



AN FHEOTHANACH

1.0 CONTEXT

Location

An Fheothanach is a small village/rural area located approximately 11km to the north west of An Daingean.



Demographics

An Fheothanach is located within the DED of Cill Chuáin. The population of this DED has been increasing marginally from a population of 447 in 1996, 453 in 2002 and 464 in 2006.

Irish Language

In 2006, 90.9% of the total population were able to speak Irish in the DED of Cill Chuáin. From this it appears that the Irish language is strong in the area and is in widespread use making it one of the

strongest Irish speaking areas in the East Dingle Peninsula Settlements Plan.

Functions

An Fheothanach provides some basic services to its rural hinterland.

Facilities/Services

An Fheothanach has a basic range of services which includes a public house, a primary school and a community hall. The Radio na Gaeltachta offices are located to the southwest. There is a church within a short distance at An Carraig / An Bothar Buí. In addition there is a nearby pier at Duinín. There are also several one-off developments in the plan area.

Employment

Agriculture was the biggest source of employment in the Cill Chuáin DED in 2006.



Infrastructure

An Fheothanach is served by a septic tank which outfalls to the sea shore which is currently operating at capacity. There are no immediate plans to upgrade or expand on sewerage facilities in the village. The village is served by a public water mains supply. The constraint on existing effluent treatment facilities will be a limiting factor in the future development of An Fheothanach in the short-term.

Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic

The village is located on the crossroads of the L5005 with the L12052, L5007 and L12234 and traffic through the settlement peaks during the summer season. There is no public car park in the plan area or immediately outside of the plan area.

2.0 DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS

Natural Heritage

There are no designated SPA's, NHA's or SAC's in the plan area or immediately outside the plan area. However there are Prime and Secondary Special Amenity areas west of An Fheothanach. There is a large area of reed wetlands around the Abha na Feothanaí which is presently unprotected.

Archaeological Heritage

There are two recorded monuments within the proposed plan area i.e. Ke033-008 Rath and Ke033-011 Promontory Fort Possible.

Built Heritage

There is no existing protected structure in the plan area.

Settlement Pattern

An Fheothanach developed as a Clochan to the west of the junction of the L5005 with the L5007, little of which remains.





3.0 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

An Fheothanach is a dispersed rural settlement area. There is only a septic tank in the area and there are no proposals to construct a new waste water treatment plant. Given the lack of any facilities in the area and the absence of an existing village/settlement structure, the need to prioritise investment into existing settlements and the existence of a district centre 11km away, it is not intended to develop a new village settlement in An Fheothanach. 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 policies of the current Kerry County Development Plan.



4.0 GENERAL OBJECTIVES

Objective No.	It is an objective of the Council to:
OO-1	Ensure that future development in the area should comprise of permanent occupation one-off dwellings or cluster type developments, located on the landward/south side of the public road. A commercial/retail facility may also be considered at a suitable location. The capacity of the landscape to absorb new development will be a factor in determining development proposals.
OO-2	Ensure that any new development shall be of a high design standard to ensure integration into this sensitive open landscape.
OO-3	Ensure development shall not have a detrimental impact on the natural environment or the visual or physical character of the area.
OO-4	To facilitate, where possible, the construction of permanent dwellings for local people on their own land.
OO-5	Ensure that new development will be dealt with in accordance with the rural policies of the current Kerry County Development Plan.
OO-6	To protect and promote the reed wetland area as an area of amenity.