 10-minute City addressing:
 - Walking,
 - Cycling,
 - Public transport
 - Motorised transport
 - Carparking strategy/Car parking demand management
- C5B To implement the recommendations of the Local Transport Plan for Kilkenny city once adopted.
- C5C To map and identify infrastructural requirements to support the '10-minute' city concept within the City.
- C5D To promote compact urban forms close to public transport corridors to encourage more sustainable patterns of movement.
- C5E To undertake appropriate traffic management measures within the City to reduce congestion and minimise travel times.
- C5F Implement strategies to meet the modal share targets
- C5G To achieve a modal shift from the private car to walking or cycling in accordance with the targets in Table 4.1 for Kilkenny City. This target will be subject to any refinements which may arise through the Local Transport Plan for Kilkenny City.
- C5H To further improve and enhance the network of cycling and pedestrian routes in accordance with the recommendations of the Kilkenny Local Area Transport Plan as resources permit.
- C5I To develop a cycle route between the Eastern Environs and the Breaghagh Valley.
- C5J To investigate the provision of appropriate cycling facilities along the River Nore Linear Park connecting the north of the City with the east and south.
- C5K To reduce the Council's carbon footprint through the implementation of the Council's own cycle scheme, which will encourage staff members to discharge their official duties in a more sustainable way.
- C5L To invest in cycling and other Smarter Travel projects in support of the compact '10-minute city' concept

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- C5M To monitor and assess the one-way traffic system introduced to Rose Inn Street, High Street and Bateman Quay to determine its suitability for the overall transport strategy for the City.
- C5N Complete the demarcation of the Gateways and prioritise pedestrian and cyclist movement within the Gateways.
- C5O To progress plans for the provision of a pedestrian bridge at Talbotsinch, including the provision of access along the eastern bank of the river up from Greensbridge, to the proposed bio-diversity park at Dunmore as part of the River Nore Linear Park.
- C5P Construct a Boardwalk at Greensbridge to link the River Nore Riverside Walk with the new Riverside Linear Park in the Abbey Quarter and onwards to the Canal Walk.
- C5Q To progress plans for the provision of an additional pedestrian bridge between Ossory Bridge and John's Bridge to connect St. Canice's campus to the Canal Walk.
- C5R To develop and agree an appropriately planned policy response to access the N10 roundabout at Blanchfieldslands near Hebron House in Kilkenny City.
- C5S To develop a link road from the roundabout at Blanchfields lands on the N10/motorway access roundabout to the old Dublin road (R712) in conjunction with TII.
- C5T To investigate the provision of additional cycle and pedestrian crossing facilities to connect across the Ring Road, in conjunction with TII.
- C5U To Implement to the following Roads Objectives:(See Figure MS6 Road Objectives)

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- C6A To implement the provisions of the Housing Strategy contained in Appendix B.
- C6B To require 10% of the land zoned for residential use, or for a mixture of residential and other uses, be made available for the provision of social housing.
- C6C To require that a mixture of residential unit types and sizes are developed to reasonably match the requirements of different categories of households within the city and county.
- C6D To implement the provisions of the Traveller Accommodation programme 2019-2024 and any updates thereof.
- C6E To compile an analysis and a development guidance criterion with recommended interventions for housing opportunities in Kilkenny City's backland areas, underutilised lands and brownfield sites.
- C6F To promote the redevelopment and renewal of areas identified having regard to the core strategy, that need regeneration, in order to prevent:
 - i. adverse effects on existing amenities in such areas, in particular as a result of the ruinous or neglected condition of any land,
 - ii. urban blight and decay
 - iii. anti-social behaviour, or
 - iv. a shortage of habitable houses or of land suitable for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses.
- C6H To secure the development of two ETB secondary schools in the Breagagh Valley neighbourhood in Kilkenny City during the lifetime of the plan.
- C6I To secure the development of a new primary school in the Breagagh Valley neighbourhood in Kilkenny City during the lifetime of the plan.
- C6J To secure the relocation of the CBS secondary school from James Street to a new site in the Loughmacask masterplan area.

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- C6K To secure the development of a third and/or fourth level campus(es) within Kilkenny city as part of the development of a Technological University for the South East.
- C6L To progress plans for the provision of a pedestrian bridge crossings at the northern side of Greens Bridge (upstream) proximate to Talbotsinch and between John's Bridge and Ossory Bridge.
- C6M To develop access along the eastern bank of the river up from Greensbridge, to the proposed bio-diversity park at Dunmore (See Vol. 1 8.2.1 Regional Parks) as part of the River Nore Linear Park as opportunities arise and resources permit
- C6N To construct a Boardwalk at Greensbridge to link the River Nore Riverside Walk at Riverside Drive with the new Riverside Linear Park in the Abbey Quarter and onwards to the Canal Walk.
- C6O To undertake a feasibility study to determine the optimal location for, and to develop, a water sports hub on the River Nore.
- C6P To complete the development of the linear park along the River Nore in the area of the Abbey Quarter.
- C6Q To develop a pedestrian/cycle crossing at Greensbridge connecting the east and west banks of the River Nore.
- C6R To prepare and implement an amenity scheme for the Glendine Amenity area, to include drainage proposals.
- C6S To prepare and implement an Amenity Masterplan for the Pococke amenity area beside the Pococke Valley Estate on the Johnswell road.
- C6T To complete the skate park as part of the Riverside Park at the Abbey Quarter.