

1.5.4: Enterprise & Employment:

The Castletroy area functions as a very important employment centre for high tech, skilled labour. The National Technology Park, the University and the addition of Northern Trust to the area provide much of this employment. It is important to sustain and develop this employment going forward.

What supports/services are required in the area to sustain and grow Castletroy's employment potential?



1.5.5: Transport and Infrastructure:

The growth in Castletroy has led to demands on the road network. While the proposed Northern Distributor road will bring relief to the area the plan needs to consider what other transport infrastructure is required.

What transportation and infrastructural issues face the area and what can be done to help alleviate these?

1.5.6: Waste, Energy, Telecommunications, Water services and Flood Risk

1. As there are a number of watercourses in the area including the Shannon, the Groody and the Mulcair what precautions can be taken to avoid or to prevent flooding?
2. What are your observations on water, waste, energy and telecommunications infrastructure in Castletroy?

1.6: What process is involved in making a new Local Area Plan?

This 'First Issues' document is the first step in the preparation of a Local Area Plan for Castletroy. A public information evening will take place on **Wednesday 4th October from 6.00pm to 8.00pm in the Kilmurry Lodge Hotel, Castletroy**. The purpose of this session is to give you an opportunity to highlight any issues/views that you want addressed in the preparation of the Proposed Local Area Plan for the Castletroy Area.

The proposed LAP will be put on public display for a period of six weeks in the Council Offices in Dooradoyle and Merchants Quay, and local libraries. The proposed LAP will also be displayed on the Council's website www.lcc.ie. Any person may then make written observations or submissions on this proposed plan and these are then taken into consideration by the elected members in the making of the plan. The proposed LAP is expected to be placed on public display in January 2018. Notices will be placed in local newspapers accordingly.

Submissions made may result in changes in the proposed plan. If the changes are significant, the amendments will go on display for a further period of four weeks, during which time further submissions may be made on these changes. The LAP is then formally adopted with or without amendments by the Metropolitan District of Limerick and becomes the official Local Area Plan for Castletroy.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS

Above are just some of the issues that will need to be addressed in the Plan. With your help we will be able to produce a better plan to guide us in the years ahead. The current Castletroy Local Area Plan, 2009 – 2015 as extended can be viewed on the Council's website www.limerick.ie/council. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the plan, please contact Noreen O'Connell, Forward/Strategic Planning Section at (061) 557211. We would welcome any comments that you may have. Please forward written submissions by the 6th of November 2017 to:

Forward/Strategic Planning Section, Economic Development Directorate, Limerick City & County Council, Merchants Quay, Limerick or forwardplanning@limerick.ie

Attached for your reference is a zoning map from the current Castletroy Local Area Plan.

ISSUES PAPER

(Submission period, 30th September - 6th November 2017)



Review of Castletroy Local Area Plan

September 2017



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1.1 Introduction

Limerick City & County Council is currently preparing a new Local Area Plan (LAP) for Castletroy. The LAP sets out Limerick City & County Council's strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of Castletroy to 2023 and beyond. The new Local Area Plan replaces the current 2009 LAP which has been extended until 2019. It must address current challenges and reflect developments since 2009, both in respect of settlement and other planning policies and in respect of changes to the economy and local community.

1.2 What is the purpose of the Castletroy Local Area Plan?

The Local Area Plan is a public statement of planning policies and objectives for the development of your area and includes zoning measures, which set out the various purposes for which land may be used. However it should be borne in mind that the achievement of various objectives will be subject to the availability of resources and the inputs of various statutory and other bodies.

These zoning measures include open space, housing, retail, commercial & community, enterprise and employment use. It also contains a number of objectives in relation to areas, preserving natural and built amenities, e.g. important buildings, historic sites, etc. In addition, the plan will highlight areas where facilities are lacking. With your help, the plan will contribute to the sustainable future development of Castletroy.

1.3 Why replace the current Castletroy LAP?

There is a legal requirement in planning legislation to make, amend or revoke an existing plan at least every six years. The Castletroy LAP 2009 was extended until 2019 under section 19 of the Planning and Development Act 2000(as amended). Therefore a new plan is now required to replace the existing LAP.

1.4 How does the Plan affect me?

The Local Area Plan can have an important bearing on all aspects of life. For example, all planning applications are measured against the zonings and objectives in the plan and development permitted must be in accordance with the plan.

1.5 Planning Issues you may wish to comment on?

Castletroy is an area that has expanded significantly in the last decade. This growth has led to pressure on certain services, such as the schools, the need for accommodation/homes, infrastructure such as roads, treatment of sewerage, provision of water and social services. Employment opportunities in the area bring their own challenges in relation to these.

1.5.1: Population and Housing

The population of the Plan area was 14,733 in the 2016 census. This was a 23% increase in population from the previous census in 2011 and an increase of 39% since 2006. The scale and rate of increase in population has had significant consequences for community life, local services, infrastructure as well as the social composition of the population.

1. How can the quality of existing residential areas be improved?
2. Where should future housing be located?
3. How can social integration be achieved to create a balanced and mixed community?



The Castletroy area is very well served by retail development and has reached its quota of retail serving as permitted by the Mid West Retail Strategy. The new plan will need to examine the existing retail zoned sites in the Castletroy Plan to establish what alternatives could be considered on these sites.

