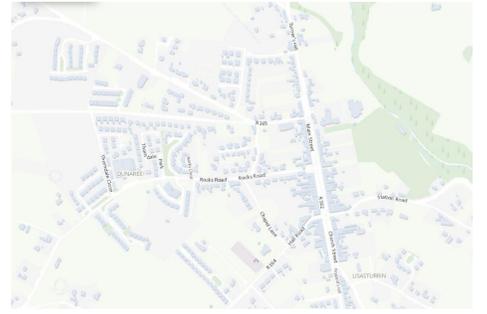


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Revitalising Cavan's Towns and Villages

History

Cabra Castle, an early 19th-century 'Gothic-style' castle, is located very near the town, being on the R179 (known locally as the Carrickmacross Road). The castle was originally called Cormey Castle and was built on the site of an earlier Cormey Castle which had been destroyed during the Cromwellian War.



Maps from 1800, 1900 and 2017



Precedents



Pedestrianised high street



Public seating



Public realm improvements



Parks



Stone paving to replace concrete



Trees

Constraints

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- 1 // The main road is too wide with too much space dedicated to car parking and not enough space for pedestrian walkways.
- 2 // Abandoned buildings in the town centre create a sense of plight.

Weaknesses

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- 3 // There is a clear over-supply of parking spaces in the town centre which makes the high-street feel more like a car park and less like the town centre.
- 4 // The island of trees and planting down the centre of the street is an attempt to bring green into the town centre. However, being too narrow to fit tables/chairs and being sandwiched between two lanes of busy traffic, the space is unusable.

Threats / Challenges



1 Narrow pavements - wide road



2 Abandoned buildings



3 Over-supply of parking spaces



4 Unusable space

Opportunities

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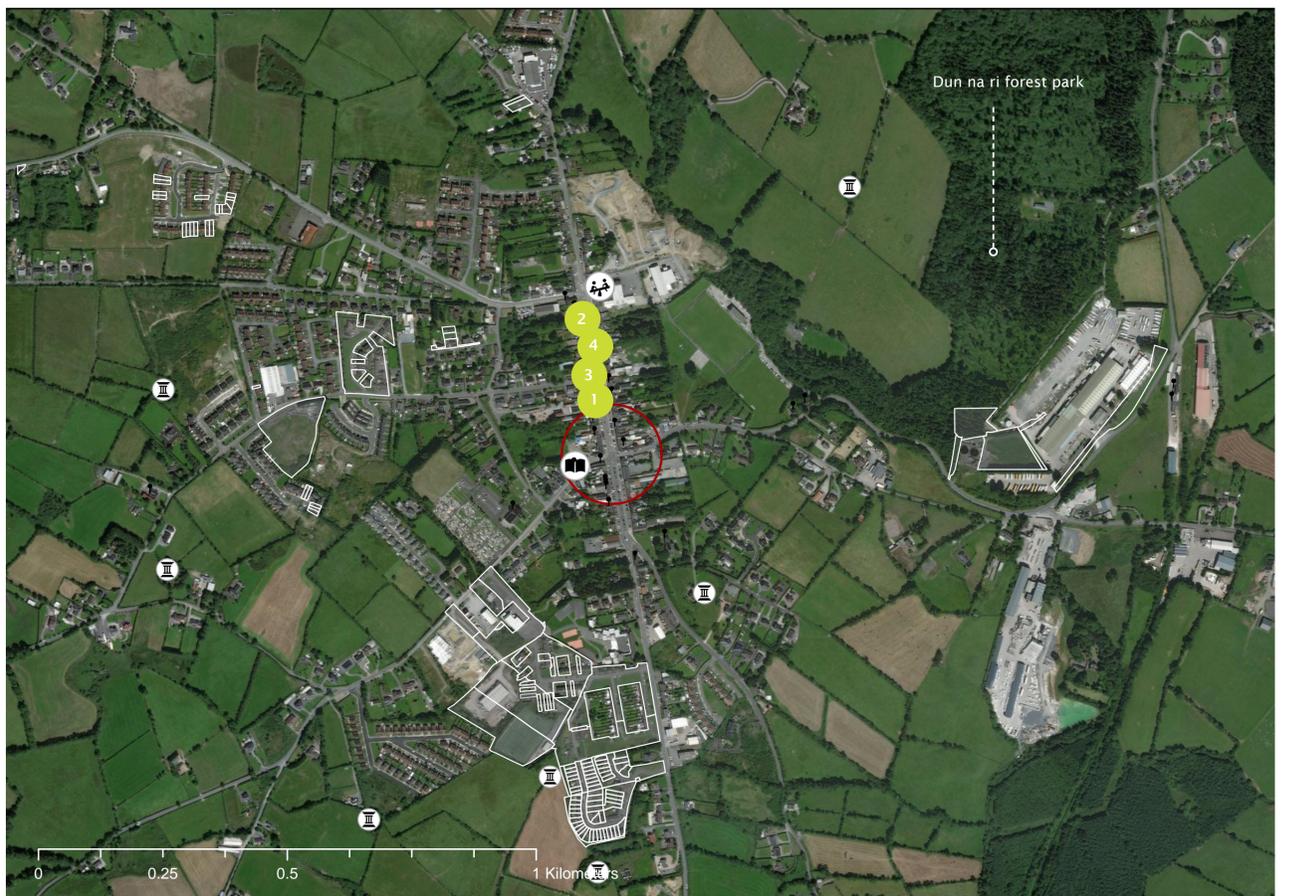
- 1 // There are recently renovated buildings on the high-street, showing that investment is being attracted to the town.
- 2 // There is well maintained planting on the main road, albeit this could be further developed.

Strengths

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- 3 // There is potential to improve the streetscape by replacing the concrete paving with locally sourced stone paving.
- 4 // The local pubs seem to be in good health and these could be enhanced as key community hubs and by improving their outdoor seating environment where it is part of the public realm.

Opportunities



1 Renovated property (pub) on high-street



2 Planting



3 Concrete paving upgrade to stone



4 Potential to build popular public spaces