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APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT
- SCREENING REPORT -

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
ARTICLE 6(3) OF THE EU HABITATS DIRECTIVE**

FOR THE

TULLAMORE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2010-2016

**TABLES SHOWING:
ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL AND RESIDUAL
IMPACTS OF POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES**

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Key to Policies and Objectives Contained in the Plan

A list of the individual policies and objectives of the Plan with potential to give rise to impacts on the Natura 2000 sites (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) is included below. These policies and objectives are taken from Section 8 - *Evaluation of Plan Provisions* - of the Environmental Report which has been prepared as part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment process. These policies and objectives are evaluated in the table that follows.

Chapters 1 & 2: Introduction and Vision & Tullamore - Midlands Linked Gateway Town

<p>Overall Vision</p> <p>The Offaly County Development Strategy and the Offaly County Council Corporate Strategy share the same “vision statement”, and the Councils’ aim is to apply this vision in terms of its land use and planning implications through the implementation of this Town and Environs Development Plan. It reads: That all people in Offaly will enjoy equal opportunity and a good quality of life – that they will look forward to the future with confidence while cherishing the past. For Tullamore Town and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016, this means having regard to: (i) How land use and planning decisions will impact on quality of life for the people of Tullamore. (ii) How such decisions will impact on Tullamore as a location to live and work of choice, not necessity. (iii) How such decisions will impact on the need to protect Tullamore’s natural and built assets.</p>
<p>Overall Aim</p> <p>To set out a framework for the physical development of the of Linked Gateway town of Tullamore and its Environs, so that growth may take place in a sensitive, co-ordinated and orderly manner, while at the same time conserving the town’s character and intrinsic heritage value.</p>
<p>Strategic Goals</p> <p>To strengthen the ability of Tullamore to facilitate the sustainable development of the town and environs area to meet economic, social and demographic growth requirements of Tullamore Town in accordance with the provisions of the NSS and MRPGs by the provision of adequate zoned land in an orderly manner. To strengthen the existing physical development of Tullamore and Environs area so that the future sustainable growth of the town is underpinned by excellent infrastructure, responds to current and future development requirements and occurs in the co-ordinated manner which promotes a good quality of life for those who live and work in Tullamore both at present and in the future. To develop and plan continually for strategic transportation links between Tullamore and Athlone and Mullingar to enable the Midlands Linked Gateway to function effectively and competitively at a National Level and rest of region including N52/N80 and western bypass. To maintain and further enhance the role of Tullamore as an important centre of socio-economic activity in the Midland Linked Gateway and as the main administrative centre of County Offaly. To facilitate the provision of sufficient and adequate employment opportunities to cater for the needs of the population of the town and its hinterland and to attract new population. Promote Industrial and Commercial Development including Research and Development facilities to build on existing educational strengths and existing industry to promote a coherent and integrated approach to economic growth. To allow for the extension and development of educational facilities in the town as necessary and promote the provision of third level education facilities and courses that are aligned with the skill set needs and research and development activities of targeted industry sectors. To encourage the continued commercial development of the town and to further its role as a shopping and commercial centre for the County and Midland Region. To ensure that sufficient and suitably located land is allocated to satisfy the requirements of a multitude of functions in the town which in turn, would be attractive and flexible to accommodate the requirements of a wide a range of operators from local level right up to International level. To promote the town’s role within the Region as a Healthcare centre and to seek to provide further healthcare facilities in designated areas. To ensure that the necessary public utilities and services are available in the future to satisfy the needs of Tullamore linking in with surrounding areas. To facilitate the provision of improved amenities within the town and to secure the appropriate re-development, renewal and improvement of areas within the town. To facilitate the development and promotion of Tullamore as a tourism destination and base. To renew, consolidate and develop the existing fabric of the town and to encourage a high quality of design in new development. To provide and maintain adequate water supply, drainage and waste water services. This will be undertaken in a manner which protects and enhances the natural environment, whilst providing for economic and urban development purposes. To encourage the development of Tullamore in a sequential manner and in accordance with the planning framework identified in the plan. This would provide for the sequential expansion of the town from central areas into the environs areas (masterplan areas – see chapter 5) in a coherent manner which will facilitate complete integration between the town and environs. To ensure that the development of Tullamore will not adversely compromise the natural environment.</p>

