



KNOCKANURE

CONTEXT

Location

The small North Kerry village of Knockanure is located approximately 9km north east of the town of Listowel, 2km south of Moyvane and 2km from the Limerick border.

Functions

Knockanure is a crossroads settlement offering only a minimal level of services.

Facilities

The local Catholic Church, primary school and public house are located within the centre of the village. The nearest shop is located in Moyvane.



Demographics

The village is located within the Newtownsandess Electoral Division. In the intercensal period 1996-2002 the population declined by 49 persons or 4.7%. The preliminary figures for the 2002-2006 censal period, however, recorded an increase of 33 persons or 3.3% over the 2002-2006. No population statistics are available for the plan area and for the purposes of this plan the population has been calculated using the results of a house count and the estimated household size of 2.94 as specified in the Kerry County Development Plan 2003-2009. There are 17 dwelling units within the proposed boundary and this equates to a population of 47 persons.

Infrastructure

There is no waste water treatment plant serving the village and development is serviced via individual septic tanks/ waste water treatment systems. The lack of waste water infrastructure will place significant restrictions on the level of residential growth that can be accommodated over the plan period.

DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS

Urban Form

Knockanure has a compact settlement form which has been reinforced by a recent development of 6 semi-detached dwellings located in the village centre. The settlement pattern in the village has altered very little in recent decades. The old church was located to the north of the crossroads and this was replaced in the 1960s with a new church located to the south. The original settlement comprised a church and a small number of dwellings. Recent development has occurred in linear pattern at the fringes of the village. Significant areas of land adjacent to the village centre remain undeveloped. It is considered that streetscape development in the centre of the village in conjunction with measures to ameliorate the impact of fragmented building lines, would create a stronger and more attractive urban form.



Built and Natural Heritage

There are no National Monuments and one Recorded Protected Structure within the plan area, namely;

Reg. No, 21301101 Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

There are no designated environmental protection areas within, or in the vicinity, of the plan area.

Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic

The car park serving the village church is sufficient to meet parking requirements over the period of the plan. In general the level of pavement provision is satisfactory but a new pavement is required between the church and the village centre.

Employment

There is little local employment in the vicinity of the plan area. It is envisaged that residents will continue to commute to Listowel or other urban centers within commuting distance.

Growth and Residential Development

In the absence of detailed population projections the level of housing demand can be loosely calculated using the number of permissions granted in the period preceding the plan. In the case of Knockanure, planning permission has been granted for 9 houses, 8 of these were part of



streetscape development and there was a single one off dwelling in the period 2000-2006. The level of development which can be accommodated will also be dependent on adequate water and waste water infrastructure to service development.



DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

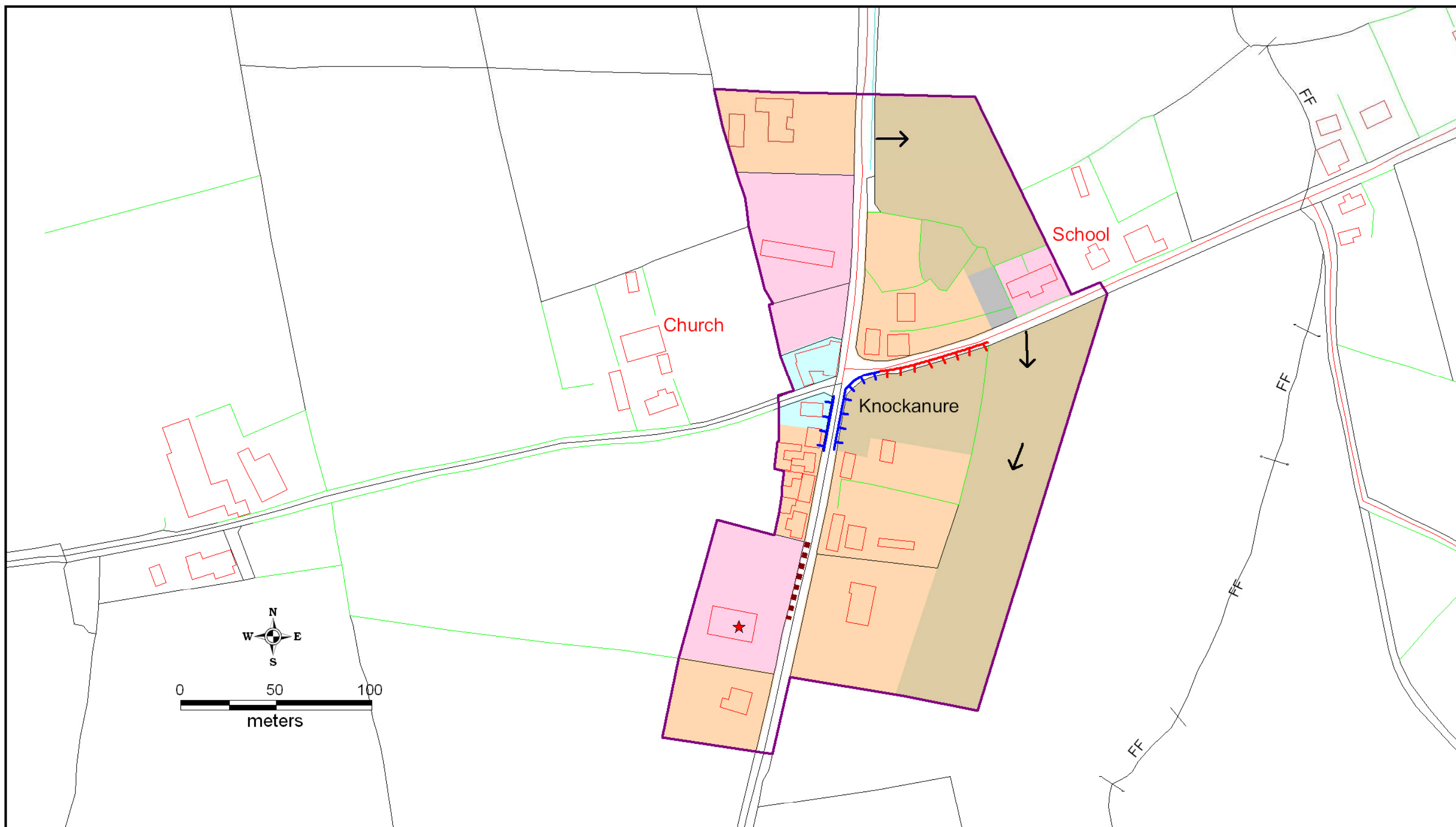
The strategy addresses the need to enhance the existing compact urban form with the extension of streetscape development in the village centre. Development will be on a scale commensurate with its function and infrastructural capacity. All development will by its nature and design contribute to the development of an attractive village streetscape.

OVERALL OBJECTIVES

Objective No.	Overall Objective It is an objective of the Council to:
OO-1	Develop a compact and sustainable village structure by ensuring that new development is located on sites at the centre of the village, is contiguous with existing development and makes effective use of backland and infill sites.
OO-2	Develop a strong village structure through the extension of existing streetscapes.
OO-3	Require environmental improvements throughout the village to ameliorate the impact of fragmented building lines and lend coherence and greater uniformity to streetscapes.
OO-4	Consider low density development to cater for detached housing. Such proposals will be required to demonstrate how the development contributes to the creation of an attractive urban structure while integrating with the existing village form.
OO-5	Promote attractive streetscapes and approaches into the village.
OO-6	Require that the provision of social and retail services shall keep pace with housing development to support a growing population and create a viable community.
OO-7	Ensure development shall not have a detrimental impact on the natural environment or the visual or physical character of the village.

Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic

Objective No.	Specific Zoning Objective It is an objective of the Council to:
T-1	Reserve new access points to facilitate orderly in-depth development as indicated on the Zoning Map.
T-2	Seek pavement improvements as indicated on the Zoning Map.
T-3	Require, where necessary, road widening measures to increase the carrying capacity of roads serving new development.



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Map

Land Use Zoning

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	Residential (ext.)		Institutional / Community Use		Residential Urban Streetscape
	Residential proposed		Car park		Mixed Use Urban Streetscape
	Commercial		Pavement Improvements		Indicative Access Points
			Development Boundary		