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Level 6 Settlements Rural Clusters

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Level 6 Rural Clusters

Introduction

Thirty-three settlements have been identified within Level 6 of the settlement hierarchy for Limerick. The following document outlines a brief profile of each settlement along with the associated settlement map for Anglesboro, Ardpatrick, Ashford, Ballybrown, Ballyorgan, Ballysteen, Banogue, Caherline, Cappagh, Castletown, Crecora, Dromkeen, Elton, Feenagh, Feohanagh, Glenbrohane, Gleosheen, Glenroe, Granagh, Kilbeheny, Kilcolman, Kilcornan, Kilfinny, Kilmeedy, Knockaderry, Knockainey, Knockdown, Martinstown, Meanus, Monagea, Old Pallas, Raheenagh, and Strand.

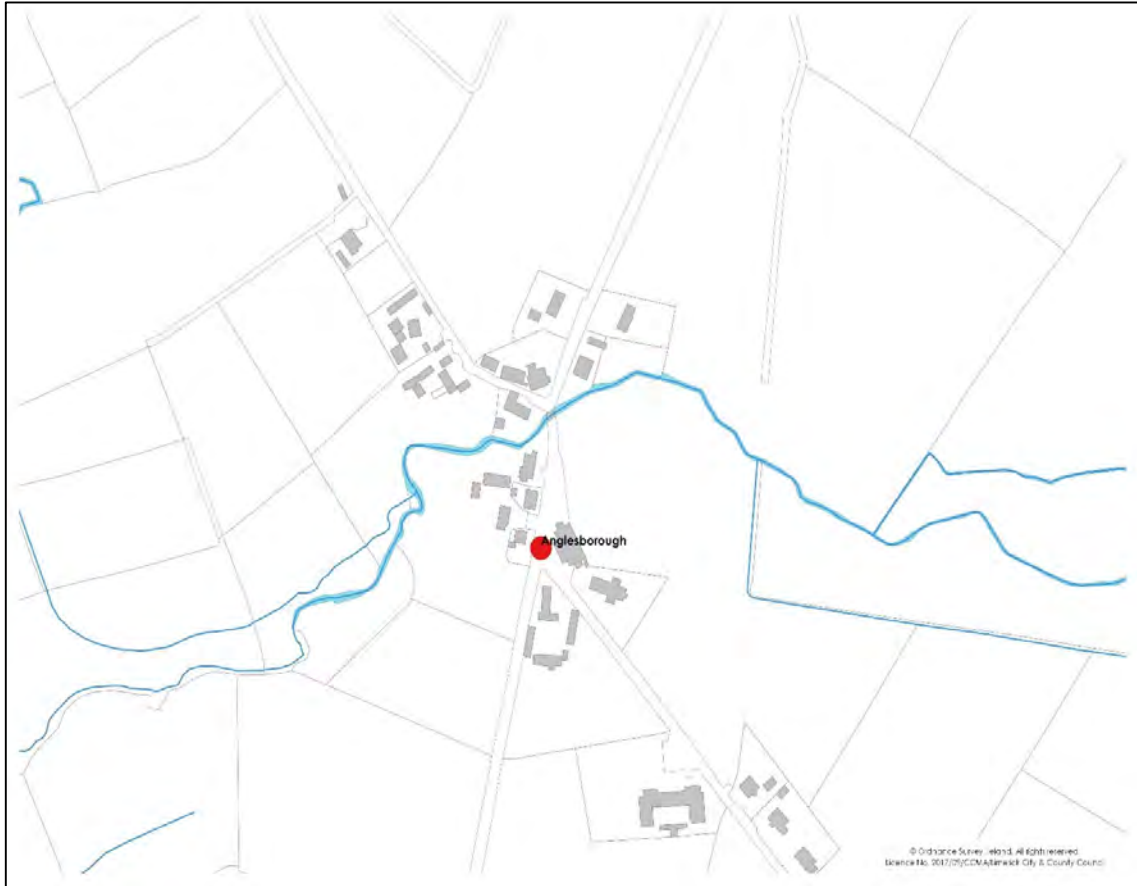
Level 6 settlements are 'Rural Clusters' which are generally settlements with limited essential infrastructure and services and do not have a settlement boundary. They generally have one or more existing community or other local facilities.

Development within Rural Clusters will be limited to incremental local growth appropriate to their size and character. It is anticipated that each rural cluster can cater for a small population increase from their current population base over the period of the Draft Plan.

The following settlement profiles should be read in conjunction with the high-level policies and objectives set out in Volume 1 of this Draft Development Plan.

Anglesboro

Anglesboro has approximately 27 dwellings, of which 3 are uninhabited (10% vacancy). Its services include a primary school, church, shop, pub and community hall. There are no vacant commercial units in the settlement. Anglesboro is served by a septic tank with limited spare capacity. There is modest spare water capacity serving the settlement.