Chapter 4: Overall Strategy

<p>Housing Aim</p> <p>To ensure that suitable accommodation is available for each household within Tullamore by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating the provision of appropriate private developments and • Provision of social and affordable housing, where feasible and in accordance with Tullamore's position within the County Settlement Hierarchy.
<p>Policies</p> <p>TTEP 04-01 It is the Councils' policy to strategically prioritise the development of Tullamore as part of the Midlands Linked Gateway. The Council will monitor the growth of the gateway in nominal terms towards the 2020 target of 30,000 persons and also relative to the growth of the remainder of the county and in particular the share of County population attributed to the Gateway. It is council policy to implement the 'sequential approach' (i.e. develop from the centre first, then outwards) in assessing the proposed housing developments to avoid isolated development in outer zoned areas.</p> <p>TTEP 04-02 It is Council policy to ensure that housing developments both individually and cumulatively are reflective in size/scale of the relevant settlement/area's position within the County's Settlement Hierarchy. In this regard, and without prejudice to other development plan policies or development management best practices, there will be positive presumption for housing developments of the following size or smaller within Tullamore as appropriate: Gateway: 150 houses.</p> <p>This policy is not intended to preclude developers / landowners who have large blocks of zoned and serviced land for development from developing same. In such cases, land blocks should be put forward for development by means of planning applications in a sequential manner. While it is general policy of the Councils to require that developments be linked to each other and to the existing fabric of the settlement by means of roads, footpaths, linked open spaces etc., it is also a general policy of the Council's to require that developments differ in design and layout while maintaining the overall character of the area in order to achieve interest and variety in the built form and to provide choice to the prospective new or second hand house purchaser. It is policy that directly provided Local Authority housing or housing delivered in co-operation with the Council will adhere to the above principles also. Further, it is the Council policy to require a mix of dwelling types in housing developments and in particular to encourage as part of housing developments the provision of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small numbers of single storey houses to give choice to persons with enhanced accessibility needs i.e. the elderly and persons with a disability. • Detached dwellings on large sites subject to adherence with general principles regarding the efficient use of building land (i.e. such dwellings may form part of a mixed density development). • Individually serviced sites, particularly in Local Service Towns and villages, subject to submission with the planning application, of a detailed template(s) for the general design, scale, position, materials, boundary treatment etc. of the dwellings so as to avoid uncoordinated development of settlements. <p>All new development shall have such a mix of house types such as not to closely overlook the curtilage of existing dwellings.</p> <p>TTEP 04-03 It is the policy of the Councils to facilitate a population for Tullamore of 24,500 by 2022 and in the interim, a population of 19,250 by 2016, in line with the breakdown indicated in Table 4.4 of this Chapter.</p> <p>TTEP 04-04 It is Council policy to ensure that Tullamore can support the level of growth (socially and economically) to underpin its role as part of the 'Midland's Linked Gateway' and as a 'driver' of development in sustaining strong levels of economic growth and prosperity in the county and region as a whole.</p> <p>TTEP 04-06 Single Rural House Policy within Tullamore Environs</p> <p>It is Council policy that within the areas of the open countryside within the environs area of Tullamore which are under development pressure / urban influence, a positive presumption will be given towards a new single house for the permanent occupation of an applicant who falls within either of the 3 categories below and meets the necessary criteria.</p> <p>Category 1: Local Rural Persons</p> <p>The following 3 criteria arise in assessing applicants under this category: The applicant must come within the definition of a 'Local Rural Person' and the proposed site must be situated within their 'Local Rural Area' and the applicant must have a 'Local Rural Housing Need'</p> <p>a.) A 'Local Rural Person' (applicant) is a person who was born within the local rural area, or who is living or has lived in the local rural area for a minimum of 5 years at any stage prior to making the planning application. It includes returning emigrants seeking a permanent home in their local rural area.</p> <p>b.) The 'Local Rural Area' for the purpose of this policy is defined as the area generally within a 8km radius of where the applicant was born, living or has lived. The rural area excludes those settlements listed within Tiers 1-2 of the County Settlement Hierarchy inclusive, which are urban settlements i.e. Gateway, Large Towns.</p> <p>c.) An applicant who satisfies a 'Local Rural Housing Need' is defined as a person who does not or has not ever owned a house in the surrounding rural area and has the need for a permanent dwelling for their own use.</p> <p>Category 2: Persons Working Fulltime or Part-time in Rural Areas</p>

