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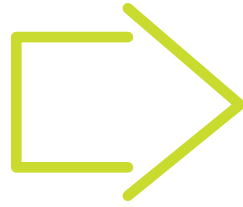
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# PROJECT OVERVIEW



*Cavan County Council has taken the lead in developing Town and Village Revitalisation Plans for 20 Towns and Villages across the County.*

These plans have been developed in recognition of the importance of supporting and developing the physical and social fabric of these towns. The objective is to enhance our Towns and Villages as more attractive places to live and to work.

The plans are ambitious and will act as blueprints for the development and enhancement of our Towns and Villages over the next ten to fifteen years.

An integral part of the success of these plans will be the role that communities within the towns and villages take in leading out in their implementation in conjunction with Cavan County Council and other relevant bodies. Identification of a broad range of projects within the plans will enable communities to easily prioritise and develop project applications.

## 1. The Context for County Cavan Towns and Villages

Towns and villages play a key role in terms of serving the economic, social, cultural and community needs of the people and their hinterland. However, many towns and villages throughout Ireland are experiencing huge changes in terms of their commercial, aesthetic and cultural landscape. Provincial towns and especially provincial villages are under serious threat from the polarising effect of the larger city economies.

County Cavan is no exception to these changes. But while it shares the generic planning challenges that most provincial towns face such as out-of-town retail and residential development leading to dereliction of established town centres, Cavan County has also some very specific characteristics and needs. In particular South East Cavan due its proximity to the Greater Dublin Area has seen significant rise in population resulting in significant commuter numbers in some of the towns. In contrast parts of West Cavan, nested within pristine landscapes but in remote locations are suffering from population decline. County Cavan also faces challenges on account of its proximity to the border with Northern Ireland.

Within this context, as both the towns and villages experience huge changes across County Cavan, there is a greater importance placed on developing places that will be resilient and sustainable in the years and decades to come. In this context, County Cavan Council aim to harness local community and entrepreneurial spirit, in order to develop Revitalisation Plans for the towns and villages of Cavan.

## 2. Project Purpose and Outcomes

In September 2017, Tyréns UK and GCAL were commissioned by County Cavan Council to undertake the Town and Villages Revitalisation Plans project. The project will complement studies already undertaken by County Cavan and local Councils aimed at securing the long-term future of Cavan's towns.

The project encompasses the revitalisation of the following 20 towns and villages:

- Cavan Town
- Virginia
- Bailieborough
- Ballyjamesduff
- Cootehill
- Kingscourt
- Belturbet
- Mullagh
- Ballyconnell
- Ballinagh
- Ballyhaise
- Shercock
- Killeshandra
- Arva
- Kilnaleck
- Swanlinbar
- Butlersbridge
- Blacklion
- Loch Gowna
- Dowra

The purpose of this study is to prepare plans showcasing how improvements can enhance the town as an attractive place in which to live, play, work, and visit. The Revitalisation Plans will seek to enhance and improve town and village functions both on a day to day basis, while also seeking to improve the long term socio economic, cultural and environmental benefits for residents, businesses, communities and visitors.

The outcomes of the Revitalisation Plans are three-fold - to deliver successful strategies across spatial development, economic development and community development. The project will seek to ensure that the design of these town and village plans recognises the diversity that exists in the County of Cavan and will tailor each plan for the site specifics of each settlement.

## 3. Project Structure

The project has been structured as follows:

### STAGE 1 - BASELINE

- Review of background material, reports, studies and strategies
- 'What makes Cavan - Cavan' engagement campaign
- County wide analysis
- Review of consultation findings

### STAGE 2 - REVITALISATION PLANS

- Individual Town and Village Revitalisation Plans
- Consultation workshops

## 4. Objectives and Role of this Report

This report is one of a sequence of twenty reports providing a final summary of the proposals and proposals prepared as part of the County Cavan Towns and Villages Revitalisation project. This report is the final revitalisation report for Kingscourt (town 06 of 20).

The report sets out a series of proposals focusing on spatial, economic and community development, establishing recommendations for implementation timescales. The proposals are action-based and spatially focused and provide an urban design and public realm framework to inform local planning policy and future development and/or regeneration proposals, covering place-making, open space, transport, parking, heritage, iconic features and vistas, natural environment etc.

The report also compiles findings from the community engagement. The current design for Kingscourt is the result of a collaborative process with County Cavan Council, citizens, stakeholders and neighbours groups.

## 5. Project Deliverables

The following reports have been or will be delivered as part of County Cavan Town and Village Revitalisation Plans project documentation:

### STAGE 1 - BASELINE

- Draft and Final Baseline Report - Site Analysis including SWOT analysis of each town and village and a County Wide analysis

### STAGE 2 - REVITALISATION PLANS

- Draft and Final Individual Town and Village Revitalisation Plans

## 6. Project Programme

The early stages of the project - October 2017 to January 2018 - were dedicated to understanding the towns and villages context. During this period community engagement events were carried out as part of the 'What makes Cavan - Cavan' campaign.

Following this stage, from January to early February 2018, a County Wide Strategy has been prepared establishing a shared vision for County Cavan's towns and villages, identifying unique selling points, focus areas and themes for the Revitalisation Plans.

From February to May 2018, Revitalisation Plans have been prepared for each individual town. These plans have been supported by a series of workshops with the community.

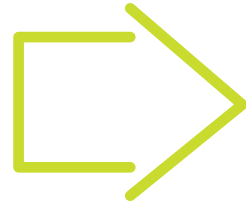
## 7. The Tyréns and Gaffney & Cullivan Architects Approach

The GCAL and Tyréns team bring global thinking and local knowledge to the project. GCAL as Lead Architect bring expertise, extensive experience and considerable local knowledge of County Cavan. The practice specialises in built heritage which leads to proactive conservation architecture and renewal. Tyréns is a European multidisciplinary masterplanning, urban development and sustainable infrastructure consulting firm specialised in community and regional planning. The combination of Tyréns international experience coupled with GCAL's wealth of more local knowledge brings a unique perspective to the project.

Disciplines inputting to the project include urban design and planning, landscape architecture, transport and community capacity building. Working with the council's team, Tyréns and GCAL approach centre around people, their needs, their habits and their vision to inform the design of urban space. Tyréns and GCAL's goal is to activate factors that allow towns and villages to flourish as attractive places in which to live, work and socialise in.



# INTRODUCTION



*This report details the proposals aimed at revitalising Kingscourt. It is structured in the following way:*




## Section A - County Wide and Town Specific Proposals

Section A of the report identifies and describes proposals that are recommended to be implemented both county wide and on a town-by-town specific basis.




The section begins by presenting County Wide Proposals (referenced as CWP) that are recommended to be rolled out in each town across County Cavan. The report continues to outline a series of potential Town Specific Proposals (referenced as SP) that are recommended to be implemented in specific towns and villages across County Cavan only. The town specific proposals will be relevant to only some of the towns, and will be explored with further clarity in each report.

Each proposal is also associated with a suggested priority rating and predicted cost. This assumption is based on findings from consultations and feedback from members of the public. Both ratings are represented alongside each proposal with the following icons:

Priority rating:

-  High
-  Medium
-  Low

Cost rating:

-  Standard Upgrade €0 - €25,000
-  Standard Plus Upgrade €25,000 - €100,000
-  Premium Upgrade €100,000 +











## Section B - Kingscourt Proposals

Following from this, the report outlines the proposals identified for Kingscourt. Firstly, a map is used to illustrate the location of both the County Wide Proposals (CWP) and Kingscourt Specific Proposals (KSP). On the map, each proposal encompasses a series of physical elements such as waste bins, lighting and seating etc. These items are identified by icons. These items are colour coded in reference to the key themes used in the Stage 1 framework to illustrate the challenges and opportunities affecting County Cavan's towns and villages. The themes are as follows;







1. Accessibility
2. Streetscape
3. Amenities and Services
4. Builtform
5. Initiatives and Events

Proposed themes and their associated icons are as follows;





### ACCESSIBILITY

-  Signage
-  Maps
-  Information Panel
-  Bus Shelter
-  Crossing Point
-  Footpath
-  Cycle Path
-  Traffic Calming
-  Car Parking
-  Pedestrianisation





### STREETSCAPE

-  Planters
-  Trees
-  Tree surrounds
-  Public Art
-  Fountains
-  Approach to town

### AMENITIES

-  Seating
-  Outdoor Gym
-  Playground
-  River Amenity Space

### SERVICES

-  Waste Bin
-  Drinking Fountain
-  Charging & Wifi Station
-  Lighting

### BUILTFORM

-  Street Façade / Building
-  Road Surface
-  Pavement Surface
-  Kerb Finish
-  Flexible Pavilion

Following the summary map, each proposal for Kingscourt is detailed with supporting text, existing and proposed imagery or graphics.