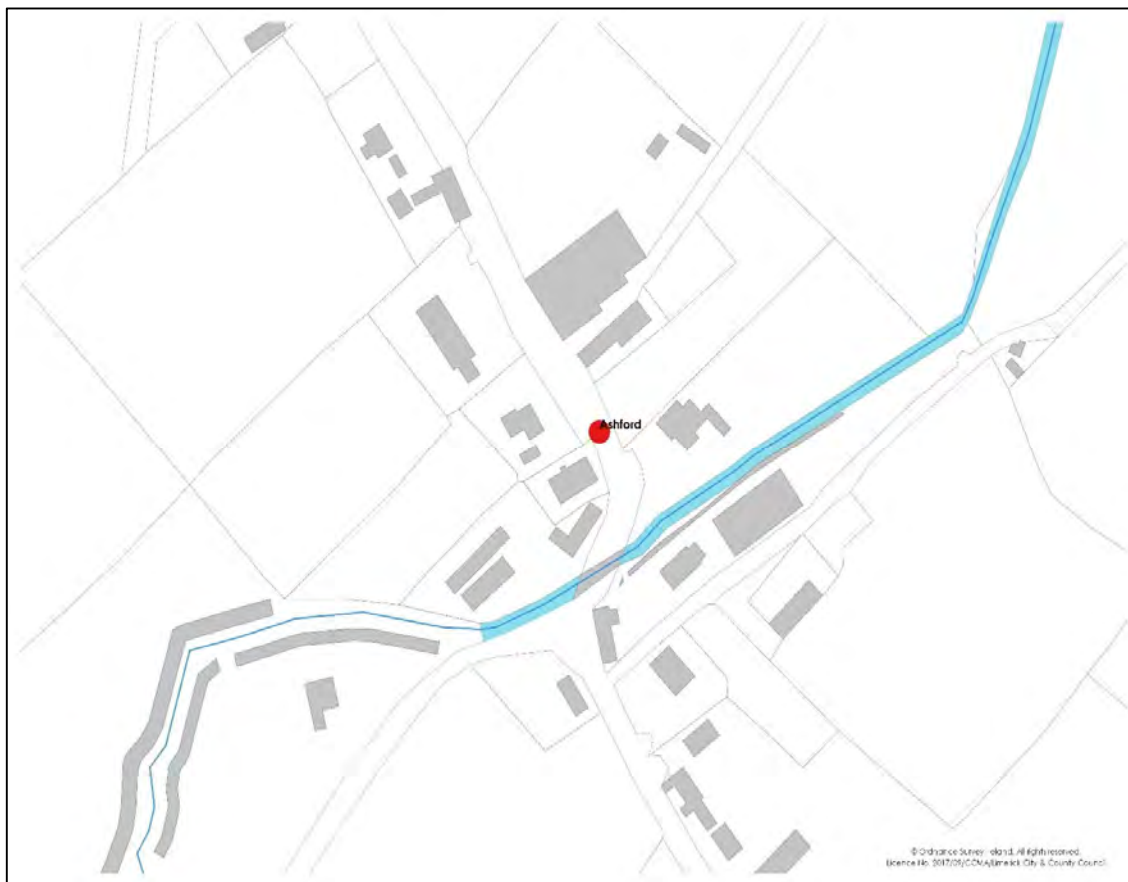
Ardpatrick

Ardpatrick has 19 dwellings in the settlement, of which one is uninhabited. There are no commercial vacant units within the settlement. The services in Ardpatrick include a primary school, bar and restaurant, gym, Catholic Church, and commercial garage. There is no sewer provision within the settlement. Water supply was impacted in the drought of 2018 and there is limited spare capacity currently serving Ardpatrick.



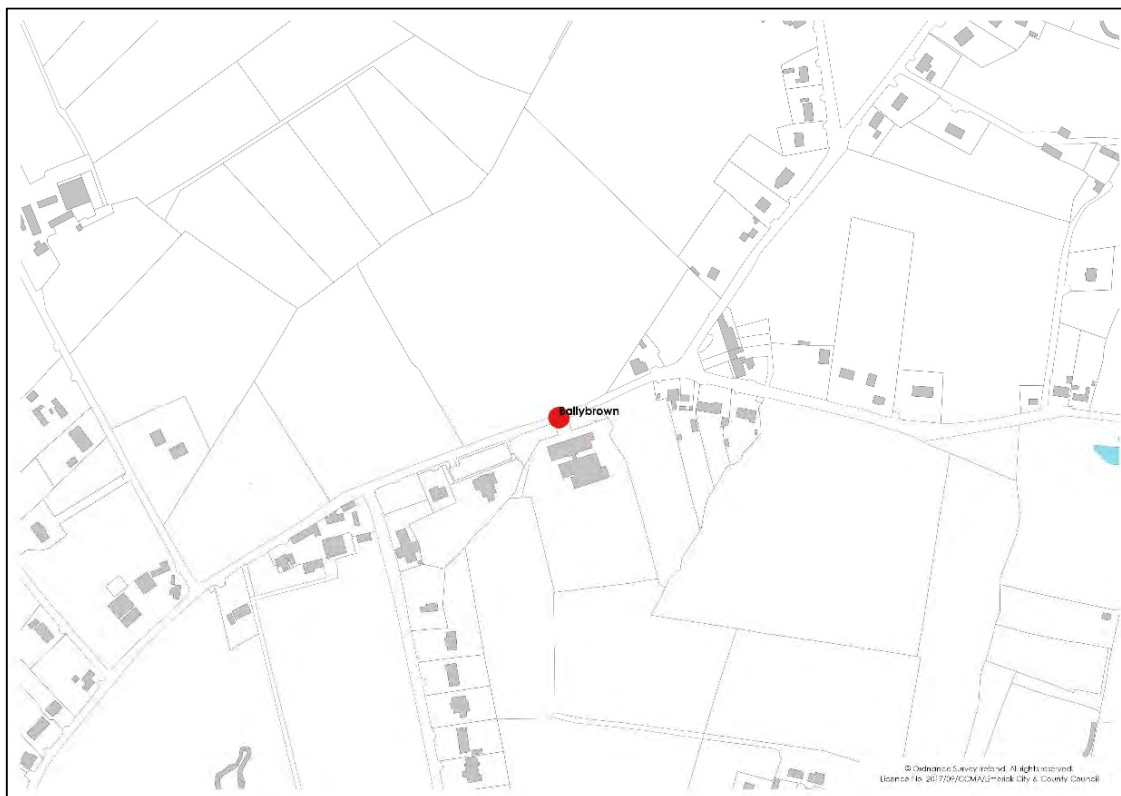
Ashford

Ashford has 22 dwellings, of which 4 are uninhabited. It has a primary school, community centre, church, pub and sports ground. There is currently one vacant commercial unit in the settlement. Ashford does not have a sewage scheme in the village. The settlement does not have a public water supply, however there is a group water scheme in place.



Ballybrown

Ballybrown is situated eight kilometres west of Limerick city off the N69. Ballybrown has approximately 11 dwellings. The settlement is served by a public water supply however; there is no sewerage scheme in the settlement. The village provides a range of services including a community resource centre, a primary school, a local food store. Sports facilities including a soccer club and a GAA Club, are shared with the adjoining village of Clarina.