Such persons shall be defined as persons who by the nature of their work, have a functional need to reside permanently in the rural area generally immediately adjacent to their place of work. Such circumstances will normally encompass persons involved in full-time farming, horticulture or forestry as well as similar part-time occupations where it can be demonstrated that it is the predominant occupation. Other cases will be dealt with on their own individual merits having regard to the intended spirit of the policy. In each case the applicant must not already own or have owned a house in the surrounding rural area. Category 3: Exceptional Health Circumstances Having regard to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government's 'Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines' (2005), special consideration shall be given in limited cases of exceptional health circumstances - supported by relevant documentation from a registered medical practitioner and a disability organisation proving that a person requires to live in a particular environment or close to family support, or requires a close family member to live in close proximity to that person.
TTEP 04-07 It is the Councils' policy that specific areas within the plan boundary shall be subject to more detailed guidance. This will take the form of Masterplan areas (Chapter 5). These areas will be governed by the policies contained therein as well as those in this chapter.
TTEP 04-12 It is the Councils' policy to ensure that a sufficient amount and variety of serviced land, designed for residential use, is available for house building in Tullamore.
TTEP 04-15 It is the Councils' policy to allow for revisions should the Housing Strategy be reviewed or Planning Legislation (notably 'Part V') be amended during the lifetime of plan.
TTEP 04-16 It is the Councils' policy to ensure the delivery of the policies and objectives of the Housing Strategy by ensuring sufficient lands within Tullamore are zoned in accordance with its position within the County Settlement Hierarchy.
TTEP 04-18 Social Housing It is the Councils' policy to provide social houses through a combination of mechanisms including direct build, 'Part V', turnkey and the acquisition of second-hand housing in accordance with Tullamore's position within the County Settlement Hierarchy to meet identified needs, through the most appropriate measures, subject to resources and funding. Social housing units will be allocated on the basis of the Councils' adopted scheme of letting priorities.
TTEP 04-25 It is the Councils' policy to encourage and facilitate private house building in Tullamore and suitably designed residential infill development where appropriate.
TTEP 04-28 It is the Councils' policy to provide a good and well-managed living environment for the Travelling Community including recommended standards of accommodation, sanitary facilities, and pre-school education facilities, where feasible.
TTEP 04-29 It is the Councils' policy to provide accommodation to meet the needs of the Travelling Community in the Tullamore Area and to prohibit illegal parking.
TTEP 04-30 Elderly It is the Councils' policy to take account of the demand and need for elderly persons' dwellings in its annual housing programme. The possibility of providing Old Persons' Dwellings close to existing services in the town centre area will be examined.
Objectives
TTEO 04-01 To secure the implementation of the Housing Strategy 2008-2015 including the proper implementation of its policies, objectives and goals, in particular, through the reservation of 20% of all and zoned solely for residential use, or for a mixture of residential or other uses, to be made available for the provision of social and affordable housing referred to in Section 94(4) (a) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2006. Further, it is a Council objective, that the allocation between social and affordable housing will be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the identified social and affordable needs of the area within which the development is taking place and the specific features of the development.
TTEO 04-03 To facilitate orderly development to meet housing requirements of the town and environs.
TTEO 04-05 Proposed Accommodation for the Travelling Community To provide adequate accommodation for Travellers in accordance with the Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme for County Offaly.
TTEO 04-06 To meet the accommodation requirements of the travelling community of the Tullamore and Environs area.
TTEO 04-07 Purpose built dwellings To provide purpose built dwellings for those with special needs, including provisions for the needs of the elderly, persons with physical disabilities and persons with learning disabilities where feasible and in conjunction with other voluntary bodies and the private sector.
TTEO 04-09 Identification of accommodation and sites To carry out the following detailed objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide suitable accommodation for Travellers at appropriate locations in the plan area. • Identify further sites for infill housing for public and private sector development.

Chapter 5: Masterplans

Strategic Objectives
SO1. To strengthen the role of Tullamore as an intrinsic part of the Midlands Linked Gateway.
SO2. To facilitate the projected population for Tullamore of 30,000 by 2020 as envisaged in the MRPGs.

SO5. To help facilitate the future economic growth of Tullamore.
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Chapter 6: Employment, Economy and Enterprise

