
The Guiding Principle of Cavan County Heritage Plan is to ensure that

**“the unique and diverse heritage of County Cavan is conserved,
sustained and, above all, cherished and celebrated by the people of the County”**

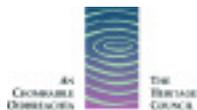
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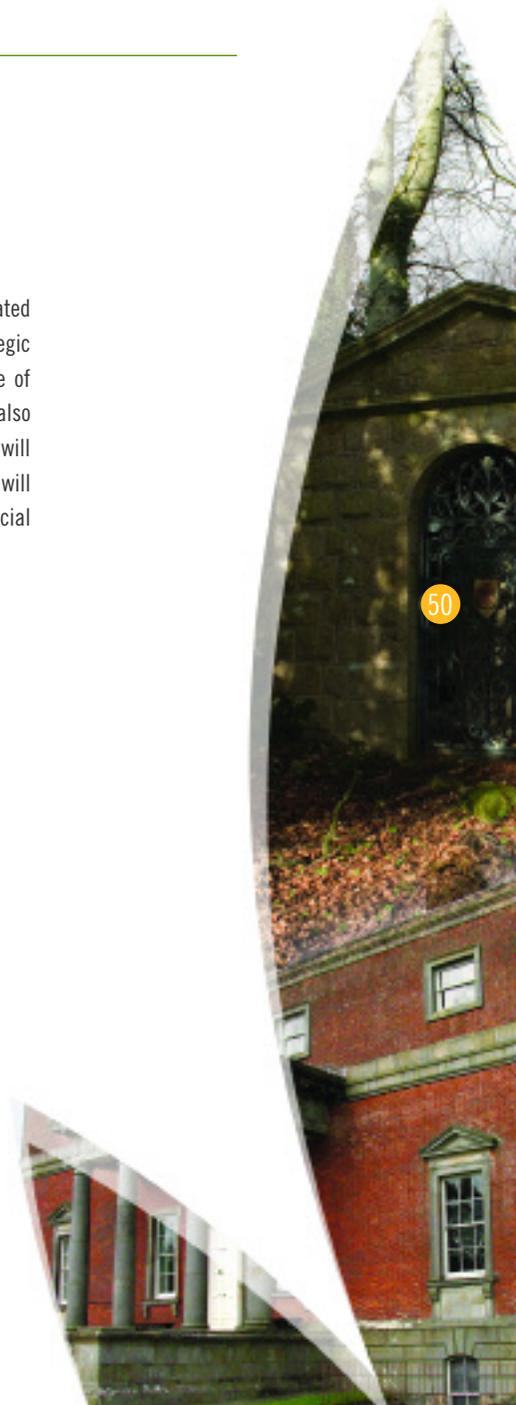


As Chairperson of Cavan County Heritage Forum I warmly welcome the publication of County Cavan Heritage Plan 2006 - 2011. Cavan County Heritage Forum has invested a great deal of time and energy in ensuring that this Plan is truly representative of the spectrum of individuals, communities and agencies who play a key role in protecting, conserving and managing the rich and diverse heritage of County Cavan.

Underpinning Cavan County Heritage Plan 2006 - 2011 is the solid foundation of the guiding principle of Cavan County Heritage Plan which is to ensure that the unique and diverse

heritage of County Cavan is conserved, sustained and, above all, cherished and celebrated by the people of the county. Cavan County Heritage Plan 2006-2011 contains four strategic aims and eight core objectives. Stemming from each of these objectives is a range of realistic actions to be undertaken during the life-cycle of the plan. These actions can also be as termed key performance indicators and provide a strong strategic framework which will ensure that Cavan County Heritage Plan 2006 - 2011 will be a living document which will play a central role in ensuring that heritage is firmly rooted at the heart of the political, social and cultural life of County Cavan.

Cllr. Clifford Kelly, Chairperson of Cavan County Heritage Forum





Heritage is not sterile. It exists only insofar as people give it expression. As with the Arts, there is no right way to categorise it, no correct form that all must commit to. Yet human learning thrives on received wisdom, guidance and structure.

Cavan's recent journey to facilitate a further rediscovery of heritage has its roots in the two principles of participation and learning. The appointment of a Heritage Officer was a significant step forward. Anne-Marie Ward has been a successful catalyst for the progress captured in this Cavan County Heritage Plan 2006-2011. The Plan was developed using a partnership model. It is the intellectual property of the elected members, communities, individuals and public servants who participated in the process.

It is also the beginning of a journey. Many of the objectives signal work which belongs to the future. These objectives will be prioritised on a yearly basis through Cavan County Council's

business planning process and most importantly through the continuing work of Cavan County Heritage Forum. Progress will only be made through the energy and effort of individuals and communities. The support of the Heritage Council has been noteworthy to date. The continued input of advice and resources from that source is essential and I am confident that will be the case. The future leadership of the National Parks & Wildlife Service and the National Monument sections of the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Teagasc, Cavan Genealogical Service, Educational Interests and Cavan Monaghan Rural Development Ltd. will be important.

