

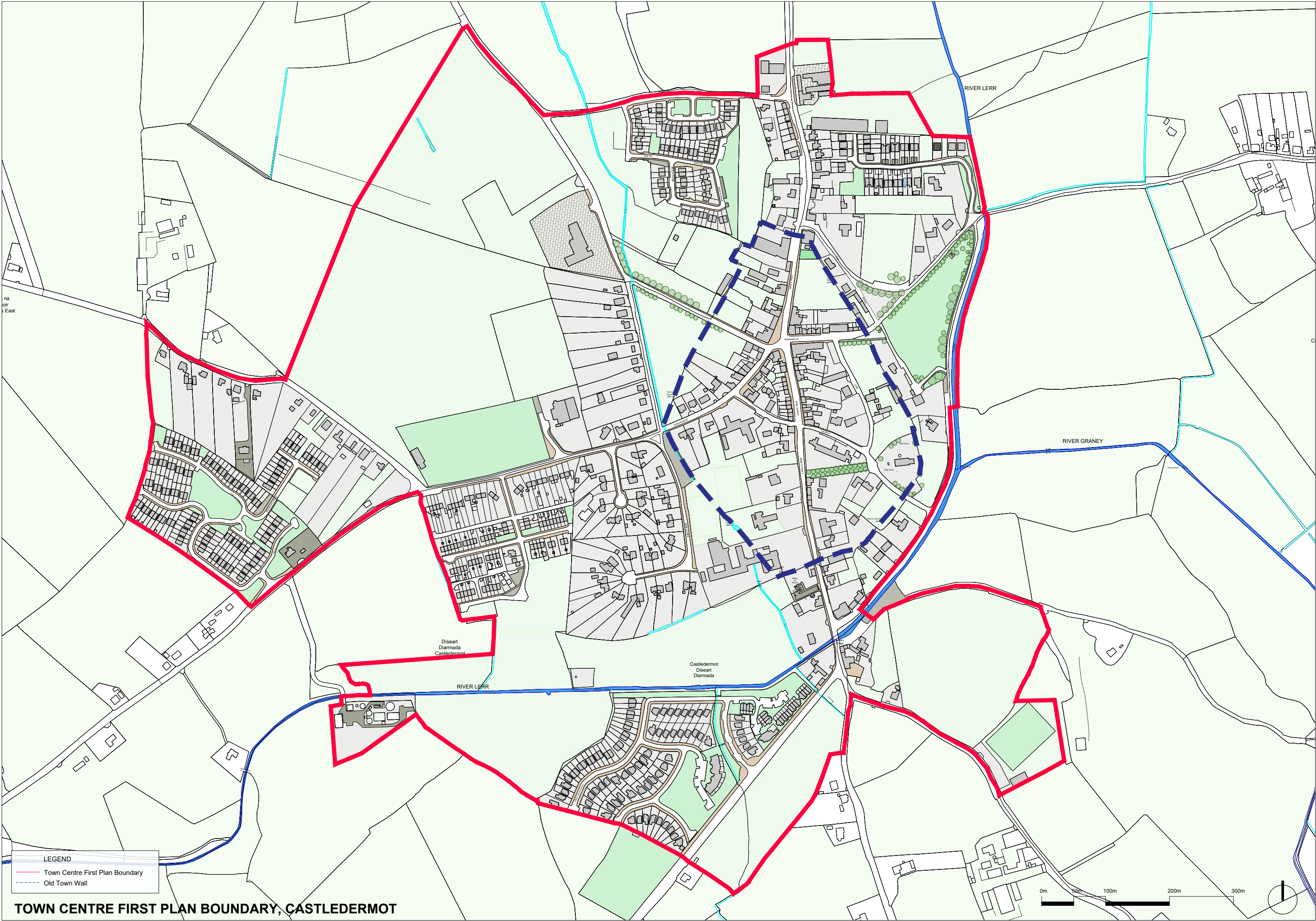
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TOWN CENTRE FIRST PLAN



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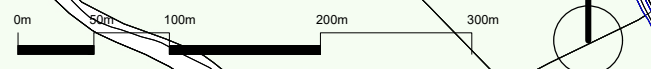
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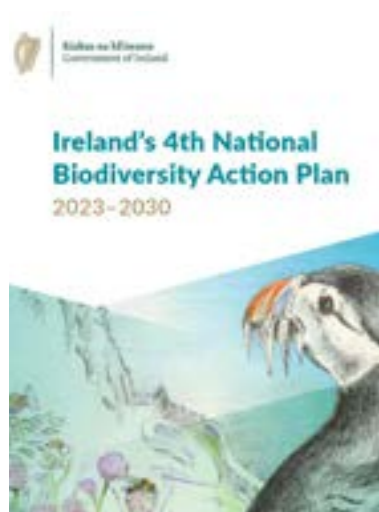
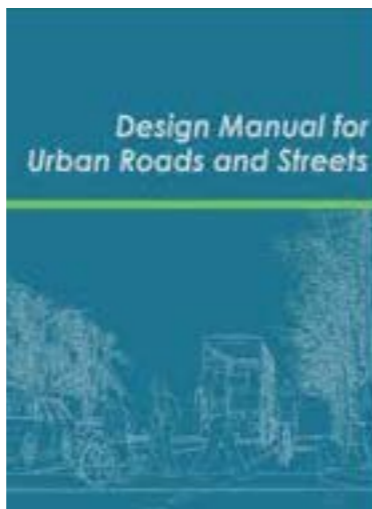
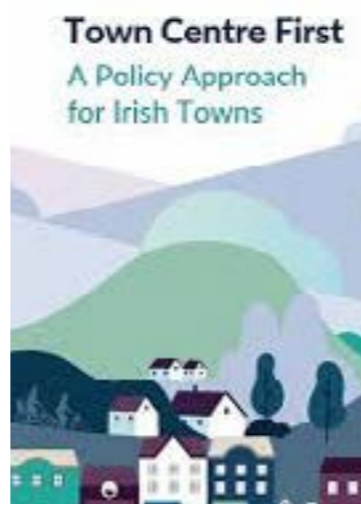
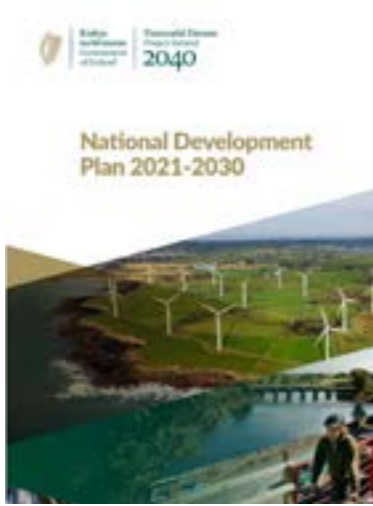


LEGEND

- Town Centre First Plan Boundary
- Old Town Wall

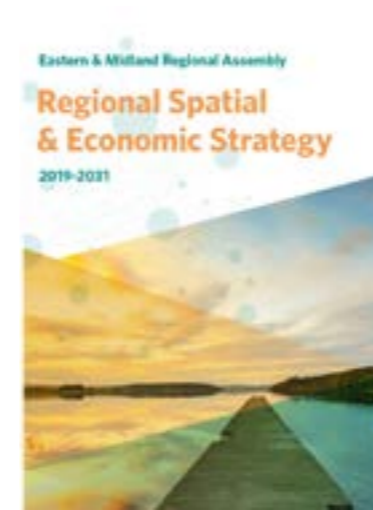
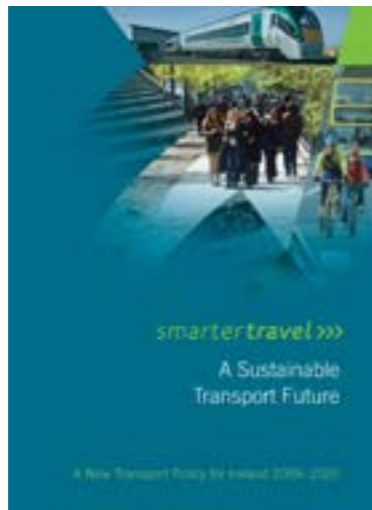
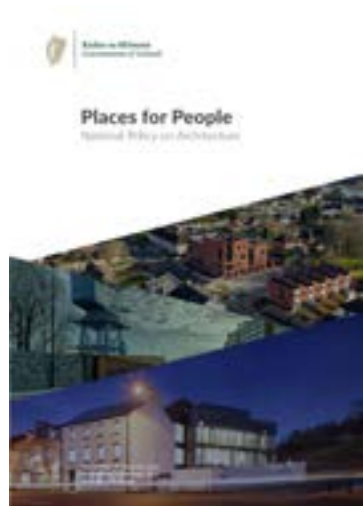
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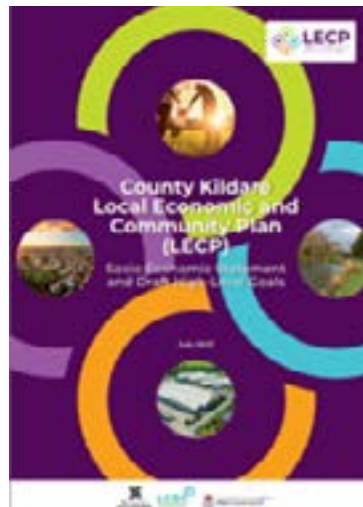
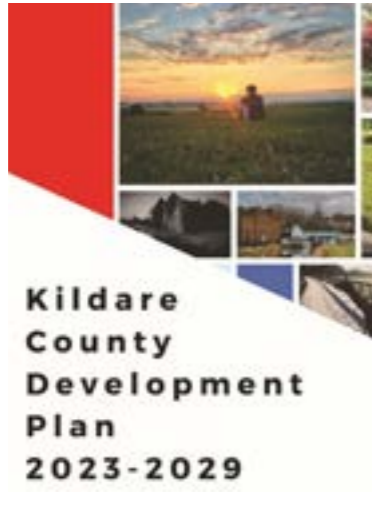
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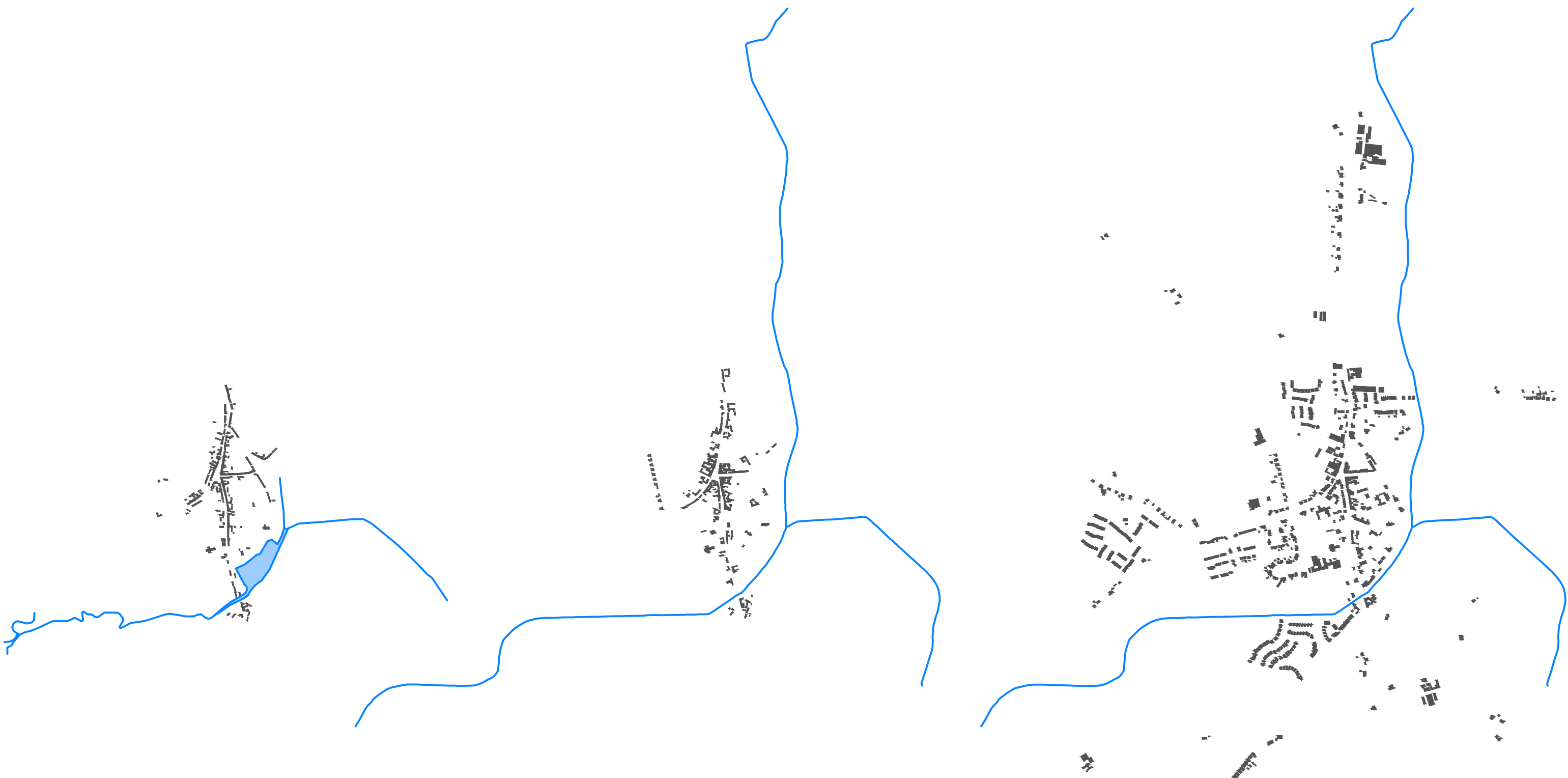
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- Town Centre First - A policy Approach for Irish Towns 2022
- Climate Action Plan 2025
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- Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets
- National Smart Specialisation Strategy (2022-2027)
- National Biodiversity Action Plan (2023-2040)
- Heritage Ireland 2030
- Making Remote Work: National Remote Work Strategy 2021
- Future Jobs Ireland 2019: Preparing Now for Tomorrow's Economy
- Ireland's National Skills Strategy 2025
- The Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042
- Urban Design Manual 2009
- Places for People - National Policy on Architecture, 2022 Regional Policy
- Smarter Travel - A sustainable Transport Future 2009 - 2020
- All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021-2025 – Councils: Actions to help Pollinators
- Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly
- Mid East Regional Enterprise Plan
- Water Action Plan 2024: A River Basin Management Plan for Ireland



LOCAL POLICY AND GUIDANCE

- Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029
- Kildare CDP (2023-2029): Small Town and Environs Plans - Castledermot (Volume 2, Section 2.2)
- Kildare - Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023 - 2027
- Kildare Hub Strategy 2022-2025
- Kildare Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)
- Kildare Climate Action Office: Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029
- Green Infrastructure in Kildare, 2017-2023
- County Kildare Biodiversity Plan 2026-2031
- Kildare Tourism Strategy 2022-2026
- Conservation, Management and Interpretation Plan 2013 for Castledermot
- Kildare County Council: Sustainable Drainage Systems Guidance Document
- Castledermot Town Renewal Masterplan 2024



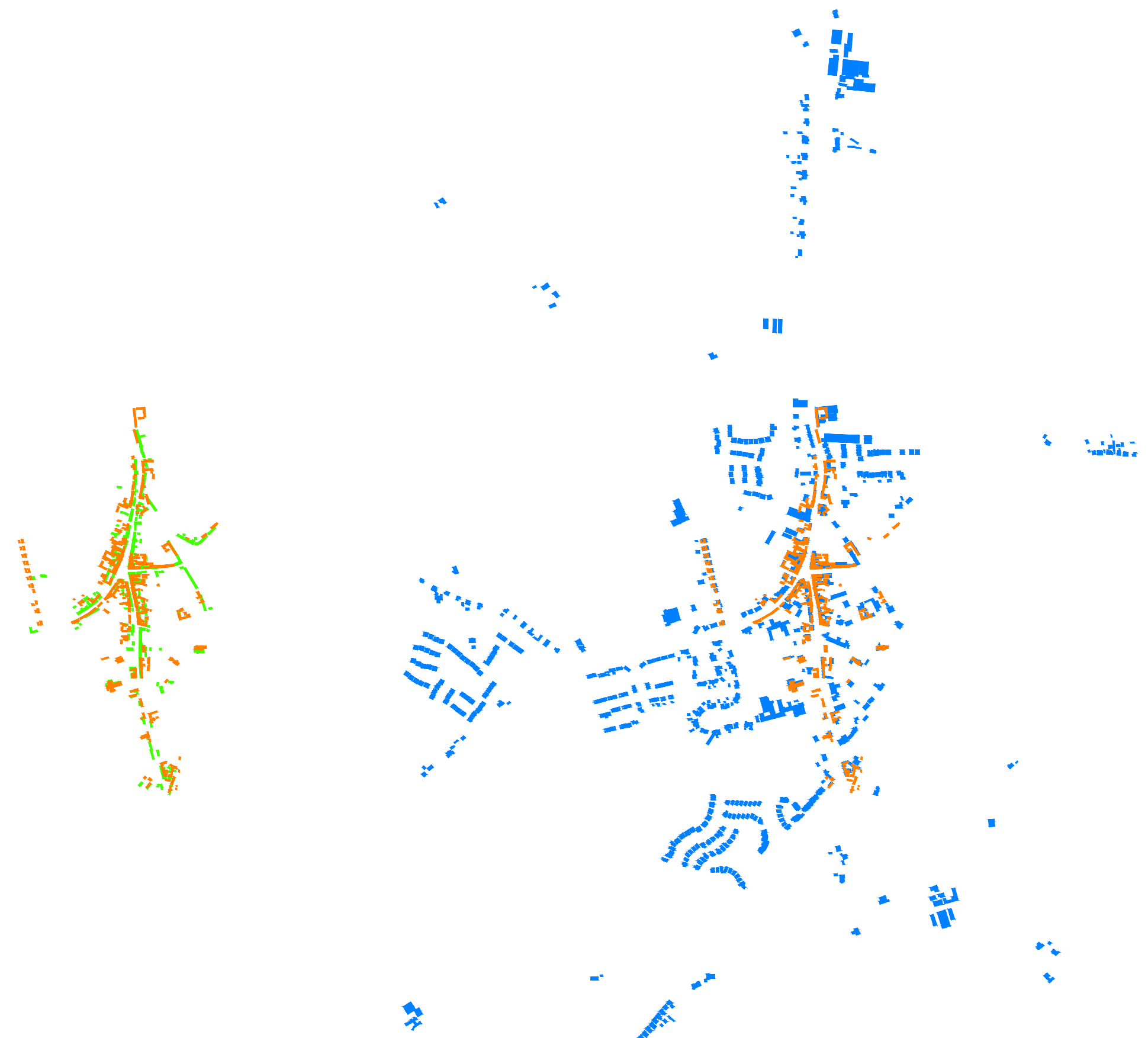


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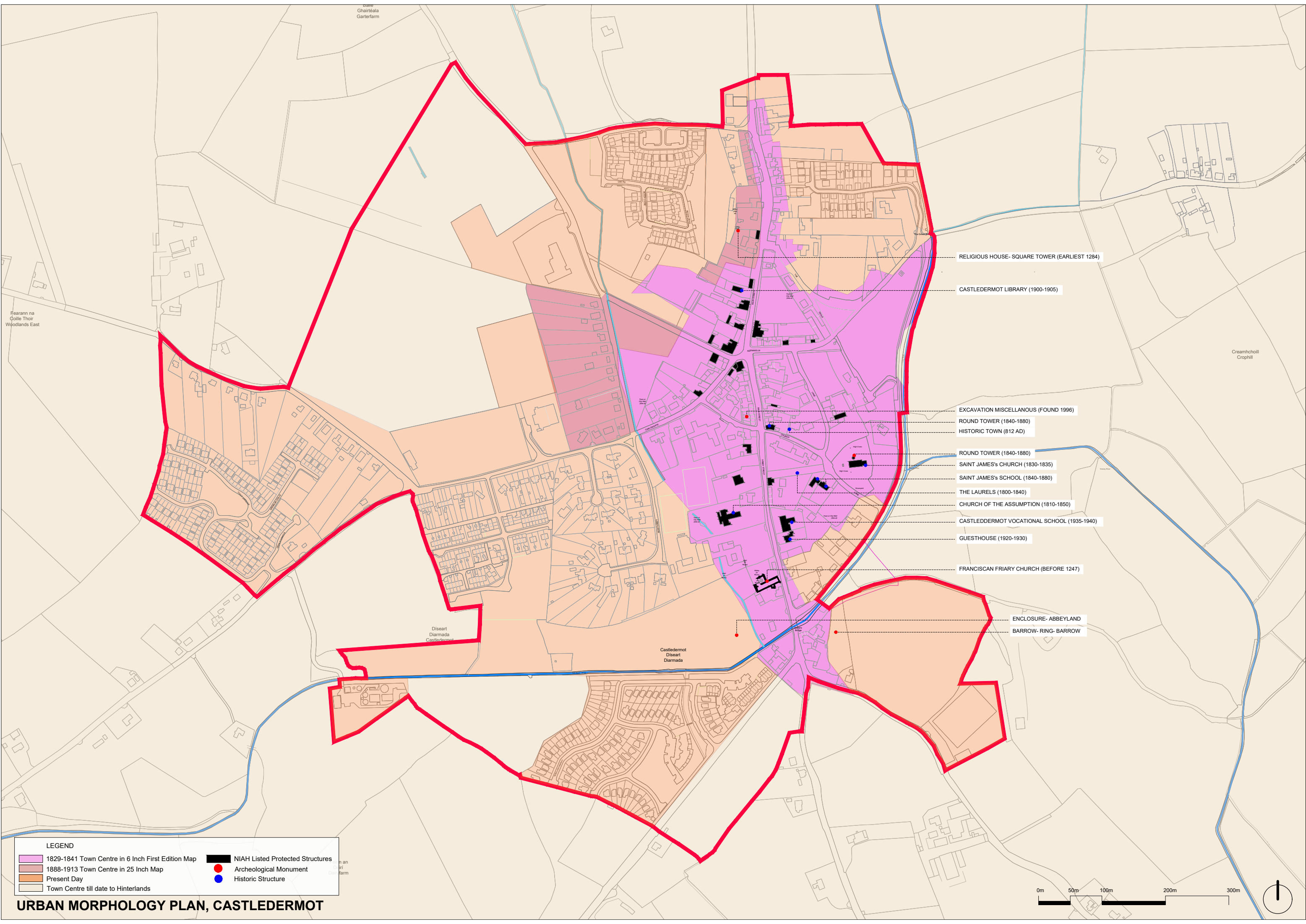
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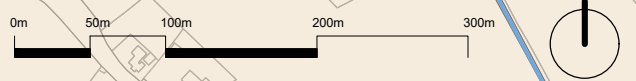