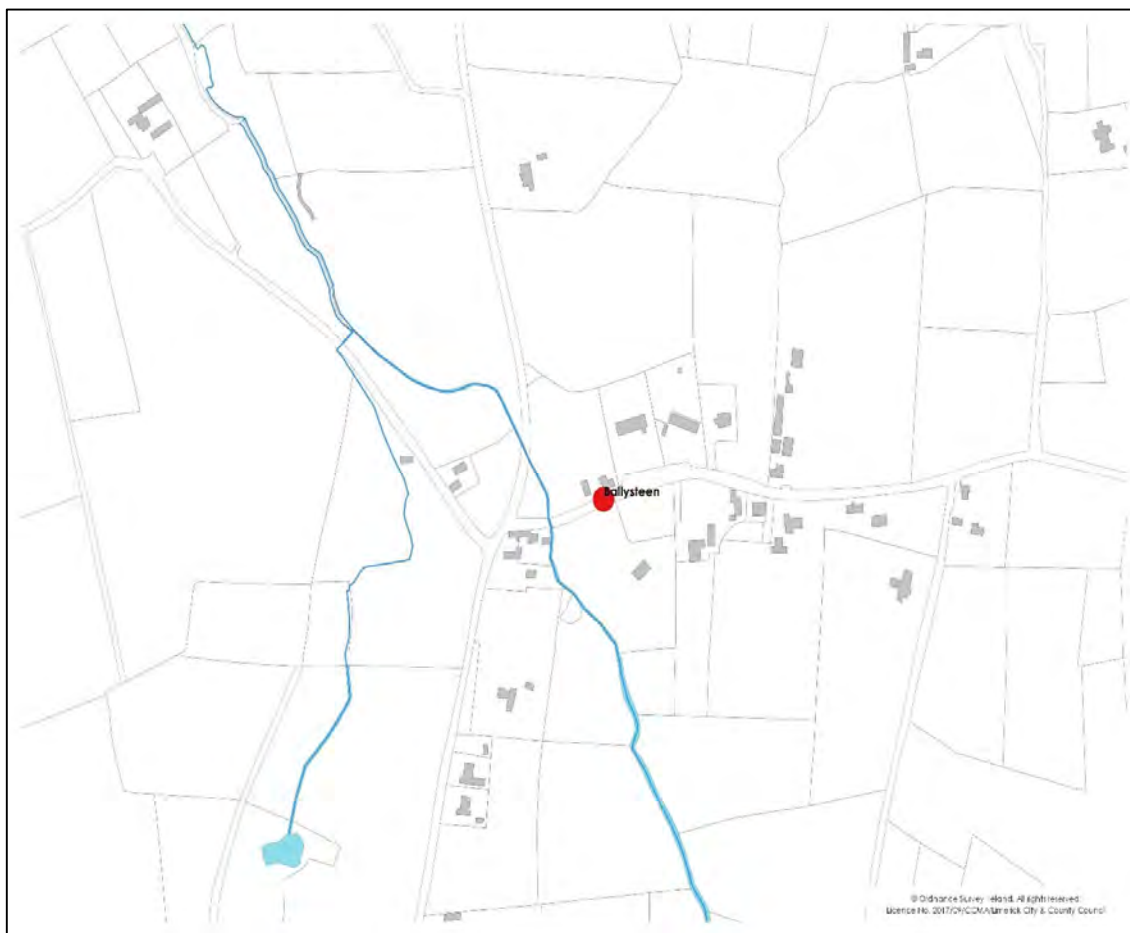
Ballyorgan

Ballyorgan has approximately 23 dwellings of which 2 are uninhabited (9% vacancy). There is one vacant commercial unit in the settlement. Services include a school, a pub, a Catholic Church, tourist accommodation. There is no public water supply for the settlement, however there is a group water scheme in place. There is no sewerage scheme in the village.



Ballysteen

There are 12 dwellings in Ballysteen, all of which are inhabited. Services in the settlement include a primary school, church and sports ground. There are currently no vacant commercial units in the settlement. Water is supplied from the Foynes-Shannon Estuary scheme with limited spare capacity. There is no sewerage scheme in the settlement.



