

# Leitrim



Leitrim Aerial Map





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Leitrim



## 1.0 Introduction

The settlement name of Leitrim comes from Liatroim, meaning 'grey ridge'.

### **Purpose**

The Banbridge District Village Plans set out what the residents of Leitrim would like to see in terms of village development over the next 5 years.

The Village Plans have been prepared in consultation with the residents of Leitrim and those with an interest in the village.

### **Intended Use**

The intended use is to guide betterment of the village and to establish actions in the short, medium and long term, that meet the objectives of the residents and would contribute positively to progressing the social, economic, ecological and the physical appearance of the village.

Actions identified in the action plan can be taken forward by any party identified as a stakeholder for that action but should be taken forward in the knowledge of the others identified where reasonably practicable.

### **Leitrim Development Plan Context**

The Planning and Local Government Group within the Department of the Environment (formerly Planning Service) is responsible for the administration of planning functions in Northern Ireland, including the preparation of development plans.

Leitrim is currently covered by both the Banbridge Area Plan (BAP) 1983-98 and the Banbridge District Rural Area Subject Plan (BDRASP) 1986-1998. The BAP defined Leitrim as a Hamlet in the settlement hierarchy, while the BDRASP clarified its development limits. Although beyond the notional end date of 1998 these Plans remain the statutory development plans for Leitrim.

The draft Banbridge/Newry and Mourne Area Plan 2015 (dBNMAP) will replace the current plans when adopted. The Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) returned its completed report on dBNMAP to the Department on 26 March 2012. The Department has advised that it is currently assessing the PAC recommendations and that a timetable for publication of the final Plan will be released in due course.

While still in draft form, the policies and designations contained within dBNMAP will remain material considerations in the assessment of development proposals for Leitrim. Leitrim is designated as a Small Settlement in dBNMAP. An Area of Townscape Character has been identified at the crossroads and a Local Landscape Policy Area along the river and stream corridors. The Disused Transport Route of the old railway cuts through the south of the settlement.

Leitrim is also located within the Mourne Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



Local Context



## 2.0 Village Context



Regional Context



National Context

### Geographical Location

The settlement of Leitrim lies in the south west of the Banbridge District Area.

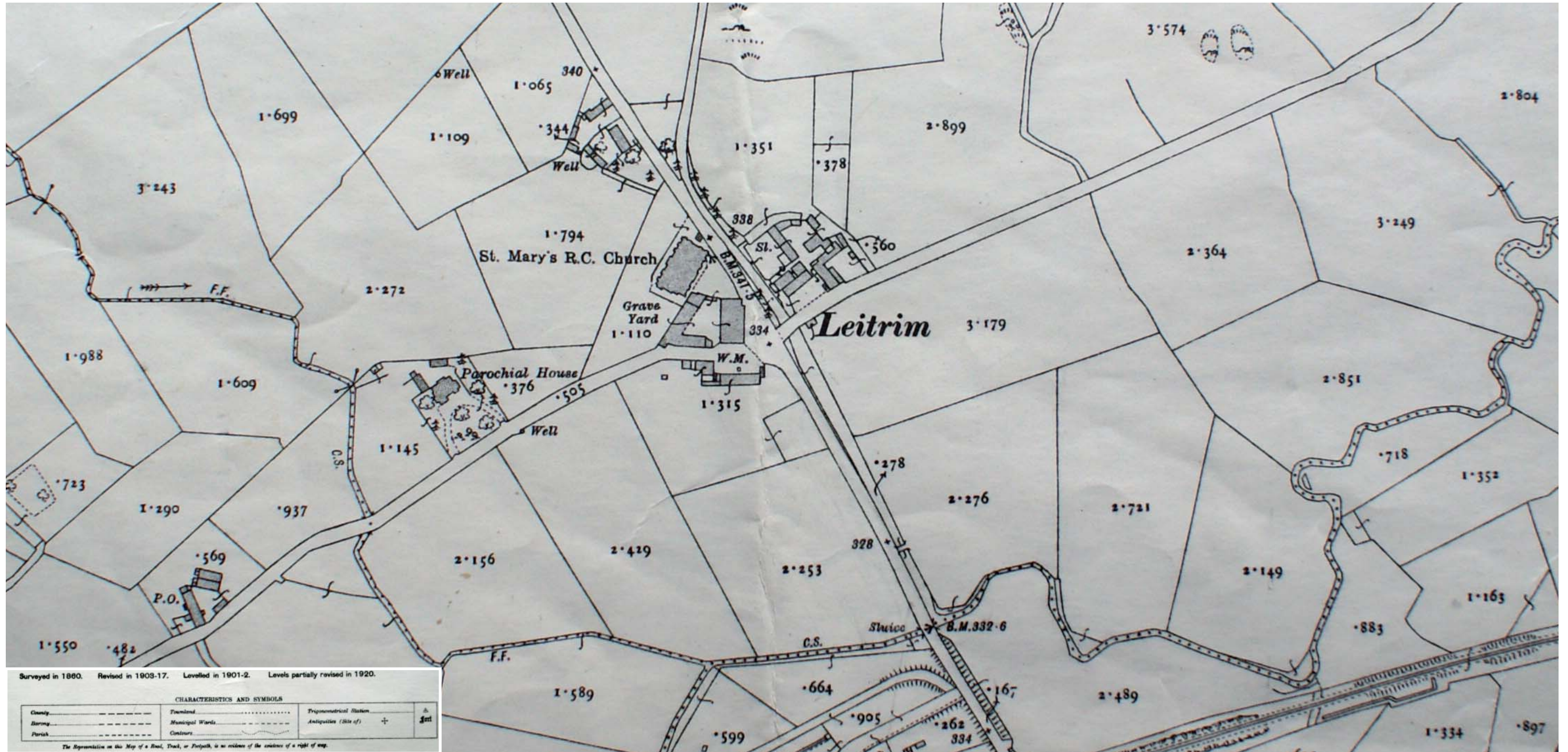
### Landscape Character

The settlement of Leitrim lies within the Mourne Foothills character area. The landscape pattern is geometric, reinforced by sturdy stone walls and well maintained hedgerows. Areas of gorse and windblown pines are also a feature of the landscape.

A key principle for landscape management in this character area is the maintenance of stone walls and management of hedgerows, ensuring conservation of existing landuse patterns.



### Leitrim Historical Map 1921



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## 3.0 Village History

### **Leitrim Catholic Church**

There has been a church in Leitrim since 1786, when the building was erected on the site of an old Mass rock, on land donated by the McCartans. The McCartan family contributed generously to the building and maintenance of the church. The church is now in the Gothic style, however it was originally described as a plain, slated, rectangular building with open seats and a gallery.

In 1897, a spire was added, having been designed by a young architect from Belfast named Timothy Heavy. Later additions were a mosaic floor, marble steps, Stations of the Cross and a Lourdes stained glass window.

Source: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rosdavies/PHOTOSwords/DrumgoolandAll.htm>

### **Leitrim Presbyterian Church**

The first communion in this church was held in May 1897 but there was possibly an earlier place of worship here.

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## 4.0 Village Analysis

A site visit and appraisal of Leitrim was carried out on the 2nd April 2012. The site visit analysis was carried out via PERS review forms and a photo record of the settlement.

### Pedestrian Environment Review Survey (PERS)

PERS or 'Pedestrian Environment Review Survey' is a walking audit tool. PERS is used to assess the level of service and quality provided for pedestrians across a range of pedestrian environments. The AECOM design team, along with GVA have used a PERS review to appraise the following types of pedestrian environment: Links, Crossings, Place Check, Public Spaces and Heritage. The PERS forms have been appended to this report under Appendix A1.