Aim
To build on Tullamore's current economic strengths, recognise its challenges and strive to improve same, therefore ensuring that its people will have access to a range of quality employment opportunities in the town's catchment area, "bringing people and jobs closer together"
Employment and Workforce Policies
TTEP 06-01 It is the Councils' policy to seek to promote and diversify the local economy as prescribed under the National Spatial Strategy, Midlands Regional Planning Guidelines and in accordance with the County's agreed settlement hierarchy which provides for balanced development.
TTEP 06-02 It is the Council's policy to strengthen and channel development into Tullamore, the primary driver for economic development within the county, a role identified as part of the Midlands Linked Gateway as set out in the National Spatial Strategy and the Midland Regional Planning Guidelines.
TTEP 06-04 It is the Councils' policy to co-operate with potential employers and local, regional and national enterprise authorities, most notably IDA, Enterprise Ireland, Offaly County Enterprise Board and Fás in the attraction of investment into Tullamore, including both overseas investment and local investment and the provision of employment/enterprise.
TTEP 06-05 It is the Councils' policy to take a pro-active approach in seeking to protect existing employment and to develop new opportunities for employment, education, training and enterprise.
TTEP 06-06 It is the Councils' policy to support employment creation including where it can mitigate against long distance commuting.
TTEP 06-07 It is the Councils' policy to encourage and facilitate existing and/or future decentralisation to Tullamore.
TTEP 06-13 It is the Councils' policy to encourage the provision of incubator units at a scale appropriate to Tullamore's location in the County Settlement Hierarchy.
Rural Development on Urban Fringe Policies
TTEP 06-16 It is the Councils' policy to consider favourably proposals for on-farm based diversification, which is complementary to the agricultural operation on the farm and is operated as part of the farm holding.
TTEP 06-18 It is the Councils' policy to co-operate with enterprise development agencies and local development bodies in the provision of enterprise and employment.
Employment and Workforce Objectives
TTEO 06-01 It is an objective of the Councils to facilitate the development of the Midlands Linked Gateway, in accordance with national / regional policy. This will include measures to seek to reserve lands within Tullamore (part of the Midlands linked Gateway) which will make provisions for potential national and regionally significant activities and to attract specialist large-scale enterprise development within the county. The Planning Authority will therefore enhance, promote and protect Tullamore in the interests of providing for and facilitating the potential development of the gateway in accordance with national and regional policy.
TTEO 06-02 It is an objective of the Council to co-operate with and seek to facilitate local community based development groups in developing employment clusters including incubator/start up units as appropriate.
TTEO 06-03 It is an objective of the Council to identify a range of optimum locations which can present opportunities for the location of specific / specialised enterprise and employment within the plan area.
TTEO 06-04 It is an objective of the Council to encourage, in co-operation with the IDA, Enterprise Ireland, the Offaly County Enterprise Board and other local development bodies, the development of enterprise and employment facilities within the plan area.
TTEO 06-05 To support agricultural development and encourage the continuation of agriculture as a contributory means of maintaining population in the hinterland of Tullamore and sustaining the rural economy.
TTEO 06-06 To provide a high quality business park on Council owned lands in Clonminch in partnership with the IDA.

Chapter 7: Town Centre, Renewal and Retail

Aim
To sensitively and sustainably enhance the historic town centre through the provision of high quality public realm. To ensure that the retail hierarchy is commensurate with the settlement strategy in order to facilitate a competitive and healthy retail environment and to support the future vitality and viability of Tullamore town centre. These aims will improve the attractiveness and functionality of Tullamore as a place in which to live, work and visit.
Retail Policy
TTEP 07-05 It is Councils policy to promote Tullamore, part of the Midlands Linked Gateway, as the main retail centre in the County and to ensure that the retail quality and range is of a standard that

contributes to the retail economy within the County, the Midland Gateway and Region as a whole.
TTEP 07-06 It is Councils policy to implement the Retail Hierarchy as set out in the Offaly Retail Strategy. The Councils will seek to locate retail development in the retail core areas of Tullamore, subject to normal planning and land-use considerations.
Public Realm Policy
TTEP 07-15 It is the Councils policy to progressively implement the policies and objectives of the Tullamore Public Realm Study.
Opportunity Sites
TTEP 07-17 It is Council Policy to require that any proposal brought forward for the sites identified on Map 7.2 will include a comprehensive urban design plan showing the rationale behind the proposal and how it will interact within its context and the wider Town Centre area.
Objectives
TTEO 07- 06 It is the Councils objective to carry out a Public Realm Study for Tullamore
TTEO 07-07 It is an objective of the Councils to facilitate and encourage the development of an appropriately sited and designed pedestrian footbridge over the Tullamore River between the site of the Bridge Centre car park and Main Street.
TTEO 07-08 It is an objective of the Councils to work with and facilitate Waterways Ireland in identifying an alternative site for their existing operations in the Harbour area. As the location of the alternative site is unknown, the interactions between this Proposed Amendment and the following are uncertain: biodiversity and flora and fauna, human health, water resources, cultural heritage, flood risk, water services infrastructure, travel related greenhouse emissions to air, greenfield development and reduce car dependency. Providing the other measures contained in the draft Plan and the measures arising out of lower tier assessments are complied with, conflicts with the environment would be likely to be mitigated.