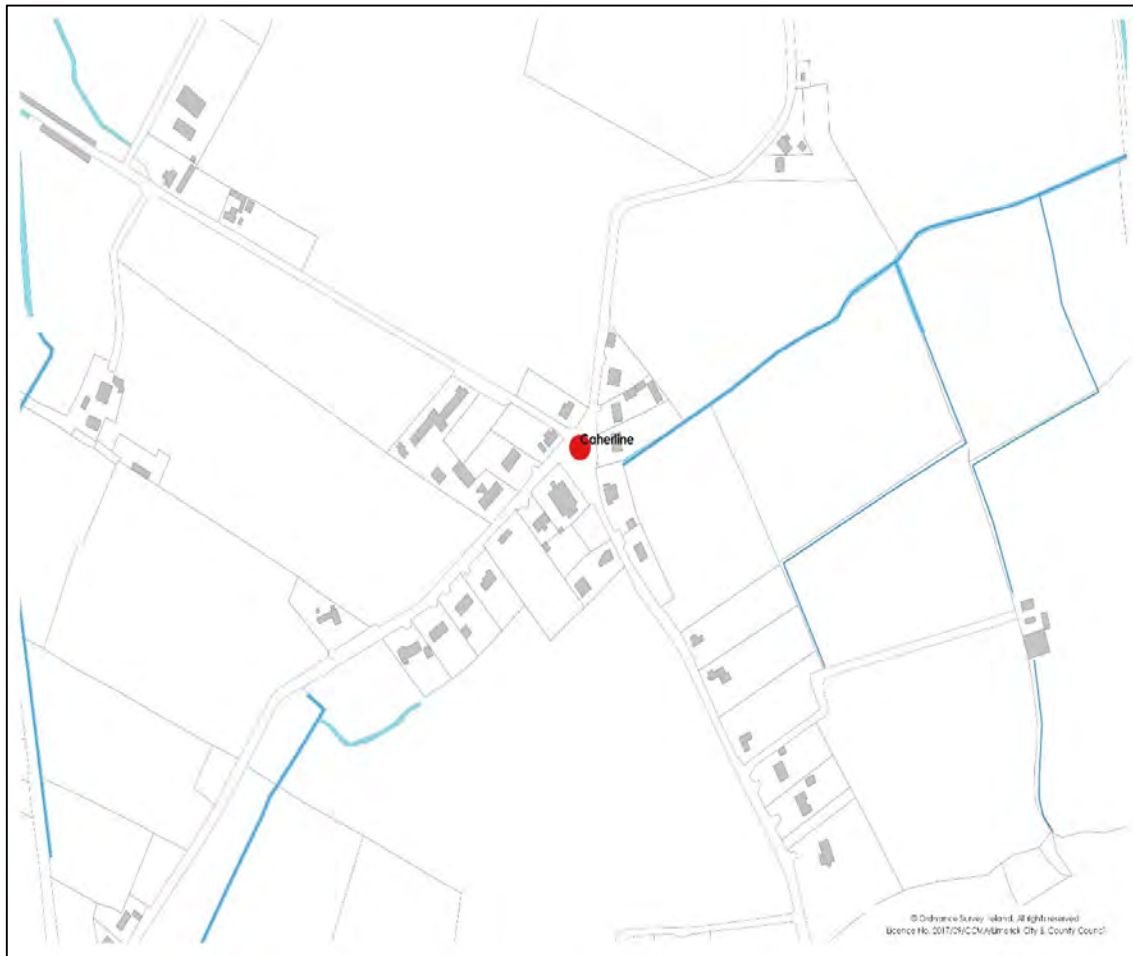
Banogue

There are approximately 34 dwellings in Banogue, of which 3 are uninhabited (8% vacancy). Its services include a primary school, church and crèche. There are currently no vacant commercial units in the settlement. In terms of wastewater treatment there is currently limited spare capacity. Water is supplied via the Croom water supply with limited spare capacity.



Caherline

Caherline has 20 dwellings, of which one is uninhabited (5% vacancy). There are no vacant commercial units in the settlement. The services in Caherline include a primary school, community center and Catholic Church. The settlement has no public water supply, but has a Group Water Scheme in place. There is no sewerage scheme in the village.



Cappagh

Cappagh has 25 dwellings which are all inhabited. The settlement has no vacant commercial units. Its services include a primary school, church and community center and crèche. There is no public water supply in the settlement however, there is a Group Water Scheme in place. There is no sewerage scheme in the village.



Castletown

Castletown has 12 dwellings, of which one is uninhabited (8% vacancy). Services in the settlement include a community centre and garage. There are no vacant commercial units in the settlement. The settlement's water is supplied from Ballyagran scheme with spare capacity. There is no sewerage scheme in the village.



Crecora

Crecora has approximately 30 dwellings, of which 2 are uninhabited (6% vacancy). Its services include a primary school, sports pitch, post office and church. There is currently one vacant commercial unit in Crecora. The village has no sewerage scheme and no public water supply, however there is group water scheme in place.



Dromkeen

The community facilities of Dromkeen are dispersed over a distance of 2km. There are 5 dwellings in Dromkeen which are all inhabited. There are 2 vacant commercial units in the settlement. Its services include a petrol station, furniture store, and there is a primary school located nearby. Water is supplied from the Pallasgreen scheme with limited spare capacity. The settlement has no sewerage scheme.



Elton

There are approximately 30 residential dwellings in Elton, of which 2 dwellings are uninhabited (6% vacancy). At present all commercial units are occupied. Its services include a shop and a sports ground located outside the settlement. In terms of the waste water treatment, the plant has limited spare capacity. Water is supplied via Martinstown scheme with spare capacity available.



Feenagh

There are approximately 34 dwellings in Feenagh, of which 10 are currently uninhabited (29% vacancy). Services in the settlement include a primary school, shop, church, post office and pub. There is one vacant commercial unit in the settlement. In terms of water supply, Feenagh is supplied by the South West Regional Scheme with limited spare capacity. There is spare capacity within the wastewater system.



Feohanagh

Feohanagh has approximately 14 dwellings, of which 3 are currently uninhabited (21% vacancy). Its services include a shop and church. There are 2 vacant commercial units in the settlement. Water is supplied by South West Regional scheme with limited spare capacity. There is no sewerage scheme in the settlement.



Glenbrohane

There are currently 8 dwellings in Glenbrohane, of which 2 are uninhabited (25% vacancy). There are current 2 vacant commercial units in the settlement. Services in the settlement include a primary school, church, and a community hall. There is no public water supply within the settlement however, there is a Group Water Scheme in place. There is no sewerage scheme in the village.



Glenosheen

Glenosheen does not strictly conform to the definition of a settlement due to the absence of services. However, it does have a unique built conglomeration of dwellings associated with Castleoliver and the presence of dwellings restored by the Council used for the artist in residence programme. There are 11 dwellings in Glenosheen, of which 2 are uninhabited (18% vacancy). There are no commercial units in the settlement. In terms of water supply, there is modest spare capacity within the settlement. The village is not served by a sewerage scheme.