With this type of audit, the pedestrian environment and place review is qualitative, using the judgement of the consultant design team. This allows the 'feel' of the environment to be gauged and assessed from a first time visitor perspective. The qualitative analysis of the places from the perspective of the community will be assessed through detailed community consultation and incorporated into the outcomes of the analysis process.

Following the site visit and PERS analysis, the findings were then translated into a tabulated form - a SWOT analysis.

### SWOT Analysis

SWOT analysis has been used to evaluate the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats for Leitrim. A SWOT analysis is categorised by:

*Strengths* - the characteristics of the place that give it an identity, sense of place, local advantage

*Weaknesses* - the characteristics that may be poor within the village/settlement

*Opportunities* - opportunities are the chances to improve the place/environment/quality of life/regeneration capacity of the place

*Threats* - threats are external elements in the environment that could cause a negative influence in the village/settlement

### Spatial Analysis

The spatial analysis below captures the key elements and the settlements topographical features. The purpose behind this form of diagram is to gain a feeling for the sense of place.

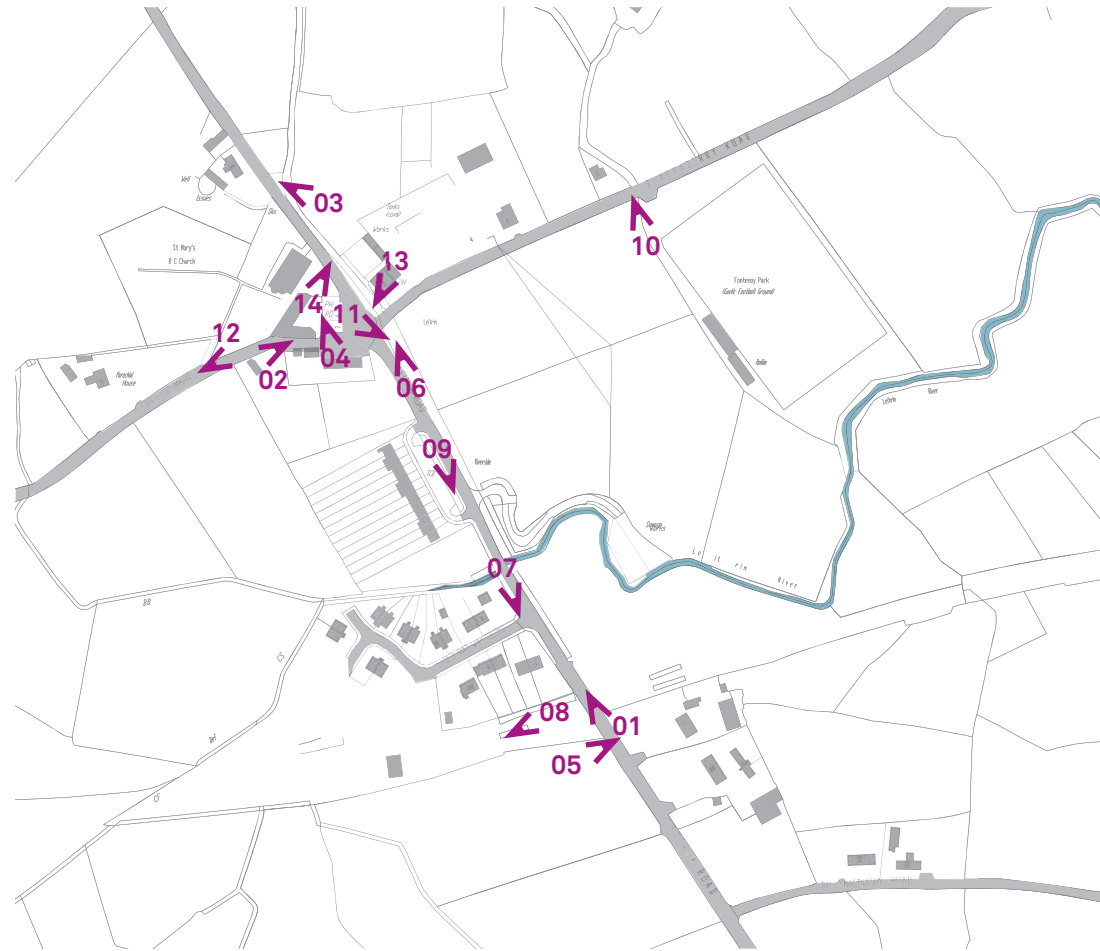
Spatial Analysis Diagram



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### 4.1 Photo Record

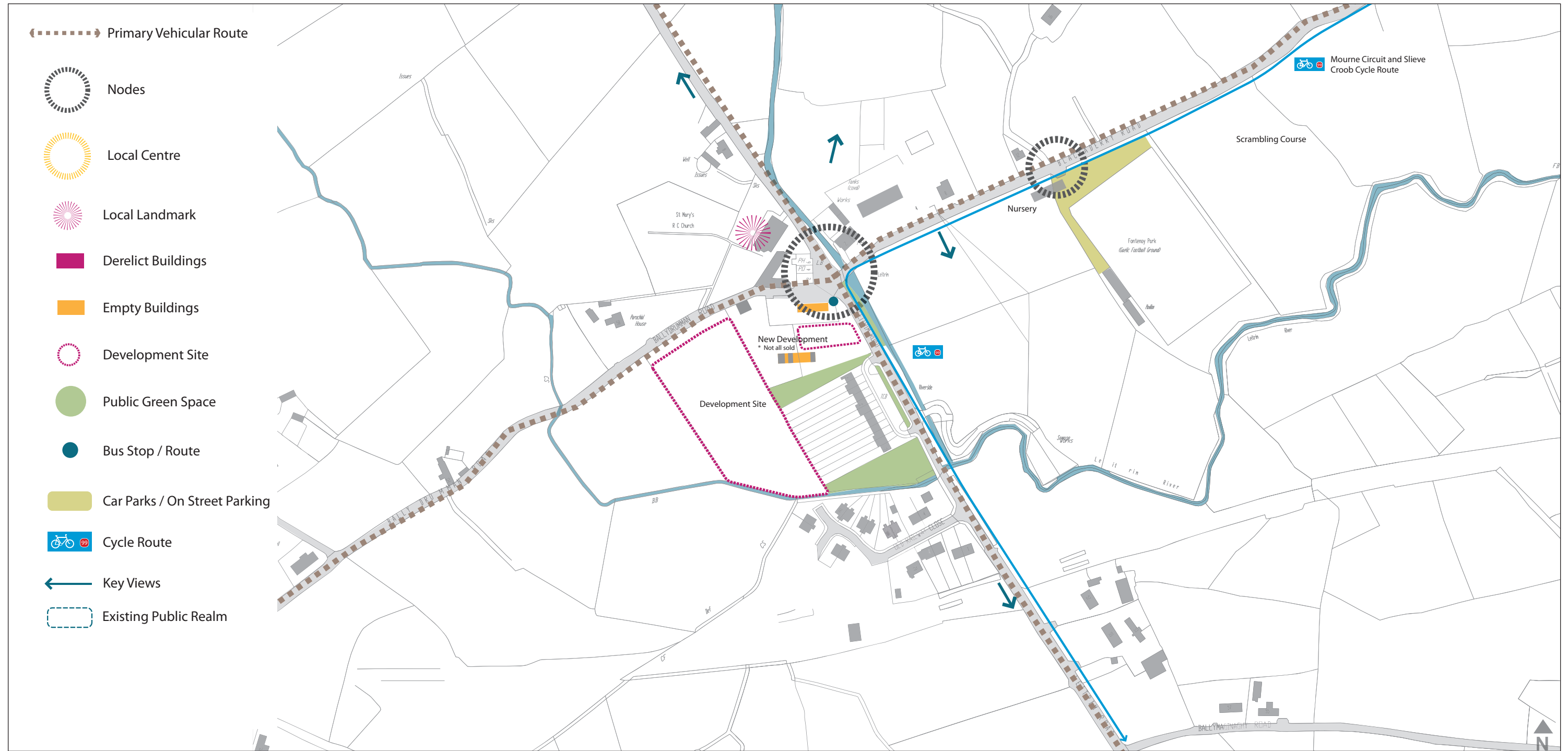








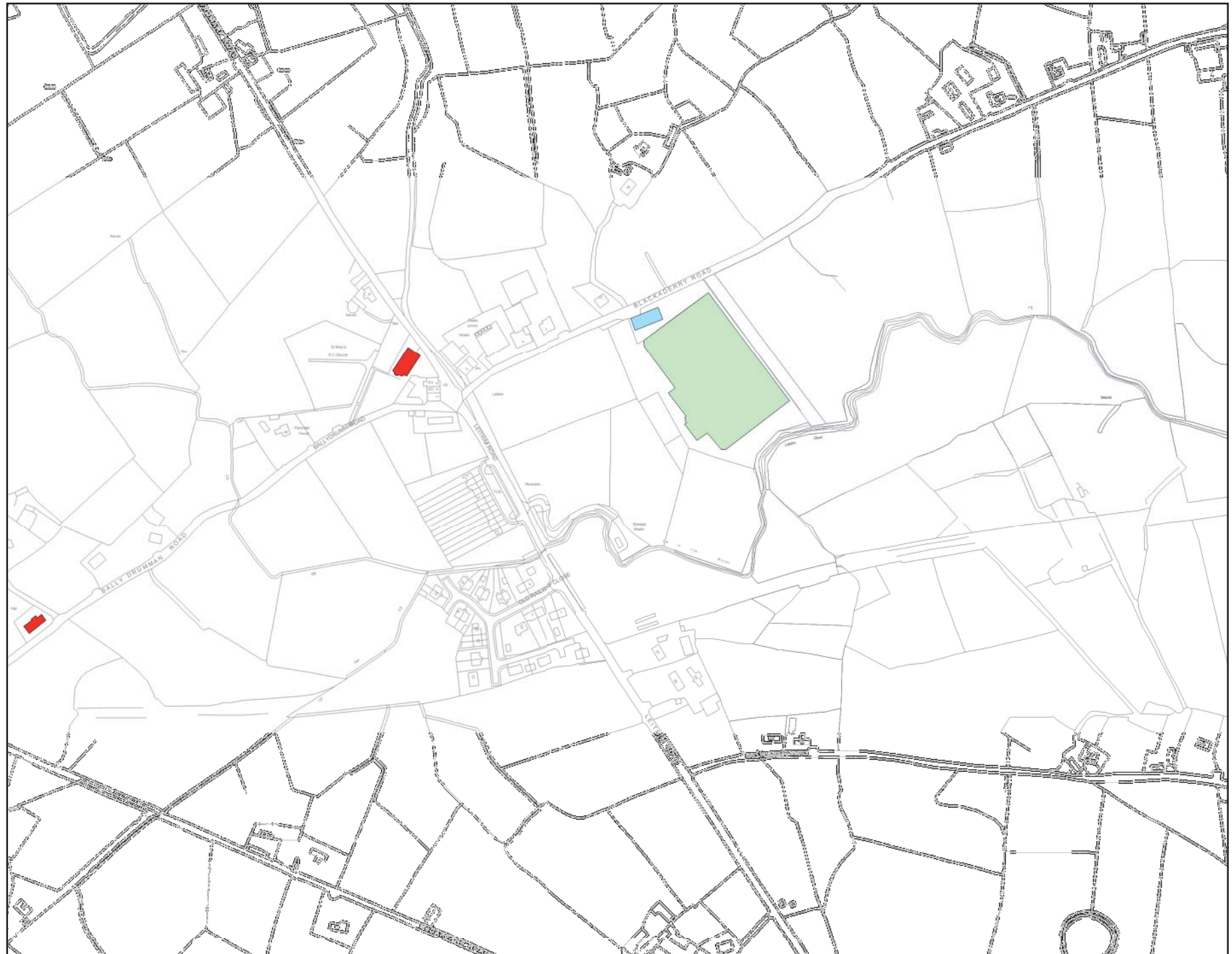
## 4.2 Physical Analysis





### 4.3 Infrastructure Mapping

- LEGEND**
- Church / church hall
  - Orange hall
  - Primary school
  - Community centre
  - Health centre / GP's surgery
  - Residential / care home
  - Playgroup
  - Library
  - Post office
  - Playground / playing field
  - Public toilets
  - Recycling point