Chapter 8: Transport, Accessibility and Movement

Aim
To promote and facilitate the use of sustainable and smarter travel patterns, which include alternative modes of transport that are properly integrated together and support the development of a safer, more efficient transport system for Tullamore. Such a transport system will include integrated improvements to the road network, public transport network, cycleways and pedestrian ways.
Strategic/ Transport and Land-Use Policy
TTEP 08-02 It is the Councils' policy to complete the Tullamore Eastern By-Pass.
TTEP 08-03 The Councils' intend to secure the provision of a relief road/bypass to the west of the town linking the N52 to the north via the N80 and back to the N52 to the south west of the town. A corridor has been identified for this purpose, and it is the Councils' policy to protect this from development (refer to Map 8.).
TTEP 08-04 It is the Councils' policy to ensure the town is well-connected to both the National Road Network and local centres of population. Therefore any necessary improvements to the N52, N80 and regional roads shall be brought forward when required and as resources become available.
TTEP 08-07 It is the Councils' policy to facilitate development of the masterplan areas by the creation of a network of local distributor routes, which connect these new areas to the existing town in a coherent plan led manner bringing permeability to the resultant urban fabric. These routes will be informed by the relevant masterplans and the Tullamore Transportation Study on its adoption.
TTEP 08-08 It is the Councils' policy to facilitate the provision of the strategic links required to ensure the satisfactory implementation of the masterplans. These are shown marked A to R on map 8.1 and outlined in sub-section 8.2.3.2.
TTEP 08-09 In conjunction with the above policies (TTEP 08-06 and TTEP 08-07) it is the Councils' policy to complete important elements in the town's internal network. These are shown as X, Y and Z shown on map 8.1 and outlined in sub-section 8.2.3.2.
TTEP 08-10 It is the Councils' policy to complete a Transportation Study for the plan area. This study will address the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination of the existing traffic and transportation conditions in the Study Area. • Review of proposals outlined in the Town and County Development Plans and the National Development Plan. • Development of a traffic model that incorporates a user friendly forecasting program that can be used by Offaly County Council for the analysis of all development and transportation proposals. • The model shall identify road and junction strategies and traffic management proposals in the event that all zones within the development plan shall be fully developed and alternative interim management strategies during the town's progression towards full development. • Analysis of adopted and new road strategies and recommendations should be reflected in the proposed traffic model. • Consideration should be given to sustainable transport including public transport strategies, pedestrianisation and cycle path. • Identification of the key measures required to provide for best traffic management practice for the Study Area.
Parking Policy
TTEP 08-18 It is the Councils' policy to continue to monitor off-street parking in the town centre and to take appropriate action regarding under-supply or incorrect use. The Councils will have regard to the forthcoming Tullamore Public Realm Study in relation to this issue.

TTEP 08-19 It is the Councils' policy to continue to secure adequate parking provision for the town and undertake accompanying enforcement to ensure that best use is made of this provision. The Councils will have regard to the Tullamore Public Realm Study in relation to this issue.
TTEP 08-20 It is the Councils' policy to require that car parking for disabled persons for all development sites and public car parking areas are in accordance with the provisions and standards set out by the National Disability Association in "Building for everyone" published in 2002. In particular the Councils will require that adequate disabled car parking spaces will be provided for each development site or public car parking area, at convenient and easily accessible locations, clearly delineated for use by people with impaired mobility and with sufficient access aisles immediately adjoining each car parking space.
Strategic/ Transport and Land-Use Objectives
TTEO 08-01 To complete the Tullamore By-Pass as shown indicatively on Map 8.1.
TTEO 08-04 Implement the Tullamore Transportation Study when adopted.
TTEO 08-05 To secure the provision of the network of internal distributor routes to allow the masterplan areas to be developed in a plan led manner.
TTEO 08-06 To extend and improve the existing distributor road system, where necessary, to accommodate the growing/changing movement patterns within the town. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve connectivity at the interface between the southern masterplan area and Spollenstown. • Realign Chancery Lane. • Provide a link road between Riverside and Church Avenue. • Reconfigure the Kilcruittin intersection at the Railway Station. • Improve connectivity between the north-eastern quadrant of the town and the existing road network. Utilising the former access way created to construct the hospital.
Traffic & Parking Objectives
TTEO 08-08 To encourage and support the development of multi-storey car parking facilities within Tullamore Town within appropriate locations to accommodate the centralised provision of easily accessible car parking for users and visitors to the town.
TTEO 08-09 To progressively implement the recommendations of the Tullamore Transportation Study in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -promote greater efficiency in traffic circulation -provide additional car parking spaces in the town -provide more public disabled parking spaces throughout the town centre
TTEO 08-10 Facilitate traffic movement by encouraging the construction of the distributors highlighted in map 8.1. Their provision will allow traffic calming and an extension to the public realm. Significant calming in the town centre on High Street, Bridge Street and O'Connor Square will allow the creation of a pedestrian priority area in the town centre. This will be informed by the Tullamore Transportation Study and the Public Realm Study.
Non-Vehicular Access Objective
TTEO 08-11 To facilitate and provide disabled car parking for all development sites and public car parking areas in accordance with the provisions and standards set out by the National Disability Association in "Building for everyone" published in 2002.
TTEO 08-12 - Develop a network of interlinked pedestrian priority linkages through the town. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pedestrianise part of Bury Quay/Offaly St. area - Provide a new pedestrian bridge adjacent to Bury Quay, linking Kilbride Park and Clontarf Road - Pedestrianise North side of O'Connor Square to provide a focal urban space - Complete pedestrian link between O'Connor Square and Market Square via the disused bridge and Church St, in conjunction with part-pedestrianisation of O'Connor Square. - Re-open Meath Lane. - Investigate the feasibility of creating linkages, pedestrian and/or cycleways as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From Whitehall to Riverside along the Tullamore River. 2. From Patrick Street to Bridge Centre. 3. From the Tanyard to High Street via Roselawn. - Preserve and improve, where necessary all existing pedestrian and cycle routes
TTEO 08-13 To require the provision of cycleways and pedestrian walkways as part of new developments, to connect both newly and existing developed areas to areas where travel demand is greatest e.g. schools, the hospital, the Town Centre and retail areas. Where such cycle or pedestrian ways are being proposed to link with long established residential areas, the views of the public will be invited and considered through the development management and approval process.