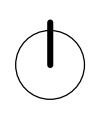
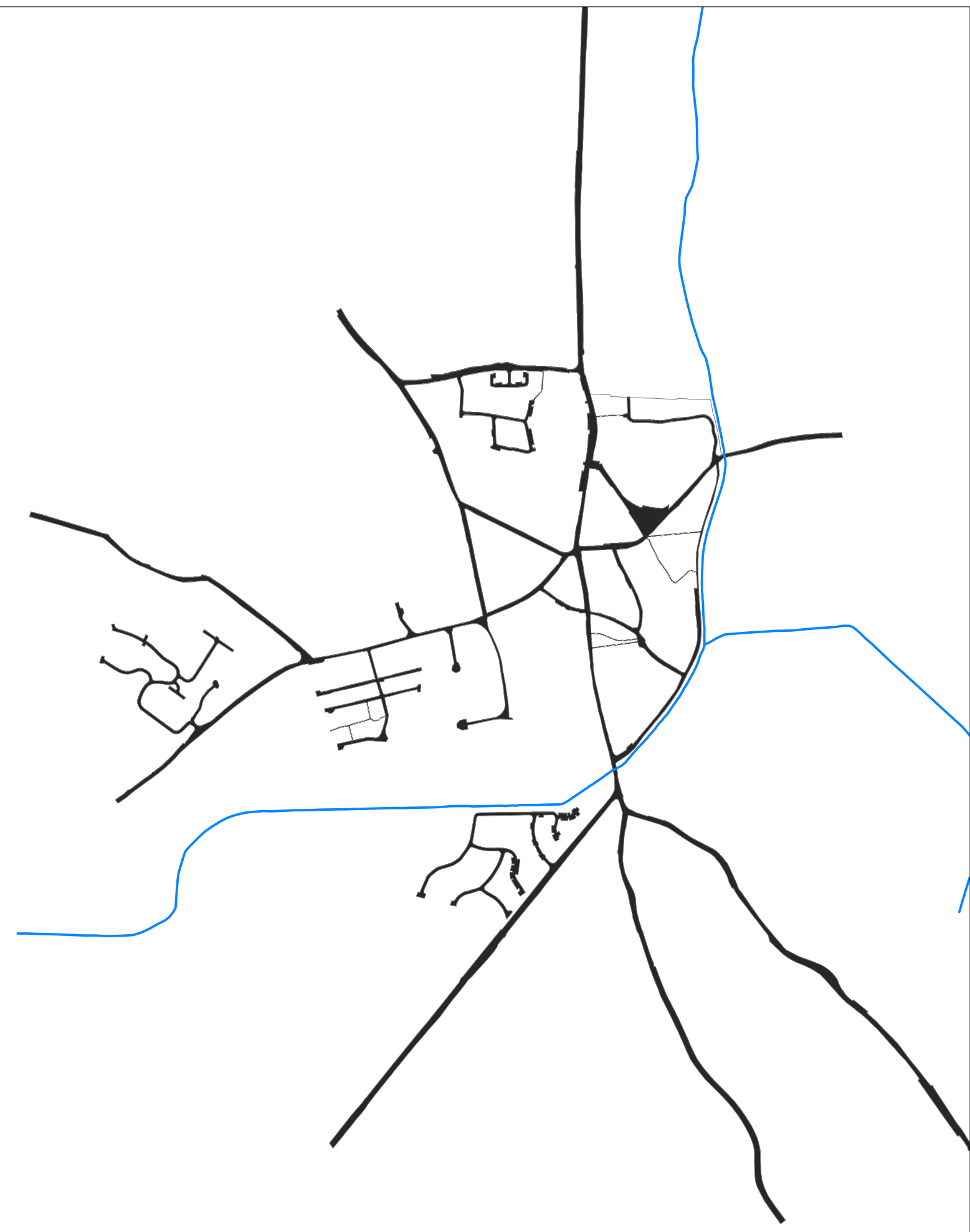
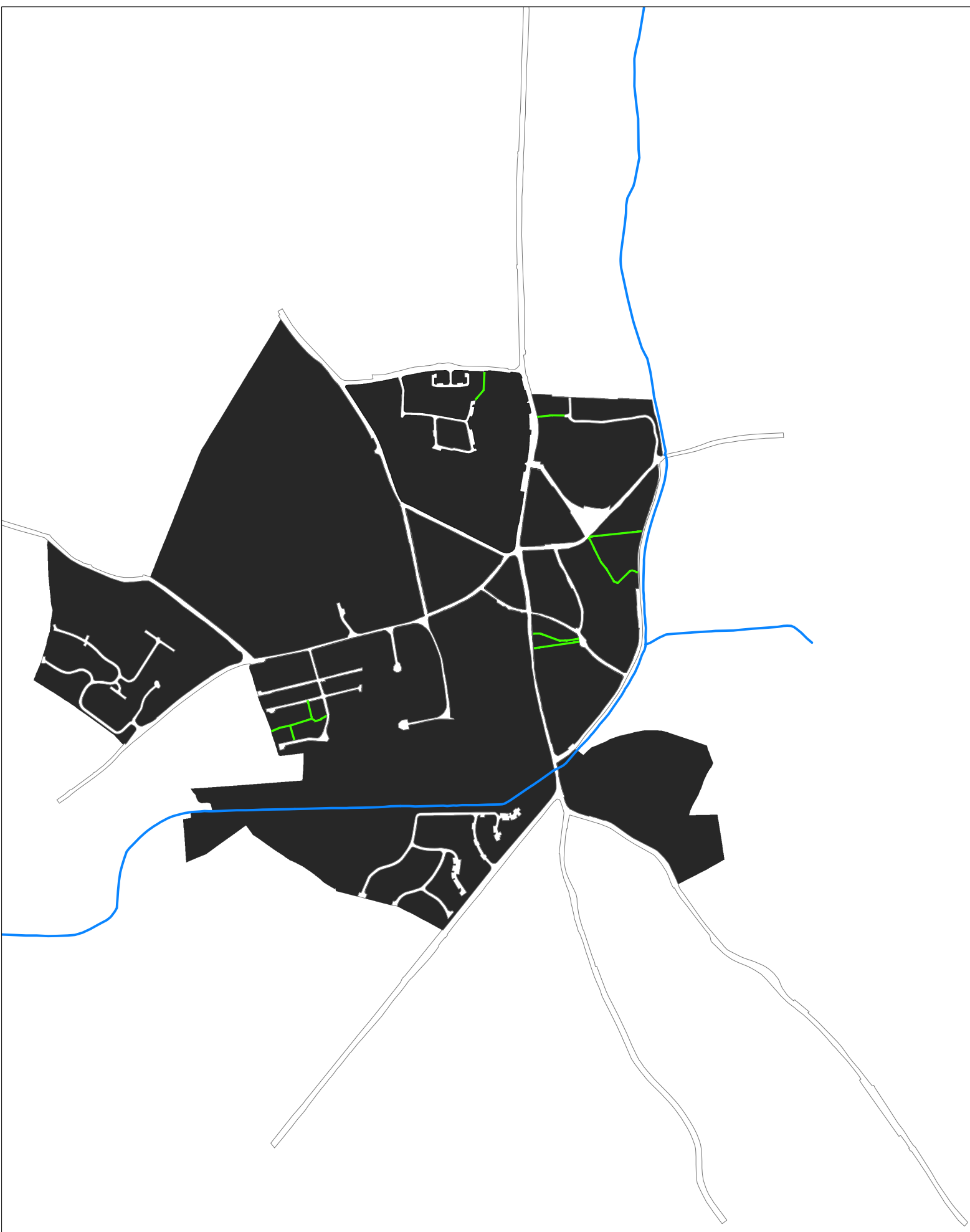
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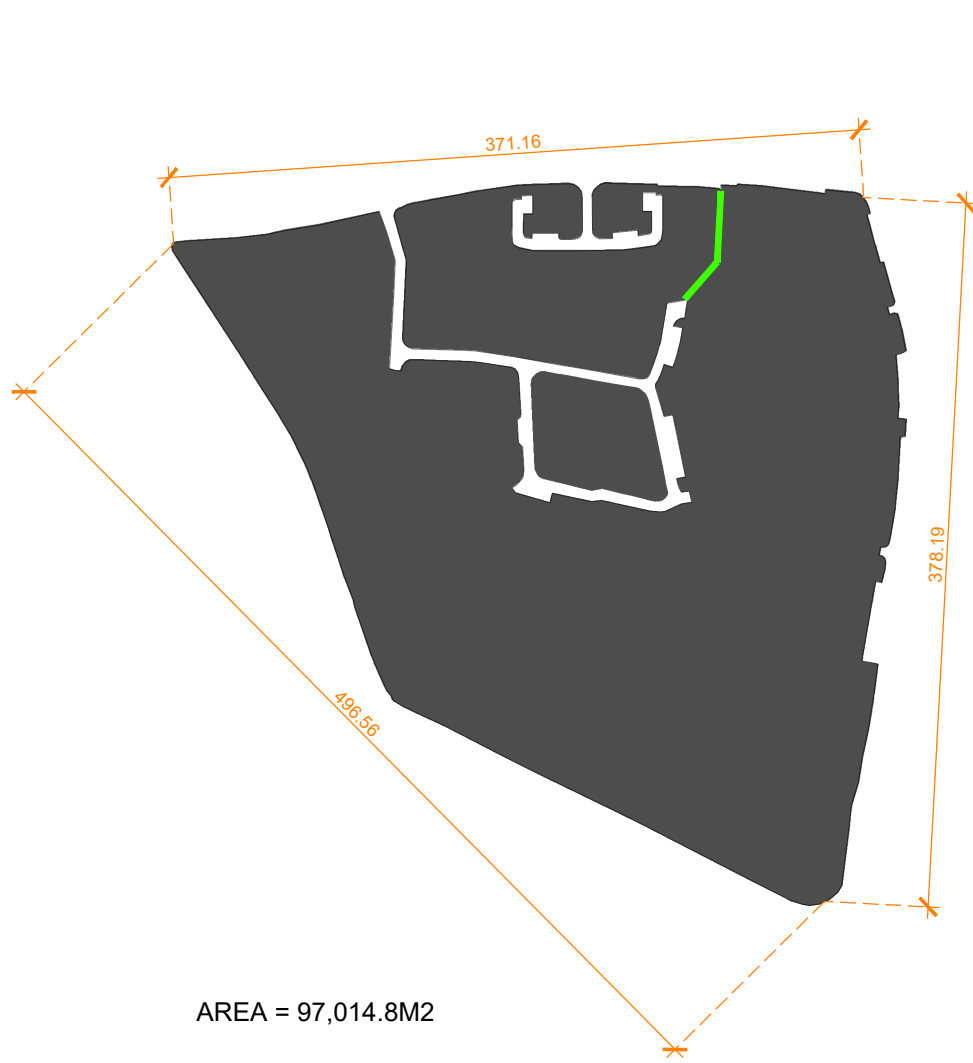
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 Town Centre till date to Hinterlands	

URBAN MORPHOLOGY PLAN, CASTLEDERMOT

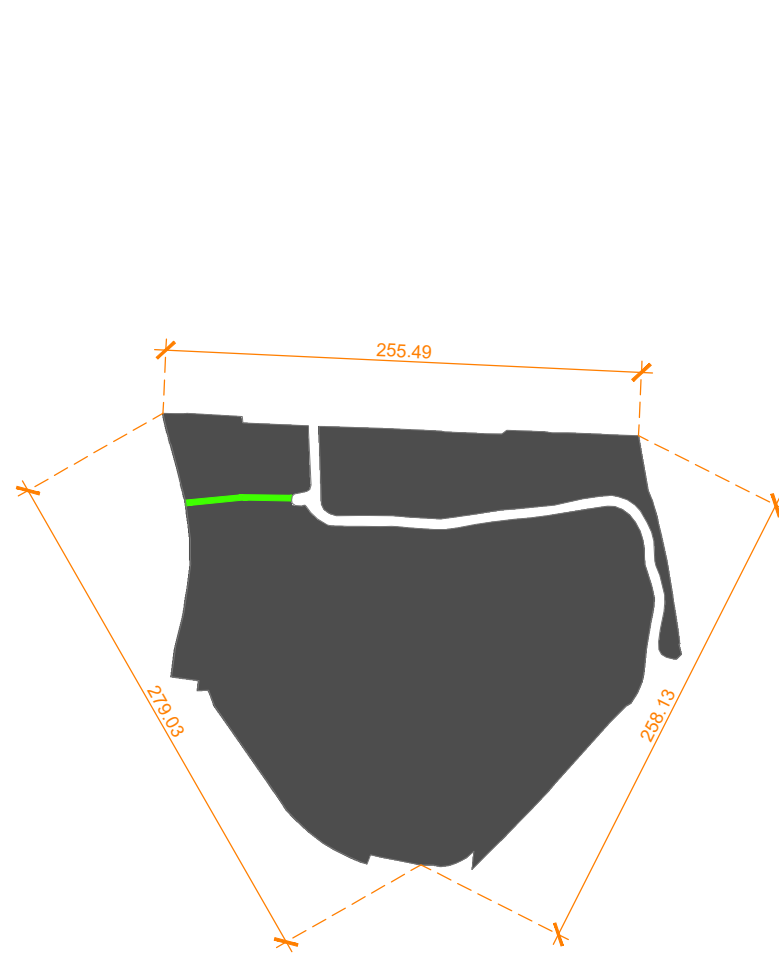
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- HISTORIC TOWN (812 AD)
- ROUND TOWER (1840-1880)
- SAINT JAMES'S CHURCH (1830-1835)
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- CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION (1810-1850)
- CASTLEDERMOT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (1935-1940)
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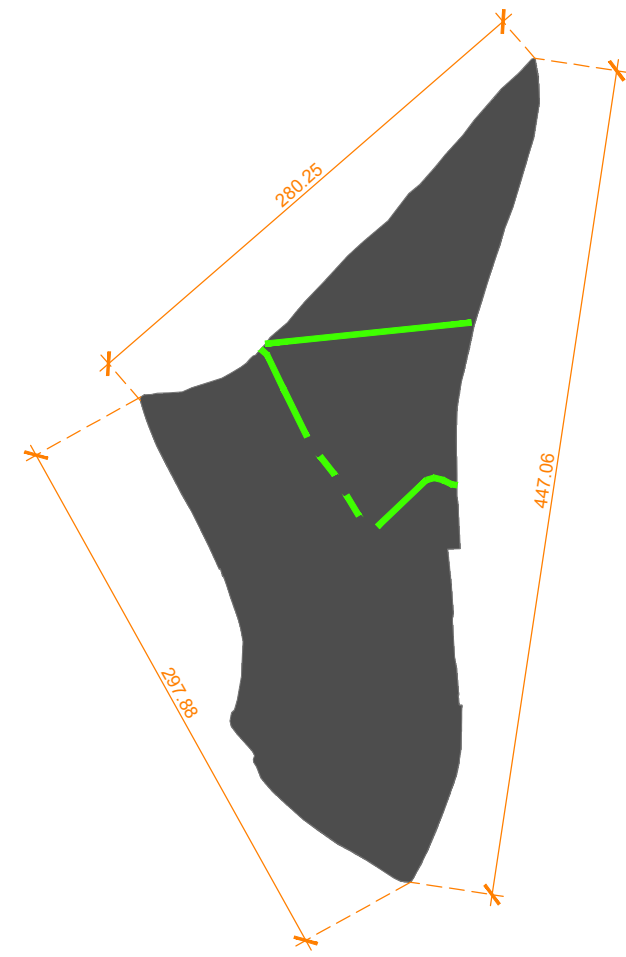




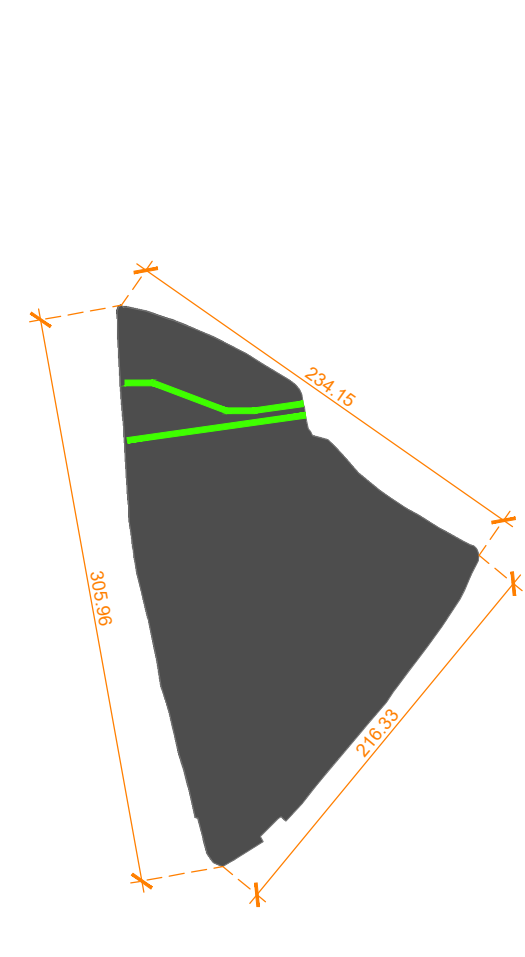
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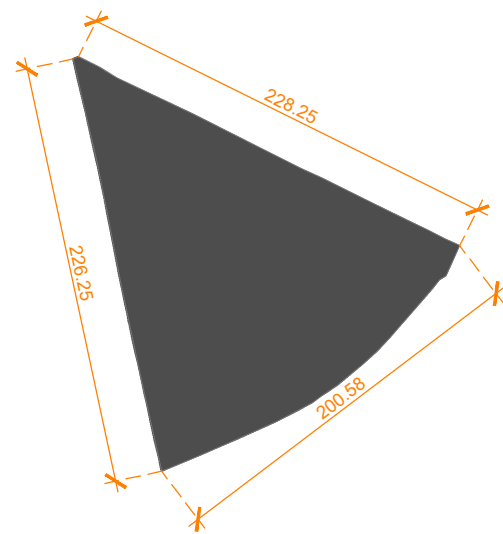
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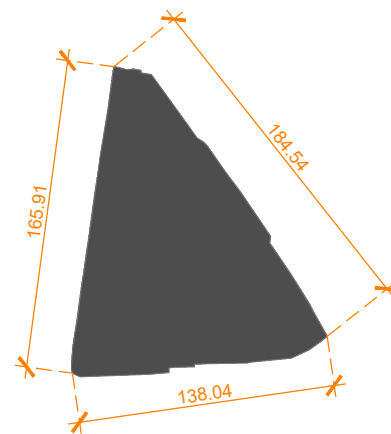
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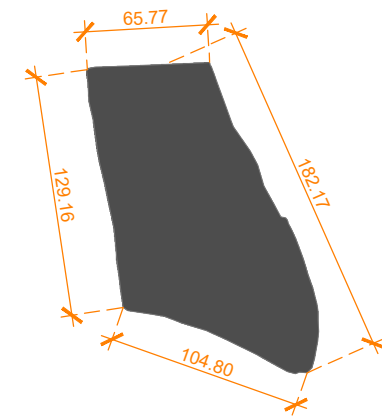
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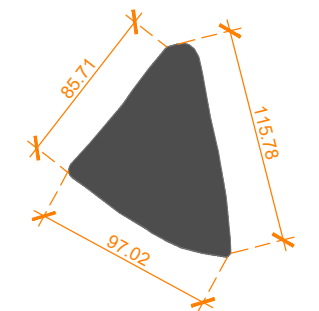
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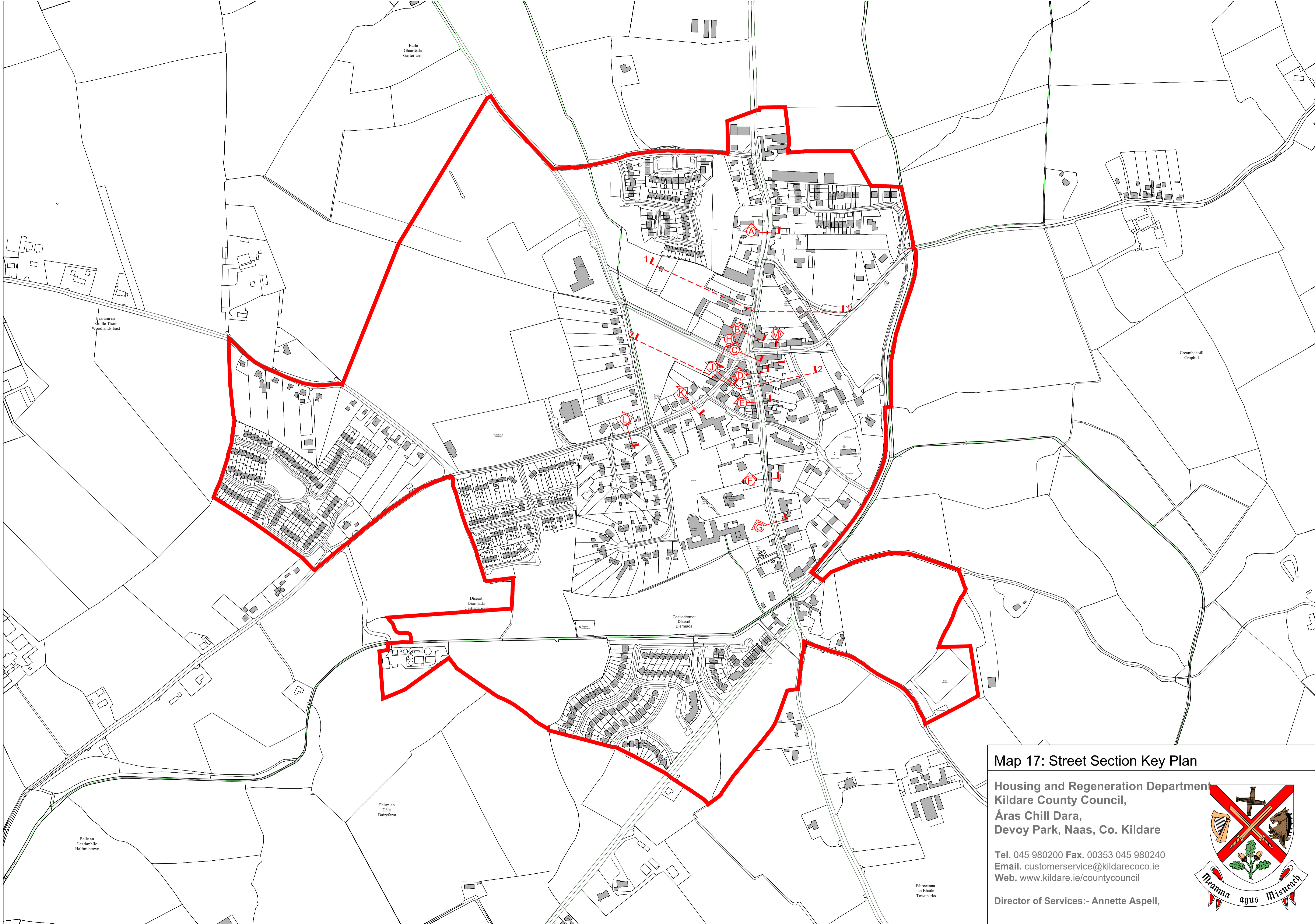


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Map 17: Street Section Key Plan