### Precedent Images



### SWOT Analysis



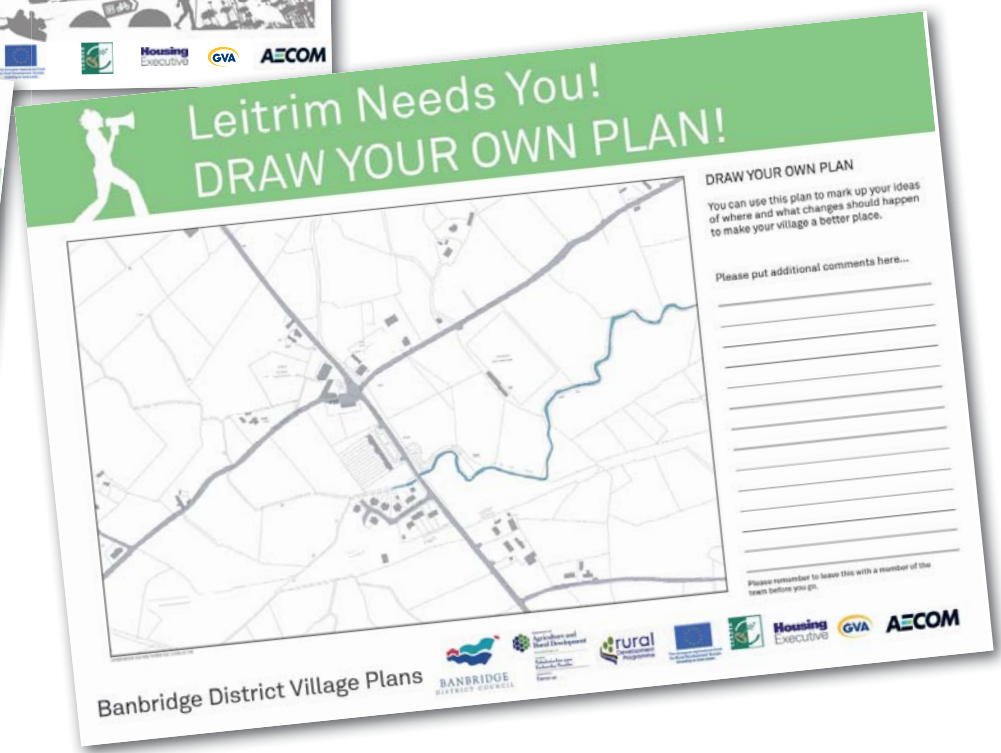


## 4.3 SWOT Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peaceful and attractive rural setting</li> <li>Core of the village works well. MAC's Corner Bar &amp; Country Foodstore, the chapel and old barn act as attractive landmark buildings in the area</li> <li>GAA and Nursery contribute well to the community and should be fostered</li> <li>Leitrim Festival</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animal feed yard would benefit from screening of its service yard</li> <li>Old barn building at crossroads under utilised and at key point in the village</li> <li>Play area is hidden away and limited in scope</li> <li>1970's housing on riverside is poorly integrated with rural environment</li> <li>Historical flooding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key building at crossroads is under utilised and presents an opportunity for improving the character of the town centre</li> <li>Pocket park potential in the open space beside stream between Old railway Mews and Riverside</li> <li>Area of townscape character could be enhanced</li> <li>Play facilities could be improved</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic speed is a potential threat particularly at Railway Close</li> <li>Unfinished development sites</li> <li>Issues around the previous floods remain unresolved</li> <li>Economic downturn is negatively impacting on inward investment, the growth potential of rural areas and their future job prospects</li> </ul>

### Consultation Process

### Community Event Posters and Forms





## 5.0 Consultation

### **Making Local Views Count**

Throughout the work in preparing a Village Plan for Leitrim there has been a considerable level of interaction with the community and key stakeholders. Their contributions, comments and views have all been fed into the process of advancing and refining the plan proposals and have been recorded as an Appendix to the Plan.

### **A Collaborative Approach**

The community consultation process adopted for the Banbridge District Village Plans was specifically designed to:

- Ensure the community and stakeholders are involved in the production of the plans and not just consulted once the plans have been completed.
- Ensure the community feel involved enough to take ownership of the plans and have a sense of pride in their Village.
- Ensure widespread awareness of what is being undertaken and develop 'knowledgeable communities', able to contribute purposefully at all stages of the development of the Village Plans.
- Give residents and stakeholders the confidence and assurance that their views are being heard and issues dealt with, as well as keeping people informed of the progress.

### **Stage 1 Community Consultation**

The first round of community consultation was undertaken in Leitrim, in the GAA Club on Monday 30th April. This was an attended session and gave residents of the village an opportunity to review the draft action plan and discuss it with members of the consultation team.

Members of the community had the opportunity to 'Draw your own Plan' and 'Stick a dot on the things you like'. In addition, comments forms were supplied for general comments on the draft action plan.

### **Stage 2 Community Consultation**

Stage 2 consultation was undertaken on Tuesday 22nd May in the GAA Club. The meeting included a powerpoint presentation to communicate the village plan process, timescales, initiatives and finally a series of visualisations of potential village improvements. Attendees of the meeting then had a chance to review and discuss the action plans, which were displayed on the wall both in tabular and plan format.

### **Stage 3 Community Consultation**

The Stage 3 consultation was undertaken on Tuesday 29th May in the GAA Club. This was a drop in event to facilitate review of the proposed Action Plan, that was fully updated to take on board comments raised at stage 2 consultation.

### **Stakeholder Consultees**

The following stakeholders were contacted regarding the Leitrim Village Plan during the consultation period:

- NIHE
- DOE Planning
- DRD Roads Service
- DARD Rivers Agency
- NIEA
- PSNI
- SELB
- Southern Trust HSCNI
- Enable NI

### **Core Themes**

While the number and range of comments made by the community and stakeholders is extensive, the core themes are as follows:

- New play park for children
- Improved provision for walking and cycling
- Footpath to the GAA club





## 6.0 Project Proposals/ Initiatives

The visualisations in this section of the plan document and illustrate a selection of key initiatives that have been suggested in the Action Plan. They are intended to give inspiration and convey how simple measures can greatly improve the setting or function of the village. The initiatives are more fully described in the Action Plan in Chapter 7.0.

### **Pocket Park**

A new pocket park could be created with play area provision at the open space between Old Railway Mews and Riverside, including replacement of the existing chain link fencing boundary treatment, with timber fencing and hedge planting. This would provide a meeting place for residents and an amenity space for local children. Capacity in the channel of the stream could be increased by changing the profile, thereby reducing the likelihood of inundation.

### **Crossroads Environmental Improvements**

Public realm improvements around the crossroads and in front of the shop and barn could enhance the area of Townscape Character. This would create a stronger core to the village, by providing a focal point for social interaction and reducing the dominance of asphalt whilst still catering for movement of larger vehicles. The proposals would include the introduction of street trees/planting, parking bays, pavements, uncontrolled tactile crossings, seating areas, cycle stands etc.

### Crossroads Visualisation



Existing conditions



### Pocket Park Visualisation




Existing conditions






## 7.0 Action Plan















### ACTION PLAN THEMES

 Physical / Aesthetic

 Ecological

 Socio – Economic

 Development

	Short Term Actions/Quick Wins (next 12 months)	Cost Range	Stakeholders	Potential Funders	Theme
S.1	Provide village name signs on approaches to the village.	£6,000	DRD Roads Service, Banbridge District Council	DRD Roads Service	
S.2	Introduce community noticeboard to foster community relations and advertise events.	£1,000	Banbridge District Council, DRAP	Banbridge District Council, DRAP	
S.3	Investigate options for bulk buying of goods such as home heating oil through a village cooperative.	N / A	Banbridge District Council, DRAP, Community Group	Banbridge District Council, DRAP	
S.4	Negotiate with landowner to screen the service yard to the rear of the animal feeds factory to reduce visual impact of the yard.	£10,000	DRD Roads Service, Business Owner, adjacent Landowner	DRD Roads Service	
S.5	Introduce hedge planting at the fence between Riverside and Leitrim Road to create a buffer to the road and enhance rural feel	£7,500	DRD Roads Service, Banbridge District Council, DRAP, DSD	Banbridge District Council, DRAP, DSD	
S.6	Improve signage to the existing play area at the rear of the housing on Riverside and agree an improved grounds maintenance regime. Note longer term relocation proposed. (Refer to S.13/M.3)	£1,500	Banbridge District Council, Community Group	Banbridge District Council	 
S.7	Provide a safer means of pedestrian access to the GAA Club, housing and Nursery school on Backaderry Road by the extension of the existing footpath or provision of a demarcated footway using a white line on the roadway, where the road width prevents a footpath. (Traffic Regulation Order Process required.)	£11,000	DRD Roads Service, Banbridge District Council, affected Landowners, NI Water, Fontenoy GAA Club, Community Group	Banbridge District Council, DRAP, DSD	 
S.8	Introduce signage for the Legananny Cycle Route, which passes through the village.	£1,500	Sustrans, DRD Roads Service, Banbridge District Council, NI Tourist Board	Sustrans, NI Tourist Board	
S.9	Investigate opportunity for increasing the frequency of the opening of bar on Backaderry Road.	N / A	Business Owner		
S.10	Investigate opportunities to improve the setting of the incomplete area of the new development off Ballydrumman Road backing onto Leitrim Road with tree and shrub planting to enhance rural character.	N / A	Banbridge District Council, Landowner	Private Investment, Banbridge District Council, DRAP	
S.11	Liaise with the local community to identify locations where dog waste bins and signage should be placed. It has been noted that dog fouling has become an issue and the placing of bins and signs would allow the cleaning up to be enforceable and actionable.	£4,000	Banbridge District Council, Community Group, DRAP	Banbridge District Council, DRAP, DSD	
S.12	Undertake consultation with local community and transport providers regarding the existing public transport provision and improvements (frequency/new routes etc) that could be made, including community bus initiatives. Particular focus required on inclusion of outlying communities. (Refer also to S.21)	N / A	Banbridge District Council, Translink, Community Group, local Transport Providers, DRAP, TADA Rural Network	DRAP, TADA Rural Network	