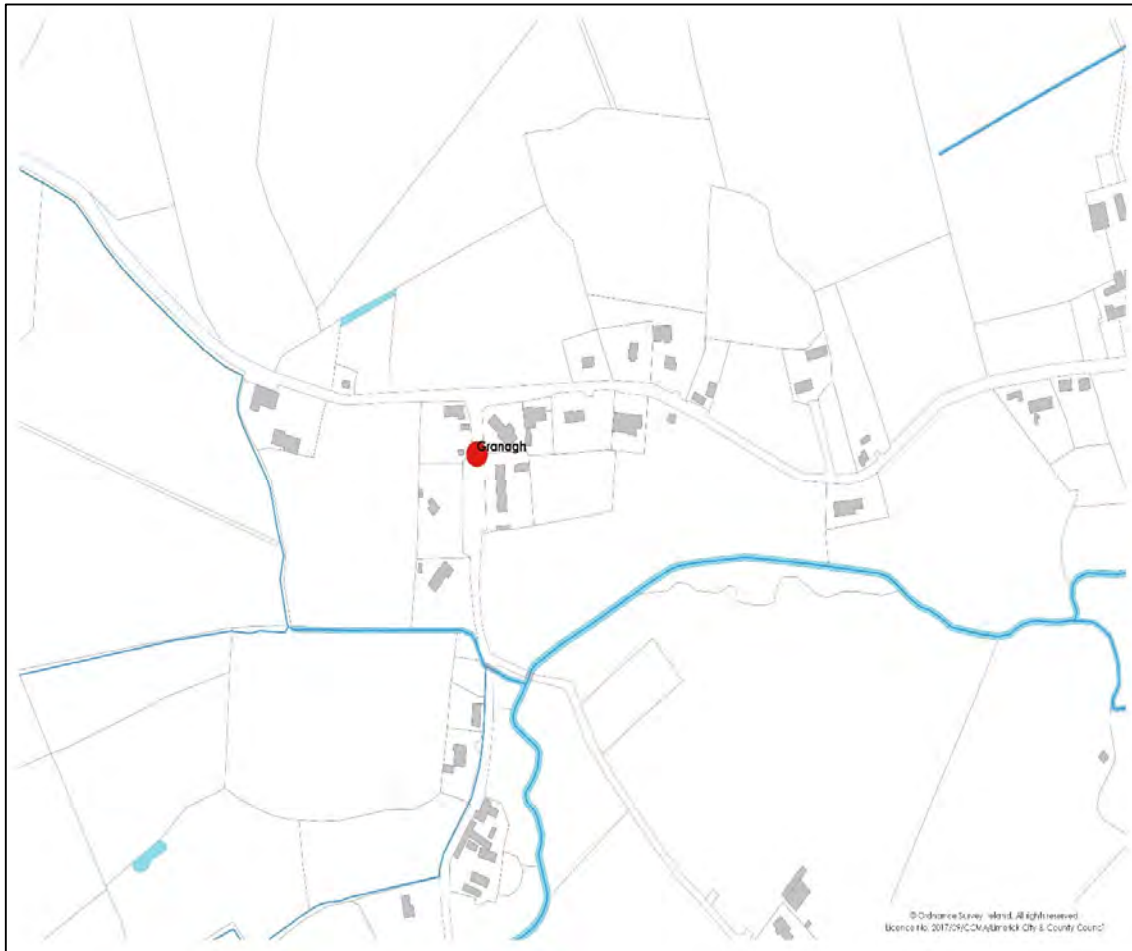
Glenroe

There are 12 dwellings in Glenroe which are all inhabited. There are no vacant commercial units in the settlement. Its services include a church, community hall and a sports ground which is located outside the settlement. Glenroe Community National School which closed in 2015, reopened in September 2020. There is no public water supply within the settlement however there is a Group Water Scheme in place. There is no sewerage scheme in the settlement.



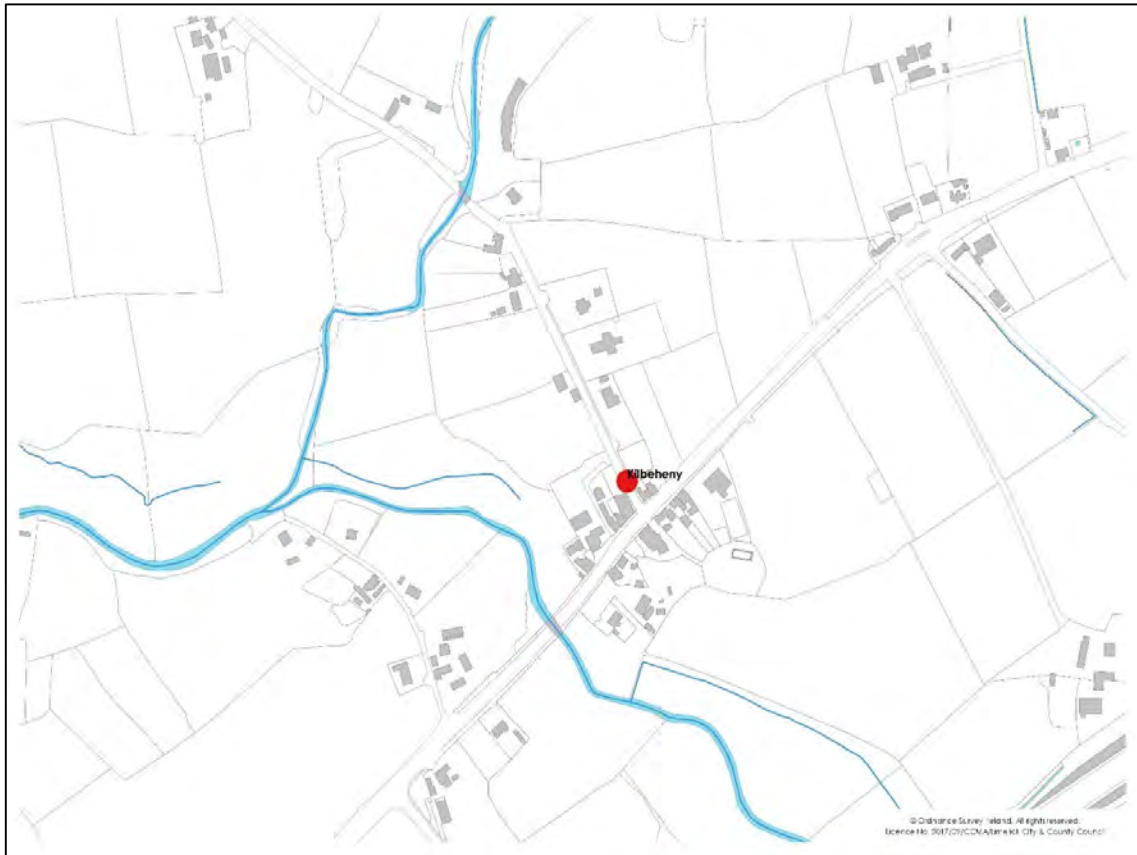
Granagh

There are approximately 16 dwellings in Granagh, of which 1 is uninhabited (6% vacancy). Services in the settlement include a primary school, church, and community hall. The co-op store in Granagh closed in 2019. There are currently two vacant commercial units in the settlement. There is no public water supply, however there is a Group Water Scheme in place. There is no sewerage scheme in the settlement.