## Section C - Summary

In Section B, a table summarises all the proposals for Cavan and presents estimated costs and phasing.

## Section D - Consultation Findings

A first draft of the proposals presented in this report has been subject to a public consultation which led to the revised and final suggestions of this final report. A summary of the process and findings of the public consultation can be found in Section D.



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Pat's Shop NE



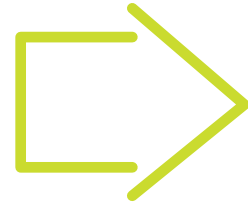




**SECTION A - COUNTY WIDE AND TOWN SPECIFIC PROPOSALS**



# COUNTY WIDE PROPOSALS



*This section outlines recommended proposals to roll out in all 20 towns and villages across County Cavan. Proposals have been categorised into 'Standard', 'Standard Plus' and 'Premium' upgrades.*

Many of the proposals suggested within these reports are recommended to be implemented in all of the 20 towns and villages involved in this study. It is important to consider these County Wide proposals at the scale of the county in order to create an integrated and seamless strategy, whereby items such as street furniture and wayfinding are uniform across multiple locations. Not only is this a cost and implementation benefit, but it will also strengthen the visual identity of Cavan as a County, to residents and visitors alike.

Proposals have been categorised as 'Standard', 'Standard Plus' and 'Premium' upgrades based on cost, together with an indicative priority rating for their implementation.

County Wide (CWP) 'Standard Upgrades' have been identified as:

- CWP1 Public Seating
- CWP2 Waste and Recycle Bins
- CWP3 Planting
- CWP4 Information Signs with Wifi/Charging Point
- CWP5 Paving

County Wide (CWP) 'Standard Plus Upgrades' have been identified as:

- CWP6 Approach Signage
- CWP7 Murals and Public Art
- CWP8 Electric Vehicle Charging Point
- CWP9 Walking Routes

County Wide (CWP) 'Premium Upgrades' have been identified as:

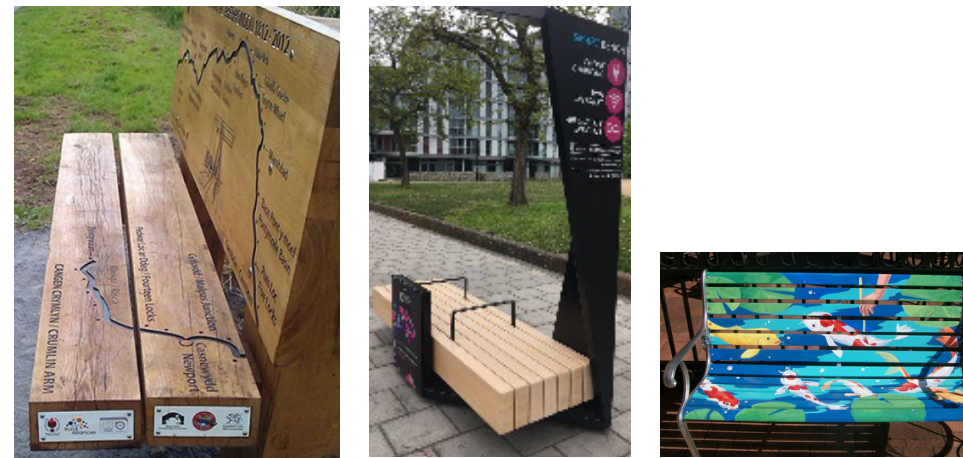
- CWP10 Façade Painting

## Standard Upgrades €

### CWP1 Public Seating

The first County Wide proposal is to provide upgraded and additional public seating throughout the towns. The design could incorporate the town's local history or natural assets by integrating the seat with an art installation, or simply repainting any existing public seating with vibrant imagery. The benches should be of a natural aesthetic (e.g. wood) and of a relatively traditional appearance in order to fit the local character of the area.

Seating could include benches and chairs that would allow people to rest and enjoy the public spaces. The seating should ideally be sourced from a local (County Cavan) carpenter(s) or furniture manufacturer(s) and therefore hopefully made from locally (and/or nationally) sourced materials. This will give the dual benefit for generating local employment/boosting the local economy and having a lower carbon footprint than importing from overseas. As a longer term option, introduce smart seating to key central spaces with integrated wifi, charging and information points.

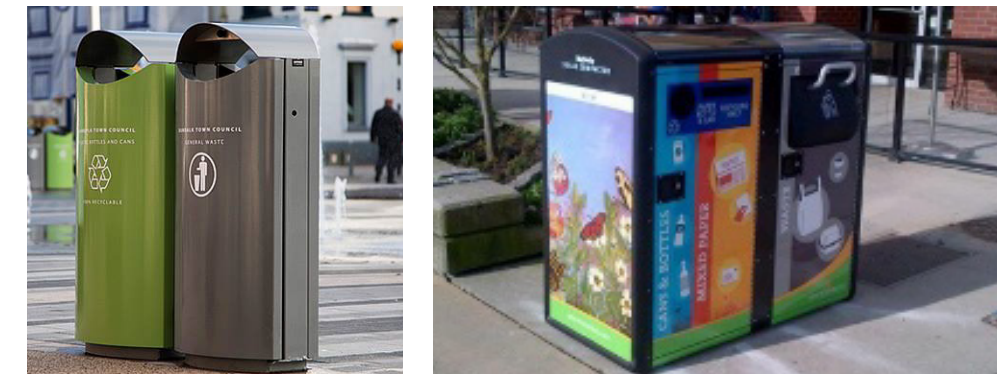


TL: Sensitive and informative design, Brecon Beacons  
 TM: Smart bench with charging, data collection and wifi hot spot  
 B and TR: Benches painted by the local community

### CWP2 Waste and Recycle Bins

Waste bins should also be sourced and fabricated locally. They should be made of natural materials where possible, and should aesthetically fit the local character of the area.

The bins should be secure to prevent theft and should have small openings to prevent people from using them to put their household waste in. Recycling bins should be implemented where possible without proposing bulky and invasive bins.



T: Modern waste bins  
 B: Underground recycling bins





### CWP3 Planting

In order to enhance the visual experience for both residents and visitors, a planting strategy should be implemented across all towns. Planting in the towns and villages could be landscaped using locally sourced stone to create a natural and local character. This character would also reference the topographical landscape of County Cavan. Planters could also be sourced and made locally using timber. They could also include built in planting elements, which could feature a diverse range of seasonal plants that can be enjoyed all year round.

Trees should be added throughout the town/village centres as they provide innumerable benefits to both the environment and residents. A good diversity of tree species should be used in order to create lush vegetation with a healthy flora environment. The introduction of tree surrounds double up as seating, and can be an easy way to create attractive landscaping to the urban environment. Permeable paving can also be used to allow the trees to capture run-off through the design of SUDS.



TL: Trees and seating create event and interaction spaces, Tullamore  
TR: Property owners encouraged to use hanging baskets, Cornwall  
BL: Trees along the street  
BR: Tree surrounds, also acting as seating

### CWP4 Information Signs with Wifi/Charging Point

A well conceived signage strategy featuring a combination of signs, maps and information panels is important to effectively inform both residents and visitors, and will create a legible and identifiable town centre. In addition to this basic wayfinding function, good signage will enhance the character of the town, reinforce the hierarchy of spaces and contribute to the streetscape aesthetics.