Chapter 9: Tourism

Aim
To promote Tullamore as a tourism destination and to continue to support and facilitate the development and diversification of tourism in Tullamore in an environmentally sustainable manner.
Policy
TTEP 09-01 It is Councils' policy to promote and foster a growing sense of innovation and entrepreneurial activity in the tourism sector in Tullamore.
TTEP 09-02 It is Councils' policy to continue to support and encourage increased co-ordination, cohesion and linkages between agencies involved in tourism development for example Failte Ireland, Waterways Ireland and Offaly Local Authorities and to assist projects which will improve the amenities of the town.
TTEP 09-06 It is the Councils policy to promote and facilitate conference facilities in Tullamore and to support future tourism opportunities which may offer the opportunity to build on the existing attraction of the town, based on its location.
TTEP 09-09 It is the Councils' policy to support the continued development of Theatre, Arts, Culture and other tourist events as they may arise
TTEP 09-10 It is the Councils' policy to facilitate and encourage the provision of a range of accommodation and ancillary tourist services.
Objectives
TTEO 09-01 It is an objective of the Councils' to implement the Tourism Strategy for Offaly relevant to Tullamore, published in 2006 (McIver Consulting)
TTEO 09-02 It is an objective of the Councils' to establish a signage policy committee to design and investigate funding opportunities for integrated directional and interpretive signage with a timeframe for implementation and guidance relating to the appearance and location.
TTEO 09-03 It is an objective of the Councils' to prepare a tourism development and management plan in association with adjoining local authorities for key tourist sites in Tullamore. This plan should include the built and natural features which have an established tourist draw and will set out requirements in relation to tourism facilities and accommodation of visitors.
TTEO 09-04 It is an objective of the Council to co-operate with Failte Ireland, Waterways Ireland and other relevant bodies and agencies in promoting the waterways of Tullamore in respect of an overall tourism development and marketing strategy.
TTEO 09-05 It is an objective of the Council to investigate and support best practice environmental management including energy efficiency, waste management and procurement and recycling in tourism enterprises/accommodation providers with Tullamore.
TTEO 09-06 It is an objective of the Council to work with relevant and interested parties to implement specific projects to develop tourism in Tullamore.

Chapter 10: Infrastructure and Environment

Energy Management Policies
TTEP 10-40 It is the Councils' policy to promote, encourage and facilitate the provision of micro-renewable energy.
TTEP 10-41 It is the Councils' policy to support the development of renewable energy in Tullamore environs, where it is considered appropriate. Such development will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
Energy Management Objectives
TTEO 10-23 To implement the publication by Offaly County Council entitled "Draft Climate Change Strategy 2009-2014" (when adopted).

Chapter 11: Community, Social, Cultural and Sports Development

Aim
Promote the development of Tullamore as a part of the Midlands Linked Gateway, where people can live and work, with access to a range of community facilities that are a vital component in increasing social inclusion and contribute to the quality of life for all.
Community - General Policies
TTEP 11-01 The Councils recognise the importance of community facilities in the welfare and development of society. It is the Councils' policy to assist, where feasible, in social, community and cultural development within Tullamore and to encourage and facilitate the provision and extension of community facilities to serve individual communities throughout Tullamore and to co-operate with any bodies which wish to expand the provision of social facilities in Tullamore. The Councils shall encourage the provision and extension of community and sporting facilities to serve individual communities throughout the town. Social development initiatives at a community level will be encouraged and assisted where possible by the Councils. Consideration will be given on an individual basis to the provision of support for community projects, and/or making available sites for same.