S.13	Initiate discussions with the local community and local landowners regarding the creation of a pocket park and the provision of a play area at the open space between Old Railway Mews and Riverside, including establishing the age range that play equipment should cater for. (Refer to M.3)	N / A	Banbridge District Council, DSD, DRAP, Landowner, Community Group	Banbridge District Council, DSD, DRAP	
S.14	Liaise with the local community to establish needs for further programmes, events, clubs etc for young children through to teenagers and also for adults and elderly people. Existing local groups / committees or, where none exist, new local groups to develop programmes, secure funding and run the activities. (Refer also to S.15, M.18 & L.7)	N / A	Banbridge District Council, Community Group, local Residents	TADA Rural Support Network, Banbridge District Council	
S.15	Initiate discussions with the local organisations to further develop community usage of the GAA for community events, organisations etc. to facilitate the development of activities for the community. (Refer also to S.14, M.18 & L.7)	N / A	Banbridge District Council, Community Group, local Residents, Chapel, Fontenoy GAA Club	Banbridge District Council, DSD, DRAP	
S.16	Provide a safer means of pedestrian access to the housing beyond the old railway bridge on Leitrim Road and onto Ballymaginty Road by the extension of the existing footpath or provision of a demarcated footway using a white line on the roadway, where the road width prevents a footpath. Include an uncontrolled crossing with tactile paving. (Traffic Regulation Order Process required.)  Note that the humpback bridge creates a blind spot, which compromises safety when pedestrians are on the roadway.	£20,000	DRD Roads Service, Banbridge District Council, PSNI, Community Group	DRD Roads Service	
S.17	Liaise with the local community to identify if the distribution, number, capacity and frequency of emptying of street litter bins in the village is satisfactory.	N / A	Banbridge District Council, Community Group, local Residents	Banbridge District Council	
S.18	Liaise with appropriate community representative on the issues surrounding flag display and the length of time for display	N / A	Banbridge District Council, Community Group, Relevant Community Representative	N/A	
S.19	Review damage to bridge at Backaderry Road. Identify any remedial works required and establish a programme to undertake these.	N / A	DRD Roads Service, Banbridge District Council	DRD Roads Service	
S.20	Review flood prevention measures – establish if any are proposed and/or develop proposals, particularly an issue at the properties at the end of Backaderry Road. (Refer to L.7 & also M.17)	N / A	Rivers Agency, NI Water	N/A	
S.21	Initiate discussions with relevant bodies to promote tourism in and around Leitrim, including highlighting the leisure (walking/cycling) opportunities and the large number of local cottage industries, such as Drumgooland Smoke House, Turnip House felt making, Dot's Pots, Moneyslane apple tarts along with local artist/illustrator Frankie Morgan. Liaise with these and others to explore opportunities such as open days, demonstration events etc, potentially tying in with the proposed craft or farmer's market. Liaise with transport provider to establish if the village could be included on the route of the Mourne Rambler bus service to the village or the local cottage industries to increase tourist numbers and provide economic benefit to the local economy. (Refer also to S.12 & S.22)	N / A	Banbridge District Council, Translink, Community Group, local Transport Providers, DRAP, TADA Rural Network, NI Tourist Board, local Businesses/Cottage Industries, local Artists	DRAP, TADA Rural Network	
S.22	Initiate discussions between the local community, local traders and farmers and other interested parties to establish the interest and viability of a craft or farmer's market, potentially to be held at the GAA Club. A portion of income generated (stall costs etc.) could be retained by the community group to fund other community initiatives or village improvements. (Refer also to S.21)	N / A	Banbridge District Council, Community Group, local Residents, Fontenoy GAA Club, local Farmers & Traders, local Businesses/Cottage Industries, local Artists	Banbridge District Council, DRAP, DSD, TADA Rural Network	



S.23	Introduce interpretative signage on Tom Herron, a motorbike racer killed at Northwest 200 in 1979, at the 2 Pot Inn, which was his family home. Liaise with the owner of the 2 Pot Inn to establish opportunities to open up the business to display the Tom Herron memorabilia. Consideration should be given to tying this into an annual event to attract motorbike enthusiasts to the village.	£5,000	Banbridge District Council, Community Group, local Residents, Business Owner, DRAP, NI Tourist Board	DRAP	
S.24	Liaise with relevant bodies, such as Royal Mail, Google etc to improve the presence of Leitrim, which currently has no identity on Google Maps or a postcode that locates it on a map (links to Ballyward). Village is not found on most sat nav equipment either. This will be a hindrance to the desire of the village to promote tourism and increase visitor numbers. (Refer to S.21/S.22)	N / A	Banbridge District Council, Community Group, local Residents, Business Owners, DRAP		

	Medium Term Actions (next 1-5 years)	Cost Range	Stakeholders	Potential Funders	Theme
M.1	Undertake public realm improvements around the crossroads and in front of the shop and barn to enhance the area of Townscape Character, implementing Manual for Streets 2, with the aim of creating a stronger core to the village with a focal point for social interaction and reducing the dominance of asphalt whilst still catering for movement of larger vehicles, including the introduction of street trees/planting, parking bays, pavements, uncontrolled tactile crossings, seating areas, cycle stands etc. Aim to reduce the road widths to enhance the village character and provide better pedestrian connections, including to the chapel from the main areas of housing. Include a stone townland marker and amenity lighting of key features. (Traffic Regulation Order Process required.)	£65,000	DRD Roads Service, Banbridge District Council, DSD, DRAP, Community Group	DRD Roads Service, Banbridge District Council, DSD, DRAP	
M.2	Remove crash barriers at the entrance to the waste treatment works and extend stone walls to river over bridge access to improve its setting and so it is more in keeping with village character.	£10,000	DRD Roads Service, NI Water, Banbridge District Council	DRD Roads Service, NI Water, DRAP	
M.3	Create a pocket park with new play area provision at the open space between Old Railway Mews and Riverside, including replacement of the existing chainlink fencing boundary treatment with timber fencing and hedge planting. (Refer to S.13)	£150,000 - £250,000	Banbridge District Council, DSD, DRAP, Landowner, Community Group, Ni Housing Executive	Banbridge District Council, DSD, DRAP	
M.4	Establish need for allotments through the consultations, potentially to be located at existing play park to the rear of Riverside. (Refer to M.3 & M.15)	N / A	Banbridge District Council, DSD, DRAP, Landowners, Community Group	Banbridge District Council, DSD, DRAP. Groundworks NI	
M.5	Introduce a 30mph speed limit to reduce the speed of traffic through the village, and provide physical measures to enforce the speed limit, such as speed ramps, solar operated VMS signs etc, to slow traffic on the approaches to the chapel and old railway bridge and the crossroads in all directions, so that associated issues regarding disturbance and noise are radically reduced making the main street more pleasant and safely navigable for pedestrians and a more attractive place to live. This will help to encourage the development of a social hub in the core of the village. (Traffic Regulation Order Process required.)	£20,000	DRD Roads Service, DSD, Banbridge District Council	Developer, Banbridge District Council, DSD, DRAP	
M.6	Investigate opportunities to build on the Leitrim Festival held in August each year, including ways of gaining an income / investment for use in future community projects or to fund community groups.	N / A	Festival Organisers, Banbridge District Council, Community Group	DRD Roads Service, DSD	