Design standards should be established and replicated across all signs to ensure they are consistent and complementary. Use materials that fit the character of the town, for example locally sourced timber, which is high in quality, durable and easy to maintain.

All towns across Cavan should feature a principal map with text indicating current location, landmarks, features, routes and other amenities. This principal map should be located on the main public square or similar high pedestrian traffic areas.

Public information panels provide users with more detailed information about their surroundings by explaining the significance of a specific feature or space. Information panels could be interactive or tactile to add interest and encourage use. The information signs could be integrated with wifi and/or charging points for mobile phones. Lighting poles, bus shelters, kiosks and benches can also be used to offer digital services and should be solar powered where possible.



TL and BR: Information Map  
TM: Information Panel at a key landmark  
TR: Information sign at a key location  
BL: Interactive Information Panel

### CWP5 Paving

Footpaths are a fundamental and necessary investment for all towns across the county. Often the main streets support high levels of vehicular traffic, and therefore pedestrian access and safety should be a priority. Well designed and maintained pavements encourage walking by making it safer and more attractive, but also support socialising and generate active streetscapes. Pavements should be provided on all urban streets, be accessible to all users and be uncluttered of unnecessary furniture. Pavement surfaces and kerbs should make use of locally sourced natural stone where possible.

Good quality footpaths should feature in the following zones:

- Buffer Zone (A) - should be of appropriate scale and delineated by vertical or horizontal separation - trees, kerb extension etc. - from traffic to foster a sense of safety for pedestrians.
- Street Furniture Zone (B) - sits adjacent to the buffer zone and is where street furniture and amenities should be located and aligned.
- Clear Path (C) - is the primary, dedicated and accessible pathway that runs parallel to the street. It should be at least 1.8-2.4 m wide to ensure that two people using wheelchairs can pass each other. It must be free of fixed objects and deformities that would make it inaccessible.
- Frontage Zone (D) - is at the edge between the clear path and buildings and should focus on how to make both attractive.



L: Pavement of the main street of a small town, with a landscaped buffer zone  
R: Location and width of footpath zones as described above.



## Standard Plus Upgrades €€

### CWP6 Approach Signage

The various approaches to towns are critical to creating a strong and welcoming sense of arrival. Furthermore, as all towns and villages within County Cavan are located in rural areas with scenic views of the countryside, the approaches are sensitive spaces that can either support or be detrimental to the integration of the town into its surroundings. These approaches also signify a threshold, whereby the streets become less car oriented, more pedestrian and cycle focused in the town centre.

Bespoke signage should be introduced at the approach to the county itself and to each town and village. Signs should illustrate the location within the county, and could provide additional information such as population and an interesting unique fact. Towns should encourage the design of colourful planting and landscaping to the surrounds of the new signs to further enhance the arrival experience. An effort should be made to limit billboards.

### CWP7 Murals and Public Art

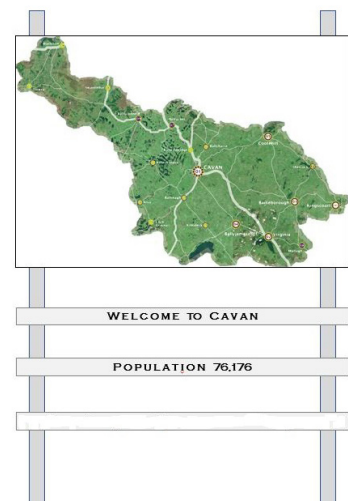
Public art is the most effective way to promote a town or village's individual character. Tourism will be encouraged furthermore through the marketing of local culture and art through social media platforms and the internet.

Various types of public art should be considered as part of an overarching strategy for each town and village. Ideas include; creative structures and pavilions, sculptures and street art, which should be designed for key public spaces.

There is existing public art in the form of street art and mural paintings across many of the towns and villages including Ballinagh, Swanlinbar and Kilnaleck.

### CWP8 Electric Vehicle Charging Point

To encourage behavioural changes towards using more sustainable transport solutions, additional electric car charging stations should be provided across the county. These should be located at convenient and central locations to strengthen the benefits of having an electric car. Stations could be incorporated into lighting poles to avoid cluttering the streetscape with additional items.



TL: Proposed design of approach signage for County Cavan towns

TR and B: Welcome sign enhanced with colourful planting

T and BL: Example of murals referencing the local heritage of the town and created by the local community

BR: Existing street art in Ballinagh

E-car charging station





## CWP9 Walking Routes

Each town should have a variety of walking trails in order to encourage residents and visitors to explore the built, natural and tourism assets as part of well signed routes. Trails could also include information panels at specific points of interest along the way.

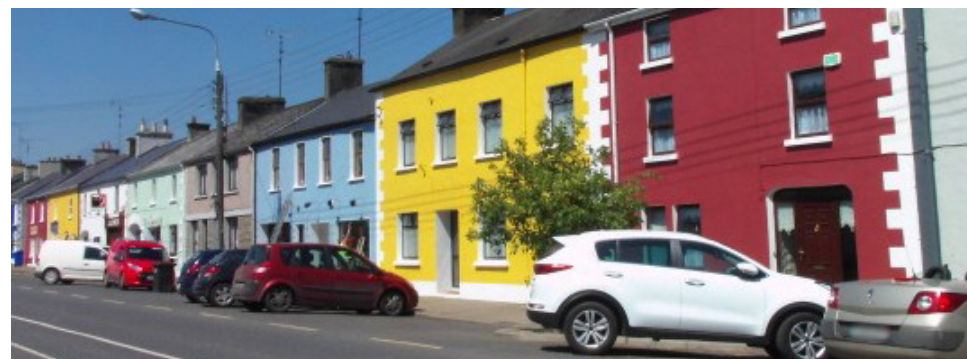


Variety of sign design along countryside walks

## Premium Upgrades €€€

### CWP10 Façade Painting

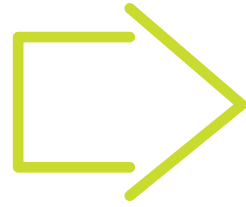
Well maintained and aesthetically pleasant street façades account for creating a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere in towns, and can also add to the character of the streetscape. This can be achieved through the implementation of a façade painting scheme, improvements to shopfronts and building frontages, or the commissioning of artwork murals, lighting schemes etc. Special treatment should be given to historic buildings that provide a special architectural, cultural or heritage value to the townscape. Landmark buildings that strengthen the identity of a town should also be well maintained and presented within the streetscape. Derelict sites should also be addressed, as they are often key spaces which could add to the character and experience of a town. Such schemes can be phased, by prioritising proposals at key locations, at entrances to town, at key nodes, and at areas around public spaces. Acting as a catalyst for future improvements, the upgrading of key sites and buildings will create maximum impact and encourage incremental changes across other parts of town.



Recent painting scheme in Mullagh



# TOWN SPECIFIC PROPOSALS



*This section outlines some possible proposals that will be specific to the towns across County Cavan. As within the County Wide section, proposals have been categorised into 'Standard', 'Standard Plus' and 'Premium' upgrades.*

N.B: these proposals hold no priority rating as they are location specific. Priority ratings are summarised on page 32.

## Standard Plus Upgrades €€

### SP1 Street Redesign

Given that many of the 20 towns and villages are located along regional and local roads, through-traffic and parking are major issues experienced throughout County Cavan. These towns suffer from huge volumes of cars and industrial sized vehicles traveling along the main street. This makes for an unfriendly and dangerous pedestrian and cycle environment, that is often worsened by a lack of crossing points, narrow and damaged pavements.

Key street sections should be redesigned to create 'complete streets' that are safe and to be enjoyed by all users. Proposals could include new crossing points and refuge islands, cycle paths and associated facilities, high quality intersection surface treatment, contemporary lighting and street furniture that reflects the character of the area, shared surfaces where appropriate, traffic calming features and parking control measures. Road surfaces should be renewed when necessary to make streets both safer and more aesthetically pleasant. In particular, the use of different materials could reduce the reliance on road markings.