TTEP 11-02 It is the Councils' policy to support and facilitate the County Development Board in its key objectives of strengthening the community sector in Tullamore and developing a long-term strategy of social investment at community level.
TTEP 11-03 It is the Councils' policy to identify suitable sites for community facilities within Tullamore (refer to Chapter 5: Masterplans), particularly in newly developing areas.
TTEP 11-04 It is the Councils' policy that proposals for new developments will be encouraged to provide new facilities (including play facilities) for community use. Proposals should be in suitable locations and be compatible with adjoining developments. Such proposals will be subject to other policies of this Development Plan, in particular those concerning open space provision. Further, it is the Councils' policy to encourage the provision of multi-functional buildings, which are adaptable to accommodating a range of community facilities, where appropriate. (This is particularly apparent in the case of new housing estates, whereby a crèche facility can be designed to be re-developed in subsequent years, for an alternative community facility or where buildings within existing schools can be used for wider community uses outside of school hours). Further, it is the Councils' policy that the multi-use of public spaces will be encouraged.
Elderly Policies
TTEP 11-07 It is the Councils' policy to facilitate the development of facilities and new homes for the elderly within the plan area. The provision of new residential homes within open countryside locations of the environs areas of Tullamore will be considered only in such cases where it is clearly demonstrated that due to the nature of the services to be provided, a rural location is necessary and that no suitable alternative sites are available within zoned lands.
Recreation, Open Space and Amenity Facilities Policies
TTEP 11-09 It is the Councils' policy to encourage and facilitate the provision of community and recreational infrastructure as an integral component of proposed new residential schemes and in particular, the provision of playgrounds for children.
TTEP 11-10 It is the Councils' policy to seek opportunities to improve the quality and capacity of existing leisure facilities and where appropriate, the Councils will use their powers under the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2006 to require development levies to achieve the enhancement of existing facilities and the creation of new facilities.
Education Facilities Policies
TTEP 11-11 It is the Councils' policy to liaise, co-operate with and to facilitate the Department of Education and Science and relevant school authorities in the provision of education facilities, as appropriate. This includes the identification and reservation of sufficient land to meet the need for expansion of existing schools and/or provision of new schools for Tullamore and its catchment area and the requirements of the relevant education authority.
TTEP 11-12 It is Council policy to encourage and facilitate where possible, the provision of educational facilities including third level education and training centres in the town.
Arts and Culture Policies
TTEP 11-14 It is Councils' policy, having regard to Tullamore's Gateway status and projected population growth, to facilitate the development of a dedicated multi-purpose Arts Centre in the town, as resources permit.
Community Healthcare Policies
TTEP 11-18 It is the Councils' policy to look favourably upon primary care centres which comprise/provide access to a range of healthcare services including General Practitioners, nurses/midwives, health care assistants, home help assistants, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, social workers and administrative personnel, as appropriate. However, the provision of individual healthcare facilities will also be considered, as appropriate.
TTEP 11-19 It is the Councils' policy to co-operate with the Health Services Executive (HSE) in the provision and location of health, community and social facilities. Also to co-operate with other groups who may wish to provide social services in the town.
Community –General Objective
TTEO 11-01 To encourage and facilitate the development of community centres in Tullamore at appropriate locations and to encourage the multi-use of existing facilities such as crèches and school buildings for wider community uses at times when they are not in use.
Education Objective
TTEO 11-02 To facilitate the provision and location of new education facilities within the existing plan area. Where out of town locations are presented, these will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. It will be an objective to extend existing education facilities, where appropriate and possible. Additional lands have been reserved for the provision of school extensions and for a new schools if required within the plan area.
Childcare Objective
TTEO 11-03 To facilitate the implementation of the Offaly County Childcare Committee Strategic Plan 2007-2010.
Sports and Recreation Objective
TTEO 11-05 To support and facilitate local community groups/sporting organisations in the development of sport and recreational facilities, in particular through land-use zoning, where appropriate.
Library Facilities Objective
TTEO 11-07 To improve current library provisions, and in particular the development of the Tullamore Central Library Project, which includes a modern library HQ, local studies department and branch library with meeting rooms and multi-functional spaces at O'Connor Square, Tullamore.
Play Facilities Objective
TTEO 11-08 To develop a partnership approach in funding and developing play in Tullamore, in accordance with the Councils current Play Policy/ Play Strategy.
Arts Facilities Objective

TTEO 11-09 To facilitate the development of a dedicated multi-purpose Arts Centre at a suitable location within the town.

Chapter 13: Natural Heritage

Natural Heritage Objectives
TTEO 13-01 To conserve and protect European and National sites and to ensure that any development proposal in the vicinity of, or affecting a European or National designated site, provides sufficient information to show how its proposals will impact on the habitat of the site, and appropriate amelioration, and the Councils will consult with the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in this regard.
Open Space and Amenity Objectives
TTEO 13-12 To provide an amenity area based on the aquatic environment of the Canal centred on the canal basin area, in conjunction with the Office of Public Works.
TTEO 13-13 To facilitate the provision of a major boating centre in Tullamore in conjunction with the Office of Public Works.

Chapter 15: Land Use Zoning and Zoning Matrix

Aim
Provide guidance in identifying particular landuses at the most appropriate locations for possible new development.
Policies
TTEP15-03 It is the Councils' policy to encourage the natural growth of Tullamore town and environs area. In the case of the development of zoned greenfield sites, a mix of uses may be required as opposed to excessive homogenous developments. This will ensure the proper planning and sustainable development of these areas, providing necessary services and adding vitality and viability to their future use.
Objectives
TTEO 15-01 That sufficient zoned lands be provided at appropriate locations throughout Tullamore town and environs to accommodate the expected land use requirements within the lifetime of the Birr and Environs Development Plan i.e. 2010-2016.
TTEO 15-02 To ensure that development progresses in accordance with the landuse zoning objectives set out within this chapter [Chapter 15].