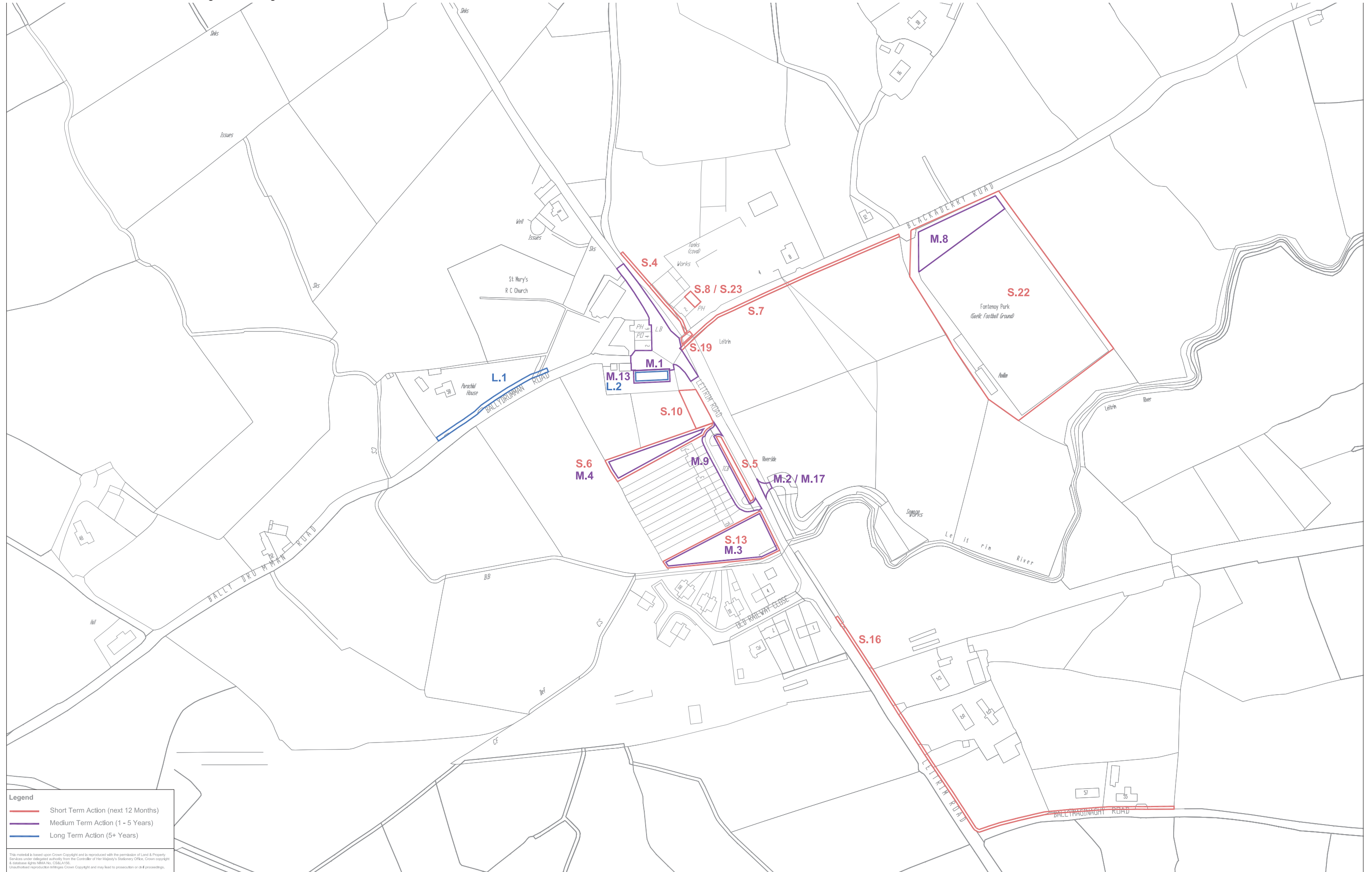
M.7	Establish if street lighting provision is sufficient to ensure pedestrian safety in all areas. Lights noted to be spaced far apart on Ballydrumman Road on the approach to the crossroads and there is limited provision on Backaderry Road. Implement change if a need is identified.	N / A	DRD Roads Service, Banbridge District Council	DRD Roads Service	
M.8	Evidence of basketball court and tennis court at GAA Club, but these would be difficult to use as this would obstruct the use of the car park. Explore requirement / need for improved provision for these or for the provision of facilities for other activities, such as a handball alley.	N / A	Banbridge District Council, Fontenoy GAA Club, Community Group	DRD Roads Service	
M.9	Environmental improvement scheme at Riverside to create a more village character, including the provision of parking bays, tree and shrub planting instead of current paviers etc to enhance rural feel.	£40,000	DRD Roads Service, Banbridge District Council, NI Housing Executive, Landowner	Banbridge District Council, DRAP, DSD	
M.10	Liaise with the Chapel, residents and other interested parties (Leitrim Festival etc.) over the requirement for additional parking for when there is an event being held in the village. Establish need and identify a suitable site. (Refer to L.3)	N / A	Banbridge District Council, Community Group, Chapel, affected Landowners, DOE Planning	N/A	
M.11	Provide cycle routes using back roads to link with adjacent villages and Castlewellan, including a connection to the Slieve Croob cycle circuit.	£1,500	Sustrans, DRD Roads Service, Banbridge District Council, NI Tourist Board	DSD, DRAP, DOE, Banbridge District Council, Sustrans	
M.12	Introduce interpretative signage covering available cycling, walking routes, nearby visitor attractions and any other points of interest, such as the Legananny Dolmen.	£5,000	NI Tourist Board, DOE Planning, Community Group	Sustrans, NI Tourist Board	
M.13	Liaise with Landowner over potential development of stone barn on Ballydrumman Road, which is in a prominent location within the village and contributes to the village setting at the crossroads. Potentially could be refurbished as self catering accommodation or hostel accommodation? (Refer to L.2)	N / A	NIEA, DOE, Landowner, Banbridge District Council, DSD, Sustrans	Banbridge District Council, DRAP, DSD	
M.14	Identify existing or potential walking routes and circuits around the countryside surrounding the village, such as St Patrick's Well walk and 'The Mile' circuit, and introduce waymarking signage to promote the health and wellbeing of the community.	£1,500	Banbridge District Council, Community Group, affected Landowners, DOE Planning	Banbridge District Council, DRAP, DSD	
M.15	Establish need for urban bike trail for BMX bikes through the consultations and identify suitable site. (Refer to L.5)	N / A	Banbridge District Council, Community Group, affected Landowners	Banbridge District Council, DRAP	
M.17	Liaise with NI Water to agree ways of addressing the flooding that has arisen since the new bridge to the waste water treatment works was erected, due to the low capacity of the bridge. Consider a diverting culvert for high water conditions to take the extra flow past the bridge? (Refer also to S.20 & L.6)	N / A	Banbridge District Council, Community Group, NI Water, Rivers Agency	NI Water, Rivers Agency	
M.18	Establish the viability of a standalone community hall somewhere within the village, potentially by use of the old hall building on Ballydrumman Road, for use for community groups, community events, evening classes, local organisations such as beavers, cubs, rainbows, mums & tots, after schools clubs etc. as these are established. Identify a suitable site, develop proposals and secure funding. (Refer to L.7 & also to S.14/S15)	N/A	Banbridge District Council, Community Group, Building Owner, Landowner	Banbridge District Council, DRAP, DSD	