TL: Use of differentiated paving to strengthen the visibility of the crossing  
 TM: Cycle physically separated from traffic on the main street  
 BL: Shared surface  
 R: Example of context sensitive lighting solution

### SP2 Car Parking

Generally there is a good provision of parking across most towns and villages in Cavan. However many car parks and on-street parking could benefit from a redesign and/or realignment, enhanced with the introduction of landscaping, lighting and furniture.

Designated parking spaces for car users with disabilities should also be provided in every town and village across the County. These should be located next to key amenities with dropped kerbs to allow easy wheelchair access. Poorly designed disabled parking should be avoided: bays should not be fitted into leftover space but should instead be purposely designed from the start as part of a holistic strategy.



TL: Successful town centre car parking integrated with a landscaping scheme  
 TR: The use of multiple surface materials to add texture and visual interest.  
 BL: Disabled parking bay and sign, Ireland  
 BR: Efficient car park layout with clear pedestrian routes and furniture.

## Premium Upgrades €€€

### SP3 Public Space

Improvements to existing the creation of new public spaces can activate and bring key amenities to previously lifeless towns. Plazas, squares and urban parks should be transformed into multi-use destinations, supporting a variety of civic and community uses including markets, events, seasonal programming etc. Public spaces are also spaces to rest, meet, interact and play, and should therefore incorporate seating, informal play items, canopies, landscaping and water features. The creation of new public spaces in the existing urban fabric can take advantage of building setbacks or wide roads. Community involvement in the co-creation of public spaces should be encouraged, as a way to foster a community's sense of pride and shared ownership of the town.

Public spaces could integrate flexible pavilions, which could trigger various uses and activities including pop up food stalls, amphitheatres for mini-concerts, performances, meetings, spaces to host yoga, cooking or meditation courses, offer of local services etc. Pavilions could also be made bookable by the local community in order to organise and host their own events. The design of pop up and transportable structures would also enable usage across multiple locations.



TL: Temporary activation of the public space  
 TR: Pavilion dedicated to the discovery of urban gardening in Aarhus, Denmark  
 B: Leyteire urban garden





## SP4 Pedestrianisation

In the larger towns of the county, such as Cavan Town or Bailieborough, the pedestrianisation of some streets could be explored. Pedestrianisation can activate streets for new uses, foster interaction and encourage pedestrian movement. Overall, it makes the street more active, safer and healthier. It can also boost the local economy by generating higher footfall levels in retail areas.

In order for the concept of a shared or pedestrianised street to be well received locally, the proposal could be phased over time through small incremental measures. This could begin with pavement extensions, the creation of a shared street, the reduction of carriageways to single lane, the licensing of outdoor seating for cafés and pubs. Similarly, a short section of the road can be re-designed with space for a cycle track, large planters, trees, seating spaces and terraces. The community can also be encouraged to reinvent the public realm through the flexible and temporary programming of streets, such as events, street parties, markets, play streets, open streets, pedestrianisation one day a week etc.

These proposals will demonstrate the diverse ways in which a street may be utilised and may lead over time to more permanent transformations of the right-of-way.



T: A Parklet event - temporary pavement extension for amenity on parking spaces - and temporary street pedestrianisation, Hammersmith, London  
B: Pedestrian Street in Boulder

## SP5 Outdoor Gym and Playground

Playgrounds and outdoor gyms can inspire people to engage in healthy, active and outdoor lifestyles. They also serve as spaces to meet and socialise. To ensure high levels of use, they should be located near residential areas and be easily accessible by both pedestrian and cycle routes.

Playgrounds should be specifically designed for the space and context they sit in, and also make use of the available natural materials and planting. They should feature disabled friendly items and sensory rich equipment, encourage both ordered and informal play activities and support an assortment of games to appeal to different user groups. Such playgrounds should foster a sense of freedom, inspire creativity and boost the physical abilities of children.

Outdoor gyms provide public accessible places to train alone or in groups with numerous structures. Each gym should have its own character with an attractive design solution. The design should be versatile to allow users to develop their own exercises and for people of all fitness abilities to use and enjoy. In more rural areas, fitness trails could be a more appropriate solution.



T: Playgrounds in Oberhausen, Germany and New-York, USA  
B: Outdoor gym in Brisbane and trim trail in Tom Ruana Park, Mayo, Ireland

## SP6 River and Lakeside Amenity Space

Those towns and villages located near a river or a lake should aim to create amenity areas by the water for leisure, sport and recreation. These would positively contribute towards quality of life by providing an opportunity for all residents and visitors to access good quality open space facilities year round.

The range of activities offered could include: horse riding, cycling, picnicking, competitions, festivals, bird watching, nature trails, photography, orienteering, climbing, camping, swimming, boating, canoeing etc. Light structures such as a shelter or pavilion can facilitate the provision of a food and beverage offer and could facilitate scheduling events such as concerts and competitions. Legible pedestrian links from the amenity space to the town centre should be developed in parallel.

The promotion of the amenity value of rivers and lakes should be coupled with a strong focus on ecology by ensuring that developments do not disproportionately impact on the landscape and natural areas. The appropriate location, siting and design of proposed spaces will ensure that the natural resources which form the basis for recreation are protected and effectively managed.



T: Amenity space for walking, resting, fishing and sport in Lünen, Germany and Annecy, France  
B: River dedicated to swimming in Rostock, Germany





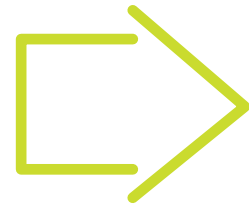




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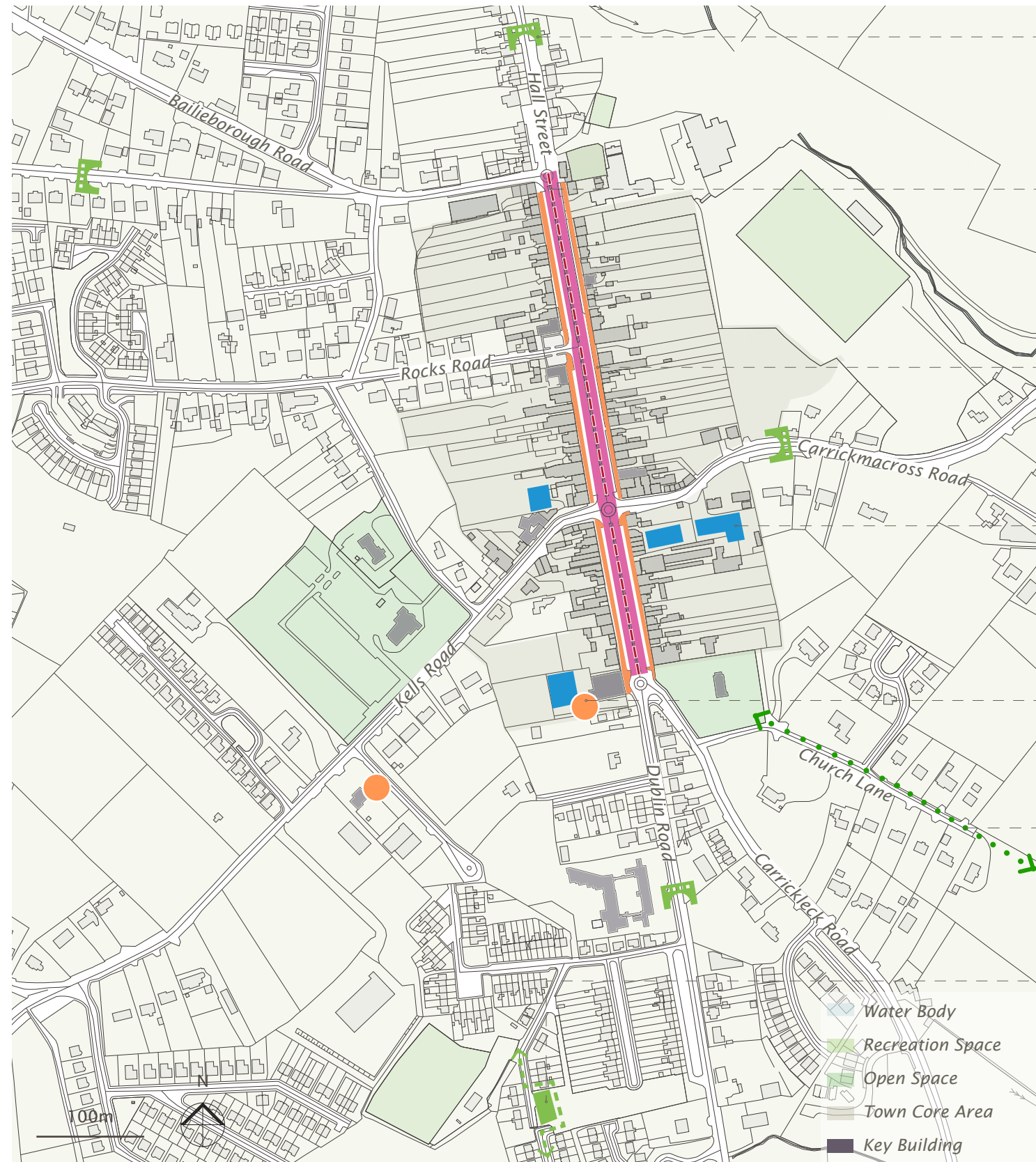


