

Who Makes the Local Area Plan?

The responsibility for making the LAP rests with the Elected Members of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District of Limerick City and County Council, in accordance with planning legislation and published Ministerial guidance.

The key steps in making the plan are set out below:

1. Pre-Draft Stage

Forming the issues to be addressed in the Plan and gathering information from consultation with relevant stakeholders and interested parties.

2. Draft Plan Stage

Following a review of collated information a Draft Plan will be prepared by the Planning Authority. The Draft will afford the public the first opportunity to gauge the direction, that the final Plan is heading.

3. Notice of Draft Plan

The Draft Plan will be available for inspection for 6 weeks. The Planning Authority will publish a notice in local papers letting you know that the Draft is available for inspection and inviting your submissions.

4. Chief Executive's Report

A Chief Executive's Report will be prepared, based on the submissions received and containing the opinion and recommendations of the Chief Executive in relation to the Plan.

5. Consideration by Elected Members

The Elected Members will consider the Chief Executive's Report and then make, amend or revoke the Plan as appropriate.

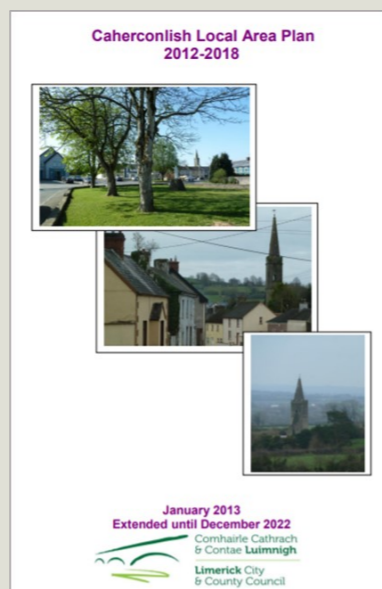
6. Material Alterations

In the event of Material Alterations or amendments, the Planning Authority will publish notice of this inviting further submissions. A similar process to that outlined at stages 4 and 5 above is then repeated.

7. Final Plan

Following consultation on Material Alterations, a further Chief Executive's Report will be prepared, to be considered by the Elected Members. The Elected Members will consider the report and adopt the Plan.

Making a Submission on the Review of the Caherconlish Local Area Plan



Public consultation at this stage will take place until 5.00pm on the 21 of March 2022.

A public meeting will be held in Caherconlish on Thursday the 3 of March 2022 in Caherconlish Church - Our Lady, Mother of the Church, between 2pm and 7pm. An online webinar will be held as part of the consultation process. Details will be released closer to the time and provided on www.limerick.ie.

This Issues Paper and the current Caherconlish Local Area Plan can be viewed on the Council's website www.limerick.ie

Submissions titled "Caherconlish LAP" can be made via:

- **MyPoint:** <https://mypoint.limerick.ie>
- **Email:** forwardplanning@limerick.ie
- **Writing to:** Forward Planning Section, Economic Development and Enterprise Directorate, Limerick City and County Council, Merchants Quay, Limerick

Submissions and observations should state the name, address and where relevant, the body represented.

All submissions received during this period will be considered by the Council, in the drafting of the new Caherconlish Local Area Plan. Submissions will form part of reports associated with the making of the LAP, which will be available online.

Please note that by giving your contact details you are agreeing to the Council GDPR policy.

For queries please contact Forward Planning at (061) 556508 or via forwardplanning@limerick.ie

CAHERCONLISH LOCAL AREA PLAN

Pre-Draft Issues Paper

Review of the Caherconlish Local Area Plan 2012-2018 (As Extended)



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Introduction

Limerick City and County Council is preparing a new Local Area Plan for the village of Caherconlish. The Local Area Plan (LAP) is a statutory document prepared by the Planning Authority in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The existing Caherconlish LAP was extended, until 2022 under Section 19 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). A new plan is now required to replace the existing LAP for the 2022—2028 period. The LAP will set out a land use strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the village to comply with the provisions of the Limerick Development Plan 2022—2028, when adopted. The LAP will consist of a written statement and maps indicating objectives for zoning of land, residential development, economic development, community infrastructure, built and natural heritage, open space and recreation, active travel and transport, environmental protection and climate change. The LAP must be consistent with the objectives of the higher order plans, including the National Planning Framework, the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region and the Draft Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028.

Public consultation is an important aspect of any plan making process. Public consultation enables issues and concerns relating to the LAP area to be addressed and ensures that the final LAP acknowledges community aspirations and concerns. This Issues Paper relates to the non-statutory “Pre-Draft” stage of the LAP preparation process. This “Pre-Draft” phase will be followed by preparation of the Draft LAP when a further 6 week period of public consultation will be undertaken. The Issues Paper aims to encourage interest and debate and invites submissions or observations. All future planning applications will be assessed in accordance with in the plan, once adopted. The content of submissions or observations are not limited to the issues outlined in this paper.