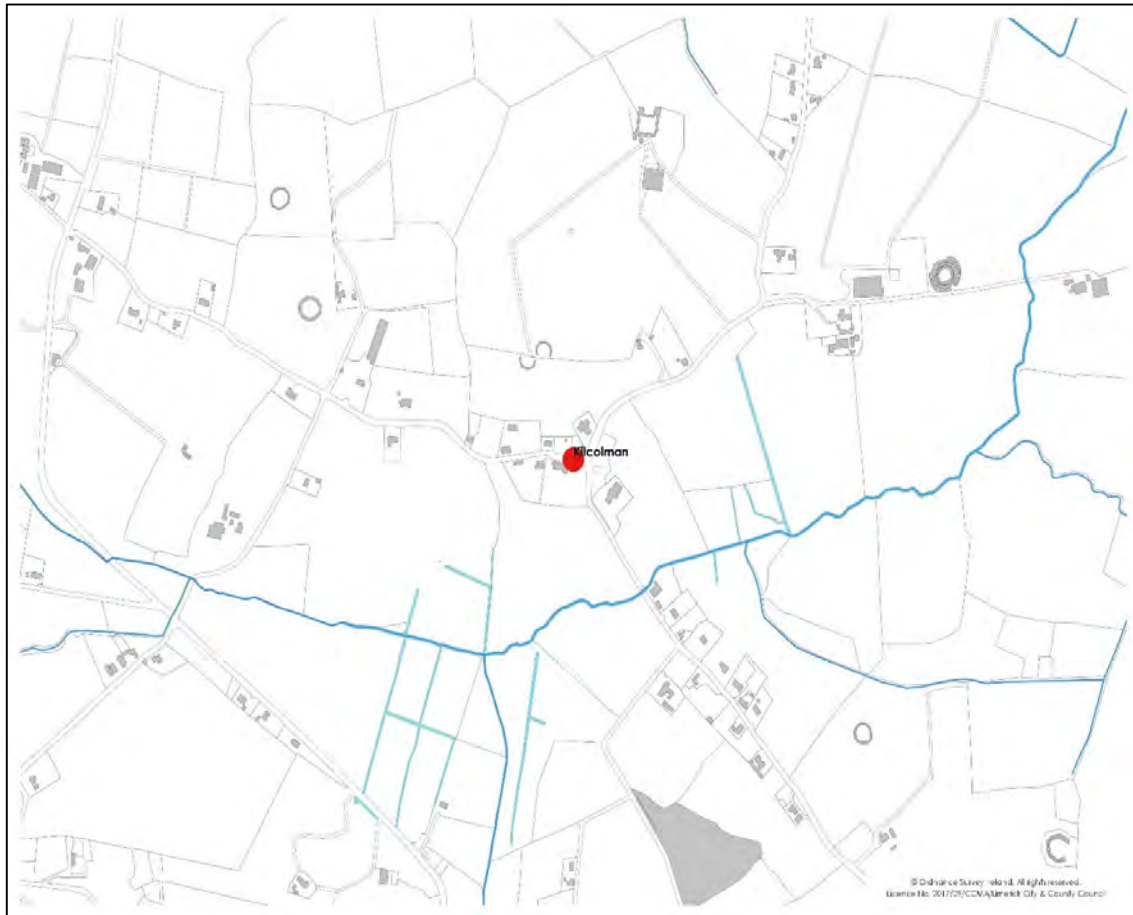
Kilbeheny

Part of the settlement of Kilbeheny is not in the jurisdiction of Limerick City and County Council as Kilbeheny is located on the Limerick-Cork border, Within County Limerick, Kilbeheny has approximately 15 dwellings which are all inhabited. There is one commercial unit vacant in the settlement. Its services include a primary school, church, community center and pub. In terms of the sewerage treatment, there is spare capacity. Water provision is supplied from Co. Cork.



Kilcolman

Kilcolman has 4 dwellings, of which 2 are uninhabited (50% vacancy). There are no vacant commercial units in the settlement. It provides a range of services, including a primary school, community crèche, church and post office. There is no public water supply within the settlement however there is a Group Water Scheme in place. There is no sewerage scheme in the village.



Kilcornan

Kilcornan is a dispersed settlement whereby the church is located approximately 0.5km east of the settlement core on the N69 and the primary school is located approximately 0.5km southwest of the settlement core. There are 7 dwellings in Kilcornan, which are all inhabited. There are 3 vacant commercial units in the settlement. Services in the settlement include a primary school, church, go-karting facility and a sports ground. Water is supplied from the Foynes/Shannon Estuary water supply with limited spare capacity. There is no sewerage scheme in the village. The settlement is located in close proximity to Curragh Chase forest park, which offers walking trails, caravan and camping facilities and attracts large numbers of visitors to the amenities both locally and nationally.



Kilfinny

Within the settlement core there are approximately 13 dwellings, of which 4 are uninhabited (31% vacancy). Its services include a primary school, church and community hall. There is no public water supply within the settlement, however there is a Group Water Scheme in place. There is no sewerage scheme in the village.



Kilmeedy

Kilmeedy has approximately 22 dwellings, of which one is currently uninhabited (5% vacancy). Within the settlement services include a primary school, church, shop, community hall, tractor sales garage, pub and sports ground. There are currently no vacant commercial units in the settlement. Water is supplied by the South West Regional scheme with limited spare capacity. There is spare capacity within the wastewater treatment system.



Knockaderry

Within the settlement there are 32 dwellings, of which 2 are currently uninhabited (6% vacancy). Services include a primary school, church and a pub. There are currently no vacant commercial units in the settlement. The GAA pitch is located approximately 300 metres south of the settlement core. Water is supplied from Rathkeale supply with limited spare capacity at present. There is no sewerage scheme in the village.