# PROPOSAL MAPS



This section outlines proposals recommended for Kingscourt.

\* Please note:  
KSP - Kingscourt Specific Proposal  
CWP - County Wide Proposal



CWP6 Approach Signage

KSP4 (SP1) Redesign of Main Street

KSP2 (SP2) Realign on-street Parking

KSP1 (SP2) Explore Car Park Locations  
CW8 Electric Vehicle Charging Point

KSP5 Bike Rental Points

KSP6 Reuse of Old Railway

KSP7 (SP3) Residential Pocket Parks

N.B  
CW1 Public Seating and CW2 Waste and Recycling Bins are to be located along key routes and at public spaces within the Town Core Area. Proposals relating to traffic, transport and parking alterations will be subject to a traffic audit and a detailed engineering design exercise.





KSP8 (SP3) Landscaped Amenity Space

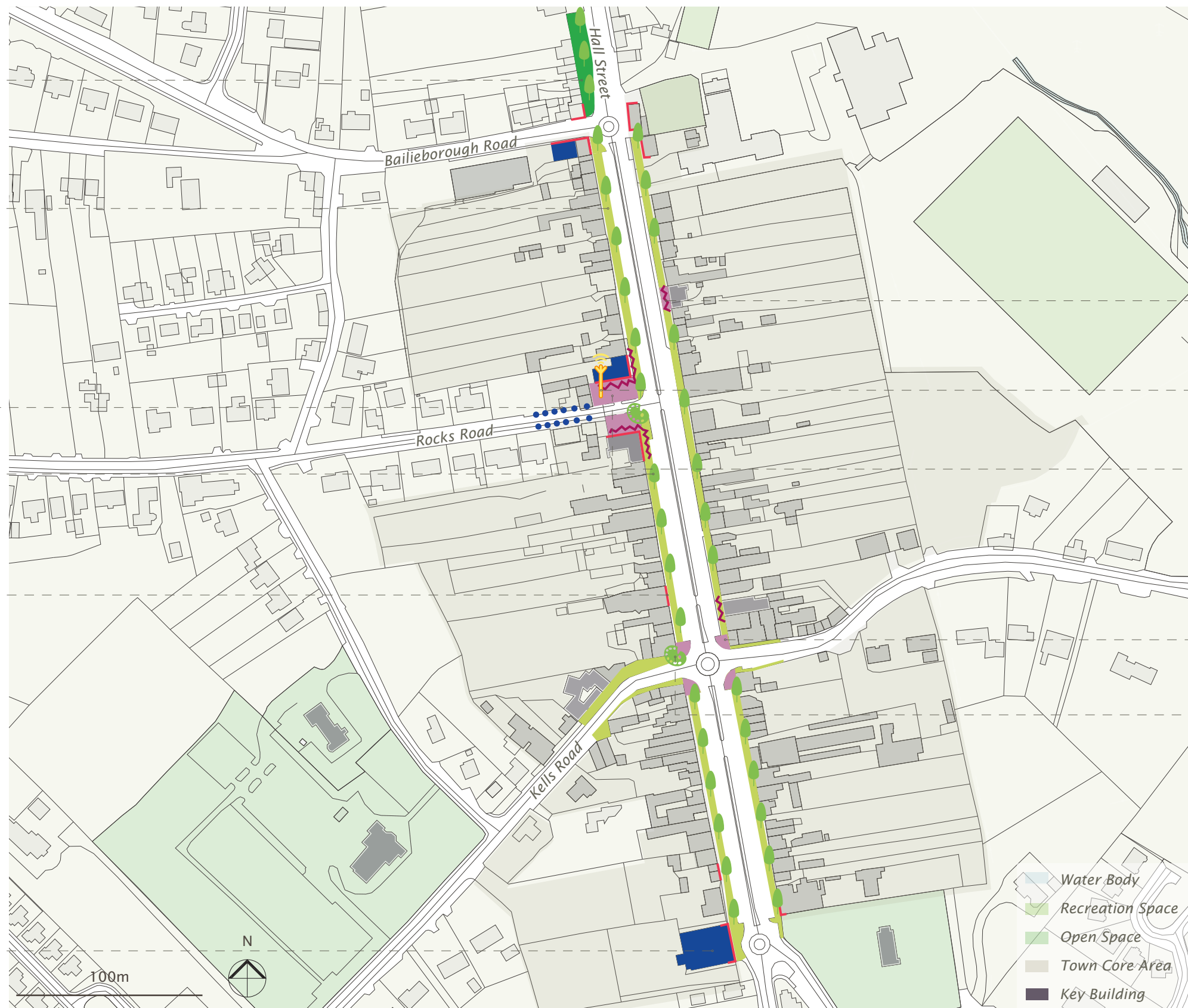
CWP5 Paving - Redesign Pavements

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CWP3 Planting

CWP10 Façade Painting

KSP12 Sites for Redevelopment



KSP9 Views to Key Buildings

CWP4 Information Signs with Wifi/ Charging Point

KSP11 (SP3) Redesign Market Square

KSP10 (SP3) Public Realm at Junctions

CWP7 Murals and Public Art

Water Body  
 Recreation Space  
 Open Space  
 Town Core Area  
 Key Building



## County Wide Proposals

### € ● CWP1 Public Seating

At present, very few benches are available within the town centre of Kingscourt. Those existing are often unattractive and in need of upgrade or replacement.

In keeping with the county wide proposals, additional provision and upgrade or replacement of existing benches should be considered. This would encourage pedestrian use and create a more active centre.

As illustrated opposite, the bench design should be durable, and resistant to long term weathering. The seating should be securely fixed to the paving, and be made of local and traditional materials if possible. Benches should be minimal in design, and allow for multiple views by the user by not having a structural back. New seating should be introduced as a priority along main roads and at key open spaces within the Town Core Area as shown on the proposals map.



Kingscourt - existing: one of the few benches available in the town centre.



Proposed: above: durable public benches to be specified in multiple locations. Below: curved seating to be implemented in parks and open spaces.

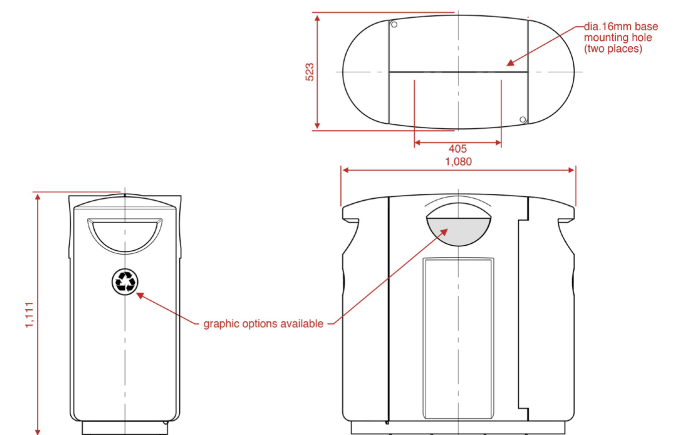
### € ● CWP2 Waste and Recycle Bins

There are very few bins available throughout the town centre of Kingscourt. Furthermore, these are often in a poor condition and do not allow for recycling.

