



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

Thurles & Environs Local Area Plan 2024 - 2030

Appendix 7 Monitoring and Evaluation of LAP

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Local Planning and Development Implementation Plan		
Objective No.	Objective Text	Implementation
Chapter 2 – Planning and Development Strategy		
Objective 2A	Support the local community to identify and implement measures and actions to reduce energy consumption, produce renewable energy from local resources and to adapt to a changing climate, in accordance with the Tipperary Climate Action Plan 2024.	Incremental delivery throughout the Plan period, as local community groups seek the assistance of the local authority in implementing schemes or seek planning permission
Objective 2B	Work in partnership with community groups in the regeneration and revitalisation of Thurles and to actively seek and secure funding and investment under available national and regional investment and funding programmes in line with the development strategy as set out.	Delivery through identification of (i) projects included in the LAP and other local plans; (ii) appropriate community groups to support these projects; and (iii) appropriate national, regional and local funding programmes
Objective 2C	Support and facilitate the development of lands in collaboration with landowners and service providers for residential and employment development over the lifetime of the LAP.	To be progressed during the lifetime of the plan.
Objective 2D	Actively respond to the specific need in Thurles for affordable housing and housing units for one and two-bedroom units, through the delivery of local authority social and affordable housing programmes and through the implementation of funds and programmes available from central government to support the delivery of new homes.	Ongoing delivery by Local Authority throughout the Plan period based on need as per Housing Needs Demand Assessment and Housing Directorate.
Objective 2E	Monitor the scale, type, tenure and location of constructed and permitted developments in Thurles to ensure compliance with the Core Strategy and to achieve the delivery of strategic plan-led and	To be reported annually through the core strategy monitoring.

	coordinated balanced development within the town.	
Objective 2F	Support the provision of third level student accommodation in appropriate locations in Thurles, including on-campus, and of appropriate design (including adequate communal facilities and external communal space), to meet demand for student housing generated by TUS and MIC Thurles Campuses, and in accordance with the National Student Accommodation Strategy.	Pro-active engagement with TUS/MIC and stakeholders. Ongoing through lifetime of the plan.
Objective 2G	Undertake Town Centre Health Checks periodically, in accordance with the methodology set out in the Heritage Council’s guidance, in order to ascertain the quantum of vacant building stock in the town centre.	To be carried out periodically subject to resources, and as part of baseline assessment for TCF plan.
Objective 2H	Continue to collaborate with the Tipperary Energy Agency, and other relevant energy agencies, to develop targeted energy and climate action measures within the geographic area of the local area plan, including support for the electrification of heating under the National Residential Retrofit Plan.	Engagement ongoing as appropriate projects within LAP area emerge.
Objective 2I	Provide support, data and information where available to developers seeking to develop or be part of district heating and centralised biomass/biogas boiler / heatpump systems, whether private/public or mixture of both.	Ongoing implementation as per objective, in conjunction with objective 2H.
Chapter 3 – Town Centre Strategy		
Objective 3A	Support the Town Regeneration Officer and any future Town Team in the preparation and implementation of a collaborative Town Centre First Plan for Thurles that will build on the Thurles Town Centre Renewal Strategy and recent	To be progressed in line with local authority schedule and resourcing.

	work and successful funding applications to date, and to provide a framework for which further funding will be sought.	
Objective 3B	Support landowners with potential sites for regeneration and development through the Council's planning, housing and local enterprise services and offer regeneration schemes such as the Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme, the Croí Cónaithe Scheme, the Repair and Lease Scheme, Buy and Renew Scheme etc.	Ongoing throughout the plan. Dedicated webpage to be set up with all relevant information and points of contact listed.
Objective 3C	Offer support to landowners and planning agents, to help overcome planning obstacles to the occupation and reuse of vacant upper floors and commercial units in the town centre; and develop best practice guidance in the re-use of upper floors.	Implemented through pre planning service in conjunction with Vacant Homes Officer. Guidance document to be prepared in the short term.
Objective 3D	Develop and improve areas in need of regeneration, renewal and redevelopment and to apply, where appropriate, the provisions of the Finance Act, Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, Derelict Sites Act, and use Compulsory Purchase Orders to enable regeneration, reduce vacancy, increase housing supply, employment opportunities and provide community facilities.	To be progressed through the lifetime of plan. Regeneration funding streams to be maximised.
Objective 3E	Progress and develop on the collaborative vision as set out in the Thurles Town Centre Masterplan Proposals.	To be progressed through the lifetime of plan. Funding opportunities for regeneration of vacant properties to be maximised.
Objective 3F	Support the re-location of the farmer's market to Thurles Market Quarter, once the development is complete.	Implement per RRDF funding.