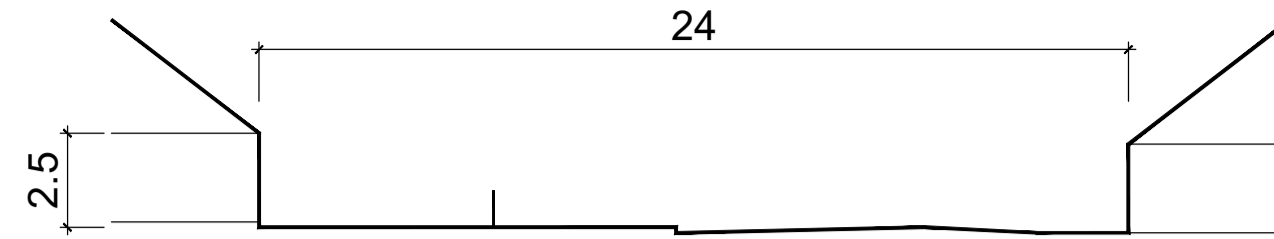
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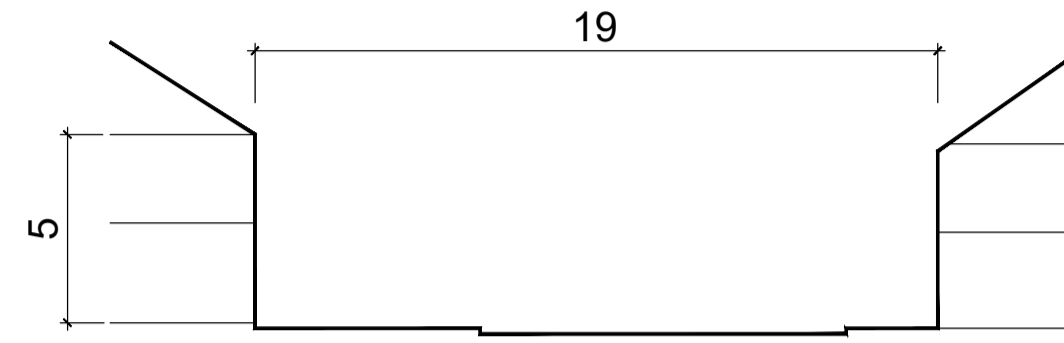


Section A-A



Main Street (Upper)
 Enclosure Ratio: 1:9.6
 Weak Sense of Enclosure
 Street Wall Continuity 50-60%
 Street Character: Commercial/Residential
 Topography: Moderate
 Greening: Minimal

Section B-B



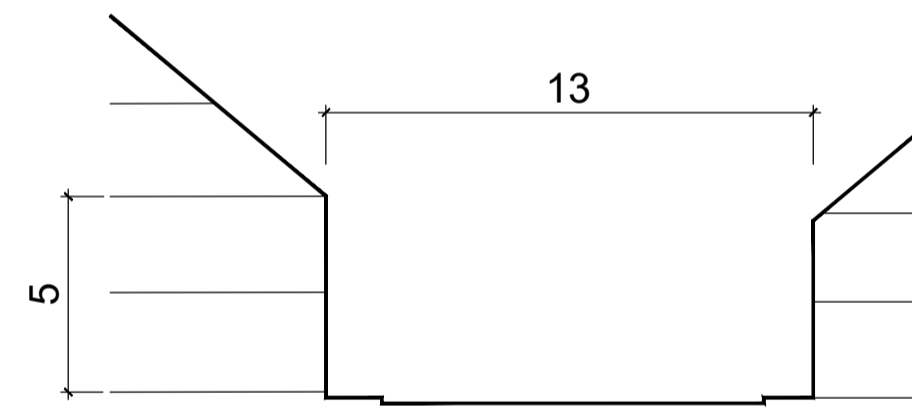
The Square
 Enclosure Ratio: 1:3.8
 Moderate Sense of Enclosure
 Street Wall Continuity 90-100%
 Street Character: Civic/Commercial
 Topography: Flat
 Greening: Low with focused interventions

Section C-C



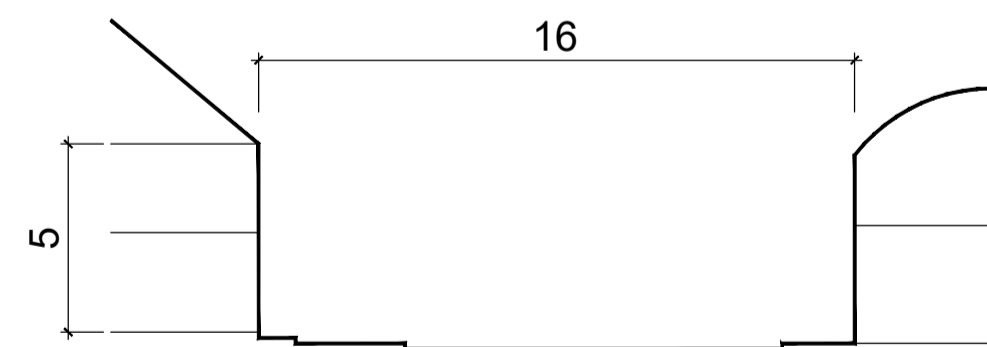
The Square
 Enclosure Ratio: 1:6.8
 Weak Sense of Enclosure
 Street Wall Continuity 90-100%
 Street Character: Civic/Commercial
 Topography: Flat
 Greening: Low with focused interventions

Section D-D



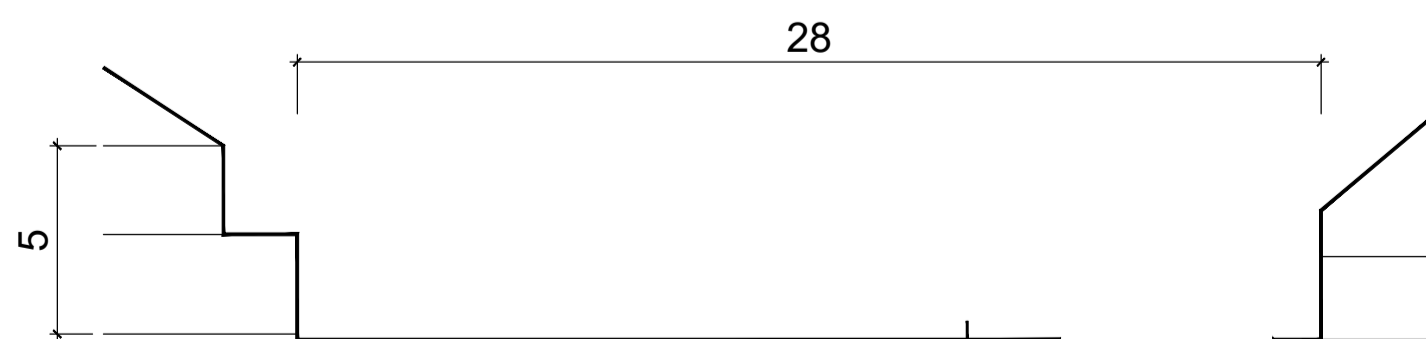
Main Street (Lower)
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 Moderate Sense of Enclosure
 Street Wall Continuity 70-80%
 Street Character: Commercial/Residential
 Topography: Moderate
 Greening: Minimal

Section E-E



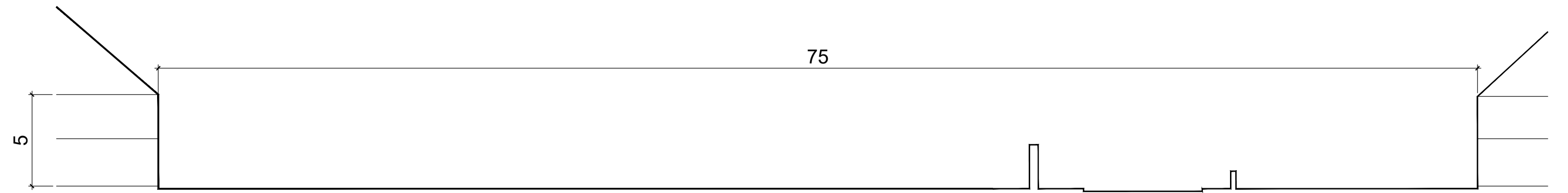
Main Street (Lower)
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 Greening: Minimal

Section F-F



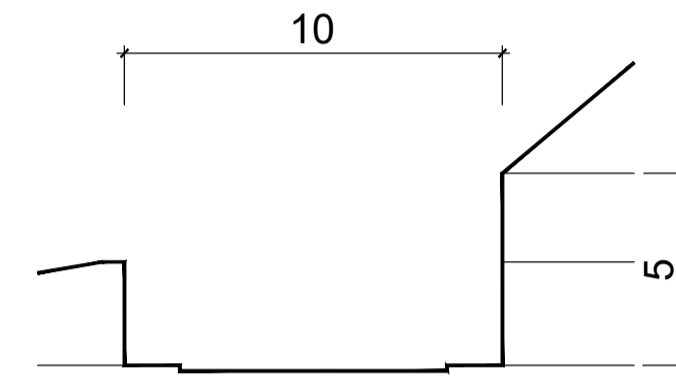
Abbey Street (Upper)
 Enclosure Ratio: 1:5.6
 Weak Sense of Enclosure
 Street Wall Continuity 30-40%
 Street Character: Civic/Residential with some retail
 Topography: Moderate
 Greening: Moderate

Section G-G



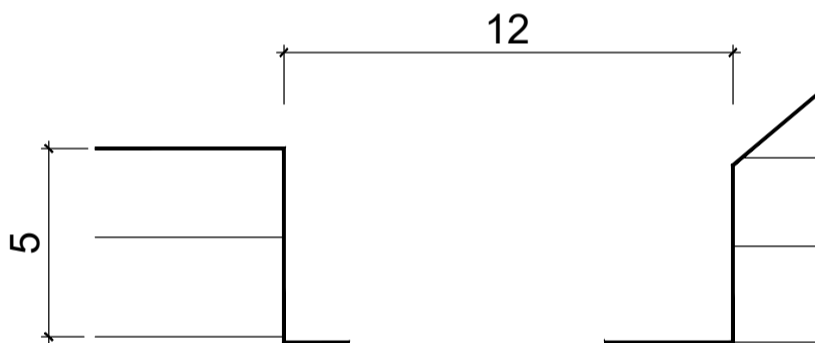
Abbey Street (Lower)
 Enclosure Ratio: 1:15
 Weak Sense of Enclosure
 Street Wall Continuity 30-40%
 Street Character: Residential/Civic
 Topography: Moderate
 Greening: Moderate

Section H-H



R418
 Enclosure Ratio: 1:2
 Strong Sense of Enclosure
 Street Wall Continuity 70-80%
 Street Character: Commercial
 Topography: Moderate
 Greening: Minimal

Section J-J



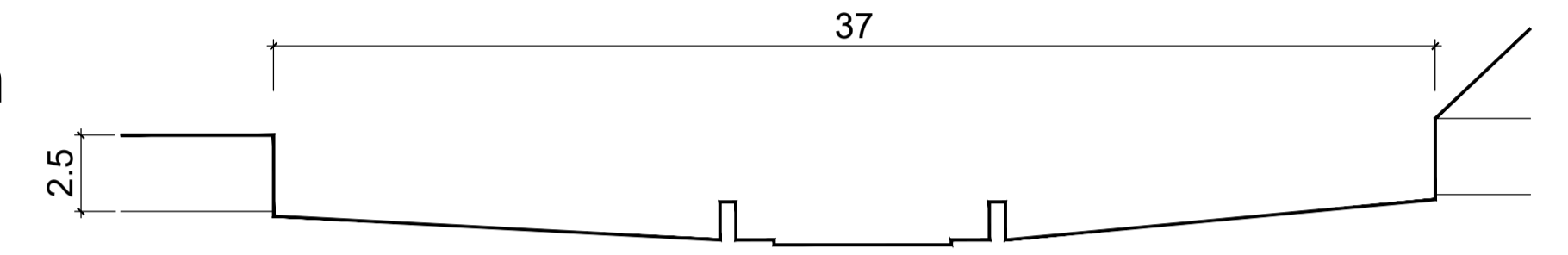
Carlowgate (Upper)
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Section K-K



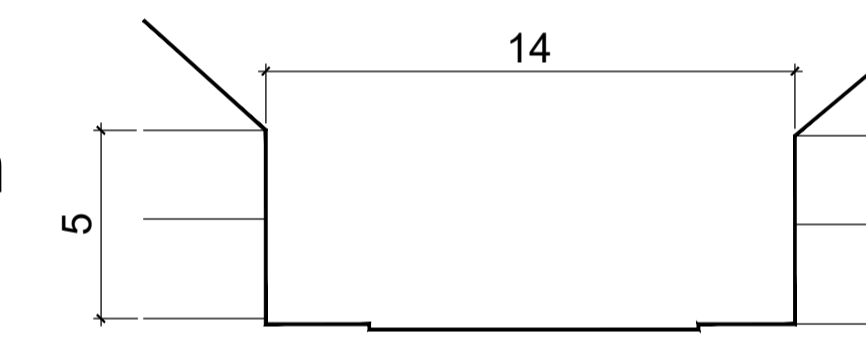
Carlowgate (Lower)
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 Street Wall Continuity 30-40%
 Street Character: Residential
 Topography: Moderate
 Greening: Moderate

Section L-L



Abbeylands
 Enclosure Ratio: 1:14
 Weak Sense of Enclosure
 Street Wall Continuity 20-30%
 Street Character: Residential
 Topography: Moderate
 Greening: Moderate

Section M-M



Keenans Lane (Upper)
 Enclosure Ratio: 1:2.5
 Strong Sense of Enclosure
 Street Wall Continuity 80-90%
 Street Character: Commercial/Residential
 Topography: Moderate
 Greening: Minimal

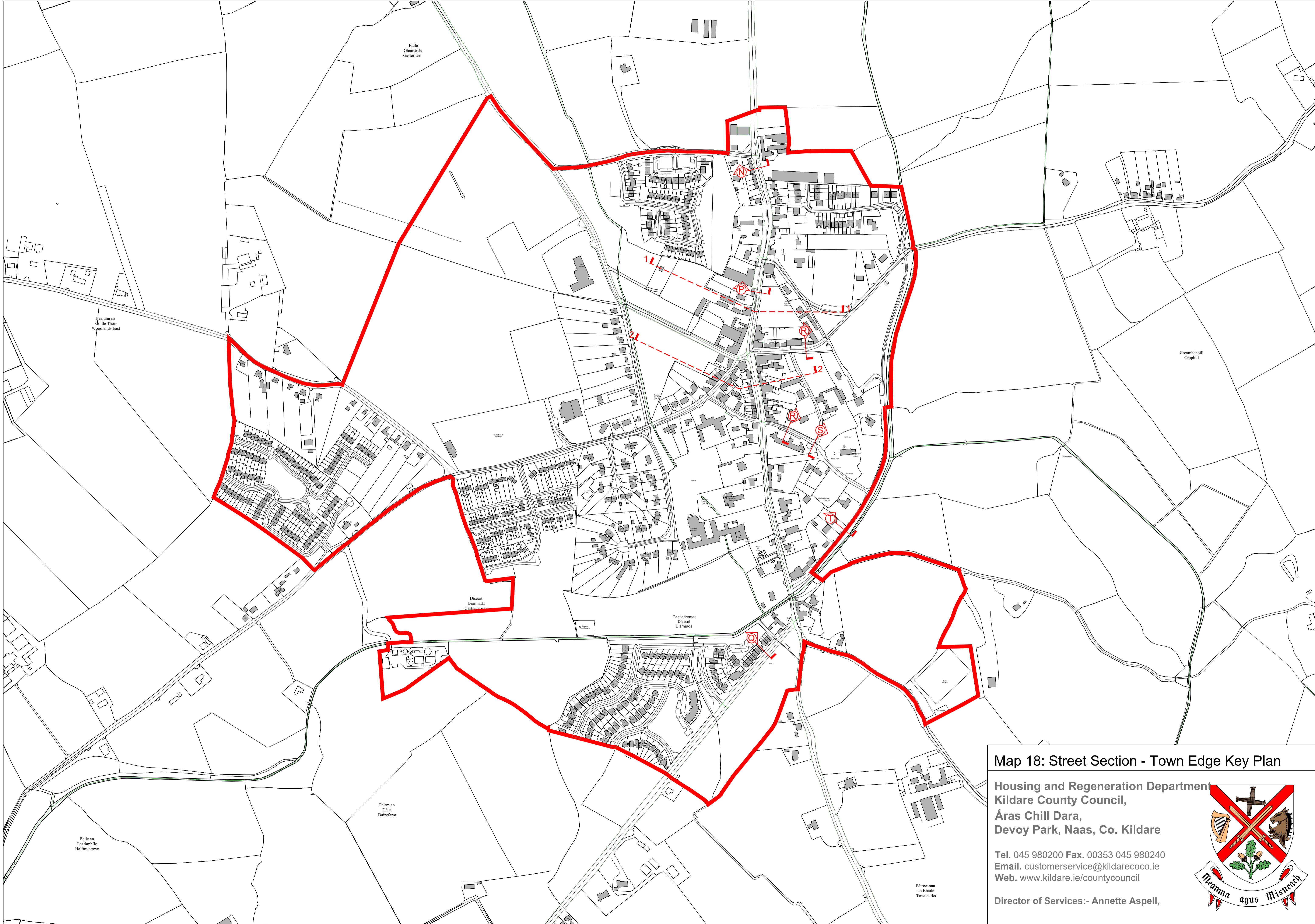
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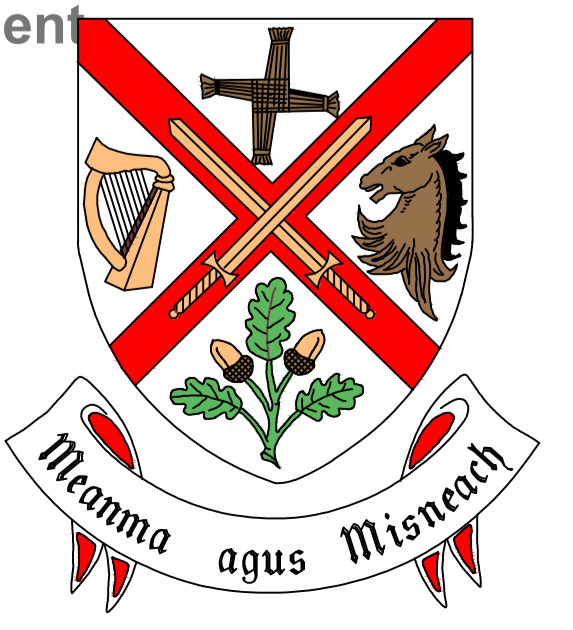


Map 18: Street Section - Town Edge Key Plan

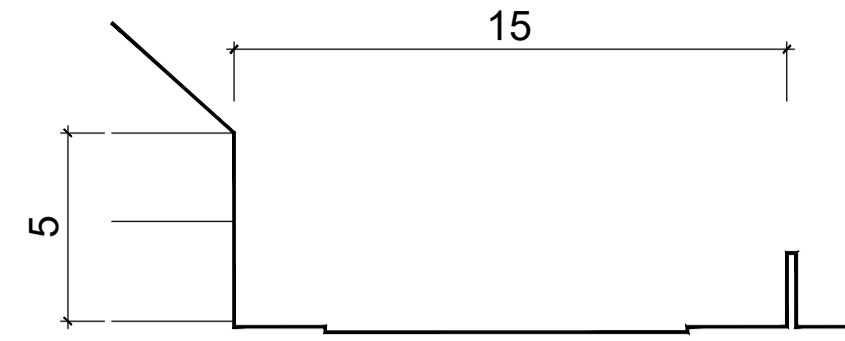
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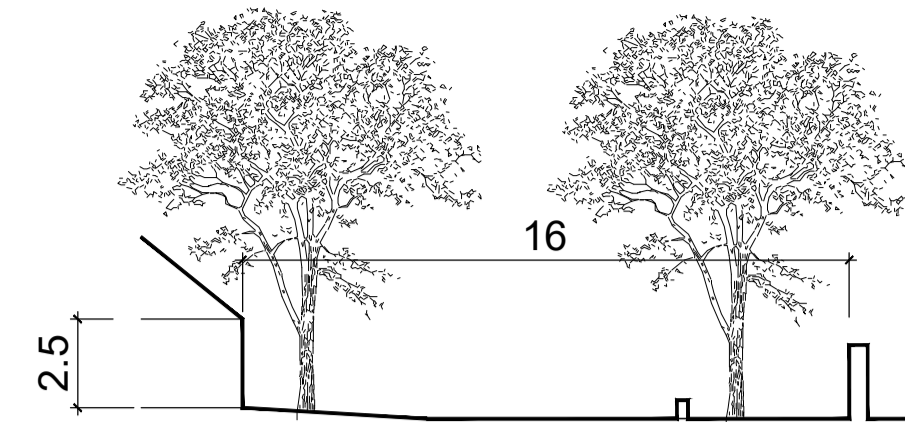


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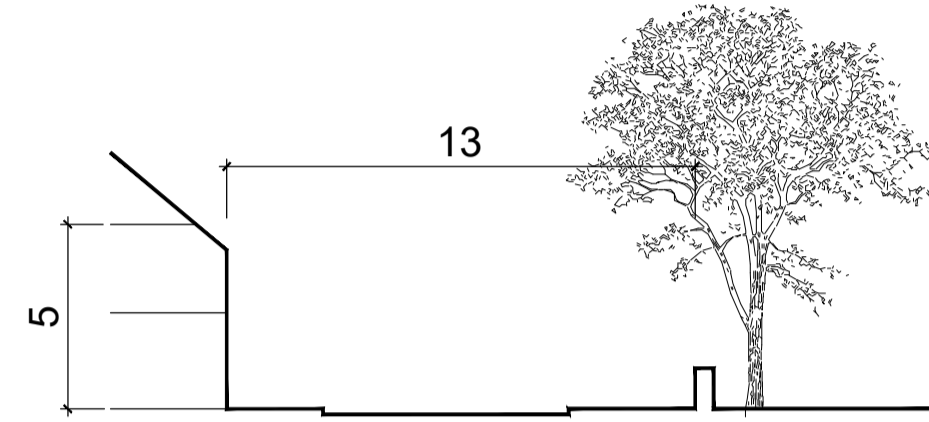
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Topography: Moderate
Greening: Minimal

**Section
R-R**



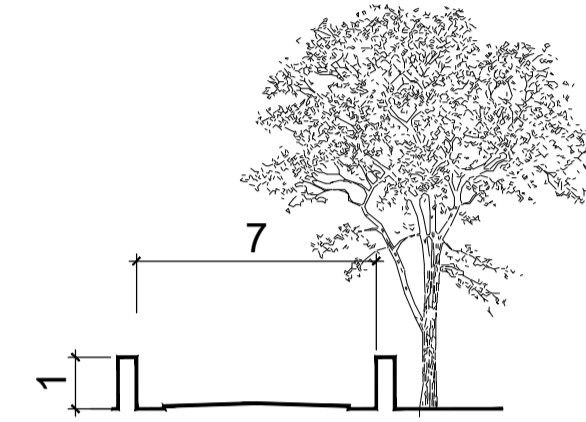
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Street Character: Residential/Industrial
Topography: Moderate
Greening: Minimal