Policy/Objective found to have the potential to affect Natura 2000 sites. (Full wording is set out in Sect. 8 of the Environmental Report)	Charleville Wood cSAC (000571)			Clara Bog cSAC (000572)			Clonaslee Esker and Derry Bog cSAC (000859)			Lough Ennell cSAC (000685)			Raheenmore Bog cSAC (000582)			River Barrow and River Nore cSAC (002162)			Slieve Bloom Mountains cSAC (000412)			Split Hills and Long Hills Esker cSAC (001831)			Slieve Bloom Mountains SPA (004160)			Avoidance / Mitigation Measures		Residual Impacts
	Potential Impacts			Potential Impacts			Potential Impacts			Potential Impacts			Potential Impacts			Potential Impacts			Potential Impacts			Policies / Objectives contained in Plan	Other Instruments							
	Direct	Indirect	Cumulative	Direct	Indirect	Cumulative	Direct	Indirect	Cumulative	Direct	Indirect	Cumulative	Direct	Indirect	Cumulative	Direct	Indirect	Cumulative	Direct	Indirect	Cumulative			Direct	Indirect	Cumulative	Direct	Indirect	Cumulative	
Chapters 1 & 2: Introduction and Vision & Tullamore - Midlands Linked Gateway Town																														
Overall Vision	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
Overall Aim	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
Strategic Goals	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		None
Chapter 4: Overall Strategy																														
Housing Aim	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
Policies																														
TTEP 04-01	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEP 04-02	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEP 04-03	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEP 04-04	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEP 04-06	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEP 04-07	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEP 04-01	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEP 04-15	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEP 04-16	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEP 04-18	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEP 04-25	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEP 04-28	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEP 04-29	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEP 04-30	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
Objectives																														
TTEO 04-01	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEO 04-03	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEO 04-05	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEO 04-06	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEO 04-07	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
TTEO 04-09	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None
Chapter 5: Masterplans																														
Strategic Objectives																														
SO1	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			None

As set out in Section 2.4 of the main body of this report

As set out in Section 2.5 of the main body of this report

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TTEP 08-10	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
Parking Policy																							
TTEP 08-18		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEP 08-19		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEP 08-20		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
Strategic/ Transport and Land-Use Objectives																							
TTEO 08-01		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEO 08-04		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEO 08-05		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEO 08-06		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
Traffic & Parking Objectives																							
TTEO 08-08		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEO 08-09		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEO 08-10		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
Non-Vehicular Access Objective																							
TTEO 08-11		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEO 08-12		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEO 08-13		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
Chapter 9: Tourism																							
Aim	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
Policy																							
TTEP 09-01		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEP 09-02	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEP 09-06		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEP 09-09	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEP 09-10	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
Objectives																							
TTEO 09-01	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEO 09-02	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEO 09-03	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEO 09-04	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEO 09-05	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEO 09-06	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
Chapter 10: Infrastructure and Environment																							
Energy Management Policies																							
TTEP 10-40	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
TTEP 10-41	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
Energy Management Objectives																							
TTEO 10-23	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
Chapter 11: Community, Social, Cultural and Sports Development																							
Aim	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	
Community - General Policies																							
TTEP 11-01	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	None	

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TTEP 11-02	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
TTEP 11-03	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
TTEP 11-04	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
Elderly Policies																		
TTEP 11-07	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
Recreation, OS and Amenity Facilities Policies																		
TTEP 11-09	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
TTEP 11-10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
Education Facilities Policies																		
TTEP 11-11	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
TTEP 11-12	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
Arts and Culture Policies																		
TTEP 11-14	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
Community Healthcare Policies																		
TTEP 11-18	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
TTEP 11-19	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
Community –General Objective																		
TTEO 11-01	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
Education Objective																		
TTEO 11-02	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
Childcare Objective																		
TTEO 11-03	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
Sports and Recreation Objective																		
TTEO 11-05	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
Library Facilities Objective																		
TTEO 11-07	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
Play Facilities Objective																		
TTEO 11-08	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
Arts Facilities Objective																		
TTEO 11-09	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
Chapter 13: Natural Heritage																		
Natural Heritage Objectives																		
TTEO 13-01																		None
Open Space and Amenity Objectives																		
TTEO 13-12	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
TTEO 13-13	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
Chapter 15: Land Use Zoning and Zoning Matrix																		
Aim		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
Policies																		
TTEP15-03	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
Objectives																		
TTEO 15-01	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None
TTEO 15-02	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	None