

LIOS PÓIL LOCAL AREA PLAN

1.0 CONTEXT

1.1 Location

Lios Póil is a small village located on the Chorca Dhuibhne Peninsula along the N86 National Secondary Route and is situated approximately 8km to the east of Daingean Uí Chuis and 40km southwest of Tralee. Lios Póil is located in the Corca Dhuibhne Gaeltacht

1.2 Population

There are no population statistics for the Lios Póil Local Plan Area. The settlement is located in the An Mhín Aird Electoral Division where the population has varied from a population of 383 in 2002, 387 in 2006 and 388 in 2011.

In the DED of An Mhín Aird 83.5% of the population were able to speak Irish in 2006 of whom 46% speak Irish daily.

1.3 Functions & Facilities

The village functions as a small local focal point for its surrounding rural community. Lios Póil and its immediate vicinity has a basic range of services which includes a church, post office, a primary school, a sports field, general store, a pub and holiday home developments.

The surrounding landscape is open countryside and predominantly used for agriculture, a traditional and important source of employment.

1.4 Infrastructure

Currently there is no sewerage scheme in Lios Póil due to the dispersed nature of development. Foul effluent is currently disposed of using septic tanks and individual effluent treatment systems. A private Wastewater Treatment Plant to treat effluent from a private development is in existence at the eastern end of the village it is envisaged that future developments will be serviced by individual sewerage systems.

There are no immediate plans to install public sewerage facilities in the village which will be a limiting factor in the future development of the village in the short-term. The village is served by a public water supply which is adequate to cope with present and future demand.

1.5 Urban Form

The development pattern of the village is dispersed. Lios Póil is divided into two parts. There is a small cluster of public/commercial buildings, the Post Office/general store and the Church located at the western end. A National School, a community hall and a sports field are located to the eastern end. The village is dominated by a large holiday home scheme.

Due to the absence of additional facilities much of the population travel to Daingean Uí Chúis and Tralee for a greater range of services. The existing settlement pattern comprises of traditional dwellings at the core with more recent dwellings on the outskirts displaying a more dispersed pattern than the older core area.

1.6 Built Heritage & Archaeology

There is one recorded monuments within the plan area, i.e. Ke044-080 Ringfort Rath/Cashel site.

There is one existing protected structures in the plan area – namely the Church of John The Baptist.

1.7 Natural environment and Amenity

The area surrounding the development boundary is of high natural amenity value. While, there are no designated SPA's, NHA's or SAC's in the plan area , the Dingle Peninsula SPA, the Mount Brandon SAC , the Emlagh East Salt Marshes pNHA and the Abhainn an Lóndraigh are all located close by.

1.8 Employment

The economy of Lios Póil is heavily dependent on the surrounding hinterland with limited opportunities for employment in the locality.

There is a quarry in close proximity to Lios Póil, which is a source of employment. The majority of the population is employed within the service sector, including the tourist industry and many people from the area travel to work in other centres; notably Daingean Uí Chúis and Tralee.

The 2006 census for An Mhín Aird indicate that the main source of employment for males in the area is in agriculture (26%), followed by construction industry (18%) and manufacturing (17%). The majority of employed females are professionals, followed by those working in the service sector.

1.9 Growth and Residential Development

Like other towns and villages in the county, Lios Póil experienced a period of growth as evidenced by the number of new dwellings built in the village. The majority of dwellings built in the last ten years have been second homes and holiday homes. There is a large holiday home scheme at Garraí na dTor(Garrynadur) and a new residential development at Deerpark. The level of residential planning permissions granted in the period 2008 – 2011 has indicated a limited growth potential over the next number of years with a further 10 residential units granted permission but not yet started.

The development boundary for Lios Póil defines the existing extent of the area where new development may be considered, whilst also allowing for some expansion for development adjacent to the village core. During the lifetime of this Plan, development will focus mainly on these lands, located close to the village core.

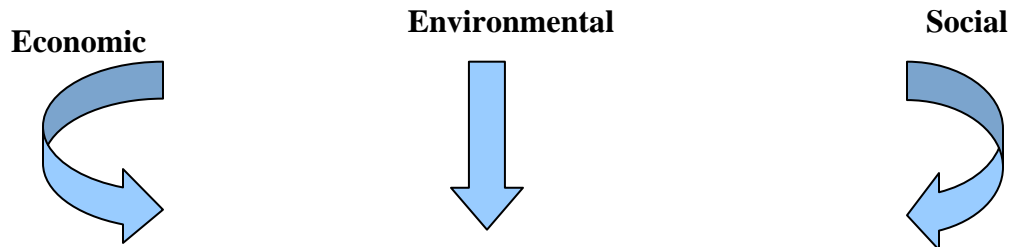
It is the an objective of the plan to encourage the development of a compact and sustainable village structure by ensuring that new development is contiguous with existing development and makes effective use of backland and infill sites.

All new development shall occur within the development boundary subject to compliance with the development management standards set out in the County Development Plan 2009-15.

2.0 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The vision for the village of Lios Póil is to maintain the character of this village and consolidate development by developing backland sites to create a compact settlement which is an attractive place to live in and to visit.

The development strategy for the village is to:



- Support the existing role and function of the village as a rural service centre and have regard to the scale of the existing settlement and the setting of the village in an attractive rural landscape.
- Ensure that all new development is of traditional design and layout and does not detract from the character of the settlement. Ensure that all new development is located within the settlements development boundary.
- Ensure that the area south of the lay by along the N86 should be developed in an appropriate manner to provide an attractive core area incorporating mixed use streetscape
- Preserve and enhance the use the Irish language.
- Ensure that all residential development within the village should cater for the needs of the local population who wish to live in the area on a permanent basis.
- Ensure that all new development should be located to the South of the N86 in order to minimise the impact of development on the carrying capacity of the N86.
- Encourage the creation of sustainable commercial services & craftwork enterprises within the village which in turn will provide local employment and improve the quality of life of the local community.

3.0 OVERALL OBJECTIVES

| Objective No. | It is an objective of the Council to: |
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| OO-1 | Ensure that the high quality natural setting of the village is maintained and protected from inappropriate development. |
| OO-2 | Ensure that new residential development shall be small-scale and low density served by individual treatment units/septic tanks to current EPA standards. |
| OO-3 | Protect the linguistic and cultural heritage of the Gaeltacht in Líos Póil including the promotion of Irish as the community language. |

4.0 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

| Objective No. | Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic It is an objective of the Council to: |
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| T-1 | Facilitate the improvement of definition of the road lay-by area to the northeast of the church as shown on the zoning map. |
| T-2 | Facilitate improvement of the junction of the L-12241 road with the N86 & to facilitate improvement of the junction of the L-12241 road with the L-12098. |
| T-3 | Provide a pedestrian crossing |
| T-4 | Facilitate enhanced traffic calming on the N86 national secondary road. |

| Objective No | Amenity It is an objective of the Council to: |
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| A-1 | Encourage the provision of sustainable landscaping and further boundary treatment improvement. |