It is my pleasant task to reiterate the commitment of Cavan County Council to the County's heritage. As our society develops economically & socially, there will be an increased emphasis on the issues covered in this Plan. Congratulations to all who were involved in its production.

Jack Keyes, County Manager

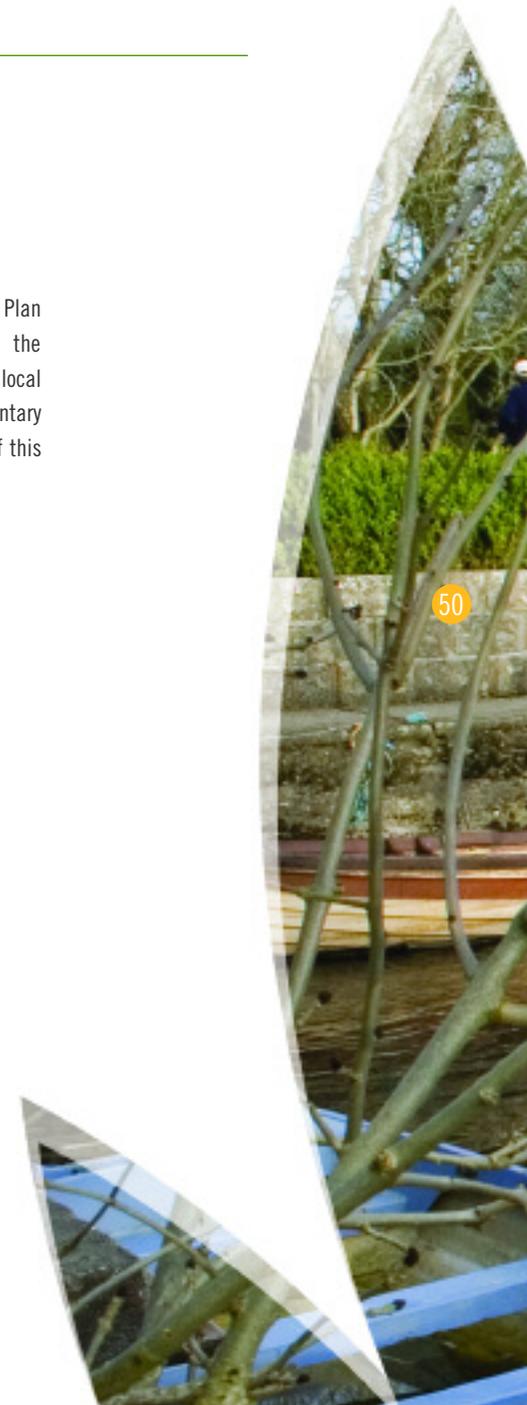


As chairman of Cavan County Council, I am pleased to welcome County Cavan's first heritage plan. Cavan County Heritage Plan 2006-2011 is a strategic management plan which has set out realistic actions to ensure the plans delivery. The plan recognises that we are merely custodians of our county's heritage and in order to ensure that our heritage is conserved and cherished we must manage it in a sustainable manner.

County Cavan's heritage is a unique and diverse heritage. This heritage has shaped and

influenced greatly the communities and the people of the county. Cavan County Heritage Plan 2006-2011 is truly representative with Cavan County Heritage Forum guiding the implementation of the plan. Cavan County Heritage Forum comprises statutory, local government, local development, landowner representatives and the community and voluntary sectors. I would like to commend Cavan County Heritage Forum on the production of this excellent plan, their commitment and dedication is evident in the final production. I wish Cavan County Heritage Plan every success in the future.

Cllr. Peter Mc Vitty, Chairman, Cavan County Council



Section 1: Introduction

1.0 - Defining Heritage

The Heritage Act of 1995 defines heritage as including monuments, archaeological objects, heritage objects, architectural heritage, flora, fauna, wildlife habitats, landscapes, seascapes, wrecks, geology, heritage gardens and parks and inland waterways. To these, Cavan County Heritage Forum, with its role of guiding the development and implementation of Cavan County Heritage Plan, has added folklore, folk-life, the Irish language and genealogy.

1.1 - The Genesis of Cavan County Heritage Plan

Why develop a Heritage Plan for County Cavan?

Cavan County Heritage Plan 2006- 2011 is the first local heritage plan for County Cavan. The concept of a local heritage plan can be traced to the National Heritage Plan (2002), which acknowledges that the protection of heritage must begin at the local level as **“the preparation and adoption of Local Heritage Plans involving local heritage fora, bringing together communities, local authorities and the government”** .