1. How can the town centre of Castletroy be improved in terms of shopping and business activity?
2. Is there an absence of any type of activity or an alternative use that could be made on the retail zoned sites?

1.5.2: Community, Amenity and Recreation

Community infrastructure plays a vital role in contributing to the quality of life for all. The physical environment should be developed in such a way that it facilitates and does not obstruct the healthy functioning of community and cultural life. It is never enough just to build houses and leave such needs as crèches, schools and other community facilities as an afterthought.

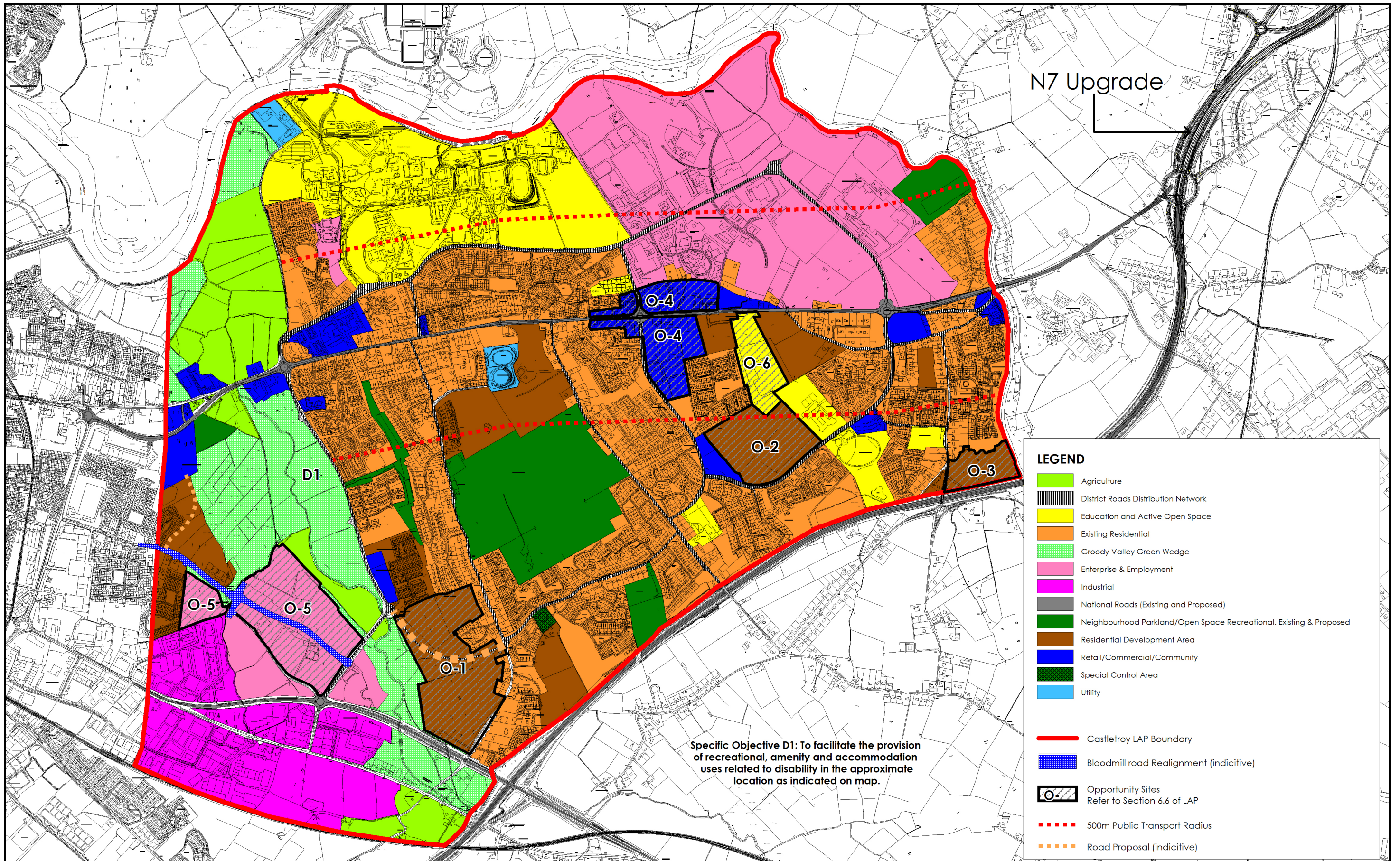
1. What community facilities are needed in the area? Where should they be located?
2. Are there sufficient sports facilities in Castletroy?
3. What natural features/routes can be used/developed as walkways?



1.5.3: Built and Natural Heritage

The area has important elements of character, rooted in its history and its natural setting along the banks of the Shannon. The built and natural heritage should be a vital consideration for new developments to create a 'sense of place' contributing to the attractiveness of Castletroy as a desirable place for people to live, shop and work and for communities to take pride in.

1. What are the features and elements of the areas natural and built heritage that should be conserved and enhanced?
2. Can effective ways be found to conserve and enhance Castletroy's built and natural heritage?
3. How can key features of the areas heritage be made accessible, attractive and legible to the public?

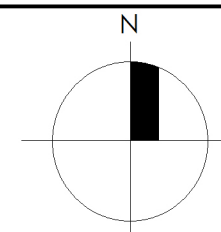


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Landuse Zoning Map

Map 1