	Long Term Actions (5 + years)	Cost Range	Stakeholders	Potential Funders	Theme
L.1	Introduce hedge planting, trees and shrubs to chapel car park to improve streetscape on the approach to the area of townscape character and improve the connection to the rural environment.	£20,000	DRD Roads Service, DSD, Banbridge District Council, Community Group, Chapel.	DSD	
L.2	Implement proposed development of stone barn on Ballydrumman Road. (Refer to M.13)	£250,000 - £500,000	NIEA, DOE, Landowner, Banbridge District Council, DSD, Sustrans	Banbridge District Council, DRAP, DSD	
L.3	Implement agreed solution to resolve parking issues. (Refer to M.10)	£100,000 - £200,000	Banbridge District Council, Community Group, Chapel, affected Landowners, DOE Planning	Chapel, DRAP, DSD	
L.4	Investigate opportunities for introducing a cycle way/ path on the disused railway line and initiate proposals allowing access to a more naturalistic environment and providing an increased length of walking amenity route and providing better connections to nature – Castlewellan – Newcastle route.	N / A	NIEA, DOE, affected Landowners, Banbridge District Council, DSD, Sustrans	Banbridge District Council, DRAP, DSD	
L.5	Implement agreed solution for urban bike trail. (Refer to M.15)	Scope to be Determined	Banbridge District Council, Community Group, affected Landowners	Banbridge District Council, DRAP	
L.6	Undertake agreed flood alleviation measures. (Refer to S.20)	Scope to be Determined	Rivers Agency, NI Water	Rivers Agency	
L.7	Implement creation of a flexible community building in line with consultations, in agreed location if need is established. (Refer to M.18)	£500,000 - £1,000,000	Banbridge District Council, Community Group, local Residents, Building Owner, Landowner	Banbridge District Council, DRAP, DSD, TADA Rural Network	





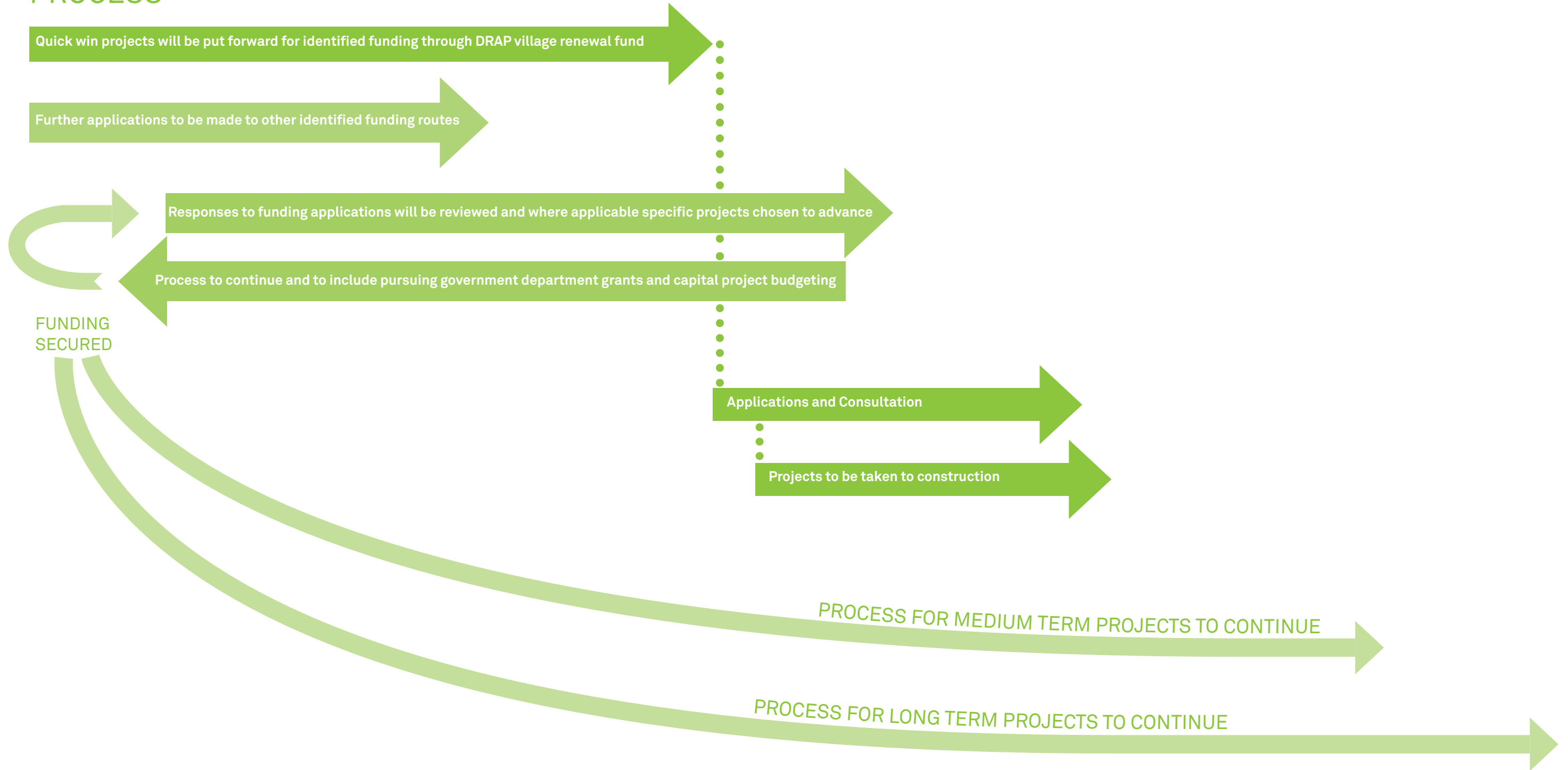


**Legend**

- Short Term Action (next 12 Months)
- Medium Term Action (1 - 5 Years)
- Long Term Action (5+ Years)

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# PROCESS



\* Process to be monitored and reviewed by steering group to ensure positive progress



## 8.0 Way Forward

The procedure for the production of the Village Plan for Leitrim has been an extremely worthwhile process, in terms of involving the community and gaining momentum for regeneration in the village.

Following three stages of public consultation, the village plan has been prepared to take on board the views and aspirations of the local residents and business owners, ensuring community buy-in for the proposals. The plans have also been reviewed by a core group of stakeholders.

Many of the actions are short term or 'quick wins' that can be achieved with minimum funding and without formal permissions and have been identified to help bring about drive and momentum for the implementation of longer term projects.

More complex projects will require permissions to be in place, like Planning Permission or Traffic Regulation Orders. They may need the buy in of multiple stakeholders to progress, including landowners or other parties. They will also have more complex funding arrangements and may require multiple applications or match funding from Government Departments to be identified and budgeted for in a financial year.

### Action Review

Banbridge District Council will monitor the progress of the village plan, identifying any stumbling blocks and potential resolutions so that the plan can always be moving forward. The Council may call on selected community groups to drive forward particular elements of the plan, in particular any proposals that require funding that can only be sought by community groups.