**Section
P-P**



Main Street (Upper)
Street Wall Continuity 80-90%
Street Character: Commercial/Residential
Topography: Moderate
Greening: Minimal

**Section
S-S**



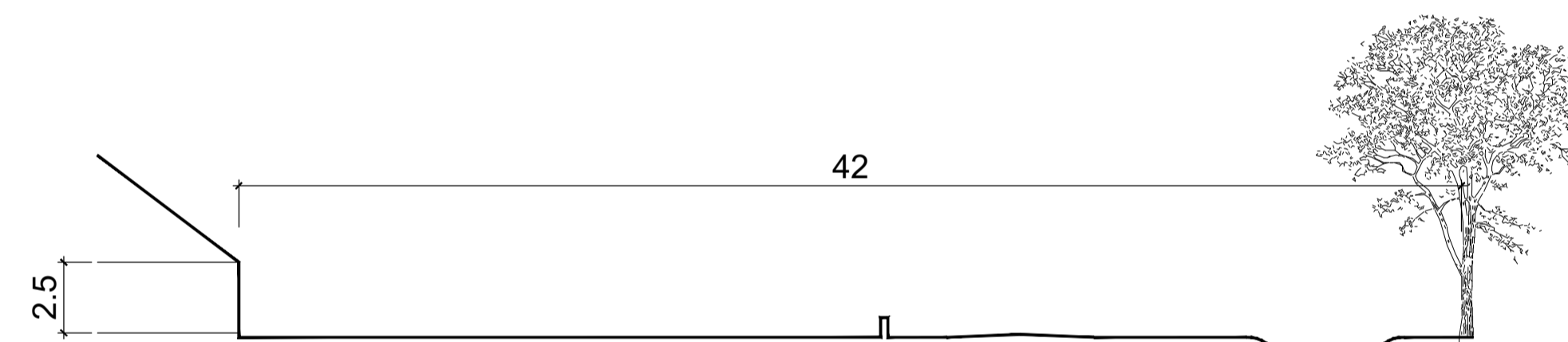
Church Lane
Street Wall Continuity 20-30%
Street Character: Residential/Civic
Topography: Moderate
Greening: Moderate

**Section
Q-Q**



Leer Road
Street Wall Continuity 30-40%
Street Character: Residential/Retail
Topography: Flat
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**Section
T-T**



Hamilton Road
Street Wall Continuity 20-30%
Street Character: Residential
Topography: Flat
Greening: Moderate

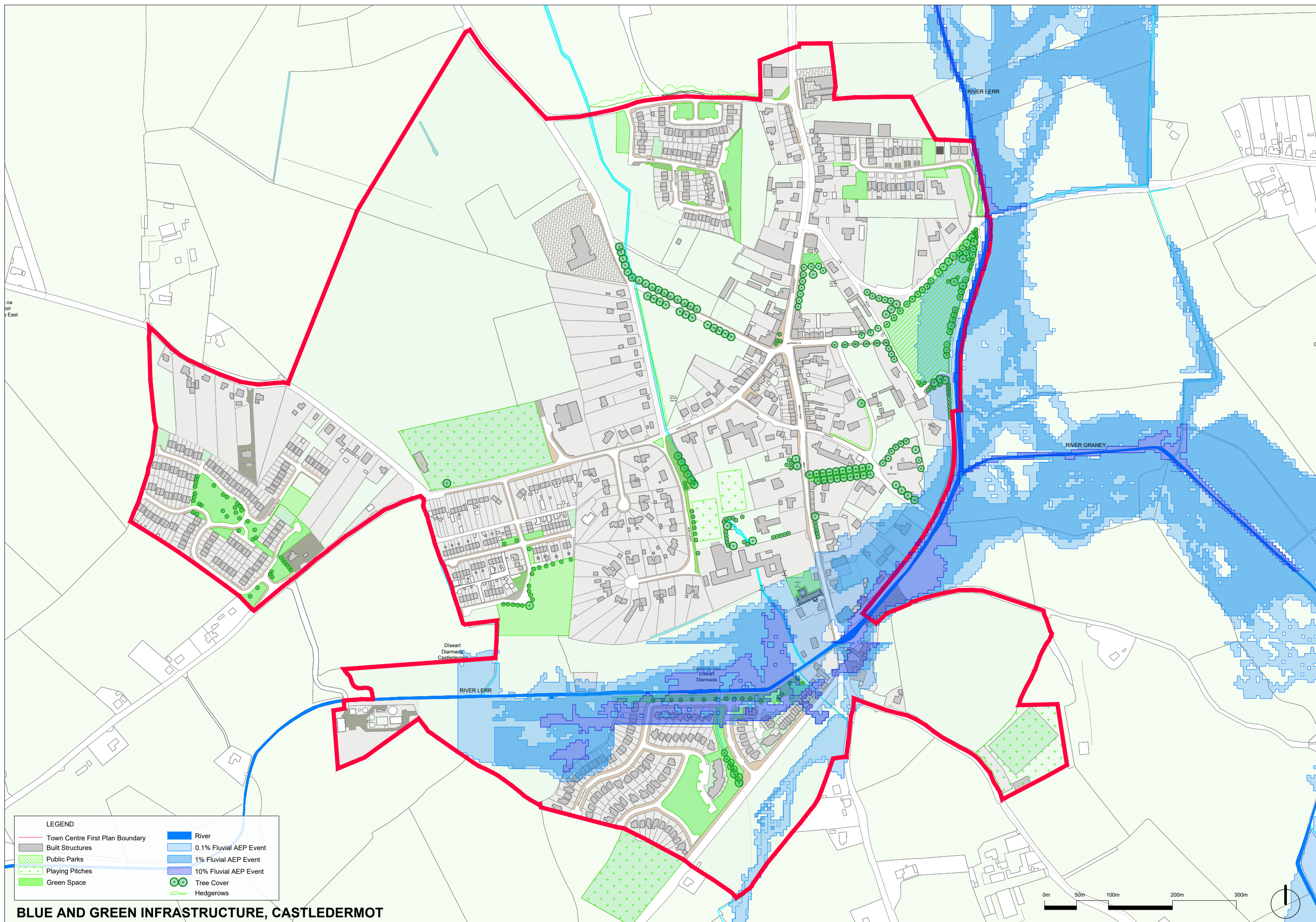
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LEGEND

Town Centre First Plan Boundary	River
Built Structures	0.1% Fluvial AEP Event
Public Parks	1% Fluvial AEP Event
Playing Pitches	10% Fluvial AEP Event
Green Space	Tree Cover
	Hedgerows

BLUE AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE, CASTLEDERMOT





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Castledermot
 County Development Plan
 2023 - 2029

Legend :

- Small Town Boundary
- CSO Settlement Boundary
- A: Town Centre
- B: Existing / Infill Residential
- C: New Residential
- E: Community and Education
- F: Open Space and Amenity
- H: Industry and Warehousing
- I: Agricultural
- Q: Enterprise & Employment
- U: Utilities and Services
- Flood Risk Assessment
- Rivers /Lakes / Ponds
- Distance from Town Centre (at 400m intervals)
- Site Specific Objective

- Flood Zone A - 1.0% AEP
- Flood Zone B - 0.1% AEP

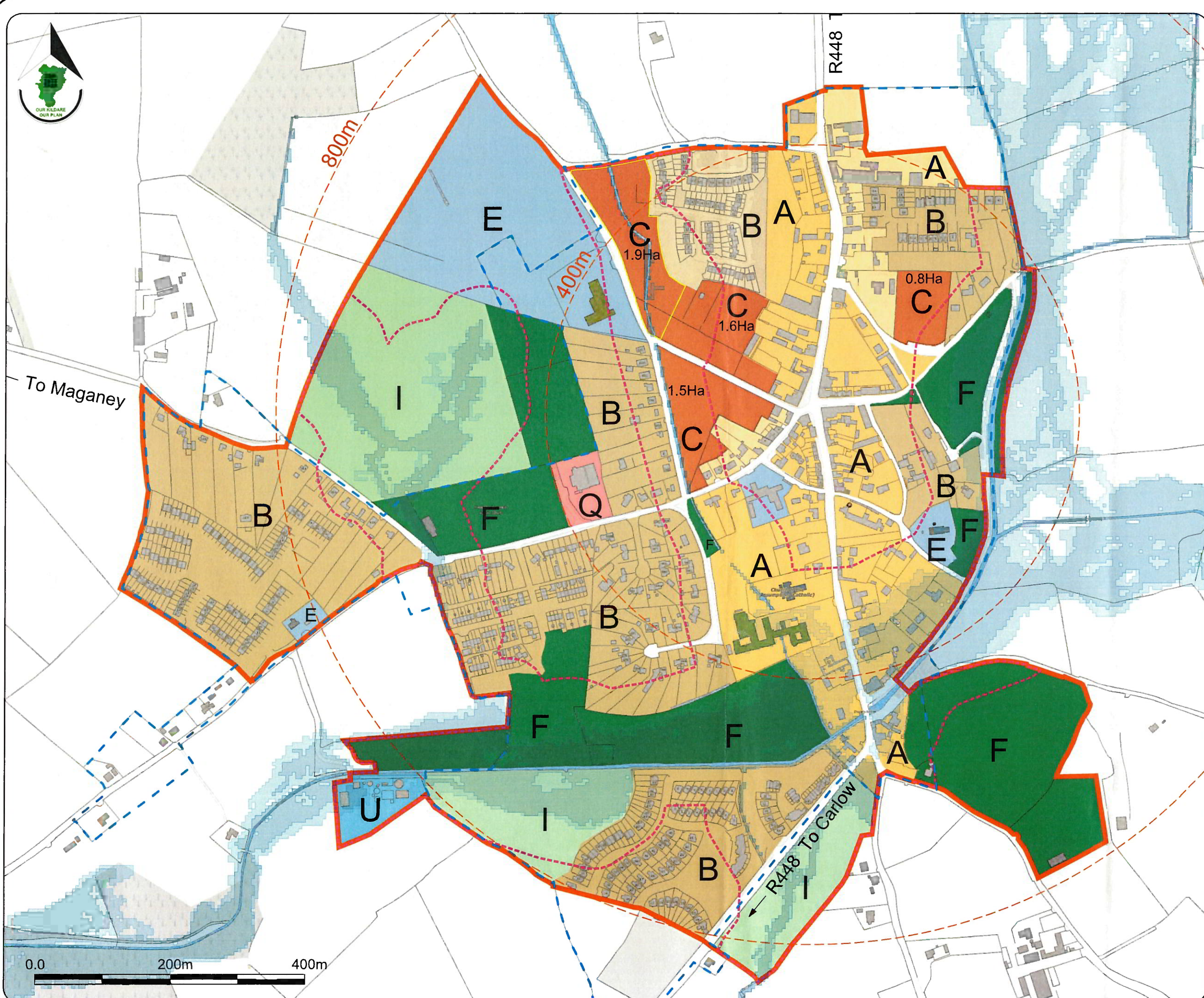
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County Development Plan	09/12/2022	Plan Adopted by Elected Members

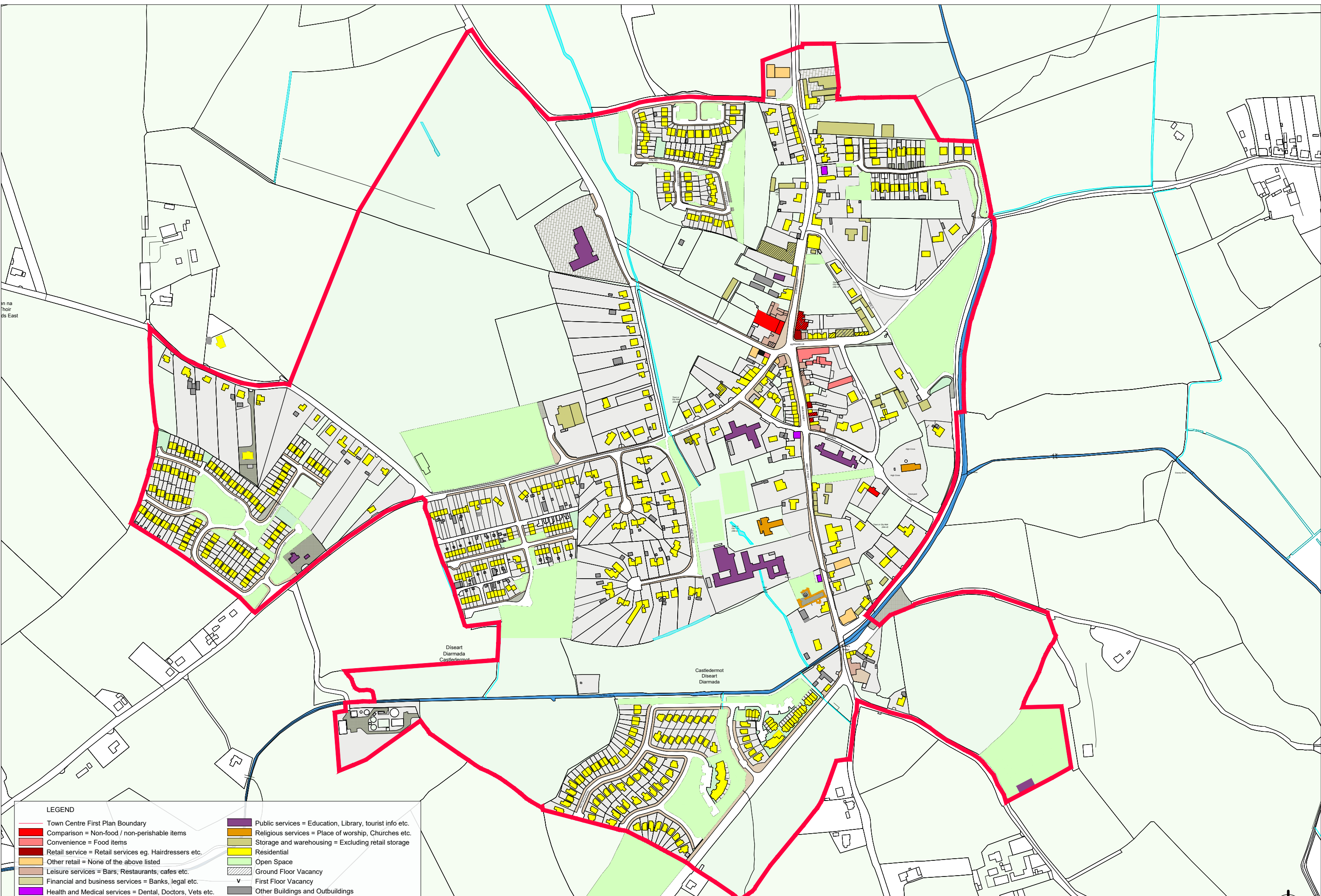
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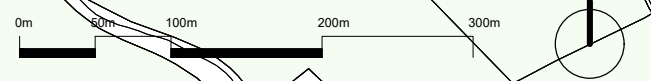
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LEGEND




Town Centre First Plan Boundary	Public services = Education, Library, tourist info etc.
Comparison = Non-food / non-perishable items	Religious services = Place of worship, Churches etc.
Convenience = Food items	Storage and warehousing = Excluding retail storage
Retail service = Retail services eg. Hairdressers etc.	Residential
Other retail = None of the above listed	Open Space
Leisure services = Bars, Restaurants, cafes etc.	Ground Floor Vacancy
Financial and business services = Banks, legal etc.	First Floor Vacancy
Health and Medical services = Dental, Doctors, Vets etc.	Other Buildings and Outbuildings

GOAD's CLASSIFICATION GROUND FLOOR, CASTLEDERMOT

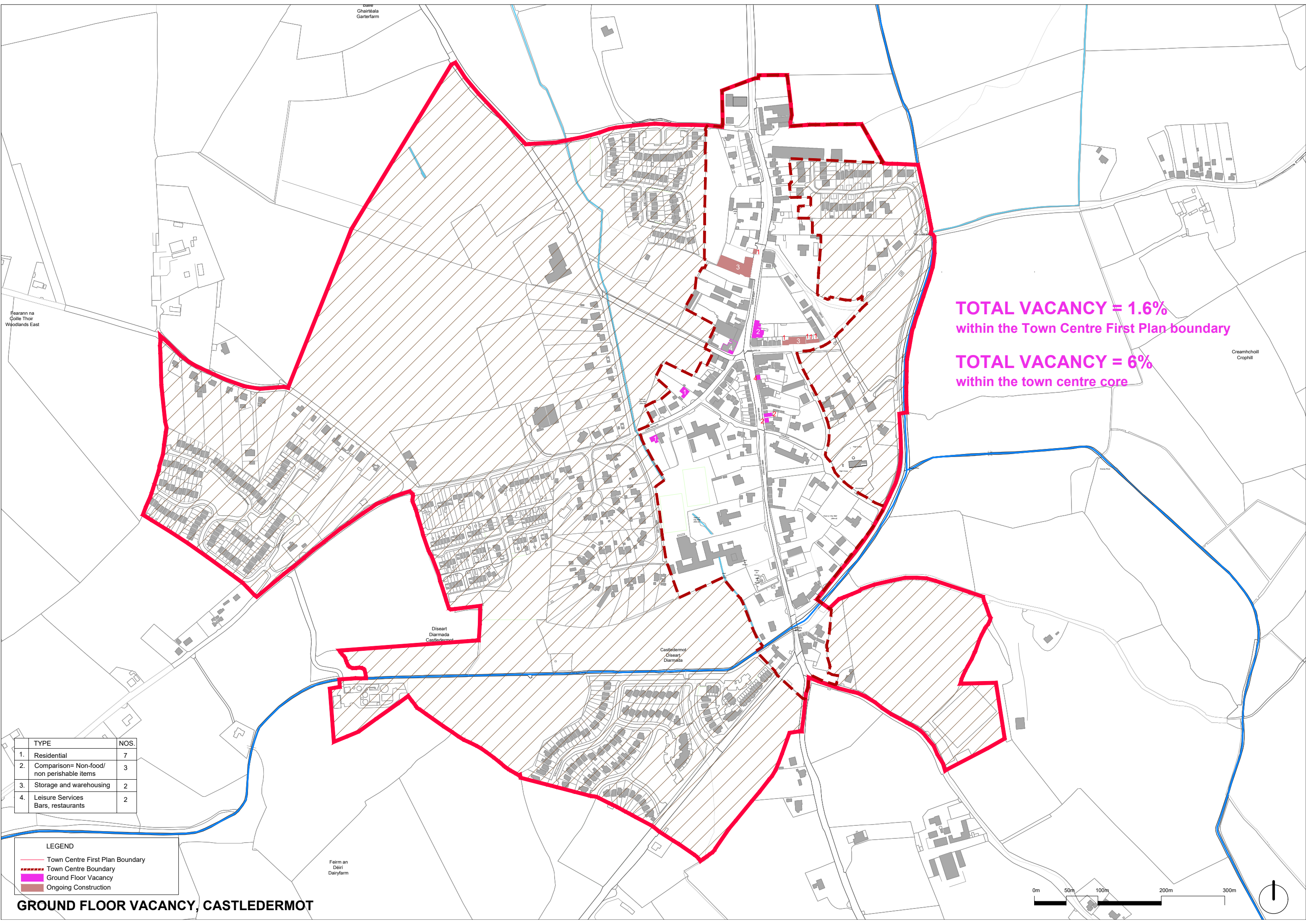




LEGEND

-  Town Centre First Plan Boundary
-  1 storey Buildings
-  2 storey Buildings
-  2+ storey Buildings





TOTAL VACANCY = 1.6%
within the Town Centre First Plan boundary

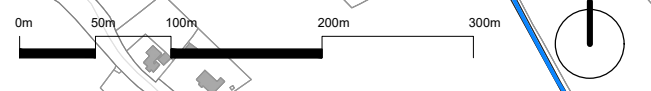
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within the town centre core

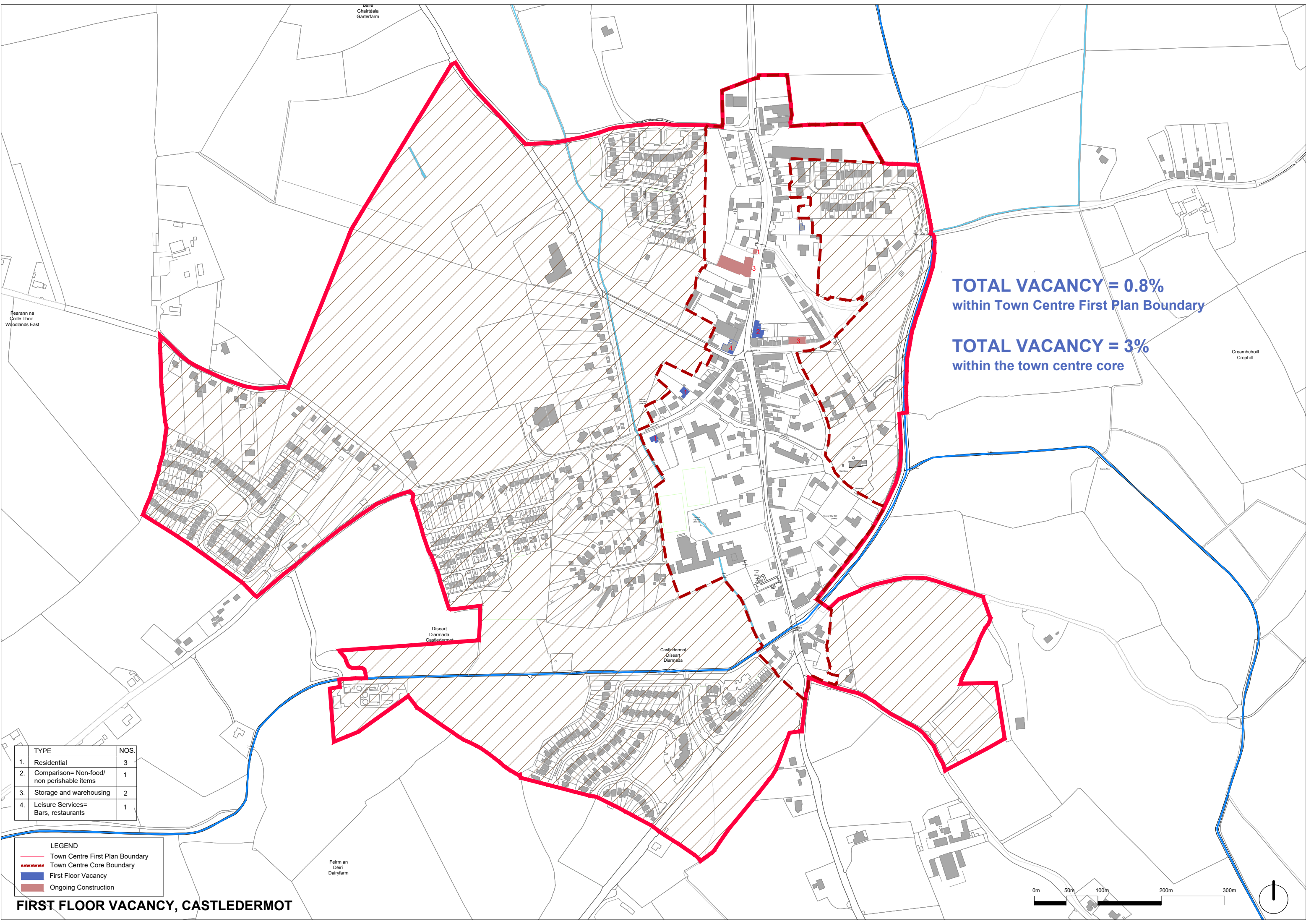
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2. Comparison= Non-food/ non perishable items	3
3. Storage and warehousing	2
4. Leisure Services Bars, restaurants	2

