

FAHAMORE

1.0 CONTEXT

Location

Fahamore is a small coastal settlement located at the north western extremity of the Maharees peninsula. The settlement is situated less than 6km north of Castlegregory. The development is situated at the end of Corralougha Strand, which extends all the way around Brandon Bay to Fermoyle beach.



Demographics

There are no population figures for the settlement of Fahamore. It is located within the Castlegregory ED where there was a significant population increase between 1996 and 2002 and again during the 2002 to 2006 inter censal period.



Functions

Fahamore is essentially a residential coastal settlement with very limited facilities. Many of the residences are occupied on a seasonal basis.

Facilities

The village has one public house/restaurant. The local primary school has been closed for a number of decades and the area is now served by Castlegregory. Similarly the nearest shop is located in Castlegregory as are all other essential facilities.

Infrastructure

Fahamore is supplied with water from a public water scheme. There is no existing wastewater treatment plant in the village and there are no plans to install one. Dwellings are served by individual septic tanks and wastewater treatment systems.

2.0 DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS

Urban Form

The original settlement pattern as evidenced by the nineteenth century ordnance survey maps was comprised mainly of a loose arrangement of long rectangular houses without any defined orientation. This development pattern has given the settlement its own unique character. The origins of Fahamore are somewhat obscure but it likely to have originated as a fishing village.



Built Heritage

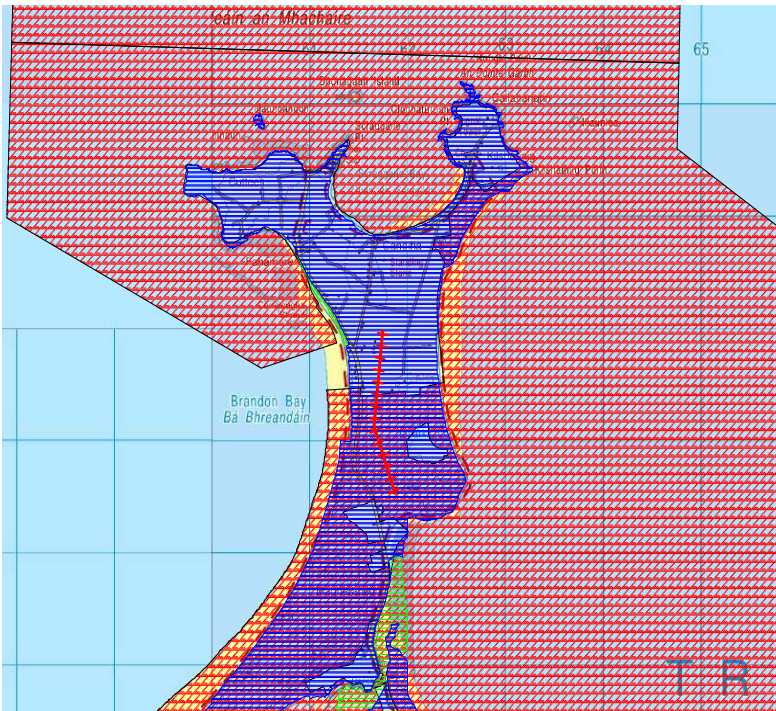
There are no Recorded Protected Structures within the proposed plan area. There is however one structure which because of its social and historical significance should be included in the Record of Protected Structures; namely the old schoolhouse.

Archaeology

There is one Recorded Monument located close to the centre of the settlement that is
Ref. No. KE027-003 The remains of a shell midden on the foreshore.
There are three further monuments on the outskirts of the existing settlement
Ref. No. KE027- 001 Soutterain
Ref. No. KE027-004 Burial
Ref. No. KE027-005 Standing Stone

Natural Environment

Fahamore is located on the eastern shore of Brandon Bay which is a part of the Tralee Bay and Magharees Peninsula, West to Cloghane candidate Special Area of Conservation. The settlement is located in a flat treeless landscape, with prominent dry stone walls, a landscape characteristic of many coastal areas along the western seaboard. The whole of the Maharees Peninsula is designated as Secondary Special Amenity in the current Kerry County Development Plan with some very sensitive coastal areas designated Prime Special Amenity.