In this concept, the strategic vision and practical actions for ensuring the protection and enjoyment of Heritage in County Cavan are developed and implemented. The mechanism used for the preparation of the plan embraced these principles through the memberships of the Economic, Rural Development and Planning Strategic Policy Committee (SPC), Cavan County Heritage Forum and through the undertaking of comprehensive public consultation. As a result of this process a guiding principle, aims and objectives were formulated. These formed the basis for a series of short, medium and long-term actions, designed to underpin and promote the protection and sustainability of the natural, built and cultural heritage of County Cavan.

The Economic, Rural Development and Planning Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

The Heritage Officer for County Cavan met with the Economic, Rural Development and Planning SPC in April 2005 in order to propose the formulation and implementation of a heritage plan for County Cavan. The SPC in line with the recommendation as laid out in the National Heritage Plan (2002) agreed that the most effective method of guiding the formulation, development and implementation of a county heritage

plan was to establish an advisory forum to be called Cavan County Heritage Forum, thus involving the wider interests of the community. The forum's remit would be to consider the most effective means by which the natural, built and cultural heritage of County Cavan would be conserved, sustained and promoted in the short, medium and long-term.

Cavan County Heritage Forum

With a membership comprising the statutory, local government, local development, landowner representatives, community and voluntary sectors, Cavan County Heritage Forum was established in June 2005 (Appendix 1). Within the terms of reference, as laid down by the SPC, the forum divided into three expert working groups; built, natural and cultural heritage (Appendix 2).

Public Consultation

A process of consultation was undertaken. This included an invitation for written submissions and a series of public meetings were held with key stakeholders throughout County Cavan. Five public meetings were held throughout the county commencing on July 11th 2005 in Cavan Courthouse, July 13th Belturbet Railway Station, July 14th Cootehill Library, July 18th Bailieborough Arts & Cultural Centre and July 19th Cavan County Museum, Ballyjamesduff. The period for consultations and submissions was open until September 11th 2005 which coincided with Heritage Week. The Heritage Office used this week to promote Cavan County Heritage Plan and at all events organised by the office. The public's views were considered (Appendix 3). Following initial consultation, and the subsequent publication of the Draft Cavan County Heritage Plan, further public consultation took place in February 2006.

Section 2: Cavan County Heritage Plan - A Framework for Action

2.0 - Guiding Principle of the Cavan County Heritage Plan

The underlying principle guiding and underpinning Cavan County Heritage Plan is to ensure that the unique and diverse heritage of County Cavan is conserved, sustained and, above all, cherished and celebrated by the people of County.

Guiding Documents, Plans and Strategies

The preparation of Cavan County Heritage Plan was informed by guidelines, set out by the Heritage Council for the preparation of Local Area Heritage Plans. In addition other documents such as The National Heritage Plan (2002), The National Biodiversity Plan (2002), County Cavan and Town Council Development Plans 2003-2009 (2003), A strategy for the Economic, Social and Cultural Development of County Cavan 2002-2012 (2002) and Cavan County Council's Corporate Plan 2004-2009 informed the development of Cavan County Heritage Plan (2004).

2.1 - Implementation of the Cavan County Heritage Plan

Time-Scale

Cavan County Heritage Plan identifies actions to be carried out in a five year period 2006-2011. A detailed work programme will be presented on an annual basis to Cavan County Heritage Forum and to the Economic, Rural Development & Planning SPC outlining actions to be undertaken, partners, costings, potential sources of funding and time frames.

Finance

A budget of approximately €500,000 is estimated for the delivery of the actions over the lifetime of the plan, excluding staff costs. This requires an average annual budget of €100,000. It should be noted that some actions will require minimal investment whilst others will require a larger investments. Some, although supported by Cavan County Heritage Forum, fall outside the remit of the Cavan Heritage Plan to deliver.

The National Heritage Plan, published in 2002, indicates that €12.7 million will be made available over a five year period for the implementation of Local Heritage Plans. No indication has been given to date, by the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government, that funding will be made available to support Local Area Heritage Plans. The Heritage Council has a budget for the implementation of Local Area Heritage Plan 2000-2011. To qualify for funding from the Heritage Council Cavan Heritage Plan must be agreed and adopted by the Elected Members of Cavan County Council.

The Heritage Council has agreed, in principle, to consider Heritage Plans as five-year strategic funding applications. The Heritage Council will consider funding actions within Heritage Plans, which are compatible with the Heritage Council's Plan 2006-2011. Cavan Local Authorities are committed, in partnership with others, to the delivery of the plan in accordance with the estimates over the next five years. Cavan County Council will support the delivery of the plan through the work of its Heritage Officer and other professional staff.