Knockaineey

Within the settlement of Knockaineey there are 36 dwellings of which 4 are vacant (11% vacancy). Services include a primary school, two churches, health clinic, community hall and pub. There is one vacant commercial unit in the settlement. The settlement is in an archaeologically sensitive location. As a result, careful consideration of any development in the settlement is needed. There is no public sewerage treatment system in this settlement. There is a group water scheme in place.



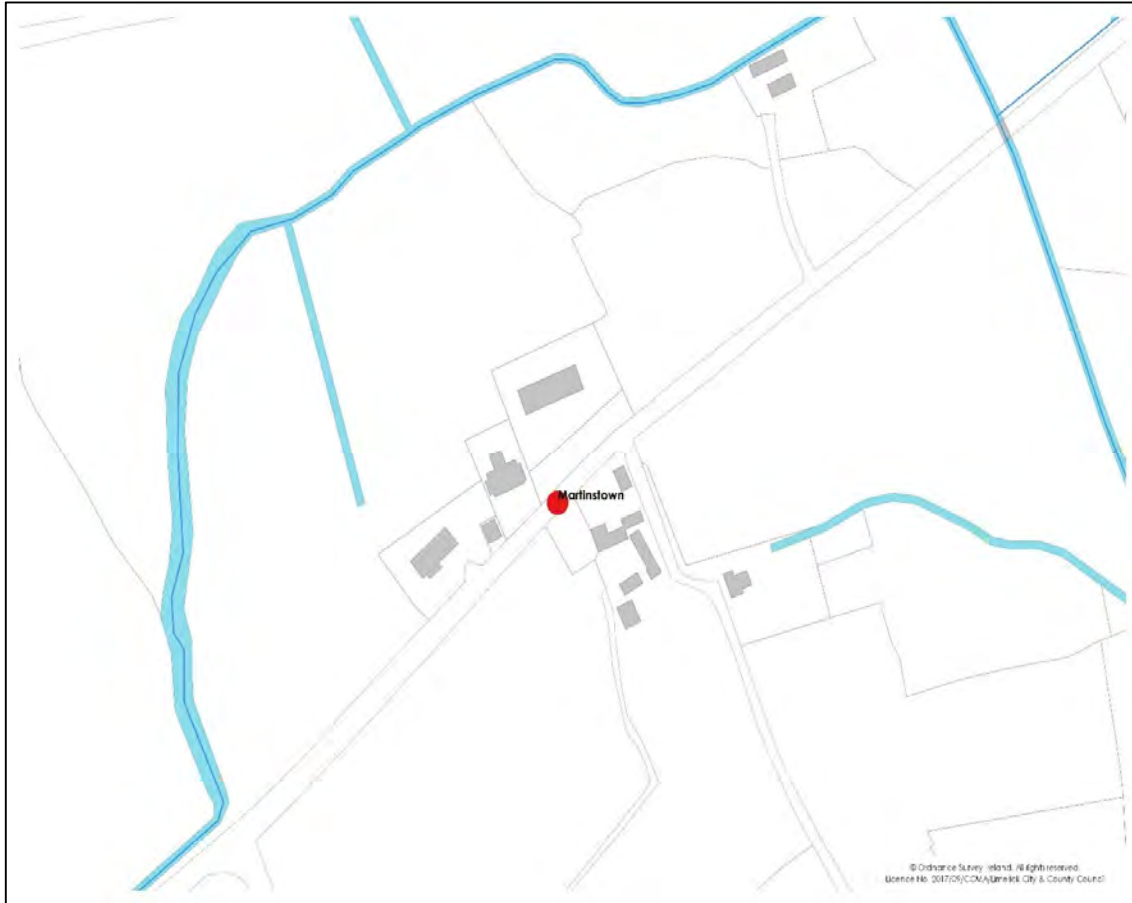
Knockdown

Knockdown is located approximately 9km east of Athea. There are approximately 11 dwellings in Knockdown, of which 2 are uninhabited (18% vacancy). Its services include a shop, petrol station, pub and sports ground. There are no vacant commercial units in the settlement. There is no public water supply within the village and no sewerage scheme.



Martinstown

There are 3 dwellings in Martinstown with 2 currently uninhabited (67% vacancy). Services in the settlement include a primary school and church. There are no vacant commercial units in the settlement. Water supply to the settlement has spare capacity. There is no wastewater infrastructure in the settlement.



Meanus

There are approximately 5 dwellings in Meanus, which are all inhabited. It provides a primary school, church, community centre, commercial garage and pub. There are no vacant commercial units in the settlement. A sports ground is located approximately 500 metres west of the settlement core. There is no public water supply, however there is a Group Water Scheme in place. The settlement has no sewerage scheme.