In conjunction with the county wide proposals discussed previously in this report, new combined recycling and waste bins will be positioned within Kingscourt and across other towns in Cavan. New bins should be introduced as a priority along main roads and at key open spaces within the Town Core Area as shown on the proposals map. Designed with small openings, this will discourage misuse of the bins.



Kingscourt - existing: damaged waste bin that does not allow for recycling.



Proposed: Cast Ductile Iron litter bin with 3 compartments; litter and recycling.



€ ● **CWP3 Planting**



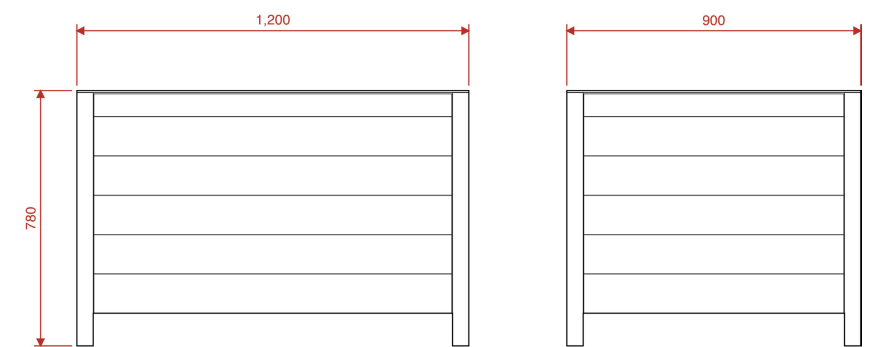
Kingscourt's streetscape currently features multiple trees, which are mainly located along the central median of Main Street, and surrounding the Market Square. However, the town lacks planters and flowers along the pavements, Main Street and the adjacent streets.

Following the redesign of Main Street, new trees and planters could be introduced to the widened pavement, and at key public spaces. Consider the provision of native and diverse plant species in order to enhance the local biodiversity and inspire the overall streetscape aesthetics.

Trees and planting should be located as per indicated in the proposals map.



*Kingscourt - existing: insufficient provision of trees in the public space.*



*Proposed: durable wooden planters*

€ ● **CWP4 Information Signs with Wifi/Charging Point**



At present Kingscourt features some information panels relating to the town and its assets. However, most of these lack clarity, are in poor condition, and are not positioned in convenient locations for visitors.

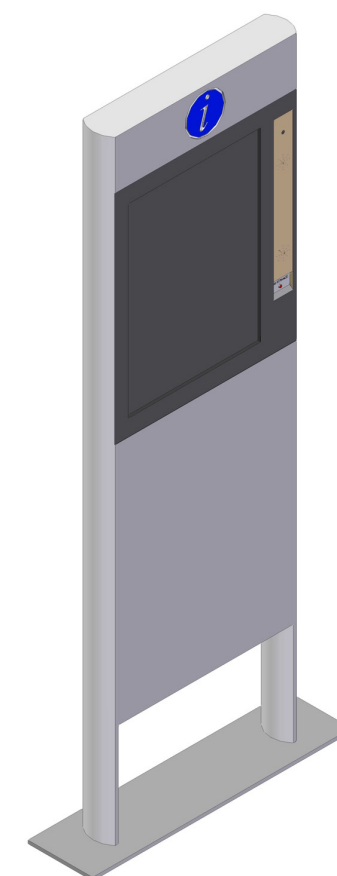
As per the county wide guidance, run down or missing signage within Kingscourt should be replaced with newly installed information signs for all users; pedestrians, cyclists and vehicle drivers.

The format, layout, colours, fonts and overall design should be in conjunction with signage found in all other towns within County Cavan. This should also include upgraded information panels which are clearly legible and provide information on the local area and events.

Charging and wifi points should be integrated with urban furniture in the new Market Square.



*Kingscourt - existing: unattractive information panels located on a derelict building.*



*Proposed: Interactive information panel*



€ ●  
**CWP5 Paving**

Kingscourt suffers from largely inadequate pavements that are narrow, often uneven and poorly maintained, and not well buffered from adjacent traffic and parked cars.

Widen pavements along Main Street in conjunction with the removal of the central median, and the re-alignment of on-street parking. This would allow more space for landscaping, seating areas, and areas for retailers and eateries to formally extend within a defined zone. This would also encourage walking and create a more active town centre.



*Kingscourt - existing: narrow pavements with poor quality surface and cars invading it.*



*Proposed: use of local materials to create aesthetically pleasant and well designed pathways. Consider of cobbles/textured grain to edges and thresholds.*

€ € ●  
**CWP6 Approach Signage**

In order to better position Kingscourt as a destination for both residents and visitors, options should be explored for more effective signage, colourful planting and speed regulations on the approach roads to the town.

Proposals should be prioritised on primary vehicular routes, including Hall Street, Dublin Road and Bailieborough Road.



*Kingscourt - existing: a lack of welcoming approach signs.*



*Proposed: use of county wide signage with local information and fact. (N.B information will be town specific in detailed design).*





### CWP7 Murals and Public Art



Low cost art installations, murals by local artists and sculptures should be explored at various locations throughout the town. Such locations could be at key view points, on façades of landmark buildings, or in open spaces, as per the proposals map. They could be designed by local groups, artists and schools, and could transform with the town's festival and events calendar. They could also support wayfinding and legibility within Kingscourt.



*Kingscourt - existing: unattractive building wall lacking art installation.*



*Proposed: reinstate key buildings and façades with murals related to the town's features and heritage. (Ledwidge mural)*



### CWP8 Electric Vehicle Charging Point



With increasing numbers of electrical vehicles being used, towns should ensure that there is sufficient provision of electrical charging points. These should be located with close proximity to the town's retail street or close to key attractions. As per the proposals map, it is recommended that additional charging points be located within the proposed new car park locations in close proximity of Main Street.



*Kingscourt - existing: no e-car space provided within the town centre.*



*Proposed: introduction of e-car charging points with designated parking spaces.*