Partnership

Partnership working will be a key tool in effectively progressing the delivery of the aims and objectives of the Cavan County Heritage Plan. The matching of the skills and expertise of individual partners to specific projects will ensure that they are targeted, relevant and outcome focused.

Monitoring and Evaluation

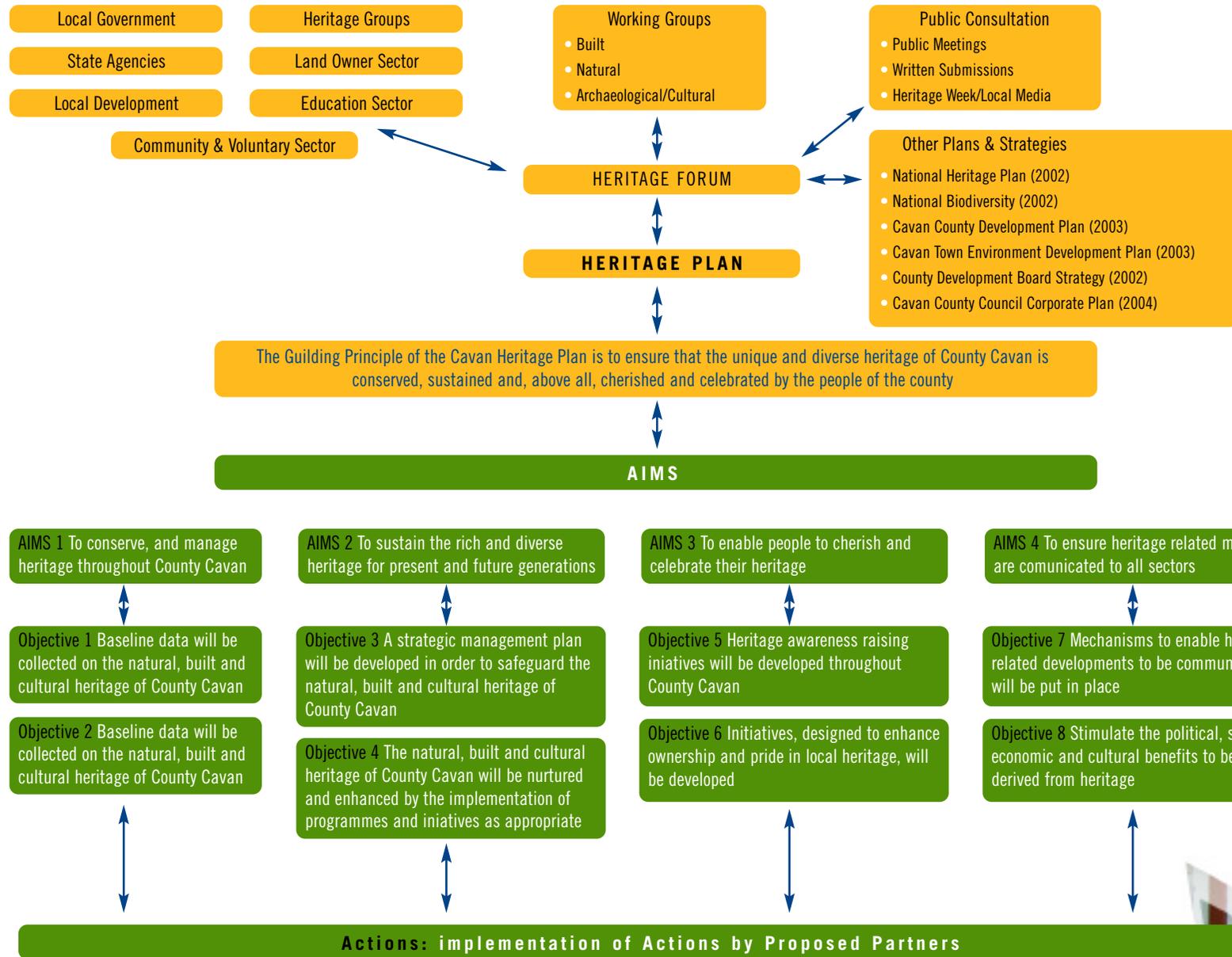
Cavan County Heritage Plan sets out a series of actions to be achieved over a five year period. Cavan County Heritage Forum together with the Economic, Rural Development and Planning SPC will monitor the annual work programme. The actions are divided into ongoing, short-term actions 0-3 years, medium-term actions 3-5 years and long term actions 5 years plus. These actions can be seen as **Key Performance Indicators** which will act as effective signposts by which the progress of the aims and objectives of Cavan County Heritage Plan can be measured.