LEGEND

- Town Centre First Plan Boundary
- - - - - Town Centre Boundary
- Ground Floor Vacancy
- Ongoing Construction

GROUND FLOOR VACANCY, CASTLEDERMOT





TOTAL VACANCY = 0.8%
within Town Centre First Plan Boundary

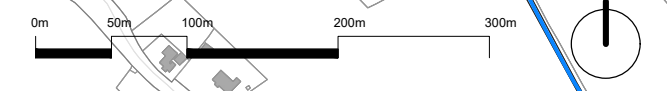
TOTAL VACANCY = 3%
within the town centre core

TYPE	NOS.
1. Residential	3
2. Comparison= Non-food/ non perishable items	1
3. Storage and warehousing	2
4. Leisure Services= Bars, restaurants	1

LEGEND



- Town Centre First Plan Boundary
- - - Town Centre Core Boundary
- First Floor Vacancy
- Ongoing Construction

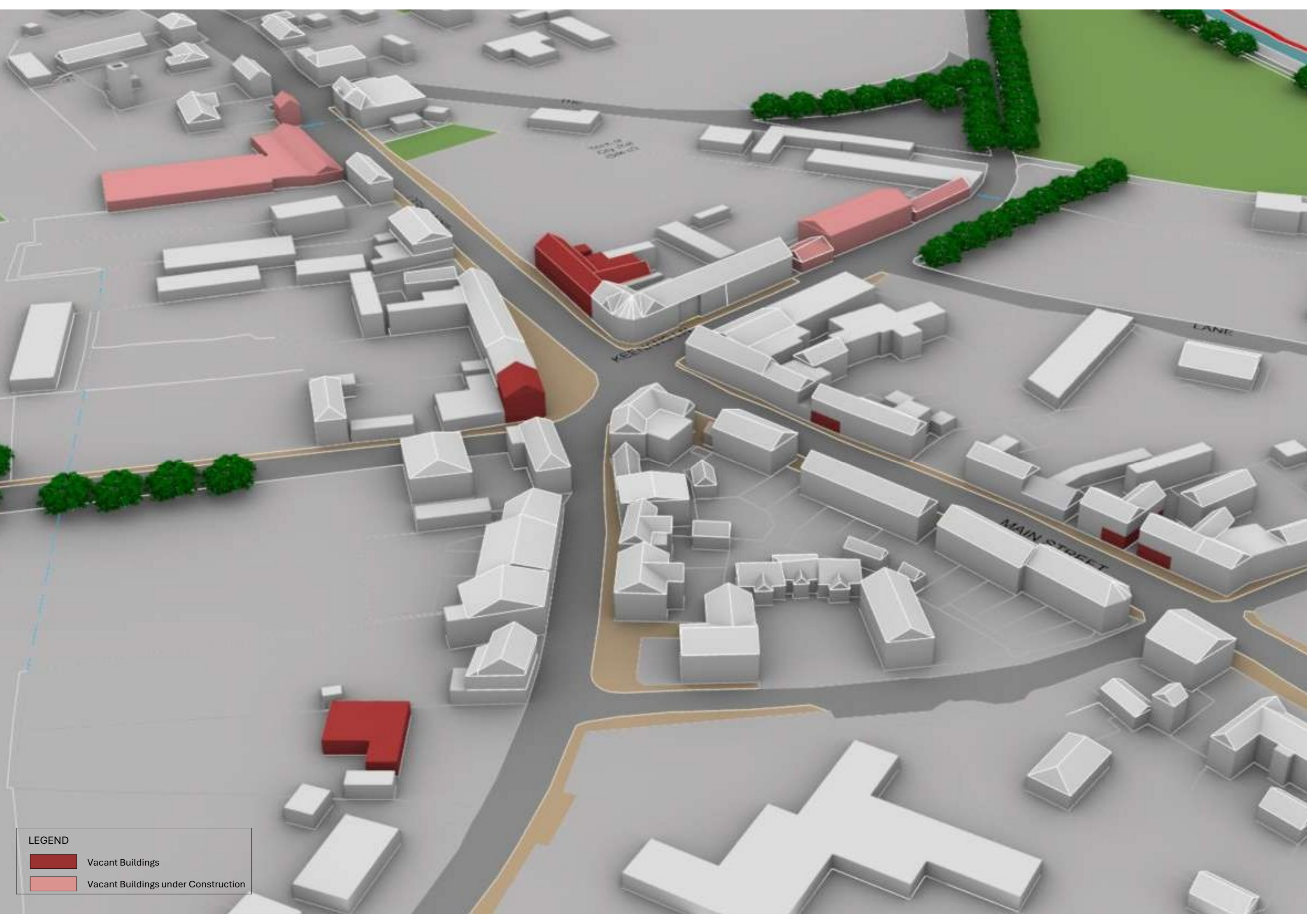
FIRST FLOOR VACANCY, CASTLEDERMOT





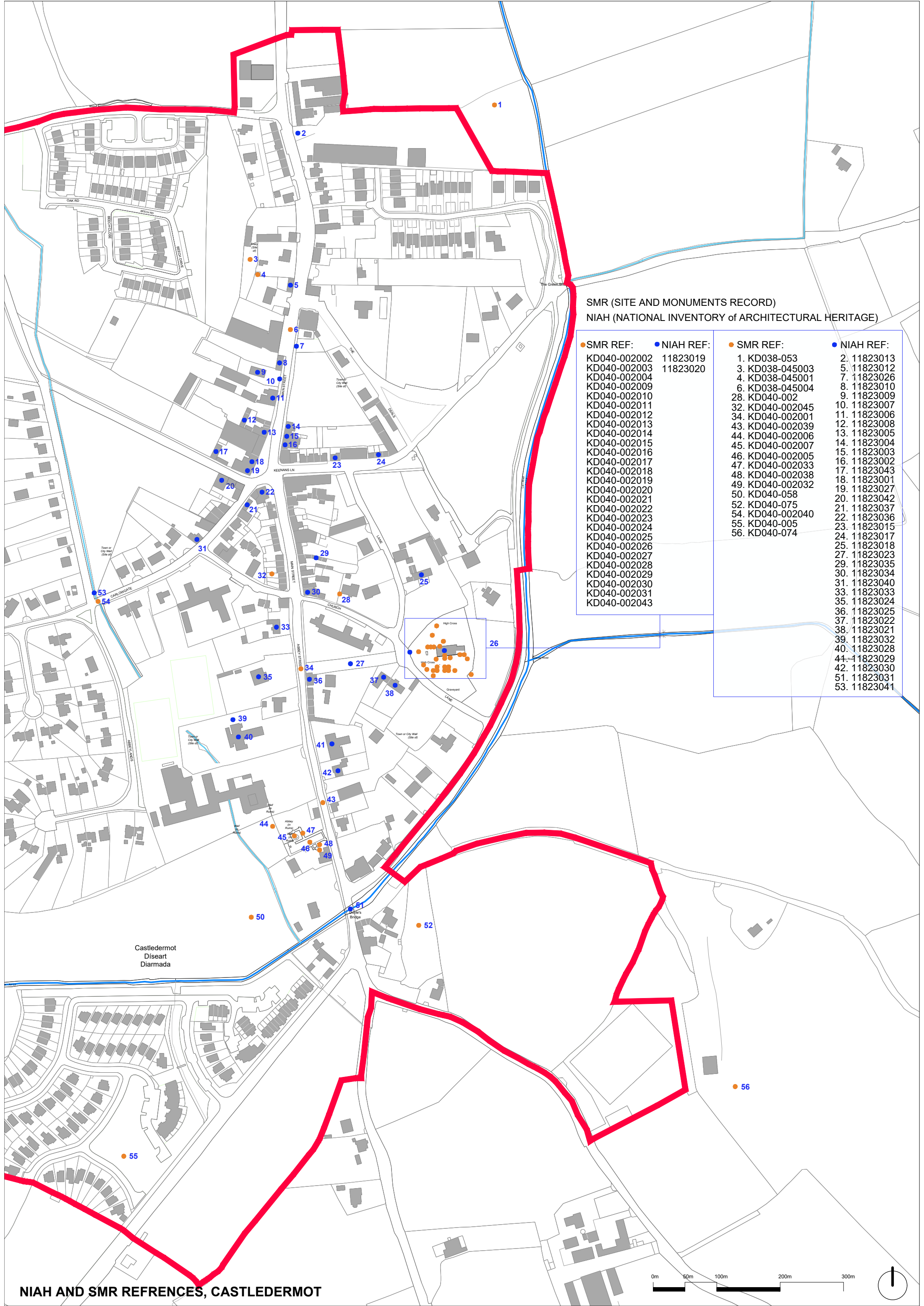
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	Vacant Buildings
	Vacant Buildings under Construction



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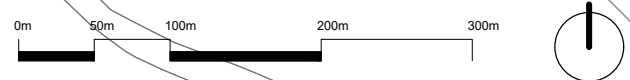
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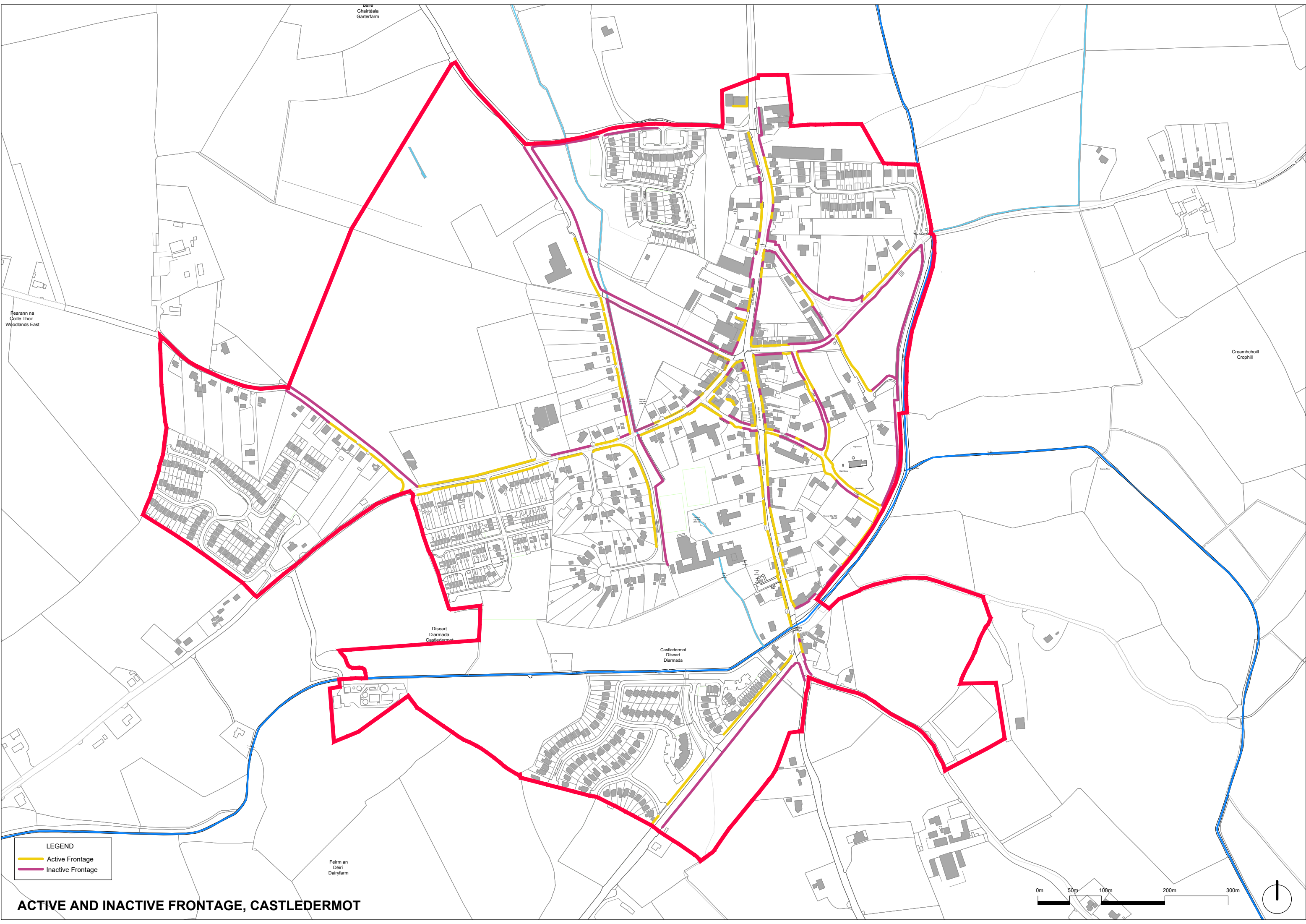




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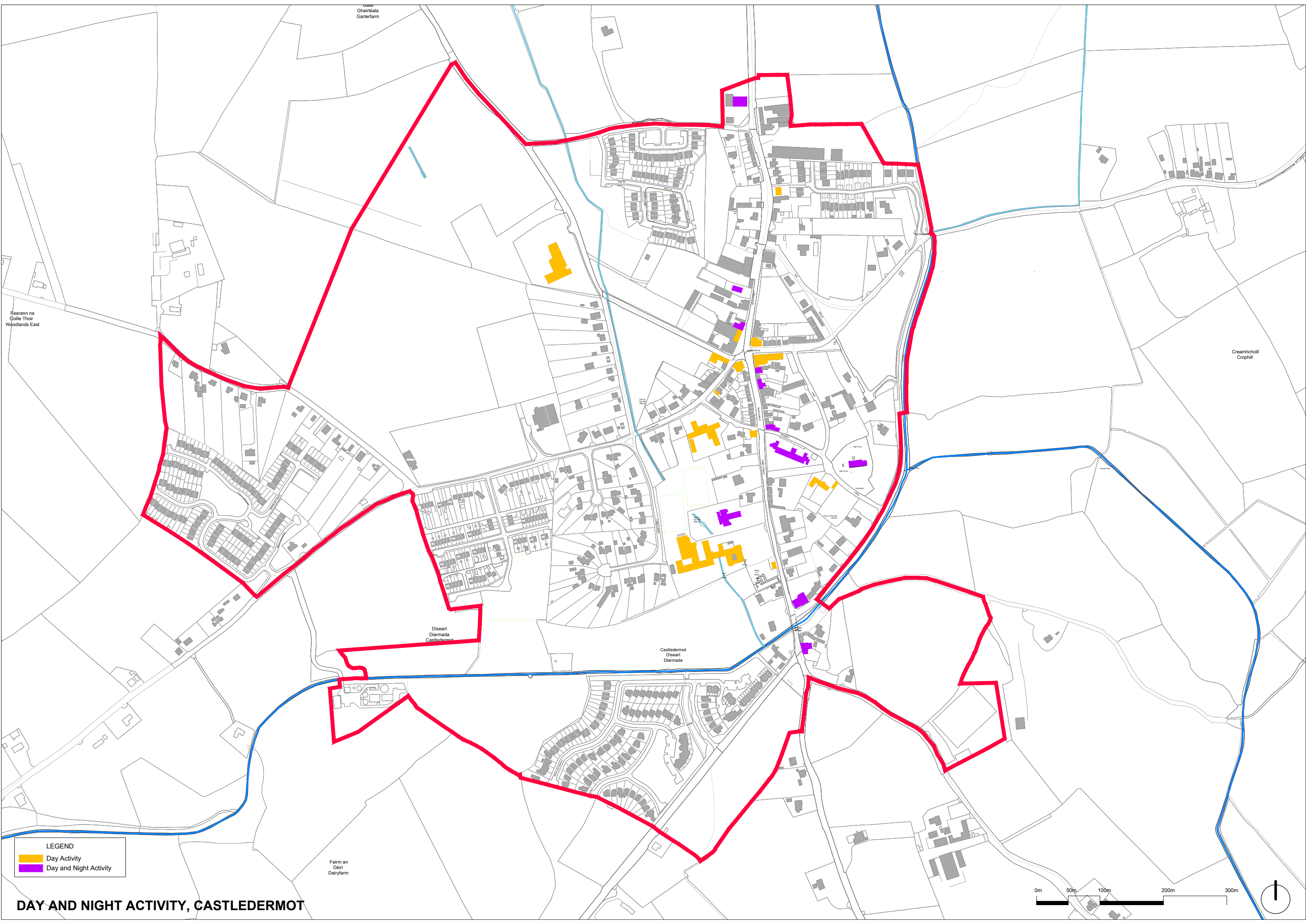