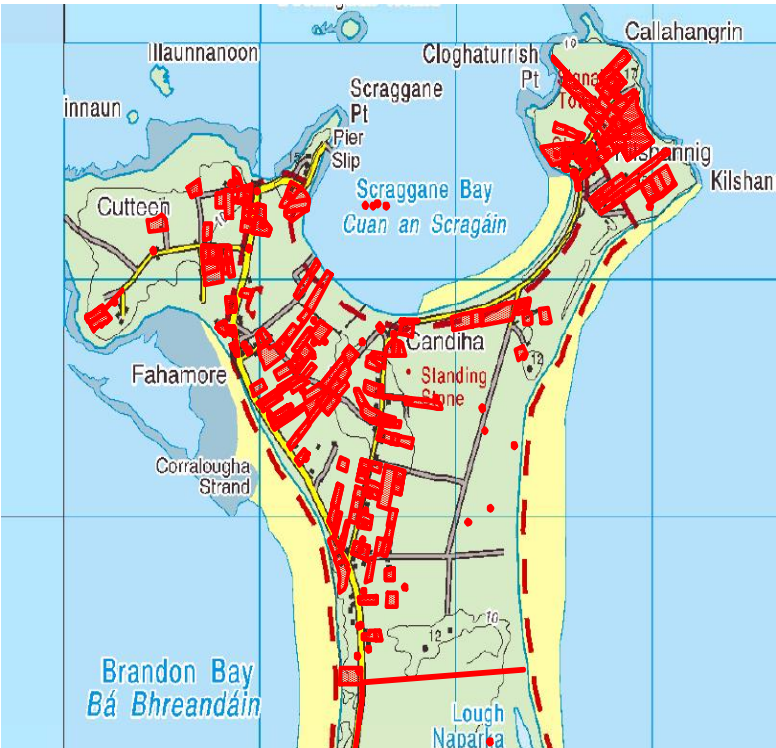
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Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic

The road connecting the settlement with Castlegregory is sometimes prone to sand drift, particularly during stormy conditions. Traffic on this road is busy during the peak summer months but confined to local traffic during the remainder of the year.

Employment

There are little or no employment opportunities within the settlement.



Development Pressure 1999 to date

Growth and Residential Development

There has been a significant amount of development in the vicinity of the settlement mainly to the south. Whereas there has been some development in the core village area a high level of ribbon development has taken place especially within a 1.5 km radius to the south of the village. Kilshannig 3.5km approximately by road to the east has also attracted a considerable amount of one-off housing. The dearth of facilities and limited infrastructure in terms of effluent treatment, the road network, the low lying terrain and the sensitive nature of the landscape militates against any large scale development in Fahamore over the lifetime of the plan.

3.0 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The development strategy is to provide for the limited development of Fahamore as a small coastal village on a scale commensurate with its infrastructural capacity. Due to the very open low lying nature of the terrain

additional development will be restricted. Because of the likely effect of global warming on rising sea levels; the risks inherent in allowing any unnecessary development at this location are only too obvious. All development will by its nature and design contribute to its identity and sense of place. This will be achieved by ensuring any new developments are of an appropriate local scale, and preserve the distinctive character and informal layout of the existing settlement.

In effect the settlement at Fahamore is a grouping of residential developments with little or no facilities. There is no wastewater infrastructure and no proposal to construct one. Development potential for the area is very limited and it is the strategy of the plan that applications for development in the area will be dealt with in accordance with the rural secondary special amenity policies of the current Kerry County Development Plan.

4.0 OVERALL OBJECTIVES

Objective No.	Overall Objectives It is an objective of the Council to:
OO-1	Retain a compact and sustainable village structure by ensuring that any new development is contiguous with existing development and makes effective use of backland and infill sites.
OO-2	Require any new development to integrate with the existing village, and to take account of the topography of the area.
OO-3	Ensure that any new development shall not have a significant detrimental impact on the natural environment or on the visual or physical character of this open exposed landscape.
OO-4	Ensure that new development in the area will be dealt with in accordance with the rural secondary special amenity policies of the current Kerry County Development Plan.
OO-5	Ensure that in the assessment of proposed developments adjacent to cSAC that priority is given to the protection of the cSAC and development will not have a detrimental effect on the quality of the receiving waters