Section 2: Cavan County Heritage Plan - A Framework for Action

2.2 - Aims and objectives of the Cavan County Heritage Plan

Aims of the Cavan County Heritage Plan	Objectives of each aim
<p>Aim 1. Cavan County Heritage Plan will conserve, protect and manage heritage throughout County Cavan</p>	<p>Objective 1: Baseline data will be collected on the natural, built and cultural heritage of County Cavan</p> <p>Objective 2: Heritage baseline data will be disseminated to Statutory, Community & Voluntary Sectors</p>
<p>Aim 2. To sustain the rich and diverse heritage of County Cavan for present and future generations</p>	<p>Objective 3: A strategic management plan will be developed in order to safeguard the natural, built and cultural heritage of County Cavan</p> <p>Objective 4: The natural, built and cultural heritage of County Cavan will be nurtured and enhanced by the implementation of programmes and initiatives as appropriate</p>
<p>Aim 3. To enable the people of County Cavan to cherish and celebrate their heritage</p>	<p>Objective 5: Heritage awareness raising initiatives will be developed throughout County Cavan</p> <p>Objective 6: Initiatives, designed to enhance ownership and pride in local heritage, will be developed</p>
<p>Aim 4. To ensure that heritage related matters are communicated effectively to all sectors</p>	<p>Objective 7: Mechanisms to enable heritage related developments to be communicated will be put in place</p> <p>Objective 8: Stimulate the political, socio-economic and cultural benefits to be derived from heritage</p>

Heritage Plan Development and Implementation Process



Section 3: Placing Heritage at the Heart of the Community

3.0 - The Scope of Cavan's Heritage

Cavan's heritage can be glimpsed in so many ways; the distant purple clad Bruse Mountain, wreathed in ethereal mist, the flitting vision of a majestic stag through Bellamont's oak, beech, birch and rowan, or the crescendo of ice cold springs emptying endlessly into the dark brooding depths of Lough Sheelin. Or of man's mark on the landscape; the stone hewn sepulchres of the Burren and the symmetrical lines of Ballyhaise grand house, church and village. Picture even the very heart of the fireside huddle, where stories and songs are passed as like porcelain, from elder to younger untarnished and undimmed, even by time.

Togetherness is the key

Cavan County Heritage Plan 2006-2011, reflects the scope of the natural, built and cultural heritage of County Cavan. Its strategic action plan advocates for and makes ample provision for key stakeholders at all levels to develop a shared sense of ownership and responsibility for Cavan's heritage, in order that it be nourished and sustained.

Heritage can be likened to the paradox of the spiders web; so strong and yet so fragile. This repository of riches, so unique and irreplaceable must be strategically managed so as to ensure the protection, conservation and sustainability of the natural, built and cultural heritage of County Cavan, that it may be enjoyed unfettered for this and for future generations to come.

Abbreviations

These abbreviations relate to terms and organisations, referred to in this section, and to other heritage terms.

ACA*	Architectural Conservation Area
CCC	Cavan County Council
CGC	Cavan Genealogical Centre
CMRD	Cavan Monaghan Rural Development Co-op Society Ltd
CVEC	Cavan Vocational Educational Committee
DoCMNR	Department of Communications Marine and Natural Resources
DoEHLG	Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government
DoES	Department of Education and Science

EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERFB	Eastern Regional Fisheries Board
FÁS	Foras Áiseanna Saothair, Training and Employment Authority
ICA	Irish Country Women's Association
IFA	Irish Farmers Association
IGS	Irish Georgian Society
IMO	Irish Museums Organisation
INTO	Irish National Teachers Organisation
LCA*	Landscape Character Assessment
NHA*	Natural Heritage Area
NIAH*	National Inventory of Architectural Heritage, DoEHLG
NMI	National Museum of Ireland
NMS	National Monuments Service, DoEHLG
NPWS	National Parks and Wildlife Services, DoEHLG
NRFB	Northern Regional Fisheries Board
NUI	National University of Ireland
OPW	Office of Public Works
RBD	River Basin District
RMP*	Record of Monuments and Places
RPS*	Record of Protected Structures
SAC*	Special Areas of Conservation
SPA*	Special Protection Areas
SEA*	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SPC*	Strategic Policy Committees
SRFB	Shannon Regional Fisheries Board
TFS	The Forest Service
WFD*	Water Framework Directive

