



## Built Environment & Placemaking

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How do we deliver higher densities in our county to facilitate compact growth patterns and reduce urban sprawl?

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What are the challenges we face in doing this?

### Placemaking

Key to providing **great places** will be striking a **balance** between the delivery of a **compact pattern** of growth through **increased density** and **high-quality design** while protecting our built heritage. The successful delivery of such places will require a **mix of uses, connections** to sustainable transportation, appropriate infrastructure, a joined-up approach to **community planning** and a **strategic vision** which includes a greater **emphasis on placemaking**.

Placemaking can create many different forms of public space whether these are hard surface, green mixed, yet the overall aim is that these spaces can only be viewed as positive in everyday life. Our **built heritage** enhances our sense of place and history. Protected structures and architectural conservation areas will be reviewed as part of the Development Plan process.



At a national and regional level, the creation of a high-quality built environment is underpinned by a number of **strategic objectives** namely;

## Compact Growth

Targeting future housing development within or close to the existing footprint of built up areas.

Providing for a mix of house types/tenures/building heights and designs



## Energy Efficiency

Developing and creating energy districts which promote a renewables focused energy generation.



## Accessibility

To a high-quality public transport network, to amenities and community facilities and to employment growth areas.

A **Connected Sustainable Transport Network** with a move away from car based travel



The Provision of **Key Infrastructure** to service **New Developments**



**Parks and Open Spaces**



## The Benefits of Placemaking

**Health:** Green spaces functioning as locations for restorative contact with nature, physical activity and social engagement positively influence well-being.

**Wellbeing:** Improved design of public spaces such as streets, foot-paths, laneways and parks enhance the overall public realm and feeling of wellbeing.

**Economic:** A competitive edge in attracting and retaining skills and talent on which foreign direct investment is reliant.

# Placemaking

Creating and enhancing the design and use of public spaces.

## Protecting Built Heritage



## Retail and Local Services



## Community Services and Facilities



## Natural Heritage, Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure



## Regeneration and Placemaking



## A Strong Economy providing a mix of Employment types proximate to where we live

These **strategic objectives** such objectives will contribute towards our transition to a **low carbon, climate resilient** and environmentally **sustainable economy**.

The Development Plan will set out the framework to guide future development. A focus will be placed on how we live, how we work and how we protect our environment in a manner which results in the **creation of great places** and a **sustainable and resilient development** pattern for the overall county.

## A Strong and Diverse Rural Economy





## Creating Great Places

### Diversity

A greater mix of land uses, dwelling types and tenures.

### Design Quality

Well designed buildings. Places and spaces that are attractive, safe and secure, allowing for a healthy place for the entire community.

### Scale/Context of Development

Ensuring the scale and density of development is proportionate while achieving compact growth targets.

the key principles

### Accessibility, Connections and Linkages

Considerations of walking distances to public transport, local services and access to high-quality public spaces.

### Integration

Linking new and existing developments to promote inclusion whilst safeguarding residential amenity and our heritage.



**DELIVERY:** The Plan has a key role to play in guiding the creation of great places in a manner which strengthens connections between communities and the places they share through high quality design and place making.