LEGEND

- Active Frontage
- Inactive Frontage

ACTIVE AND INACTIVE FRONTAGE, CASTLEDERMOT

0m 50m 100m 200m 300m

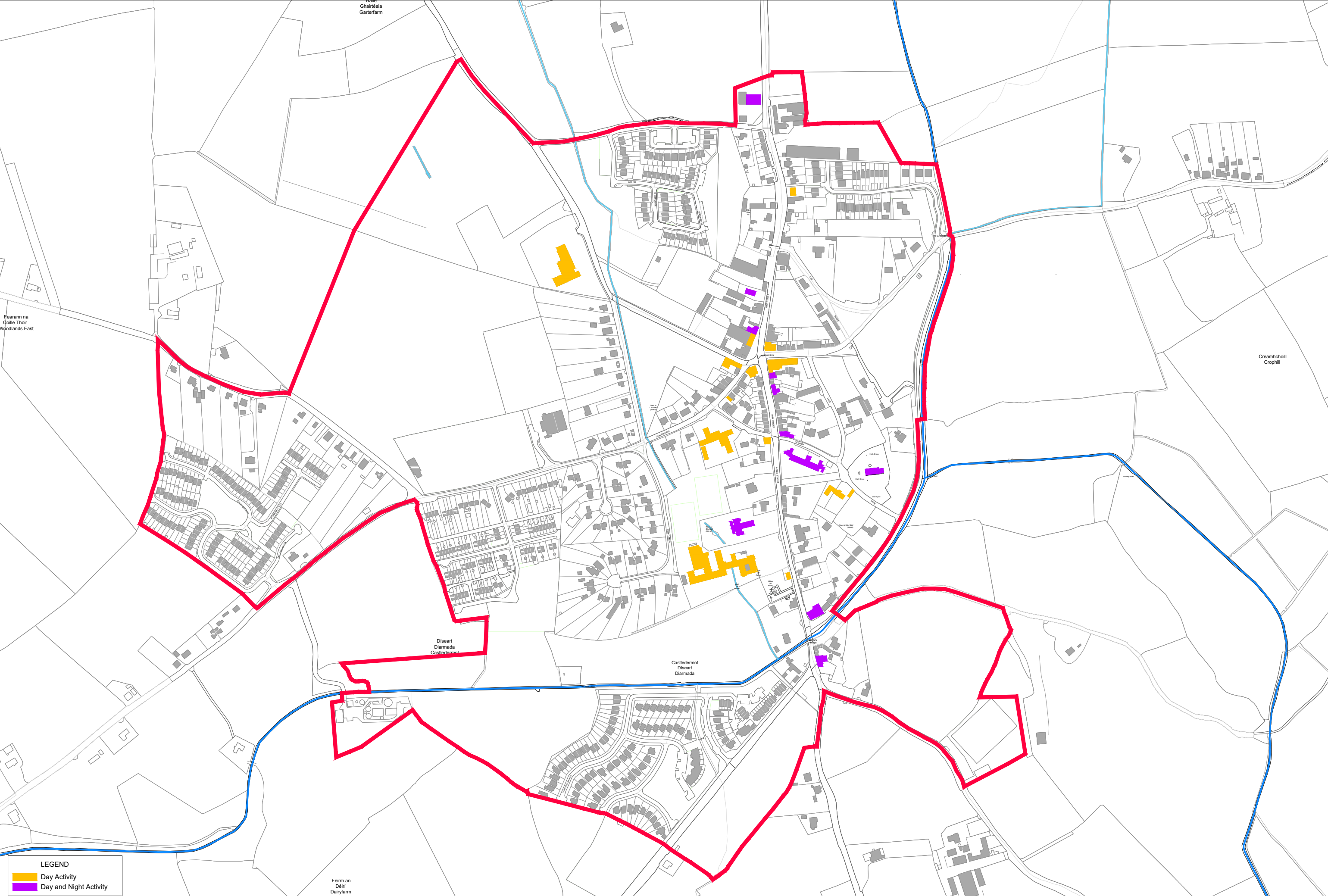


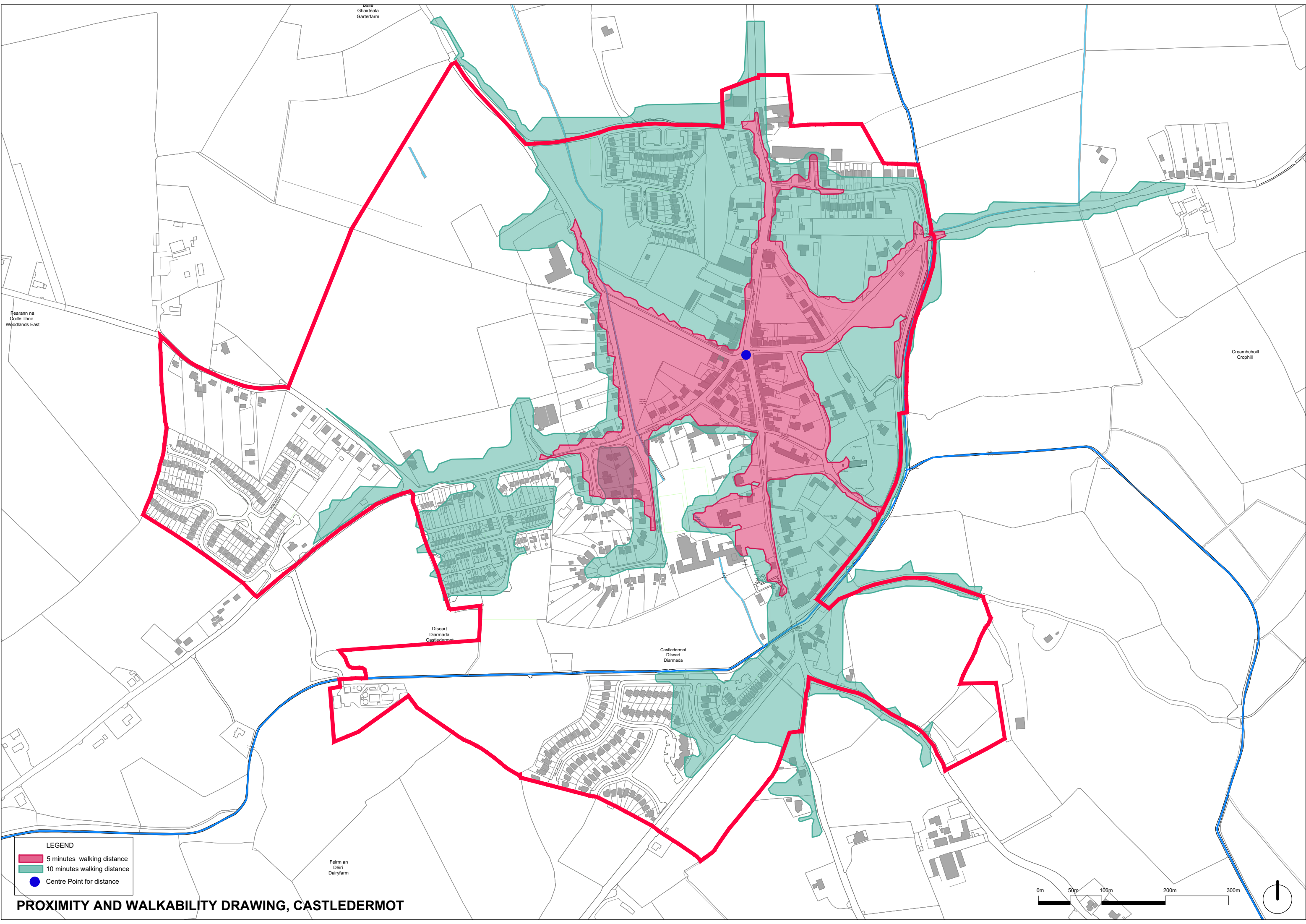
DAY AND NIGHT ACTIVITY, CASTLEDERMOT

LEGEND

- Day Activity
- Day and Night Activity

0m 50m 100m 200m 300m



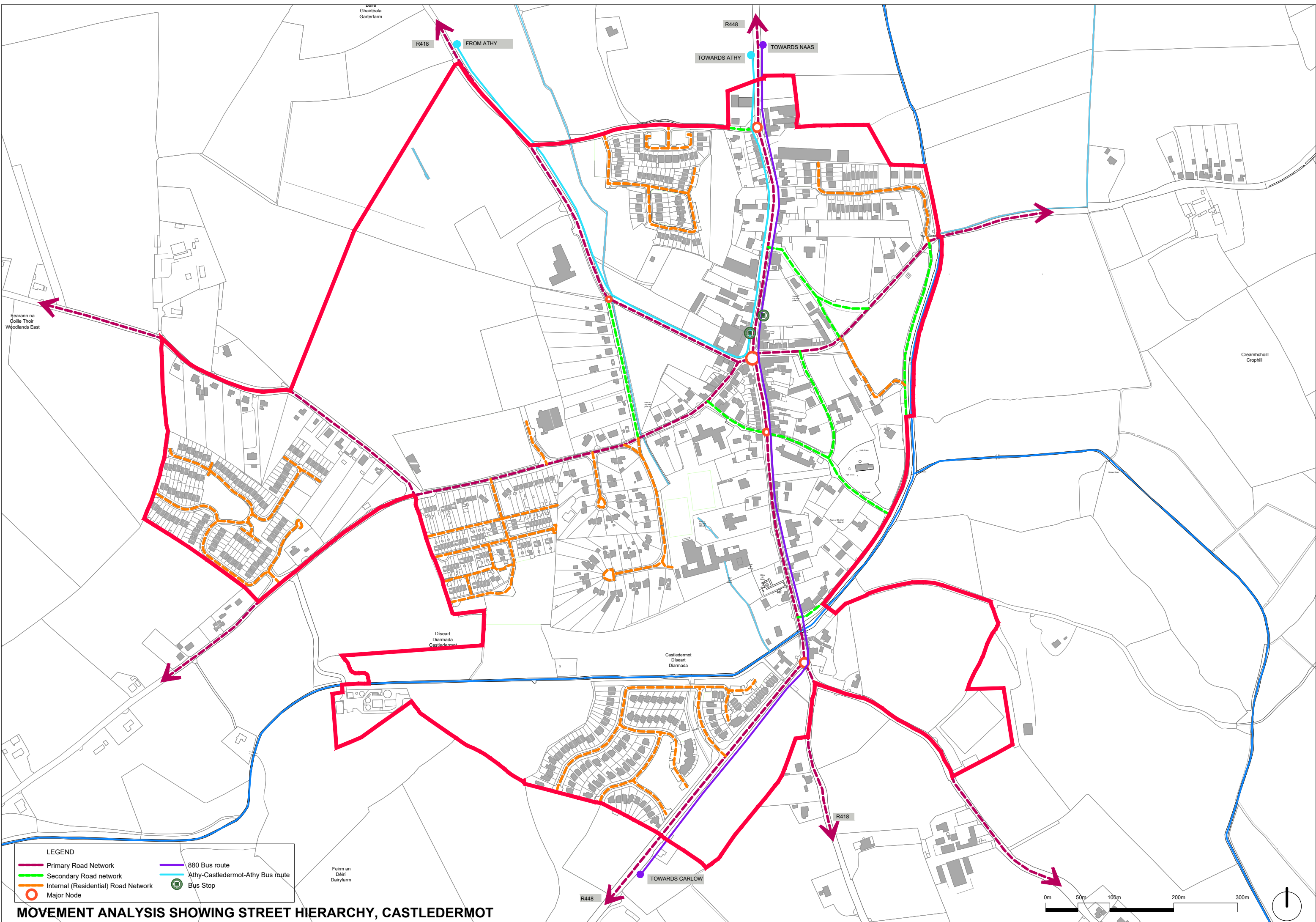


LEGEND

- 5 minutes walking distance
- 10 minutes walking distance
- Centre Point for distance

PROXIMITY AND WALKABILITY DRAWING, CASTLEDERMOT





LEGEND

	Primary Road Network		880 Bus route
	Secondary Road network		Athy-Castledermot-Athy Bus route
	Internal (Residential) Road Network		Bus Stop
	Major Node		

MOVEMENT ANALYSIS SHOWING STREET HIERARCHY, CASTLEDERMOT

Dair Ghairtála
Garferfarm

R418 FROM ATHY

R448 TOWARDS NAAS
TOWARDS ATHY

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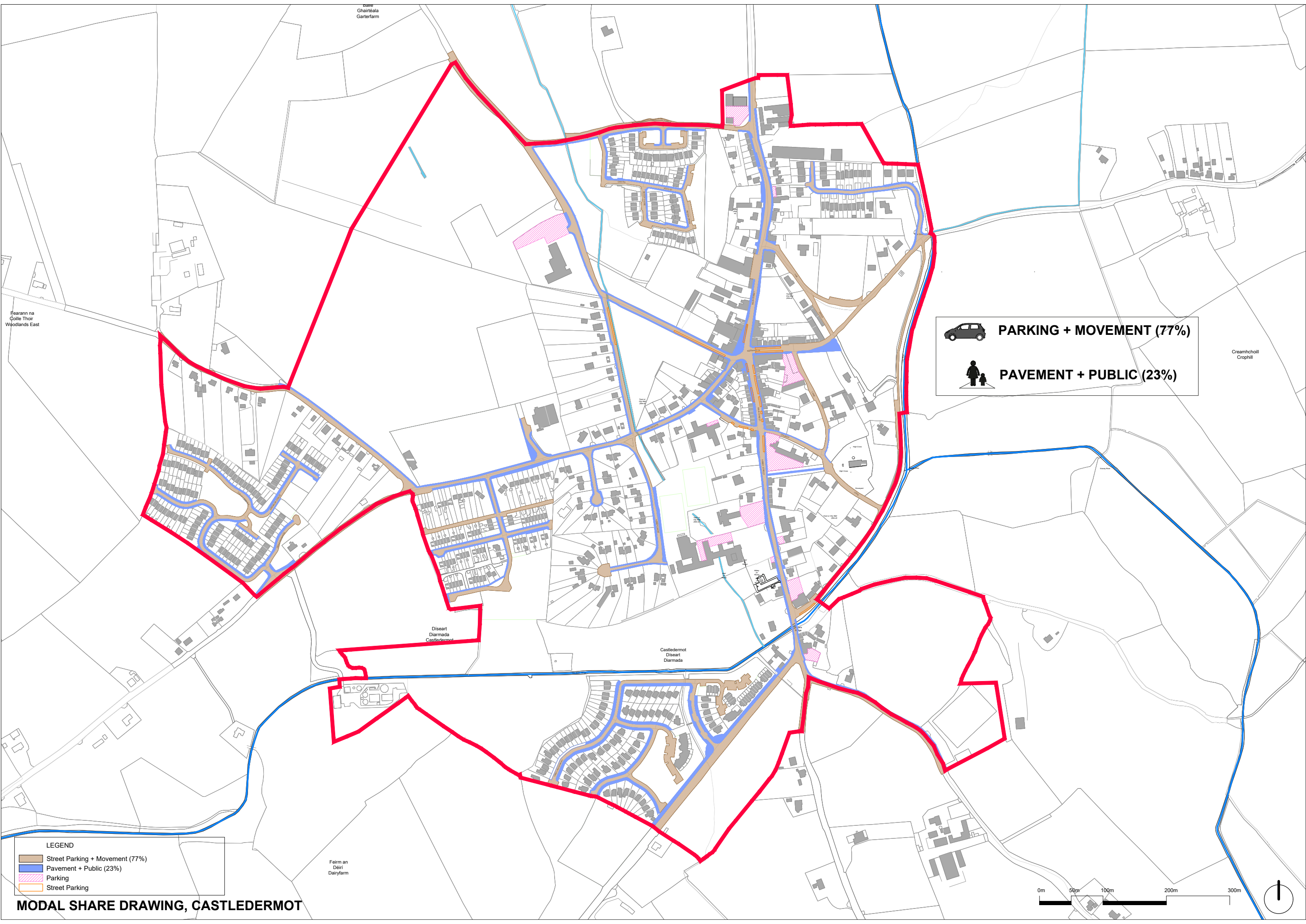
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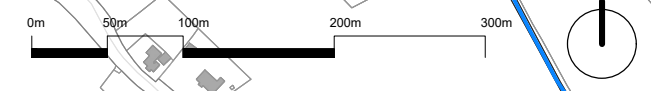


 **PARKING + MOVEMENT (77%)**
 **PAVEMENT + PUBLIC (23%)**

LEGEND

-  Street Parking + Movement (77%)
-  Pavement + Public (23%)
-  Parking
-  Street Parking

MODAL SHARE DRAWING, CASTLEDERMOT



Dairí Ghairtála Garterfarm
 Fhearann na Cille Thoir Woodlands East
 Díséart Diarmada Castledermot
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MARCH



JUNE



DECEMBER



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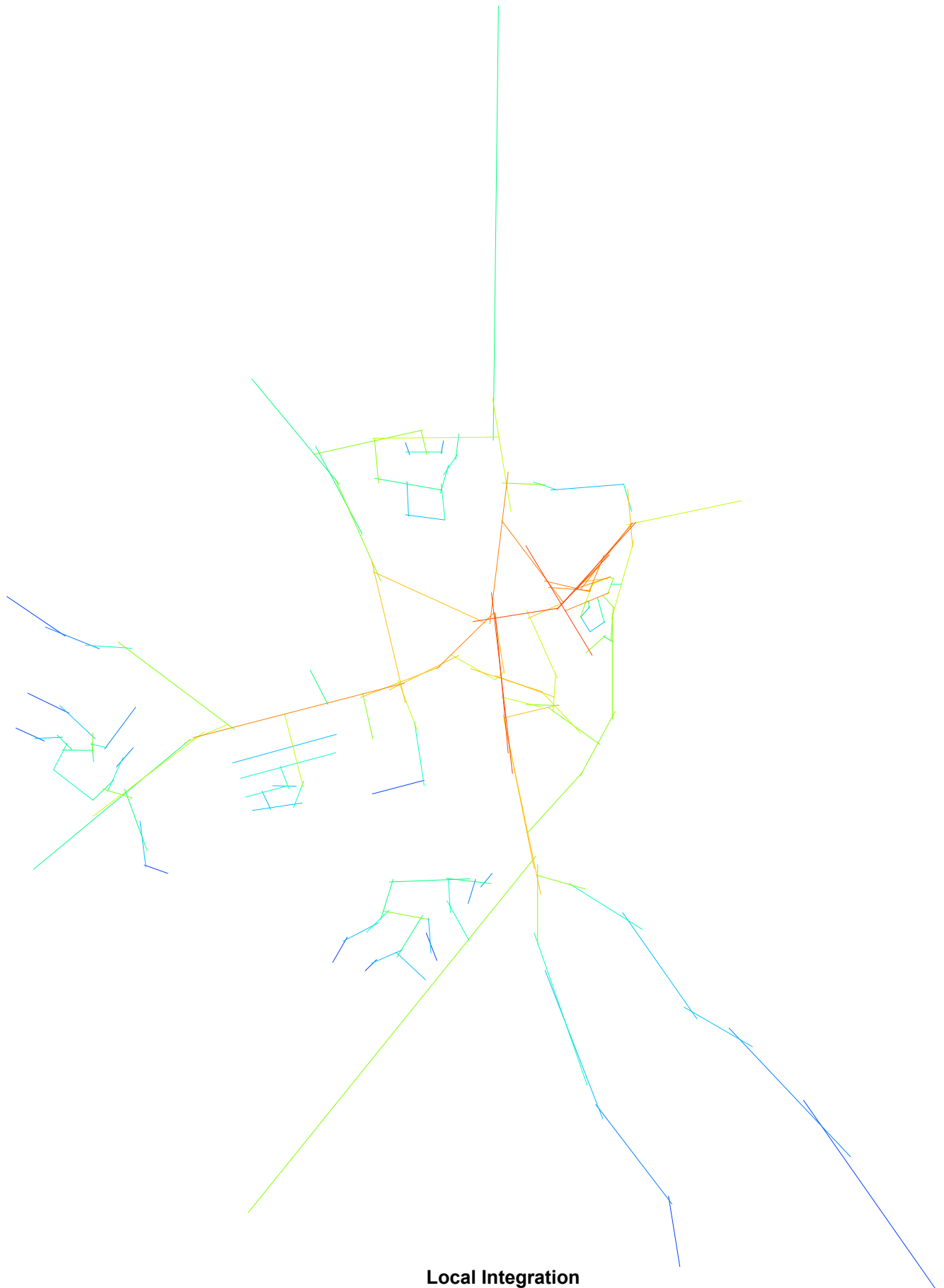


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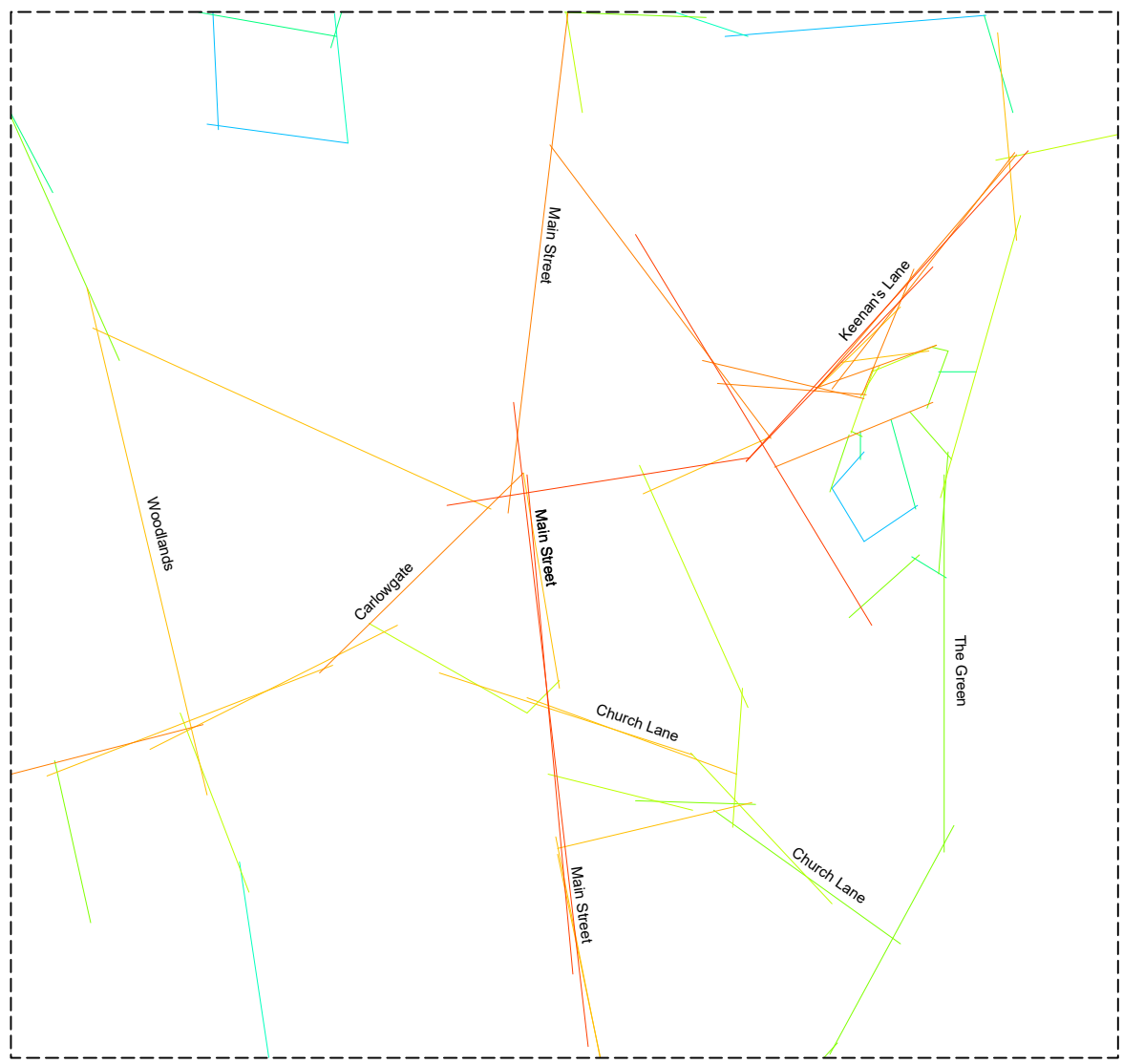
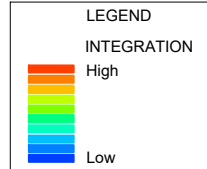


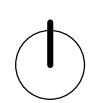
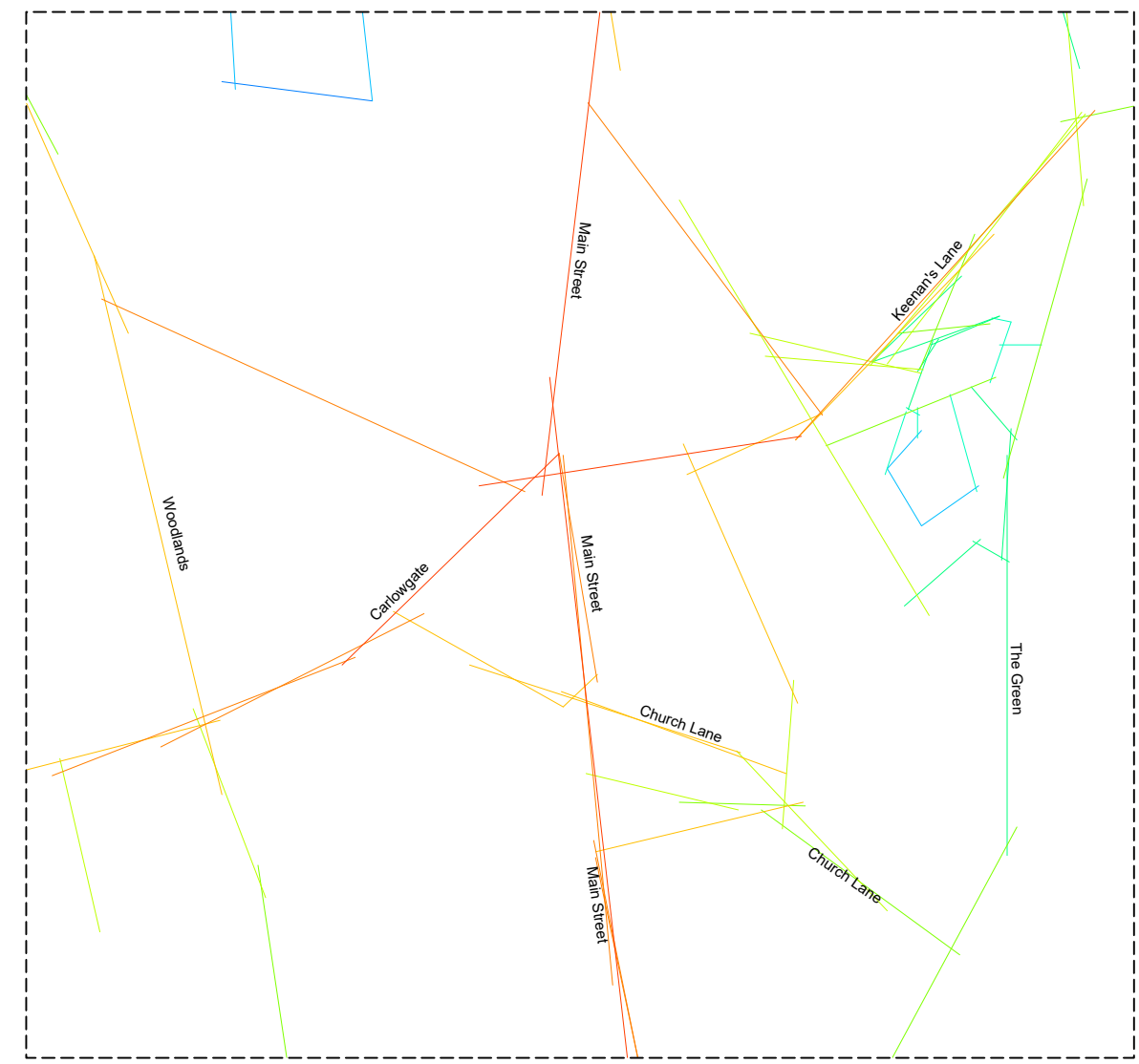
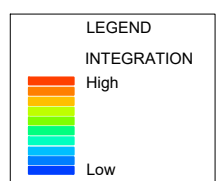
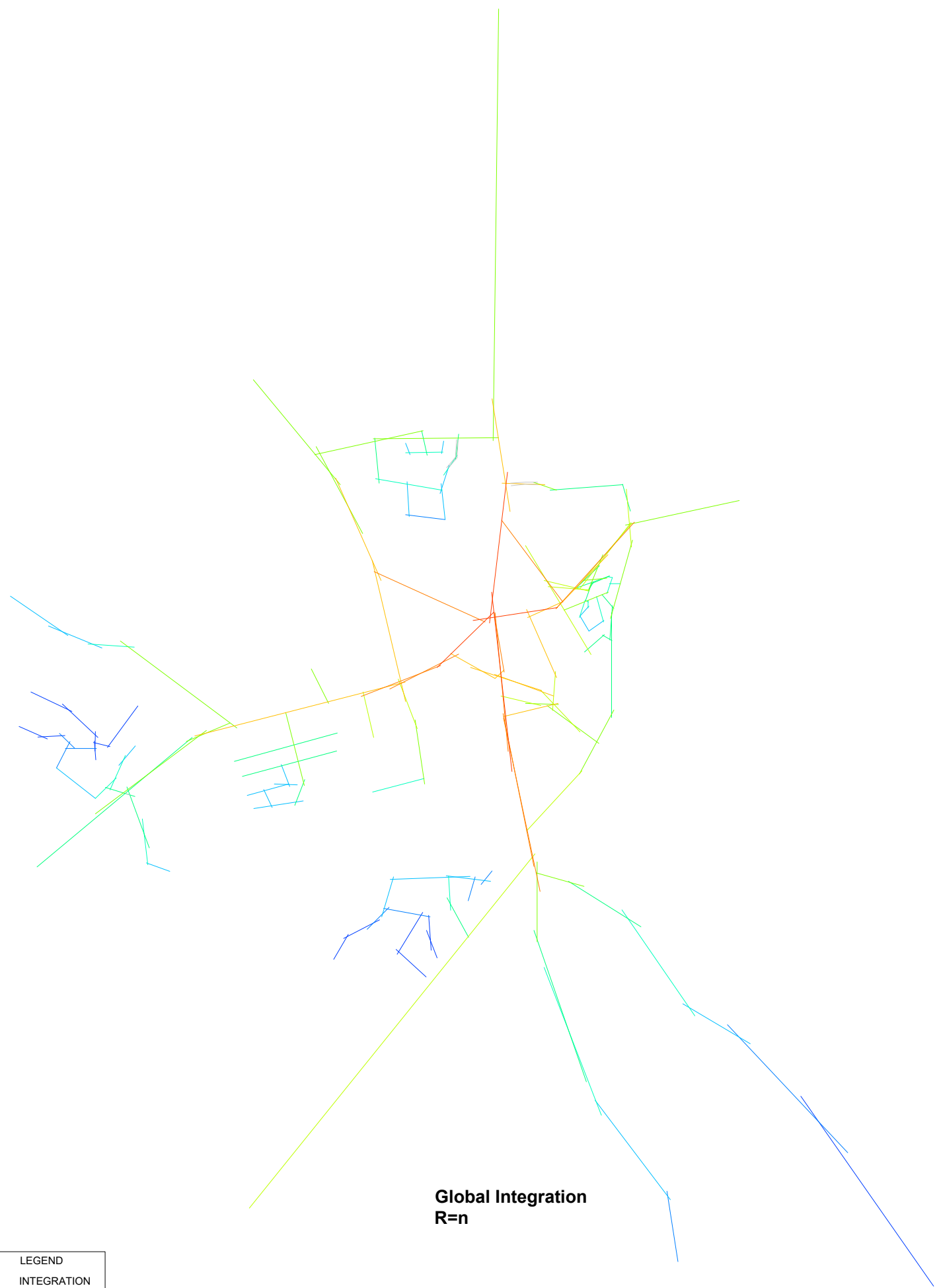
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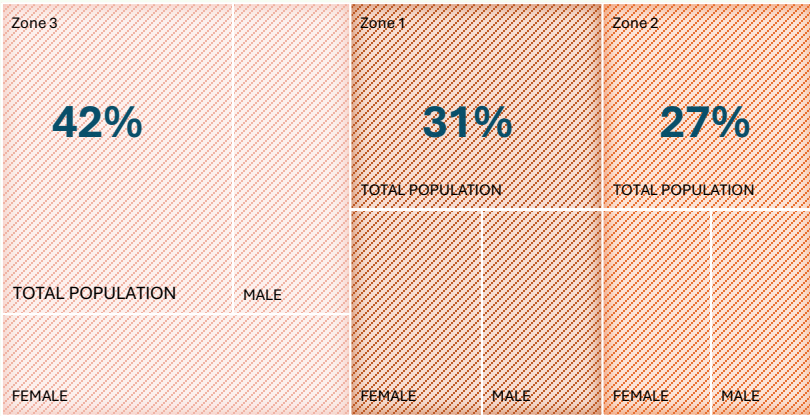


