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25.1 Background

As part of the 'Kildare County Development Plan, 1999' and the settlement strategy therein, the Council prepared a number of Town Development Plans and Local Area Plans for the settlements within the County. This series of plans identified target populations and relevant zoning requirements to meet the strategy. Full cognisance has been had to these statutory plans in the preparation of this plan.

There have been significant changes in the legislation since the last County Development Plan was prepared i.e. Planning and Development Act 2000-2004. This has resulted in a more structured legal planning context and plan hierarchy in which Local Authorities must work including:

- National Level - National Spatial Strategy 2003,
- Regional Level - Regional Planning Guidelines
- County Level - County Development Plan
 - Town Development Plan
 - Local Area Plans

25.2 Goal

To provide a comprehensive suite of Local Area Plans for the settlements of Kildare in order to give effect to the policies contained in the County Plan and to work with local communities in preparation of such plans.

25.3 Objectives

- (1) To develop Local Area Plans and policies in conjunction with local communities having due regard to the wider planning context.
- (2) To ensure that sufficient lands for various uses are zoned at appropriate locations within Local Area Plans.
- (3) To prepare Local Area Plans and other plans, including integrated area plans, town renewal plans, action area plans and master plans, which promote sustainable development.
- (4) To work with adjoining local authorities in the preparation of Local Area Plans where appropriate.
- (5) To prepare design guidelines for residential development in urban areas.

25.4 Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Council:

- TV 1** To prepare Local Area Plans for settlements with a population greater than 2000, in accordance with section 19 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2004.
- TV 2** To review and/or prepare Local Area Plans for groups of related settlements which have strong social, economic, historic and geographical relationships, generally in accordance with the groups set out in Schedule I (see below).
- TV 3** To promote and encourage the implementation of the Integrated Area Plans for the towns of Kildare and Athy, which were designated under the provision of the Urban Renewal Act, 1998.
- TV 4** To promote the Town Renewal Plans for Rathangan, Kilcock, Castledermot, Monasterevin and Kilcullen, which were designated under the Town Renewal Act, 2000.

25.4 Ballymore Eustace Development Boundary

It is the policy of the Council:

- BME 1** To prepare a Local Area Plan for Ballymore Eustace to define future development of the village. Until such time that this has been carried out the Council has established a development boundary for Ballymore Eustace as indicated on Map 26.1 for the following uses:
- R1: Low density development**
The zoning objective in this case is to provide solely for low density residential development.
- R2: Rural community**
The zoning objective is to provide for the development of a rural community.

Schedule I Development Plans and Local Area Plans for Review

GROUP A.	Celbridge Development Plan 2002 Kilcock Development Plan 2002 Leixlip Local Area Plan 2002 Maynooth Development Plan 2002
GROUP B.	Ballymore Eustace Development Plan, 1995 Kill Development Plan 2002 Sallins Local Area Plan 2001 Johnstown Development Plan 1995 Kilteel Development Plan 1996
GROUP C.	Kildare Town Local Area Plan, 2001 Monasterevin Local Area Plan, 2001
GROUP D.	Newbridge Local Area Plan 2003 Kilcullen Local Area Plan 2001 Athgarvan Development Plan 1996
GROUP E.	Castledermot Development Plan 2002 Derrinturn Local Area Plan 2001 (as amended) Rathangan Local Area Plan 2002 Straffan Local Area Plan 2002 Ballitore/Crookestown/Moone/Timolin Local Area Plan 2002

Note: Work is ongoing on the Prosperous Local Area Plan and Allenwood Local Area Plan.