Chapter 4 – Economic Development Strategy

Objective 4A	Enable enterprise and employment development in Thurles, through the spatial planning framework of this LAP and the economic support frameworks of the LECP, Leader LDS and provided by the Local Enterprise Office of the Council.	Assess proposals as per policies, objectives and standards of the LAP.
Objective 4B	Promote and support the growth and development of Lisheen Bioeconomy Campus as an important employment location with strong ties to Thurles, maximising its residential and employee potential.	To be progressed through the lifetime of plan. Just Transition Funding opportunities to be maximised.
Objective 4C	Promote and support the development and use of the Archerstown Industrial Estate and N62 Technology Park, through the work of the Local Enterprise Office, and to maintain the parks as high-quality settings for employment uses with active travel linkages with the town centre and residential areas.	Assess proposals as per policies, objectives and standards of the LAP. Explore funding from NTA and other sources to develop active travel linkages to the business parks.
Objective 4D	Support the development of arts and cultural activities, new visitor accommodation and activity-based leisure activities to support the tourism industry in the town; and promote and expand physical and cultural tourism linkages with neighbouring areas and towns.	Ongoing implementation as per objective and as funding becomes available.
Objective 4E	Support the delivery of a sports campus in Thurles, in line with the Tipperary Transforming Heritage Theme and its 'Hero Product' concept, thus adding value and enhancing the visitor experience. The key focus is to provide a unique sporting product for people all over Ireland to enjoy.	Ongoing implementation as per objective.
Objective 4F	Support the delivery of a tourism product linked to the GAA and Semple Stadium.	Ongoing implementation as per objective.

Chapter 5 – Sustainable Communities

<p>Objective 5A</p>	<p>Support the local community and relevant sectors in engaging in programmes such as 'the SEAI Sustainable Energy Community' through the provisions of the Tipperary Climate Action Plan and Delivering Climate Action 2030 (CCMA, 2021). In preparing sectoral adaptation plans and sustainable energy and climate action initiatives, including in the preparation of an Energy Master Plan and in the identification and use of local renewable energy sources.</p>	<p>Point of contact to be provided from Planning Section to SEAI/Community regarding renewable energy and climate adaption initiatives, to inform of planning requirements that may arise regarding same.</p>
<p>Objective 5B</p>	<p>Support the development of innovative projects that contribute to a just transition from fossil fuels and aligning with the criteria of the Just Transition Fund.</p>	<p>Ongoing implementation as per objective.</p>
<p>Objective 5C</p>	<p>Support the continued expansion of third level institutions and their associated supporting residential requirements within Thurles.</p>	<p>Ongoing implementation as per objective, in conjunction with objective 2F.</p>
<p>Objective 5D</p>	<p>Support and promote the development of Thurles as an attractive Third Level Town for the wider region.</p>	<p>Ongoing implementation as per objective.</p>
<p>Objective 5E</p>	<p>Develop, in conjunction with the Council's Active Travel Team, interconnectivity and linkages within, and between the neighbourhoods as identified in Section 5.3.1 and the town centre, the train station, employment areas and local schools and colleges.</p>	<p>Implemented through funding from NTA and required as part of application proposals for new development within identified neighbourhoods.</p>
<p>Objective 5F</p>	<p>Ensure the continued operation and expansion of schools in Thurles, in line with the 'Provision of Schools and the Planning System Code of Practice' (DoE, 2008).</p>	<p>Ongoing implementation as per objective.</p>
<p>Objective 5G</p>	<p>Work with Age-Friendly Ireland in implementing the strategies and</p>	<p>Ongoing implementation as per objective.</p>