## CWP9 Walking Routes

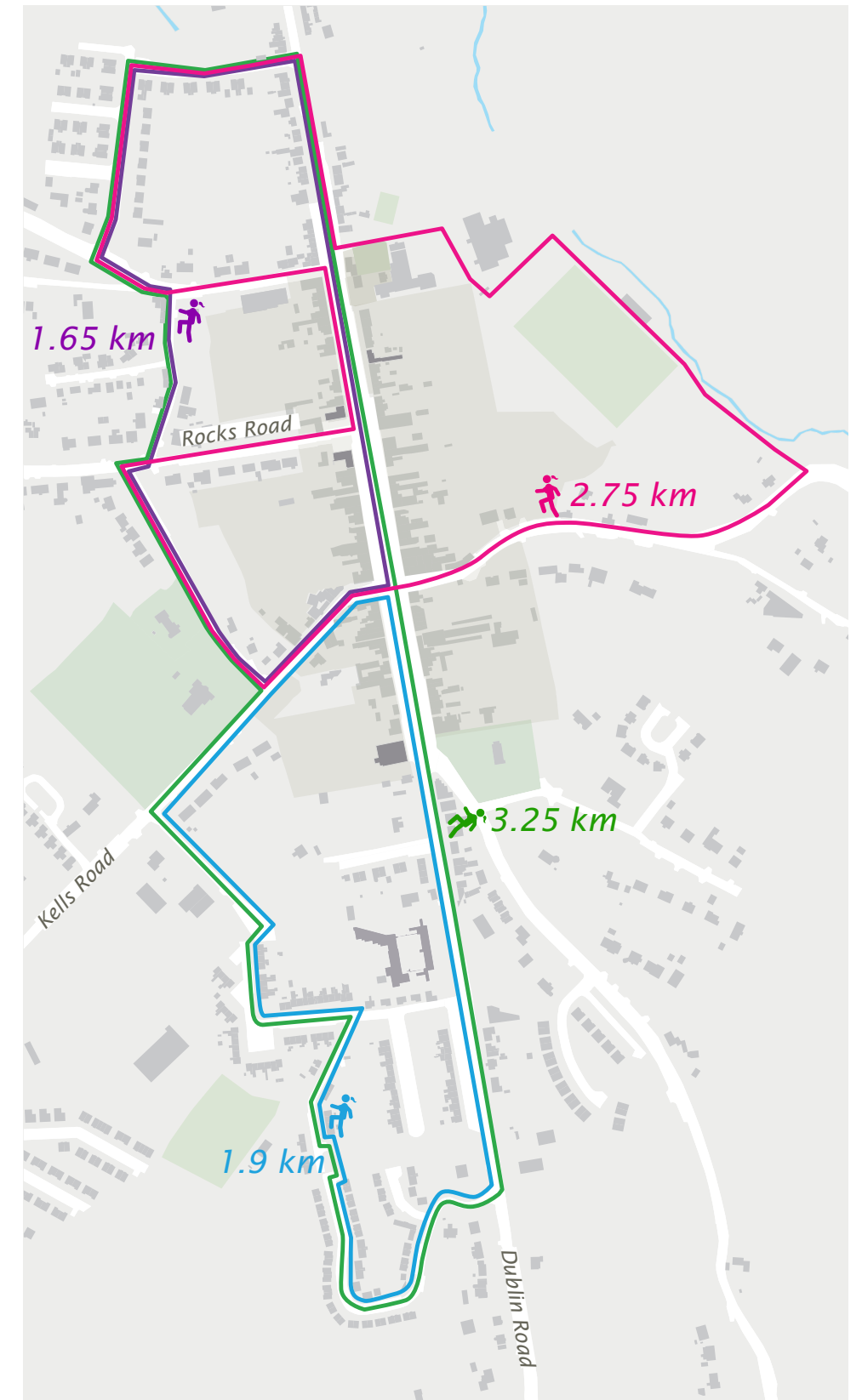
Consider the creation of four urban walking routes of different lengths, which could link and promote key amenities, landmarks and landscapes throughout Kingscourt. Such walking routes will provide a new amenity for residents and visitors alike and should incorporate well designed markets and wayfinding elements.



Kingscourt - existing: Dun na Rí Forest Park walk



Proposed: markers along the walking routes



Proposed: Kingscourt urban walking routes





### CWP10 Façade Painting



Encourage the redecoration of well-worn façades on key frontages in order to create a colourful and vibrant retail destination. This proposal will also protect and promote the architectural character of the historical town centre, and enhance the positioning of landmark buildings within the townscape.



*Kingscourt - existing: key façade in need of refreshment.*



*Proposed: encourage property owners to paint their façades with a set colour palette to create a bright and uplifted town centre.*



## Kingscourt Specific Proposals (KSP)



### KSP1 Explore Car Park Locations

As indicated in the proposals map multiple potential locations for car parks in close proximity to the Main Street have been identified. This should be explored in order to reduce on-street parking and make for a more safe and friendly town centre for users and visitors. Car parks should be integrated with well designed footpaths, lighting and signage.



*Kingscourt - existing: car parking invading pedestrian space and slowing traffic flows.*

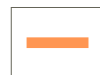


*Proposed: creation of dedicated car parks with planting and varying materials in order to make the area more attractive.*



### KSP2 Realign on-street Parking

Within the centre of Kingscourt, vehicles can often be found to be over hanging the pavements, which can obscure shopfronts and disrupt the traffic flow. Areas to consider for a potential reduction or realignment to parallel parking-only are illustrated on the proposals map. The total number of parking spots could still be retained through both re-design and identifying sites for car parks behind the Main Street.



*Kingscourt - existing: cars invade footpath and deter length of stay in retail area.*



*Proposed: realign parking to allow for parallel parking, together with a widened footpath and new planting.*





### KSP3 Parking Control - Bollards



Cars are often found mounted on the kerb along Rocks Road, which is detrimental to pedestrians and cyclists. Bollards could be installed as part of the Market Square redesign scheme to prevent this. Alternative car parking locations have also been suggested to support this.



*Kingscourt - existing: parking encroaching on pavement.*



*Proposed: provide bollards to prevent unauthorised parking which is detrimental to physical appearance and pedestrian safety.*



### KSP4 Redesign of Main Street



The linear form of Main Street currently lends itself to a car dominated streetscape that is prioritised by vehicles, parking and through traffic. There should be a reduction in the amount of on-street parking, associated road markings, and widening of pavements to allow for a more animated, safe and pedestrian friendly Main Street.

Similarly, the streetscape is currently severed by a wide hardscaped median. There are no formal or signalised crossing points, and the median is not wide enough to be an inviting space. This median could be removed, which could subsequently give for a more compact and central road, allowing for wider pavements and activity along the streetscape.



*Kingscourt - existing: vehicle dominated Main Street, featuring an unattractive and narrow median.*



*Proposed: widen pavements, realign car parking and remove central median to create a pedestrian friendly and lively Main Street,*





### KSP5 Bike Rental Points

In order to encourage active lifestyles and reduce car dependency for residents and visitors, cycle rental points could be strategically located throughout the town. These should be supported by cycle racks, storage facilities and information points in the town. The Kingscourt to Dun a Rí Link trail should be further advertised, together with trails to the former railway line which could be transformed into a greenway.



Kingscourt - existing: trails in Dun a Rí Forest Park.



Proposed: introduction of cycle rental points supporting tourism and sustainable mobility in Kingscourt.



### KSP6 Reuse of Old Railway

A linear park and greenway could be explored as an outdoor amenity space. The original railway line passes south east of the town and could create a safe and direct link for walkers and cyclists to nearby towns and countryside. This should be supported by information points, maps and facilities such as bins, seating and picnic points.



Kingscourt - existing: abandoned railway.



Proposed: Potential creation of a greenway supporting cycling and walking to nearby towns.





### KSP7 Residential Pocket Parks

Pocket parks and outdoor amenity spaces could be integrated along improved footpaths within residential areas. These spaces should be well lit, landscaped and have appropriate facilities such as seating and bins to provide residents with additional outdoor spaces to interact. A pilot park is proposed along the link between Cabra View and Mount St Joseph.



*Kingscourt - existing: underused green space.*



*Proposed: creation of an attractive amenity space for residents.*



### KSP8 Landscaped Amenity Space

A redundant heavily paved hardscape to the north of Main Street could be redeveloped as a landscaped amenity space for residents and visitors. Community participation could be encouraged through ongoing maintenance and the creation of vegetable/plant growing boxes. This newly created space could also be used by local schools for food growing workshops. This could be achieved through low cost materials and a community ownership approach.



*Kingscourt - existing: paved area that does not add to the streetscape aesthetics neither provide amenities for the residents.*



*Proposed: maximise use of valuable town centre space through the creation of a landscaped amenity space for social activities.*





### KSP9 Views to Key Buildings

Enhance the appearance of buildings that hold architectural value by removing the parking to the front, as vehicles often visually obstruct them. These landmark buildings could be further celebrated by incorporating planting and street furniture to the footpaths fronting them.



Kingscourt - existing: car parking in front of landmark building detracts from its aesthetics.



Proposed: removal of car parking in front of iconic or historic building, together with the potential introduction of high quality paving and planting.



### KSP10 Public Realm at Junctions

Large paved areas at the junction of Hall and Main Street could be upgraded with soft landscaping, seating and lighting to enhance the townscape. This will provide pedestrians with a pleasant environment, as well as improving the arrival experience by vehicle, bike, or foot.



Kingscourt - existing: underused large paved area.



Proposed: Upgrade to existing paved area through the introduction of soft landscaping and street furniture.





## KSP11 Redesign Market Square

The Market Square is a valuable town centre public space that could host civic, social and retail activities, but is currently predominantly used for parking.

Redesign Market Square to create a flexible landscaped civic space on a temporary or permanent basis. Existing parking should be reduced or relocated to enable a more active and pedestrian friendly space. Charging and wifi points should be integrated with urban furniture.