* Definition of these term are contained in the Glossary

3.1: Actions of the Cavan County Heritage Plan

Aim 1: To conserve, protect and manage heritage throughout County Cavan

Objective 1 Baseline data will be collected on the natural, built and cultural heritage of County Cavan			
Actions - Key Performance Indicators	Proposed Partners	Heritage Aspect	Time-Frame
1.1 Develop a programme to identify and monitor: archaeological monuments, archaeologically sensitive landscapes and areas requiring further research	CCC, NPWS-DoEHLG, NRFB, ERFB, SRFB, Teagasc, TFS, Heritage Council, EPA, Regional Game Council, RBD Authorities, Community & Voluntary Sectors	Natural	Short-Term
1.2 Following an audit of all information on natural heritage in County Cavan, establish gaps in existing data. Conduct surveys within the county which will address these gaps.	CCC, NPWS-DoEHLG, NRFB, ERFB, SRFB, Teagasc, TFS, EPA, RBD Authorities, OPW	Natural	Medium-Term
1.3 A county-wide survey of hedgerows will be conducted in order to indicate their historical management, extent, composition and condition	CCC, Heritage Council, Teagasc, Networks for Nature, NPWS-DoEHLG	Natural	Short-Term
1.4 Identify endangered species, aquatic habitats and wildlife habitats in County Cavan	NPWS-DoEHLG, NRFB, ERFB, SRFB, Teagasc, CCC, CMRD, The Heritage Council	Natural	Short-Term
1.5 An inventory of buildings of architectural significance in County Cavan's principal towns will take place	CCC, NIAH-DoEHLG	Built	Short-Term
1.6 The DoEHLG will be encouraged to undertake a county-wide inventory of architectural heritage under the NIAH initiative	NIAH-DoEHLG, CCC	Built	Long-Term
1.7 A baseline survey will be undertaken of vernacular architecture in County Cavan	CCC, NIAH-DoEHLG, Community & Voluntary Sectors, Heritage Council, CMRD	Built	Medium-Term
1.8 A baseline survey of industrial architecture will be undertaken in County Cavan	CCC, NIAH-DoEHLG, Community & Voluntary Sectors, Heritage Council, CMRD	Built	Medium-Term
1.9 Following the publication of the NIAH county-wide survey of architectural heritage, gaps in knowledge on the architectural heritage of the county will be identified	NIAH-DoEHLG, CCC, Heritage Council, Community & Voluntary Sectors	Built	Long-Term
1.10 A regional directory of traditional building skills will be compiled	CCC, NIAH-DoEHLG, Heritage Council, IGS, Heritage Officers Network, Other Local Authorities	Built	Medium-Term
1.11 An expert archaeological working group for County Cavan will be established to develop an archaeological strategy for the county	CCC, NMS-DoEHLG, OPW, Heritage Council, Community & Voluntary Sectors	Cultural	Short-Term
1.12 Ensure that the archaeological data in use by the County Council is current	NMS-DoEHLG, CCC	Cultural	Long-Term

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Aim 1: To conserve, protect and manage heritage throughout County Cavan

Objective 1 Baseline data will be collected on the natural, built and cultural heritage of County Cavan

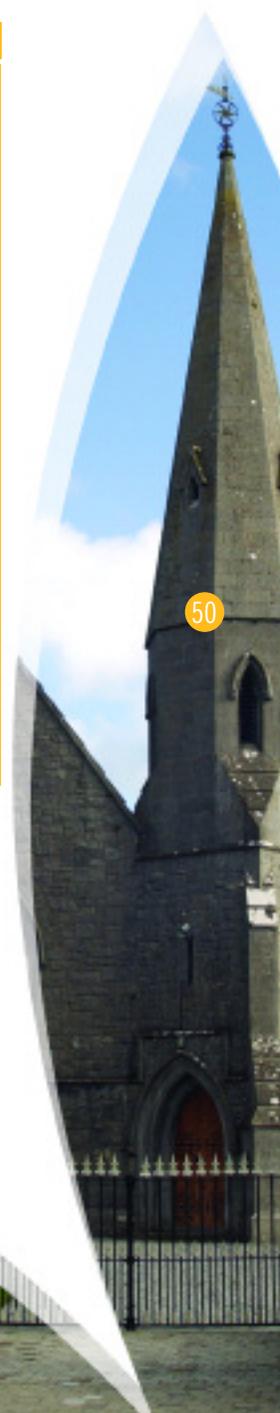
Actions - Key Performance Indicators	Proposed Partners	Heritage Aspect	Time-Frame
1.13 Develop a programme to identify and monitor: archaeological monuments, archaeologically sensitive landscapes and areas requiring further research	CCC, The Heritage Council, NMS-DoEHLG, Third - level institutions, OPW	Cultural	Ongoing
1.14 Create archaeological maps of the county showing the distribution of archaeological sites	CCC, The Heritage Council, NMS-DoEHLG	Cultural	Short-Term
1.15 The work of the County Archivist in the collation and dissemination of archival materials for County Cavan will be supported	CCC, CGC, Community & Voluntary Sectors	Cultural	Ongoing
1.16 The work of Cavan County Museum in cataloguing heritage objects and other collections held in the museum will be supported	CCC, NMI, Community & Voluntary Sectors	Cultural	Ongoing
1.17 (a) Folklore/ Tales/ Songs/ Poems/ Traditions will be collected orally as part of an intergenerational project. This will entail an examination of the 1937-38 schools folklore project as a possible model (b) Training in oral recording will be provided to participants	CCC, CMRD, INTO, Heritage Council		Medium-Term