## 8.1 Funding Opportunities

Grant	Who can apply	Funding range	Possible applications
Garfield Weston Foundation	Registered charities, unless the organisation has 'exempt' or 'exempted' status	No strict limit	Funding provided for projects in the UK in the general fields of: education, arts, health, environment, community, youth, religion, welfare and social.
Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) - Project Development Grants	Building Preservation Trusts	Up to £20,000	Assistance available to help Building Preservation Trusts pay for developing and coordinating a project.
Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) - Options Appraisal Grants	Registered charities	Up to 75% costs, not exceeding £7500	Assistance available towards the cost of an options appraisal to determine the most feasible option for the repair on an historic building or beneficial reuse in the UK.
American Express - Philanthropic Programme	Organisations that are able to prove not-for-profit status worldwide	No strict limit	Assistance available for not-for-profit organisations in three areas: Historic Preservation & Conservation, Leadership, Community Service and Engagement
All Our Stories - Heritage Lottery Fund	Voluntary and Community organisations	Between £3000 and £10,000	Support for activities which encourage communities across the UK to get involved with their local heritage. **May be applicable for Banbridge District Linen Trail**
Support for Tourism Businesses (Northern Ireland)	Tourism accommodation business, existing or start-up	Varies	Financial support to assist tourism businesses in Northern Ireland
Small Business Rate Relief Scheme (Northern Ireland)	Small businesses and post offices	Average of £300-£430 per year	Rate relief for small businesses. **May be applicable for flexible working hubs**
Re-Imaging Communities Programme	District Councils and constituted community and voluntary organisations	£500-£5000 and £15,001-£50,000	Grants available to encourage creation of vibrant and attractive shared public space through arts which will create life, enhance the physical and natural environment, and include communities,
Rural Transport Fund (Northern Ireland)	Voluntary Organisations	No strict limit	Financial assistance is available to support projects in Northern Ireland that aim to provide improved transport opportunities.
Village SOS Active (Lottery Programme)	Non profit organisations	Between £10,000 and £50,000	Grants available to community businesses to revive villages in the UK
Lloyds TSB Foundation for Northern Ireland	Registered charities, although there are some exceptions	Between £3000 and £4000	Funding is available to registered charities in Northern Ireland for projects that target social and community needs or education and training.
Invest Northern Ireland - Property Assistance Scheme	Clients of Invest Northern Ireland	% of approved construction costs	Financial assistance available for companies in Northern Ireland that require additional space, premises or property that they are seeking to develop themselves.
Down Rural Area Partnership 3.2 Business Creation and Development	Individuals or companies in rural areas with less than 10 employees	Between £5000 and £50,000	Assistance to create employment opportunities through promoting entrepreneurship and developing the economic infrastructure in rural areas.
Down Rural Area Partnership 3.3 Encouragement of Tourism Activities	Private Individuals, Companies, Local Councils	Between £50,000 and £250,000	Funding to attract visitors, and create new employment opportunities through sustainable development of the rural economy.
Down Rural Area Partnership 3.4 Basic services for the Economy and Rural Population	Private individuals, private companies or partnerships, non departmental public bodies, local councils, community/voluntary groups	Between £50,000 and £100,000	Services and improvements for rural areas.
Down Rural Area Partnership 3.5 Village Renewal and Development	Private individuals, private companies or partnerships, non departmental public bodies, local councils, community/voluntary groups	Between £5,000 and £70,000	To support integrated village initiatives and integrated action plans.
Down Rural Area Partnership 3.6 Conservation and Upgrading of the Rural Heritage	Private individuals, private companies or partnerships social economy enterprises (SEE), non Departmental public bodies, Local Councils	Between £50,000 and £250,000	To support opportunities to preserve and upgrade Northern Ireland's rural heritage and to use the natural and built environment as the basis for sustainable economic growth in rural areas.

## 8.1 Funding Opportunities

Grant	Who can apply	Funding range	Possible applications
Awards for All - Northern Ireland (Lottery Programme)	Not-for-profit organisation, town or parish council, school or health body	£500-10,000	Equipment and computers, training courses, publicity and research costs, start-up costs, pilot projects, events, volunteer expenses, conference costs, special repairs, travel and outings, materials
HLF - Landscape Partnerships (Lottery Programme)	Formal or informal partnerships, likely to include local voluntary conservation or community groups, parish councils, local governments or statutory/advisory agencies.	Between £250,000 and £ 2 million	Support for integrated community projects throughout the UK for the conservation, enhancement and wider enjoyment of the landscape.
HLF - Heritage Grants (Lottery Programme)	Not-for-profit organisations	Greater than £100,000	Projects relating to national, regional or local heritage of UK, which aim to conserve and enhance diverse heritage and/or encourage people to be more involved in their heritage. ** Cycle route & Tourism trail are possible applications **
Parks for People (Lottery Programme)	Local authorities/not-for-profit organisations that own public parks	Range from £250,000 to £5 million	Restoration and regeneration projects focussing on public parks and gardens, including squares, walks and promenades in the UK
Townscape Heritage Initiative (Lottery Programme)	Not-for-profit organisations, local authorities	Between £500,000 and £2 million	Support for communities in regenerating the historic parts of their towns and cities.
The Idlewind Trust	UK registered charities and excepted/publicly exempt charities	Up to £5000	Grants available for projects that encourage the performing/fine arts and preserve buildings, objects of beauty and items of historic interest or national importance for public benefit.
Skinner's Company - Lady Neville Charity	Registered charities and not-for-profit organisations in the UK	£500-£1000	Grants available for not-for-profit organisations and registered charities offering a diverse range of activities and interests within one of the Charity's areas of priority: Local Heritage, Local community; and Performing Arts
Reconciliation Fund (for North South and Anglo-Irish Cooperation)	Individuals and community based organisations involved in reconciliation work to create better understanding between people on the island of Ireland and between Ireland and Great Britain	EUR 1000-EUR 150,000	Assistance with reconciliation work and efforts to create better understanding between people on the island of Ireland and between Ireland and between Ireland and Great Britain
NGO Grant Scheme	Registered charities, particularly Building Preservation Trusts	No strict limit	Grants are available for registered charities in Northern Ireland, particularly Building Preservation Trusts, to help with the cost of acquiring listed buildings at risk. ** May be applicable for Moneyslane - National School and Katesbridge building **
Esme Mitchell Trust	Charitable and voluntary groups	£120,000 per year is available	Grants given for projects of a heritage, cultural or artistic nature. Appeals over a wide area of benefit are supported, available in Ireland as a while, but principally in Northern Ireland.
Groundwork - Groundwork Programmes	Communities in need	Varies	Support available to improve the quality of environment, lives of local people and success of local businesses.
Community Relations and Cultural Diversity Grants Scheme (Northern Ireland)	Voluntary Organisations	Maximum £10,000	Financial assistance to help voluntary and community groups in Northern Ireland develop their capacity to engage in community relations work.
Bombardier Aerospace in the Community (NI)	The Foundation : groups must be registered charities working in the community. Sponsorship committee: voluntary and community groups.	Varies	Funding available to support community involvement projects , primarily in the areas of education and entrepreneurship.





## 9.0 Information Sources/ Acknowledgements

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### Glossary

AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
BDC	Banbridge District Council
DARD	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
DOE	Department of Environment
DRAP	Down Rural Area Partnership
DRD	Department for Regional Development
EI Scheme	Environmental Improvement/Public Realm Scheme
HSCNI	Health and Social Care Northern Ireland
NIEA	Northern Ireland Environment Agency
NIHE	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
PERS	Pedestrian Environment Review Survey
PSNI	Police Service Northern Ireland
SELB	Southern Education and Library Board
SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats





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PERS

Pedestrian Environment Review Survey Forms

# A2

GVA Community Consultation Summary