	objectives of Tipperary Age-Friendly Strategy.	
Objective 5H	Consult with local community groups, including the PPN and broad-based organisations such as Comhairle na nÓg, as part of the development of local policies and strategies.	Ongoing implementation as per objective. Pro-active engagement through SPC.
Objective 5I	Secure high-quality digital connectivity in Thurles in line with the National Broad Band Plan and enable digital technology in line with the Tipperary Digital Strategy 2018 – 2023.	Dedicated planning team member to respond to licence application proposals within LAP area that form part of NBS.
Objective 5J	Support the delivery of a Digital Hub as a high-quality facility for new employment and enterprise.	Ongoing implementation as per objective.
Objective 5K	Support and facilitate the provision of telecommunications infrastructure in Thurles, subject to safety and amenity requirements.	Ongoing implementation as per objective.
Chapter 6 – Transport and Connectivity		
Objective 6A	Seek to secure funding for the development of the Thurles Bypass linking the N62, N75 and R498.	Ongoing in conjunction with Council’s Roads Section and Thurles Municipal District.
Objective 6B	Seek to secure funding for the development of the Inner Relief Road (as indicated on Map 1) to provide connectivity between the N62 (Slievenamon Road) and the N75 (Mill Road).	Ongoing in conjunction with Council’s Roads Section and Thurles Municipal District.
Objective 6C	Actively seek funding for investment in active travel and public transport in the town in line with the provisions of the LTP as outlined in Appendix 2 (and any review thereof).	Ongoing in conjunction with Council’s Active Travel Team.
Objective 6D	Collaborate with the NTA and Irish Rail to consider how the rail service, infrastructure and facilities can be better tailored to the needs of the community.	Pro active engagement with stakeholders on All Ireland Rail Strategy. Ongoing promotion of improvement of rail

		services throughout duration of LAP.
Objective 6E	Collaborate with the NTA, national and local bus service providers to consider how the bus service, infrastructure and facilities can be better tailored to the needs of the community, including for a consideration of the nature and location of public bus stops.	Pro-active engagement with NTA, stakeholders and services providers. Ongoing through lifetime of the plan
Objective 6F	Achieve the modal shift target as set out in the LTP (Appendix 2) through collaboration with the community and transport sectors over the life time of this LAP.	Seek funding from NTA to undertake active travel schemes as identified in LTP. Monitor modal shift use on implementation of schemes.
Objective 6G	Control the proliferation of non-road traffic signage on and adjacent to national roads within the LAP area in accordance with TII Policy on Provision of Tourist & Leisure Signage on National Roads (March 2011) and in accordance with the Spatial Planning and National Road Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2012, DoECLG (or any update thereof).	Through active Enforcement of unauthorised signage and through DM function.
Objective 6H	Seek opportunities to improve permeability in existing developed areas in accordance with NTA's Permeability Best Practice Guide, and where the opportunity exists, including those identified in the Local Transport Plan (Appendix 2), require that new development incorporates pedestrian and cycle routes to increase permeability for walking and cycling within the neighbourhoods identified in Figure 10 and the wider area. An evidence-based justification, to the satisfaction of the planning authority, must be provided with a planning application where the	Ongoing through DM function as new applications come forward.

	opportunity for increased permeability for the wider area exists but is not being delivered through the application site.	
Chapter 7 – Recognising Our Local Heritage		
Objective 7A	Support and work with the local community in the development of blue and green infrastructure in the town and in the enhancement of the biodiversity and conservation value of the river corridor.	Ongoing as per objective.
Objective 7B	Work in partnership with stakeholders and the local community in the delivery of projects for Thurles in the Green and Blue Infrastructure Masterplan Roadmap for Tipperary Waterways (TCC, 2018) and the proposed Tipperary Greenway and trail Strategy and seek funding opportunities as they arise.	Ongoing as per objective.
Objective 7C	Support the completion of the Thurles 'Looped River Walk'.	Ongoing as per objective.
Chapter 8 – Infrastructure, energy and Utilities		
Objective 8A	Continually progress, in conjunction with Uisce Éireann, water supply and sewer rehabilitation activities, capital maintenance activities, etc in line with the Thurles Drainage Area Plan and Wastewater Infrastructure Plan, and to continue to monitor the performance of the networks to ensure that the most urgent works are prioritised as required.	Early engagement with Uisce Éireann regarding any road improvement/public realm works that will present opportunity to rehabilitate sewers, separate combined sewers as part of scheme.
Objective 8B	Integrate a Nature Based Approach to SUDS, with a focus on biodiversity as part of new public realm and public sector development.	Part 8 Protocol updated to require Nature Based drainage proposals as part of all Public Realm schemes developed by Local Authority. Short term objective.
Objective 8C	Support the sustainable management of waste and enable a	Ongoing as per objective.

	significant reduction in the production of waste in Thurles, in line with the principles of the Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy (DECC, 2021).	
Objective 8D	Support and work in co-operation with the Office of Public Works in the design, development and implementation of the Thurles Flood Relief Scheme	Ongoing as per objective.
Chapter 10 – Monitoring and Evaluation		
Objective 10A	Undertake a programme of monitoring and evaluation of the LAP over its lifetime in accordance with the monitoring framework and methodology prepared for the TCDP 2022 - 2028.	Ongoing as per objective.