3.1: Actions of the Cavan County Heritage Plan

Aim 1: To conserve, protect and manage heritage throughout County Cavan

Objective 2 Heritage baseline data will be disseminated to Statutory, Community & Voluntary Sectors

Actions - Key Performance Indicators	Proposed Partners	Heritage Aspect	Time-Frame
2.1 A comprehensive habitat map for the county will be created and made available in digitised format to all statutory agencies working within the county, schools and the community & voluntary sectors	CCC, NPWS-DoEHLG, NRFB, ERFB, SRFB, Heritage Council, Teagasc, TFS, CMRD	Natural	Medium-Term
2.2 Information collected from county-wide hedgerow survey will be made available in digitised format and on heritage website to all relevant agencies, schools and the community & voluntary sectors	CCC, Networks for Nature, Teagasc, NPWS-DoEHLG, NMS-DoEHLG	Natural	Short-Term
2.3 Structures identified in architectural surveys in the RPS will be mapped and made available in an accessible database to CCC Staff, relevant agencies, owners / occupiers of structures and to members of the public and the community & voluntary sectors	CCC, NIAH-DoEHLG, Heritage Council	Built	Ongoing
2.4 Training will be provided on Part 4 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 to County Council Staff, Architects and Owner / Occupiers of Recorded Protected Structures, as and when needed	CCC, NIAH-DoEHLG	Built	Short-Term
2.5 Practical traditional building skills workshops will be organised for owner / occupiers of Recorded Protected Structures and for the general public	CCC, NIAH-DoEHLG, Heritage Council, CMRD, Heritage Officers Network, OPW	Built	Short-Term
2.6 Information collated on our rich cultural heritage will be made available on the heritage website and will be made accessible to local branch libraries, local schools, the community & voluntary sectors	CCC, INTO, Community & Voluntary Forum, CMRD, DoEHLG	Cultural	Medium-Term



3.1: Actions of the Cavan County Heritage Plan

Aim 2: To sustain the rich and diverse heritage of County Cavan for present and future generations

Objective 3 A strategic management plan will be developed in order to safeguard the natural, built and cultural heritage of County Cavan

Actions - Key Performance Indicators	Proposed Partners	Heritage Aspect	Time-Frame
3.1 A SEA of all County Development Plans will be undertaken and, where appropriate, Town Development Plans, Variations and Local Area Plans. Integral to the SEA process will be a heritage appraisal	CCC, Heritage Council	Built, Natural, Cultural	Ongoing
3.2 An LCA encompassing where feasible an Historic Landscape Assessment will be undertaken – in order that policies and objectives will be included in the County Development Plan	CCC, Heritage Council, The Border Regional Authority, CMRD	Built, Natural, Cultural	Short-Term
3.3 Natural and geomorphologic heritage sites of importance at a county level will be included into all County Development Plans, Town Development Plans and Local Area Plans	CCC, NPWS-DoEHLG, Geological Survey of Ireland	Ongoing	Ongoing
3.4 The implementation of the WFD in County Cavan will be supported and information on the directive will be disseminated at a county-level	CCC, NRFB, ERFB, SRFB, Teagasc, RBD Authorities	Natural	Ongoing
3.5 Protect and document champion trees and areas of mature woodlands through the implementation of effective policy	CCC, Tree Council of Ireland	Natural	Medium-Term
3.6 An Indicative Forest Strategy for County Cavan will be developed	CCC, TFS, Coillte, Foresters, Community & Voluntary Sectors, Landowners, NPWS-DoEHLG, Teagasc	Natural	Medium-Term
3.7 (a) A local biodiversity steering group will be established (b) A biodiversity plan for the county will be developed	CCC, TFS, NPWS-DoEHLG, NRFB, ERFB, SRFB, Teagasc, Heritage Forum, Community & Voluntary Sectors, Landowners, Heritage Council	Natural	Short-Term Long-Term
3.8 (a) Current policy on hedgerow removal will be reviewed (b) Any resultant changes will be incorporated into a revised policy and training on these changes will be provided to local authority staff / landowners and contractors on managing and conserving hedgerows	CCC, Teagasc, Landowners, CMRD, Heritage Council, Networks for Nature, NPWS-DoEHLG	Natural	Short-Term Long-Term
3.9 The RPS will be reviewed to ensure its incorporation into effective development policy	CCC, NMS-DoEHLG	Built	Medium-Term
3.10 Architectural Conservation Areas in the county will be investigated and established where appropriate	CCC	Built	Long-Term
3.11 (a) An inventory of structures of architectural significance e.g. graveyards, churches etc in County Council ownership will be prepared (b) A committee to oversee their management and maintenance will be established	CCC, NIAH-DoEHLG	Built	Short-Term