Population and Housing



The 2016 Census recorded a population of 1476 for Caherconlish. The population growth target for the village is 1815 by 2028, as identified in the Draft Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028. To encourage compact growth and to strengthen the core of Caherconlish, residential development should be encouraged within the existing settlement on brownfield sites, infill sites and re-use of existing housing stock/vacant buildings instead of green-field sites. New residential developments should provide for a range of adaptable dwelling sizes, types and densities, should be of a high standard and layout and be underpinned by the principles of placemaking, permeability, connectivity creating a sense of place and a high quality of public realm. Continued population growth will create pressure on the housing market and on certain services and infrastructure including childcare, schools, transport, water/wastewater, recreation and amenity.

Q. How can the quality of existing residential areas be enhanced?

Q. What type of housing is required in Caherconlish and where should it be located?

Q. Where are the key opportunity sites for (re)development in Caherconlish?

Retail, Commercial, Employment and Enterprise



Caherconlish is a service centre for its own community and rural hinterland. The village is predominantly a commuter village, with over 90% of the workforce with a fixed workplace not at their home, working outside the settlement (POWSCAR Data 2016). Services in the village include retail, pubs, restaurants, a post office, a credit union, community and professional services. Caherconlish has potential for retail expansion by occupying vacant units in the village centre. The new LAP will focus on

encouraging and facilitating community based enterprises within Caherconlish. The development of local enterprise and employment in the village and any expansion of existing facilities needs to be planned and managed to ensure an appropriate mix of facilities to sustain a vibrant village. The new plan will need to examine and identify any shortfalls in the provision of services and allow for the adequate zoning of lands to facilitate this type of development.

Q. What type of retail/ commercial services are required to serve the population and where should developments be located?

Q. What supports/services are required in the area to sustain and grow employment and employment potential?

Q. How can the LAP support tourism in Caherconlish?

Q. How can Caherconlish further capitalise on business opportunities?



Community, Amenity and Recreation

The recently upgrade to the ‘Creamery Walk’ is a welcomed addition to the village and is widely used. Community infrastructure such as this plays a vital role in contributing to the quality of life for all. The physical environment should develop in such a way that it facilitates and does not obstruct the healthy functioning of community and cultural life. Services and amenities including crèches, schools, amenities, recreation and other community facilities should be provided in tandem with residential development.

Q. What community infrastructure and facilities are lacking in Caherconlish and where should these be located?

Q. Are there sufficient sports, amenity and recreation facilities in the village?

Q. Are there other natural features/routes that could be developed as walkways/ greenways?

Built and Natural Heritage



Caherconlish is classified as a historic village in the Record of Monuments and Places. It has seven Protected Structures within the LAP boundary. In addition, there are two structures listed in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). There are nine further individual monuments in the village Section 12(1) of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994. The area’s heritage is an important consideration for new developments in order to conserve the area’s character and to create a ‘sense of place’. Conservation and enhancement of the area’s heritage assets including green infrastructure and biodiversity will contribute to the attractiveness of Caherconlish as a desirable place to live, shop and work and for communities to take pride in.

Q. What features of the area’s natural and built heritage should be conserved and enhanced?

Q. How can key features of the area’s heritage be integrated into new developments?

Q. What objectives are required to protect and enhance our natural and built heritage?



Climate Adaptation and Mitigation

The effects of climate change pose a serious threat to quality of life, communities, businesses, the environment and biodiversity. Limerick City and County Council has a Climate Change Adaption Strategy that concentrates on dealing with the effects of climate change addressing adaption to minimise the effects of climate change such as extreme weather events and greenhouse gas emissions.

Q. What objectives are required to support Climate Action in Caherconlish?

Q. How can we increase awareness and reduce the impacts of climate change in Caherconlish?

Active Travel, Transport, Infrastructure and Utilities



National and Regional Transport Policy seeks to support the transition to a low carbon society and emphasises the need to reduce the demand for travel and the reliance on the private car in favour of public transport, car-pooling, cycling and walking. Travel trends for Caherconlish identify a dependency on car travel. The village experiences traffic congestion due to its strategic location between Limerick and Cork. The potential for growth in Caherconlish will lead to additional demands on roads, water supply and sewerage treatment, energy supplies and telecommunication networks. The increased demand for services must be considered in the content of reducing carbon emissions and promoting a more sustainable way of living, travelling and working.

Q. What are the key transport and infrastructure related issues facing Caherconlish?

Q. What additional infrastructure is required to support development in Caherconlish?

Q. How can energy conservation and alternative sources of renewable energy be encouraged?



Surface Water Drainage and Flooding

Flood risk is a key consideration in preparing a LAP. The Flood Risk Guidelines seek to ensure that development avoids flood risk, substitute less vulnerable uses when avoidance is not possible, and mitigate and manage the risk where avoidance and substitution are not possible. The National Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) mapping, published by the Office of Public Works, has identified Flood Zones in Caherconlish.

Q. What areas have experienced flooding in the village?

Q. What measures can be taken to avoid or to prevent flooding?