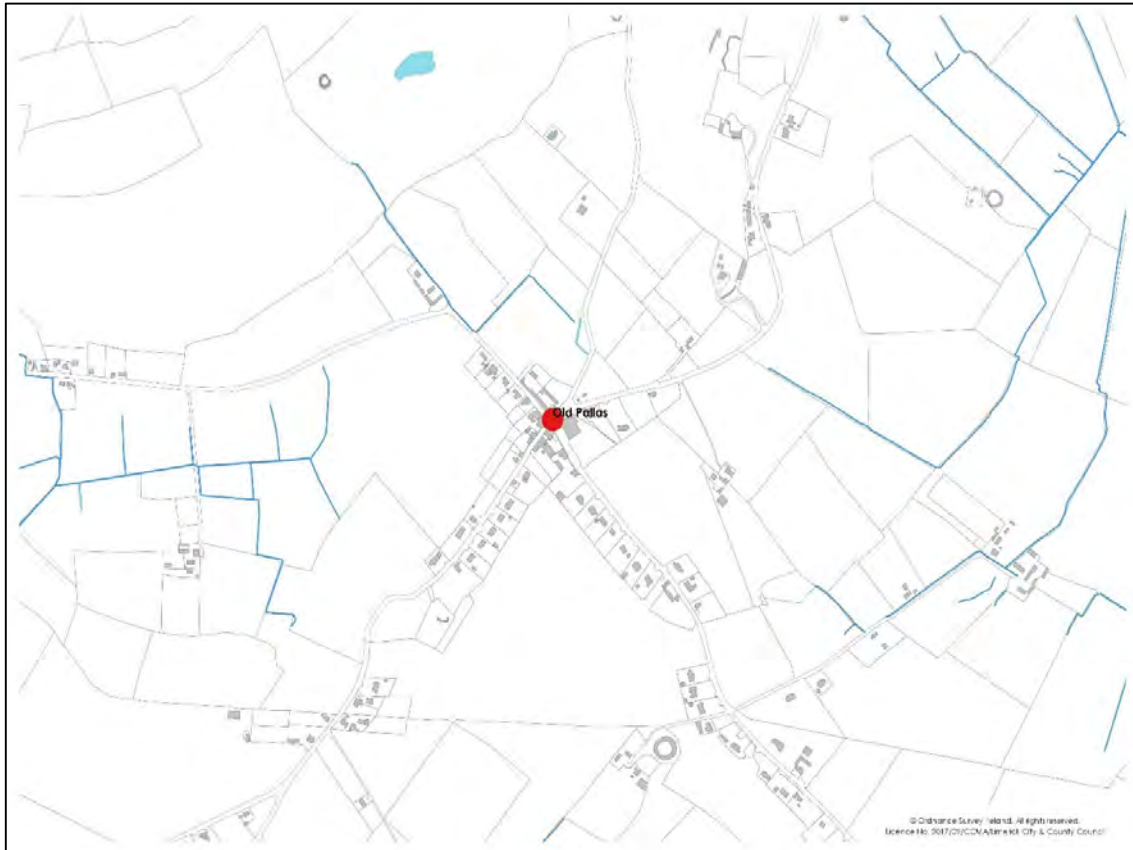
Monagea

There are 38 dwellings in Monagea, of which 8 are uninhabited (21% vacancy). Services in the settlement include a primary school, church and community centre. There is one vacant commercial unit in the settlement. There is a sports ground approximately 100 metres west of the settlement core. Water is supplied via Newcastle West scheme with limited capacity. Sewerage is pumped to Newcastle West system with limited capacity.



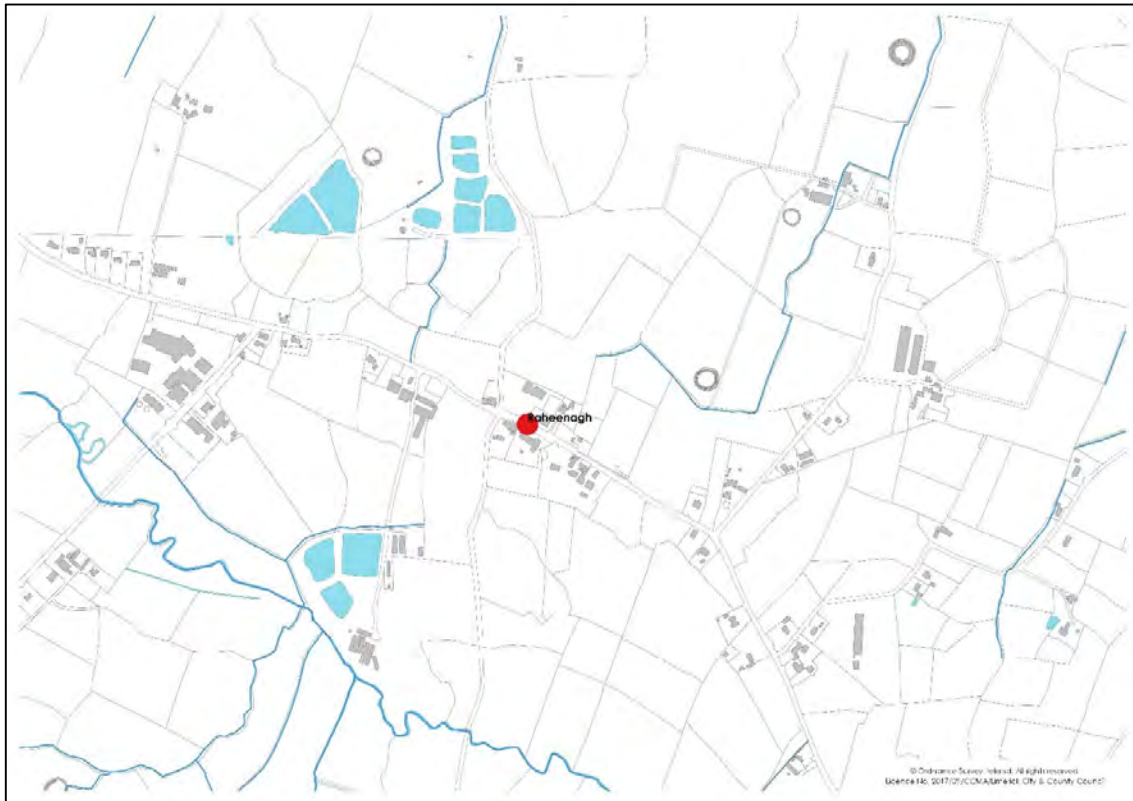
Old Pallas

There are 34 dwellings in Old Pallas of which one is uninhabited (3% vacancy). There are no vacant commercial units in the settlement. Services include a shop, post office, petrol station and co-op store. Water is constrained in the settlement with limited spare capacity. There is no public sewerage treatment system in the settlement.



Raheenagh

Raheenagh has approximately 8 dwellings of which 2 are uninhabited (25% vacancy). There are 2 vacant commercial units in the settlement. Its services include a primary school, shop, petrol station, church, sports ground and a business park. There is no public water supply but a Group Water Scheme is in place. The village is not served by a public sewerage scheme.



Strand

There are 22 dwellings in the settlement of Strand, of which one is vacant (5% vacancy). In terms of services there is a pub located in Strand. There is one vacant commercial unit in the settlement. The existing treatment plant is constrained and not operating, effluent is currently tankered off site. Water is supplied through the Newcastle West scheme with limited spare capacity.