Redevelopment of the vacant bank premises would be a catalyst for re-invigorating this space.



*Kingscourt - existing: Market Square used for parking instead of benefiting civic and social activities.*



*Proposed: creation of a key civic space in town benefiting both residents, businesses and visitors.*



## KSP12 Sites for Redevelopment

Utilise and restore derelict or run down sites identified within Kingscourt to reinstate them as active landmark buildings. They are strategically located along main approaches to the town and therefore their upgrade should be prioritised.



*Kingscourt - existing: run down site in need of redevelopment.*



*Proposed: example of sensitive redevelopment of a historic site that preserves its heritage significance.*



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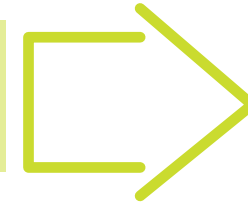




**SECTION C - SUMMARY TABLE**



# SUMMARY TABLE



*This table summarises the proposals for Kingscourt and associated implementation timescales and costs.*

PROPOSAL		NOTES	PRIORITY RATING	COST RATING
<i>County Wide Proposals</i>				
CWP1	Public Seating		Medium Priority	Standard Upgrade
CWP2	Waste and Recycle Bins		Medium Priority	Standard Upgrade
CWP3	Planting		Medium Priority	Standard Upgrade
CWP4	Information Signs with Wifi/Charging Point		Medium Priority	Standard Upgrade
CWP5	Paving		High Priority	Standard Upgrade
CWP6	Approach Signage		High Priority	Standard Plus Upgrade
CWP7	Murals and Public Art		Medium Priority	Standard Plus Upgrade
CWP8	Electric Vehicle Charging Point		Low Priority	Standard Plus Upgrade
CWP9	Walking Routes		Medium Priority	Standard Plus Upgrade
CWP10	Façade Painting		High Priority	Premium Upgrade
<i>Kingscourt Specific Proposals</i>				
KSP1	Explore Car Park Locations		High Priority	Standard Plus Upgrade
KSP2	Realign on-street Parking		Low Priority	Standard Plus Upgrade





PROPOSAL		NOTES	PRIORITY RATING	COST RATING
KSP3	Parking Control - Bollards		Low Priority	Standard Plus Upgrade
KSP4	Redesign of Main Street		High Priority	Standard Plus Upgrade
KSP5	Bike Rental Points		Medium Priority	Standard Plus Upgrade
KSP6	Reuse of Old Railway		Medium Priority	Premium Upgrade
KSP7	Residential Pocket Parks		Medium Priority	Premium Upgrade
KSP8	Landscaped Amenity Space		High Priority	Premium Upgrade
KSP9	Views to Key Buildings		Medium Priority	Standard Upgrade
KSP10	Public Realm at Junctions		Medium Priority	Premium Upgrade
KSP11	Redesign Market Square		High Priority	Premium Upgrade
KSP12	Sites for Redevelopment		High Priority	Premium Upgrade

Cost rating:

Standard Upgrade: €0 - €25,000

Standard Plus Upgrade: €25,000 - €100,000

Premium Upgrade: €100,000 +



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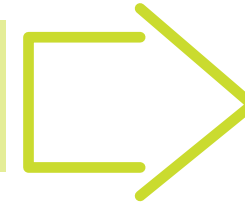
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**SECTION D - CONSULTATION FINDINGS**



# CONSULTATION FINDINGS

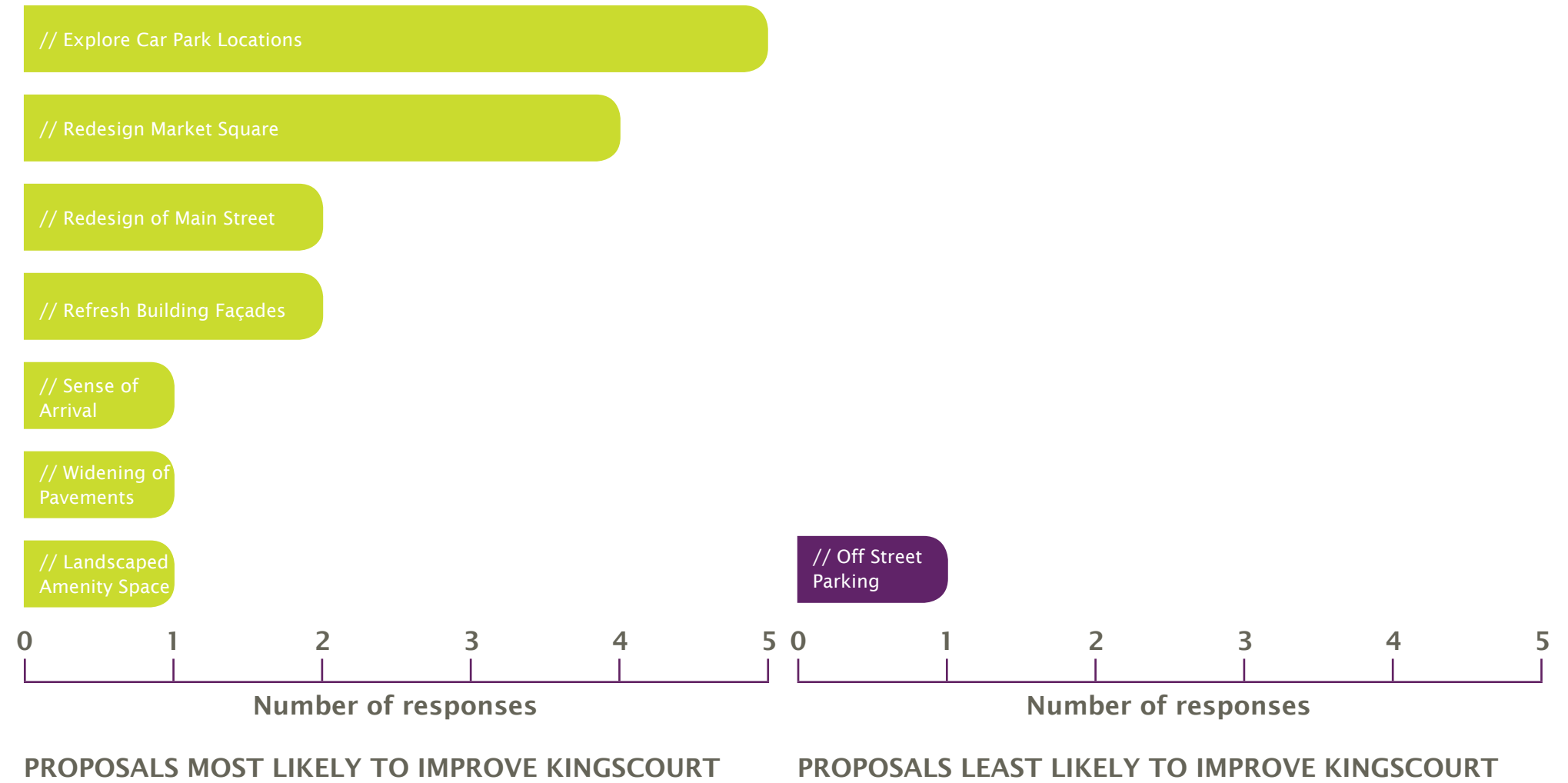


*This section presents the summary of the findings of the public consultation.*

A draft of the proposals presented in this report has been subject to a public consultation which led to the revised and final suggestions of the present report. The proposals were presented and members of the public were invited to provide feedback as to which proposal they thought would be most likely to improve Kingscourt, and which they thought were least likely to improve the town.

The findings are illustrated opposite, with the new car park location and the redesign of Market Square were considered to be the most effective.

On the following page, additional suggestions provided by the public are illustrated on the map. These suggestions will be considered and incorporated as part of any formal proposals going forward.










Central Meeting Hall in Market Square  


Improve road surfaces  


Introduce notice boards, information posts noting history of town such as connections to War of Independence and Forest Park.  


Better access routes and awareness of Forest Park  


Improve public lighting and put ESB poles underground  


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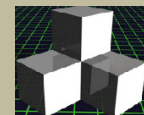


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