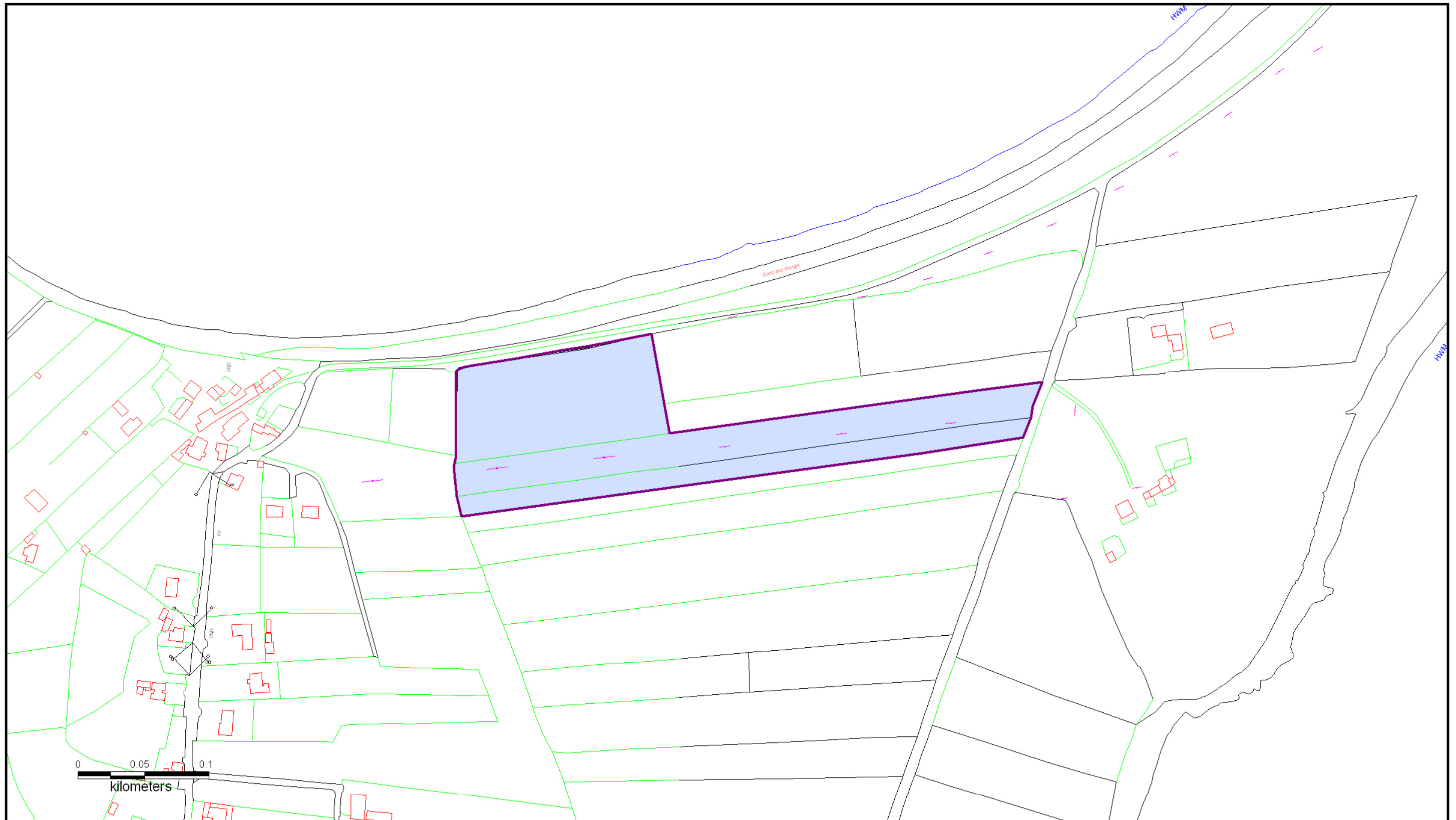
OO-6	Facilitate, where possible, the construction of permanent dwellings for local people on their own land.
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5.0 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Built Heritage

Objective No	It is an objective of the Council to
BH-1	Secure the inclusion of the old schoolhouse to the east of the settlement on the record of protected structures.



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Map

Land Zoning Map

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Caravan Park
Development Boundary