Local Integration
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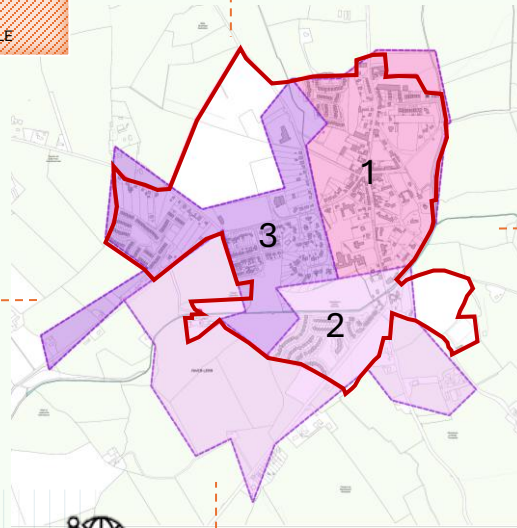




Zone 1 Zone 2 Zone 3



The tree diagram illustrates distribution of population in three zones of Castledermot from Central Statistics Office (2022 data)



PRINCIPAL STATUS



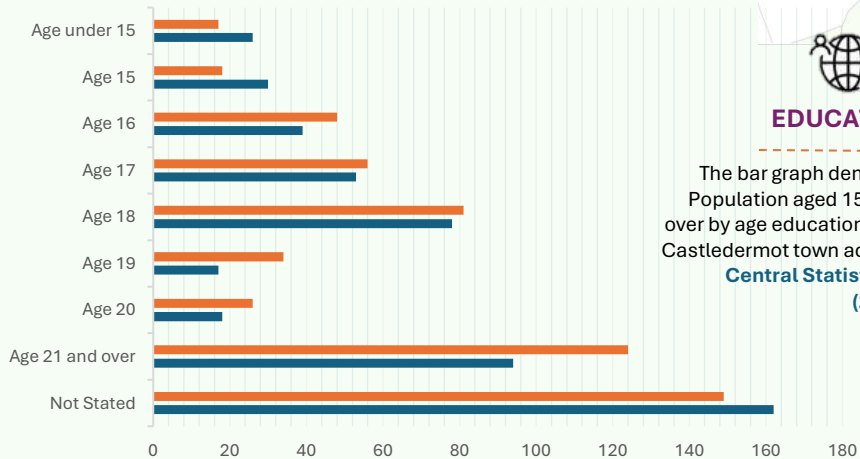
Pobal HP Deprivation Indices is Marginally below average for Zone 1 and Zone 3. Zone 2 is not mentioned.

AGE DISTRIBUTION



According to the Central Statistics Office (2022 data) the graph shows Castledermot has a greater number of children 0-15 years and older persons from age 40 to 60 in all the three zones.

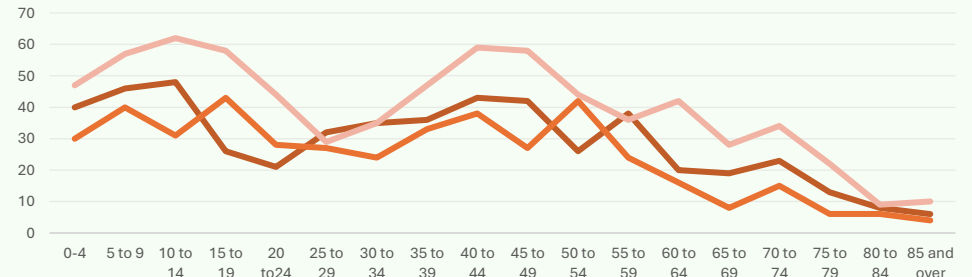
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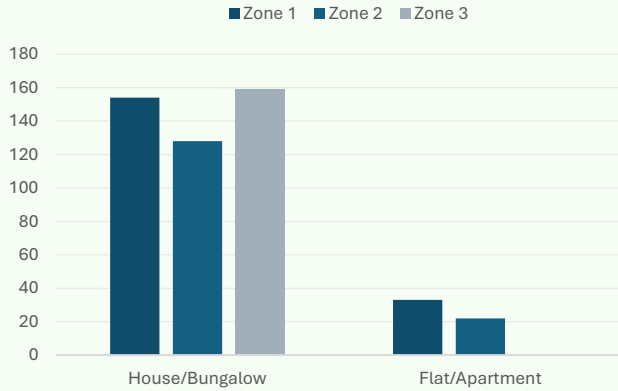


The bar graph demonstrates Population aged 15 years and over by age education ceased in Castledermot town according to Central Statistics Office (2022 data)



Zone 1 Zone 2 Zone 3



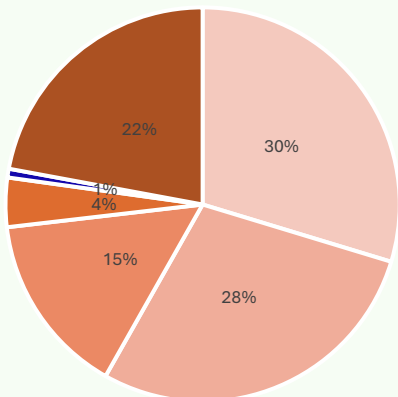


Bar Graph shows the types of households in each zones. We can see good amount of housing in Zone 1 and 3.



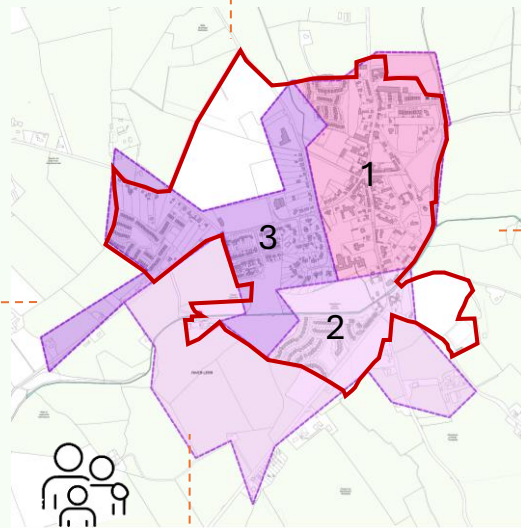
HOUSING

As per **Central Statistics Office (2022 data)**, 2001-2010 Castledermot saw a high number of built households compared to previous and later years.



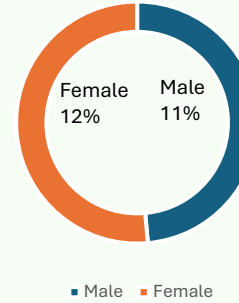
- Families with 1 child
- Families with 2 children
- Families with 3 children
- Families with 4 children
- Families with 5 or more children
- Families with no children

Central Statistics Office (2022 data) shows on average there are 1.5 children per family. Total number of families are 421.

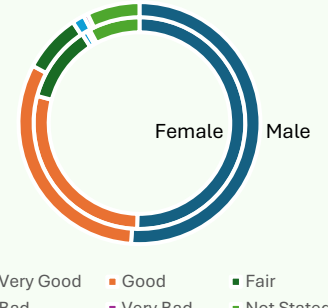


FAMILIES

HEALTH



Persons with a Disability by Sex



Population by General Health and Sex

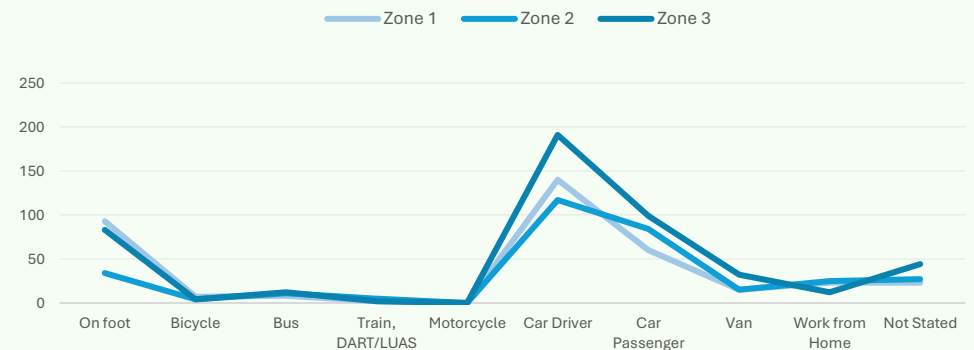
(From Central Statistics Office (2022 data))

According to citypopulation.de total population (2022) is 1685. Data given by CSO number of female disable are 201 and male disable 190 in total.

COMMUTING



According to the **Central Statistics Office (2022 data)** number of car drivers and passengers are more in all zones. From our analysis we noted there are only two bus routes and two bus stops in whole of Castledermot.



Age Group

0-18

19-29

30-39

40-49

50-59

60-69

70-79

80+

4

21

44

64

Number of Participants

58

22

10

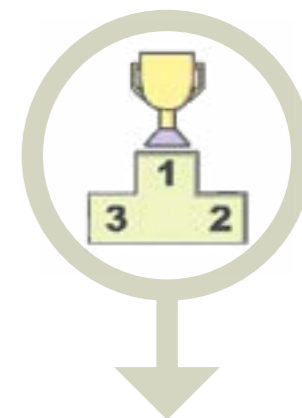
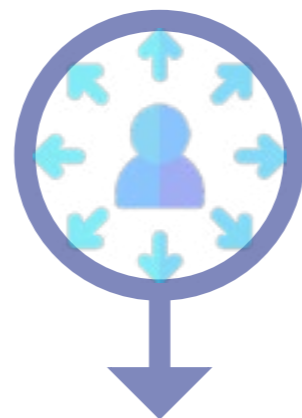
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What people like most about Castledermot?

What people see as the main opportunities for the future of Castledermot?

According to the public, what three things should be improved in Castledermot?

According to the public, what are the three best things about town centre?



High

- Community (sense of community)
- Business
- Appearance
- Public Spaces
- Sports fields/clubs
- Road Infrastructure (safe roads)
- Environment (how the town makes adaptations for climate change)
- Transport (public transport and frequency of service)
- Infrastructure (how the town functions)
- Entertainment (music, theatre, activities)



Low

- Business
- Appearance
- Youth Services
- Transport (public transport and frequency of service)
- Public Spaces
- Entertainment
- Road Infrastructure
- Accessibility
- Sports & Recreation
- Infrastructure (how the town functions)
- Housing
- Environment



- Appearance (how my town looks)
- Facilities (essential services & amenities for leisure etc)
- Infrastructure (how my town functions)

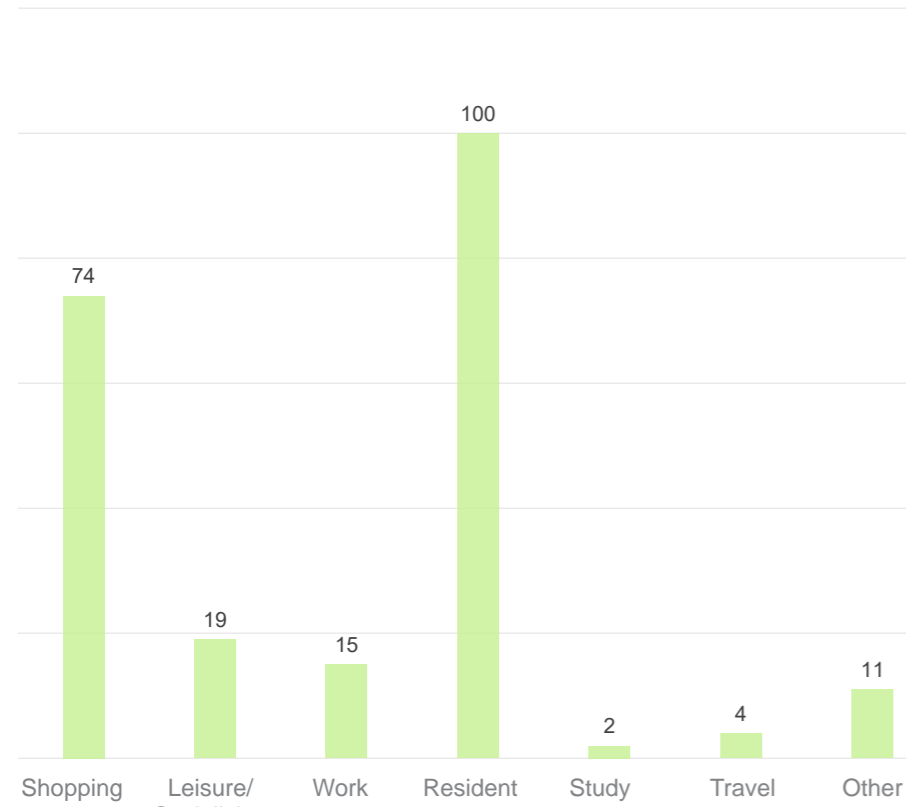


- Heritage (does my town have a rich history)
- Community (sense of belonging and unique town identity)
- Amenities (e.g. park, play area, seating)



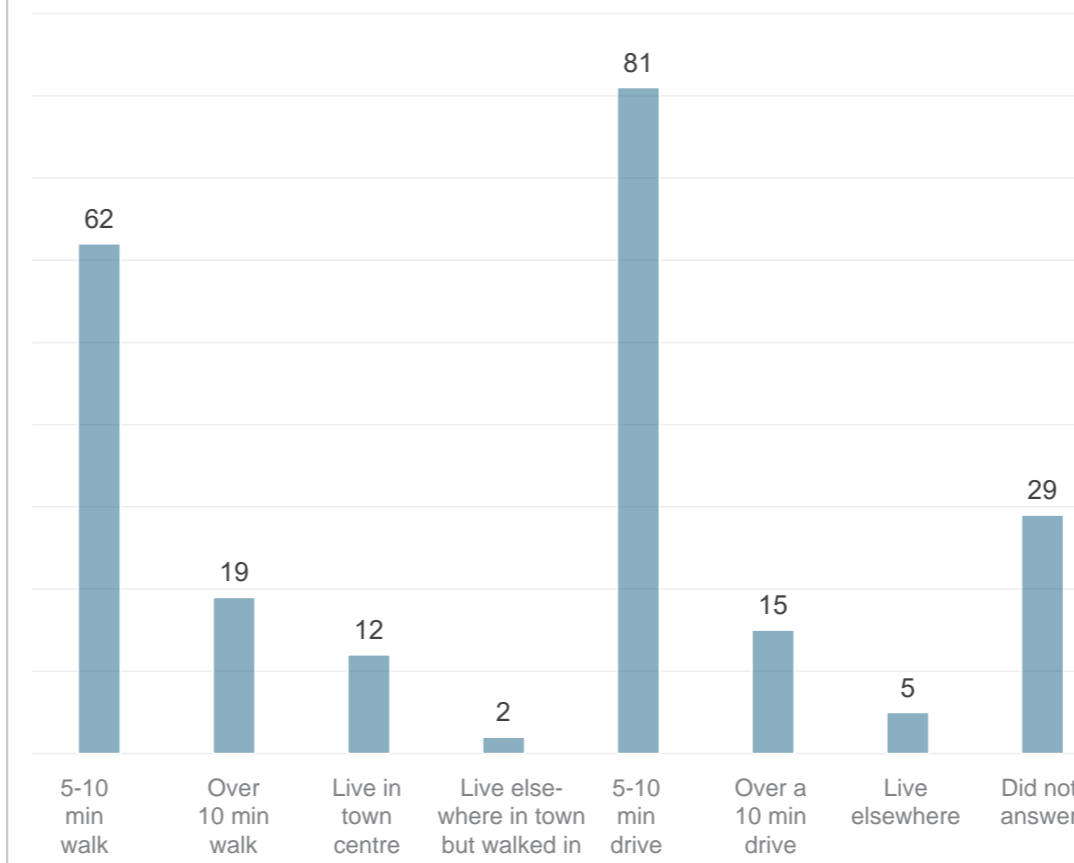
COMMUNITY SURVEY

What brought people to Castledermot?

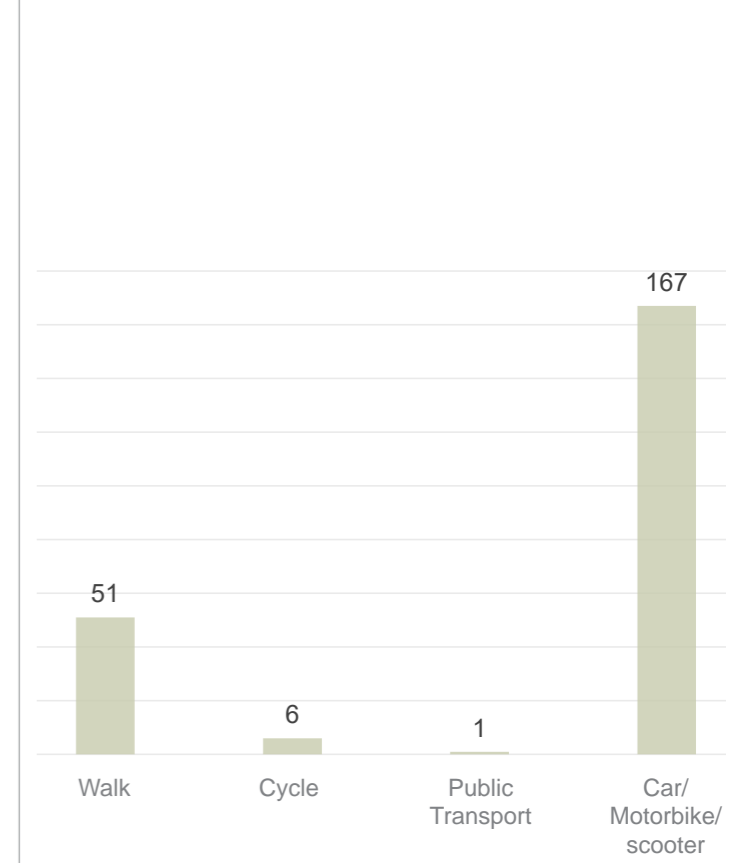


Other - Archeological ruins, Dining, Live here, Library, Running, Classes, GAA match, Summer camp, Medical, Children playground, Visiting family

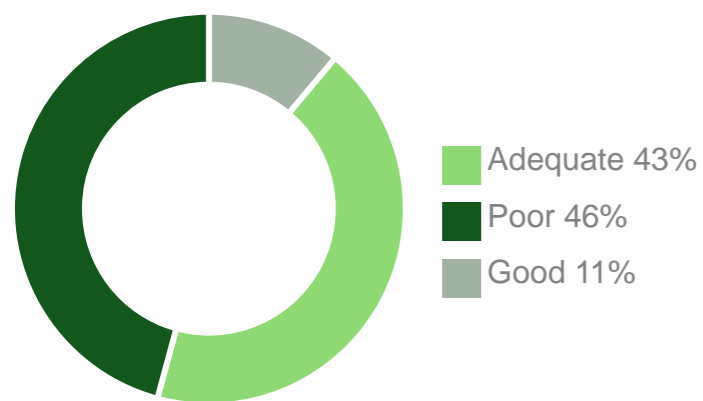
How far did people live from the town centre?



How did one travel?



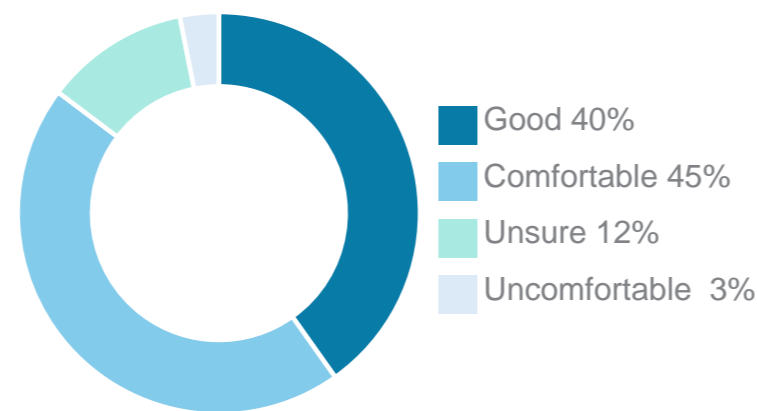
What do people think about car parking in the town centre?



Why?

- Limited space where businesses are and close to town centre
- No parking at playground
- Rath's and Church can be used
- Cars are parked dangerously on corners around the town
- Disability drivers can't get easy access parking
- Very poor wheelchair accessible parking
- Not many people are aware of parking in the community centre
- Problems at the Chemist
- It was morning on a school holiday so town was quite quiet

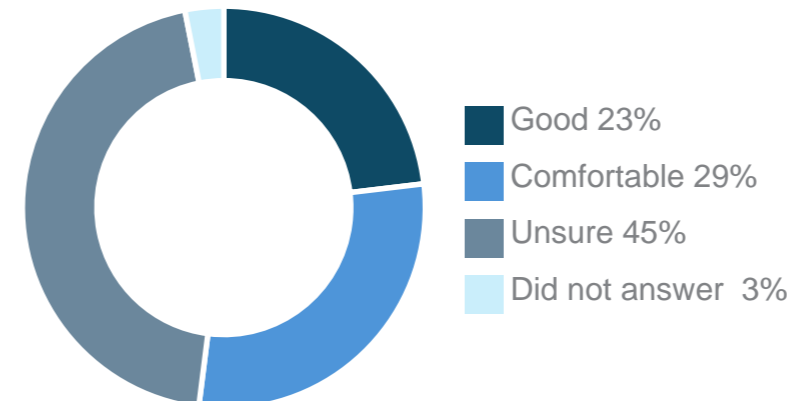
How do people find the town centre during the day?



Where?

- Good at Main street
- Comfortable at the centre
- Comfortable near coffee shop
- Comfortable as all are accessible
- There's a little narrow road up beside stacks pharmacy and it is a death trap
- Comfortable near playground

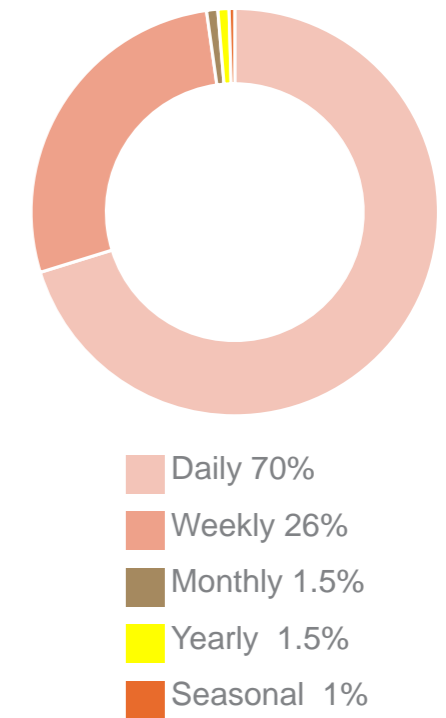
How do people find town centre at night?



Where?

- Unsure because there is no night life
- Unsure on main street
- Unsure around housing estates
- Anti social behaviour stops me walking through town at night
- Not enough lighting around green area where park is at night
- Apart from the sporting outlets not much for the youth to do in between the ages of 13-18
- Pubs are very quiet
- Not enough garda presence

How often do people visit town centre?



Type of Business and how long operating in Castledermot?



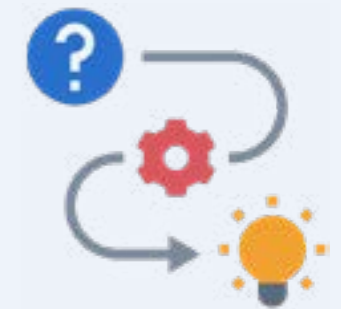
Main challenges or issues you face as a business?



- The amount of overheads
- Building rates
- Rents
- Rising costs and lack of available workspace for businesses
- Parking
- Buildings close by that are eyesores
- Heavy goods traffic
- Finding staff and running costs
- Narrow, upkept roads with more cycle lanes than needed
- Exorbitant costs and red tape
- No pipeline of young apprentices coming through
- Access to business is restricted due to lack of parking facilities at town park
- Accommodation for staff
- Competition from bigger chains
- Safety concerns due to car/trucks driving

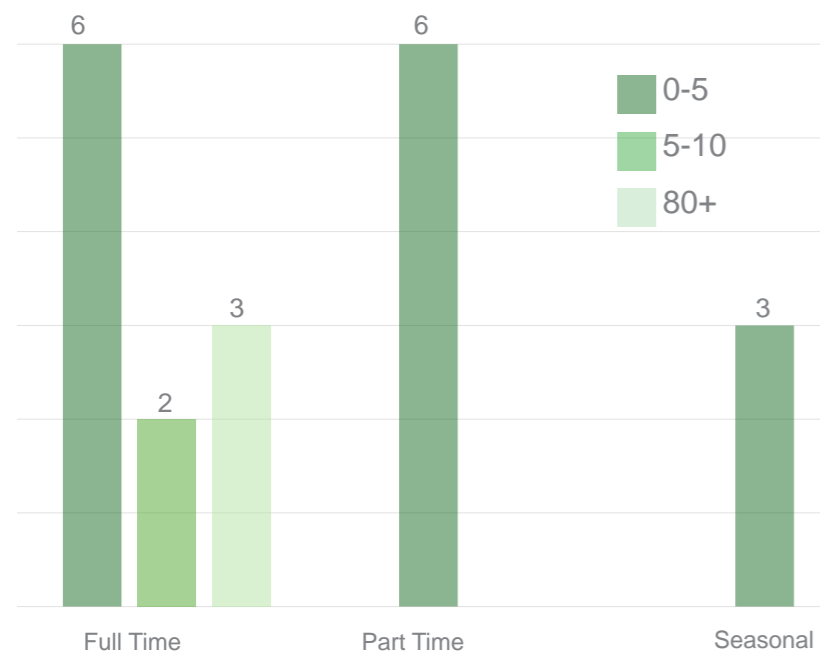
BUSINESS SURVEY

What actions would be useful to solving the challenges/issues highlighted?

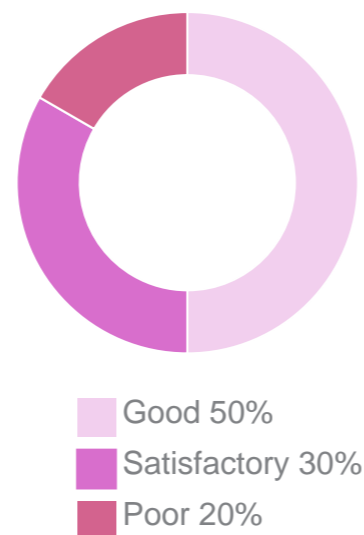


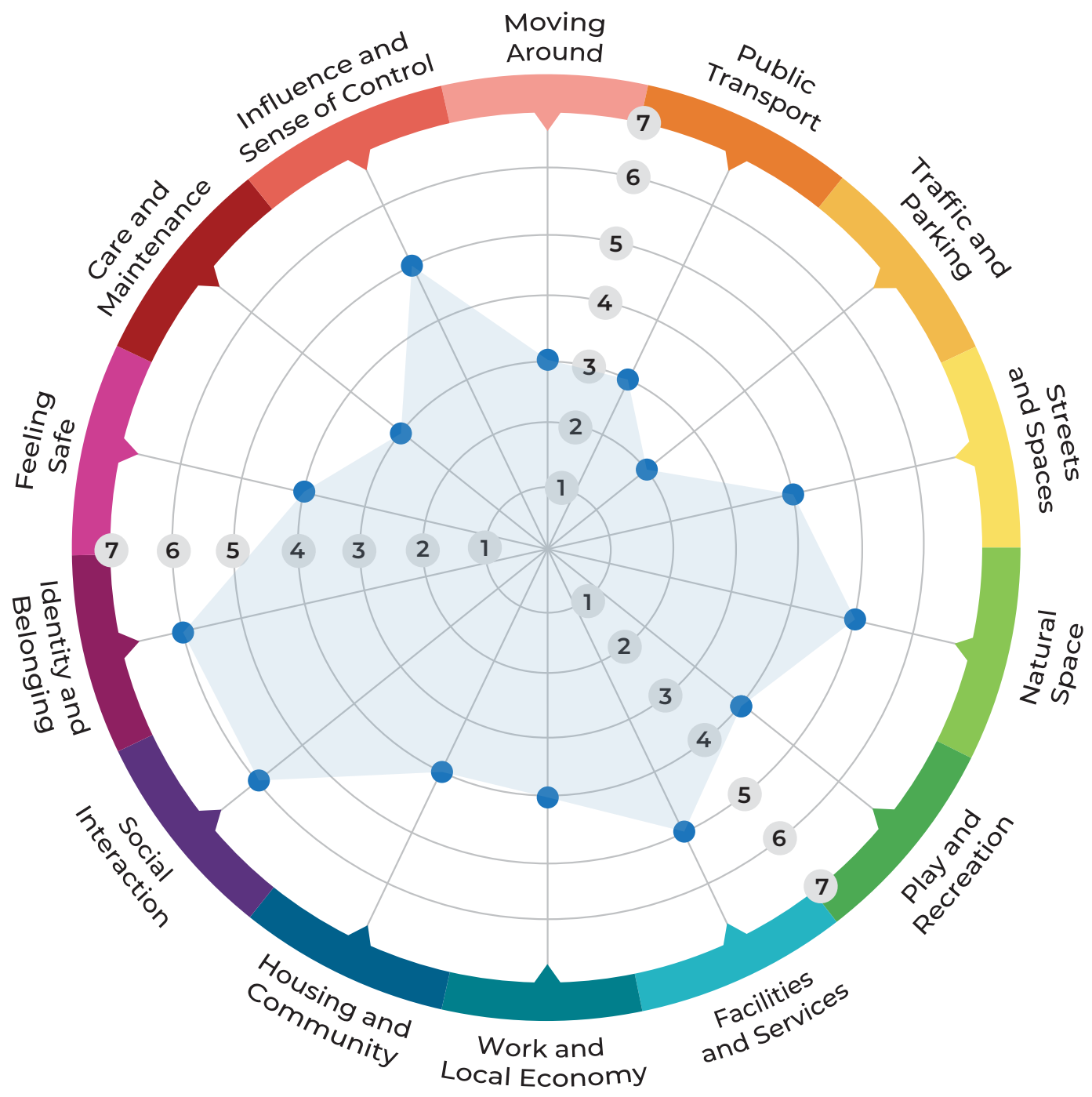
- Reduced commercial rates
- Address vacancy/dereliction in town centre
- More housing
- More emphasis on local business
- Zoning of heavy industrial property in the locality
- Help local development to expand and employ more local people
- Take heavy goods vehicles out of the town centre
- Improve Castledermot town centre to attract more people
- Control rising costs
- Incentives for young people to take up apprentice positions
- Dedicated car parking spaces for playground
- Ramps (slow speed of vehicles)
- Lowering vat rate
- Make going out more attractive for customers

Number of employees in the business



How are businesses doing in Castledermot?





PUBLIC CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

VACANCY AND DERELICTION

Vacant/derelict buildings - bring back into use
Backland Development



COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Completion of Fairgreen/playground
Additional playing fields



Riverwalk
Lighting
Wayfinding
Bus stops shelter
Public seating
Street greening

PUBLIC REALM

TOURISM

Lower speed limits
Improved footpaths
More pedestrian crossings

CONNECTIVITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY

Vacancy and Dereliction

- The long term derelict properties opposite the Bread and Beer Pub/ Restaurant should be addressed as a matter of priority.
- Address vacant/derelict buildings in the town centre to bring back into use
- Support and encourage backland development in the town including the large areas to the west and east of the main street - adjacent to the row of derelict shops.
- Site area where the wall is broken (in front of the garage) can be the ideal place for car parking/housing.

Community and Recreational Facilities

- Concentrate on finishing playground
- Consideration for additional playing fields for the GAA club.

Public Realm

- The location around the Franciscan Abbey would provide an opportunity for new open space
- Explore potential riverside walk from Franciscan Abbey along river to the Sewerage Treatment works
- The streetscape needs to be vastly enhanced, particularly in the town centre.
- The fencing along Hamilton Road has been down for a number of years and should be addressed
- Bring the rear lanes and alleyways of William Pearse Terrace up to a standard that will allow the residents to use them once again.
- Appropriate surface water drainage be installed at lower Abbeylands opposite the GAA entrance.
- A walkway should be provided along the river.
- Additional lighting at the park
- Wayfinding Strategy
- No shelter for bus stops – only on 1 side
- Provide seating near the Abbey Lands and along the main street to support older residents walking from Centra, as there are currently no informal spaces for social interaction.

Tourism

- Commissioning of a dedicated Tourism Plan for Castledermot.
- Exploring the creation of an audio or in-ear walking tour guide to enhance the visitor experience.

This initiative would support local businesses and strengthen Castledermot's profile as a heritage destination.

Connectivity, Accessibility and Mobility

- Reduce the speed limit for traffic to 30 km/h to improve safety and create a more pedestrian-friendly environment.
- More car parking for the playground
- Enhance connections for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly linking the soccer pitch to the town centre. Address pinch points on footpaths near O'Neill's Bar, and consider a new pedestrian bridge over the River Lerr. Also improve connectivity from the Green Bridge to the town centre, including the T-junction at St. John's and the area near R14 PX23.
- Install a crossing near the school or church, which would greatly improve pedestrian movement during busy times
- Many footpaths are too narrow for pedestrians and cyclists to pass safely, often requiring people to step onto the road.
- Junction Improvement at R448/R418/L4015 - proposing the installation of a roundabout at the junction of the R448, R418, and L4015.
- Speed limits on the L4011 need to be reviewed and reduced.
- The roads surrounding St John's Lane and Keenan's Lane are in a state of disrepair and require urgent resurfacing and drainage improvements.
- Castle Villa FC are implementing a new one-way system at Mullarney Park as part of their development of adjacent land to the north of the complex. The Council should complement this by installing footpaths along the pitches to ensure safe pedestrian access to the sports facilities, particularly for children and families.
- That a pedestrian crossing be immediately considered from in or about the secondary school to link up with the community centre and shops on the opposite side of Main Street.
- Vehicle speed at the northern entrance to the town is high, even with a speed limit sign in place. The speed limit should be reduced, and the sign should be positioned before the town begins.
- Not sufficient public transport in Castledermot.
- No disabled parking spots.
- Supermarket parking is always full. Need to walk up to the supermarket by parking at the community centre.
- Parking at the Church is difficult in the mornings due to school timings and on the days of funeral. The Church parking is busy from 10-5, 5 days a week.

UNIVERSAL DESIGN WALKABILITY AUDIT

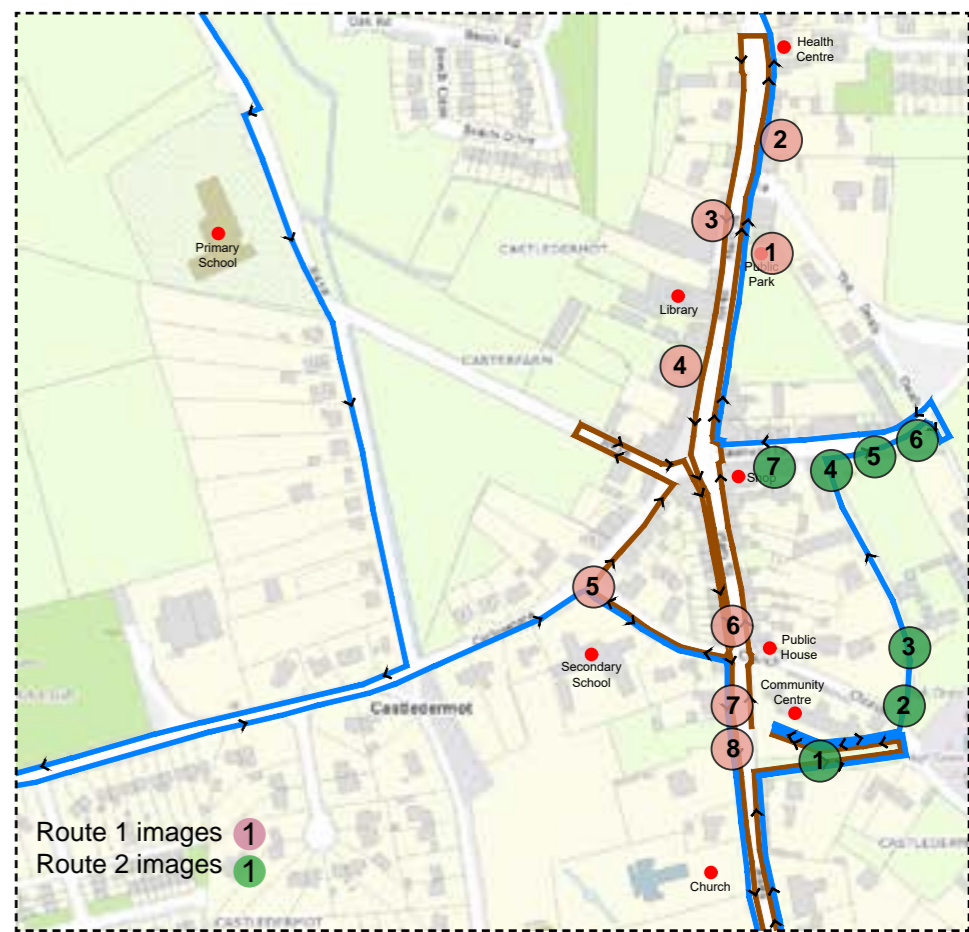
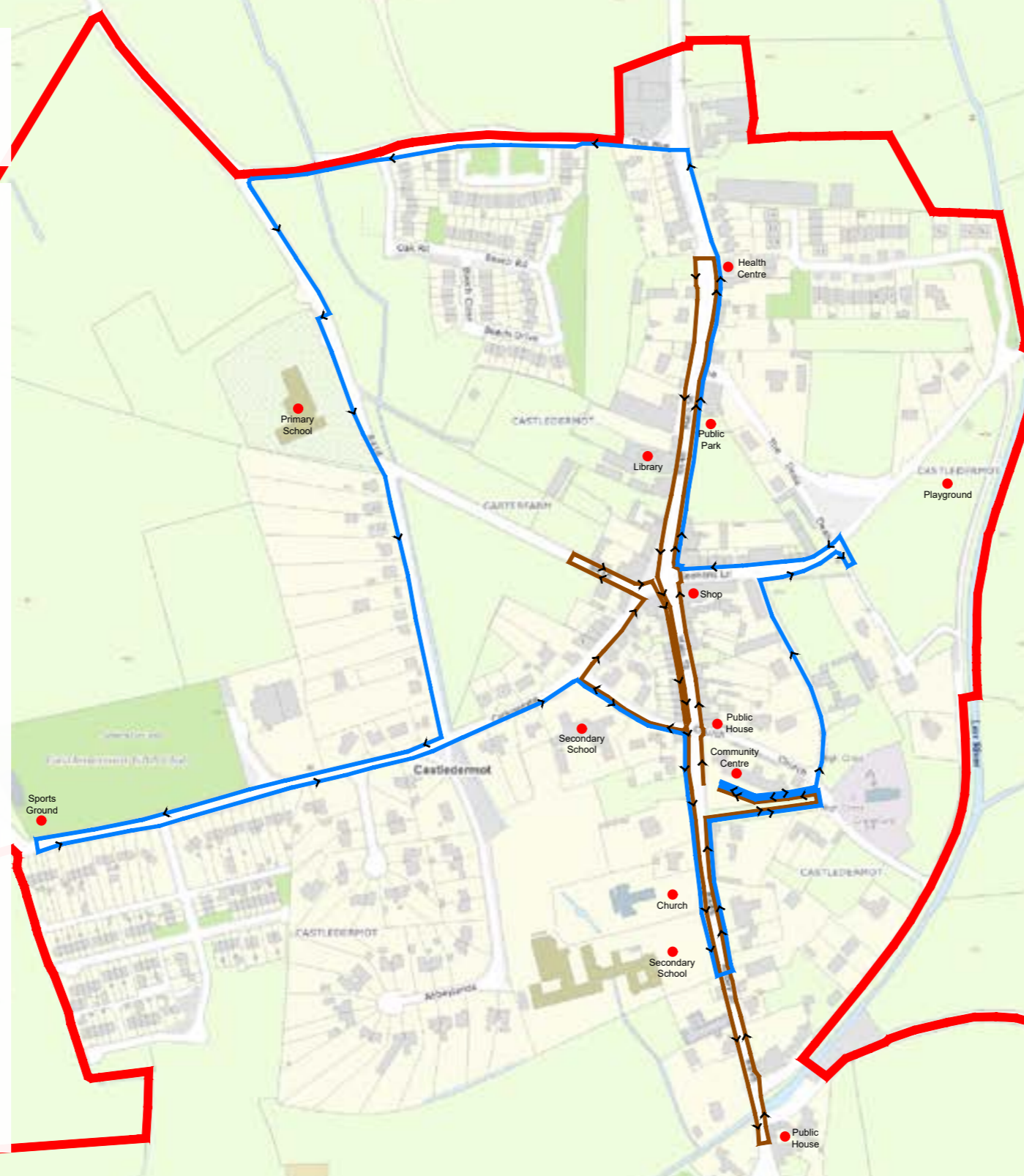
INTRODUCTION

2 routes
 Date of Audit: 20/06/2025
 Start Time: 10.30
 End Time: 15.00
 Weather: Sunny and Dry Conditions
 No. of Participants: 6 memale & 5 male
 Participants were of varying ages and abilities

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

1. More pedestrian crossings and better footpaths required.
2. Improved footpaths and parking to playground area
3. Better signage to toilets/playground etc.
4. Heritage trail, considering the historical assets and heritage of the town. (There are 12 no. National Monuments)
5. More refuse bins
6. Lack of street greening/floral displays

Note: Please refer to the Universal Design Walkability Audit Report for more detail.



Route 1 images 1-8
 Route 2 images 1-8