3.1: Actions of the Cavan County Heritage Plan

Aim 2: To sustain the rich and diverse heritage of County Cavan for present and future generations

Objective 3 A strategic management plan will be developed in order to safeguard the natural, built and cultural heritage of County Cavan

Actions - Key Performance Indicators	Proposed Partners	Heritage Aspect	Time-Frame
3.12 A representative place-names committee will be established to provide guidance on the naming of new developments and the interpretation of existing place-names	CCC, Heritage Council, Foras na Gaeilge, The Place-names Commission	Built	Short-Term
3.13 Establish the feasibility of appointing a conservator for Cavan County Museum	CCC, CMRD, Heritage Council, IMO	Cultural	Long-Term
3.14 To facilitate the creation of fora whereby landscape, heritage, all traditions, crafts, buildings etc of local significance can be interpreted utilising a variety of methodologies including visual arts, drama, exhibitions and seminars	NPWS-DoEHLG, NRFB, SRFB, ERFB, Community & Voluntary Sectors, Teagasc, Landowners	Built, Natural, Cultural	Ongoing
3.15 The use of the Irish Language will be encouraged and the feasibility of appointing an Oifigeach Gaeilge in CCC will be established	CCC	Built, Natural, Cultural	Ongoing



3.1: Actions of the Cavan County Heritage Plan

Aim 2: To sustain the rich and diverse heritage of County Cavan for present and future generations

Objective 4 The natural, built and cultural heritage of County Cavan will be nurtured and enhanced through the implementation of programmes and initiatives as appropriate

Actions - Key Performance Indicators	Proposed Partners	Heritage Aspect	Time-Frame
4.1 Neighbourhood and Native Woodland Schemes will be promoted	CCC, TFS, DoCMNR	Natural	Short-Term
4.2 The use of native species of local provenance in Local Authority tree planting schemes will be encouraged	CCC	Natural	Short-Term
4.3 A policy will be developed to manage and conserve wetlands	CCC, NRFB, ERFB, SRFB	Natural	Short-Term
4.4 (a) A study of traditional and modern farming practices that support a rich biodiversity will be carried out (b) Results of this study will be published and awareness of the study promoted throughout the farming sector	TEAGASC, Landowners, CCC, Heritage Council, CMRD, NPWS-DoEHLG	Natural	Short-Term
4.5 The possibility of utilising our natural, built and cultural heritage in a positive manner to develop sustainable heritage amenities i.e. walking trails, cycling routes, greenways and ecological parks etc will be investigated	CCC, Heritage Council, DoEHLG, CMRD	Built, Natural, Cultural	Short-Term
4.6 A generic framework plan for small / towns and villages in County Cavan will be undertaken and incorporated into Small Town /Village Plans and the County Development Plan as appropriate	CCC, Heritage Council, CMRD	Built	Short-Term
4.7 Best practice guidelines on the siting and landscaping of new developments will be published	CCC, Heritage Council, CMRD	Built	Short-Term
4.8 Establish a dedicated County Council budget to fund for the care and maintenance of RPS in council ownership	CCC, NIAH-DoEHLG	Built	Ongoing
4.9 Funding for RPS under the DoEHLG Conservation Grant Scheme will be maximised	CCC, DoEHLG	Built	Ongoing
4.10 The feasibility of an outreach county museum service will be investigated	CCC, DoEHLG, IMO	Cultural	Long-Term
4.11 The work of Cavan Genealogical Centre in recording and cataloguing genealogy records for the county will be supported	CGC, CCC, Heritage Council	Cultural	Ongoing
4.12 (a) A linguistic study for County Cavan will be carried out – (b) to incorporate the identification and interpretation of place names, town land names, field names and family names	Heritage Council, CMRD, CCC, Cavan Institute, Third-level institutions, The Placenames Committee, Community & Voluntary Sectors	Cultural	Long-Term
4.13 Work being carried out recording local graveyards in the county will be expanded and made available in an accessible digitised format	CGC, CCC, Heritage Council, CMRD, Community & Voluntary Sectors	Built	Medium-Term
4.14 A study of the religious and cultural diversities which have shaped the heritage of the county will be explored	CCC, CMRD, Heritage Council, CGC, Community & Voluntary Sectors	Cultural	Medium-Term

3.1: Actions of the Cavan County Heritage Plan

Aim 3: To enable the people of County Cavan to cherish and celebrate their heritage

Objective 5 Heritage awareness raising initiatives will be developed throughout County Cavan

Actions - Key Performance Indicators	Proposed Partners	Heritage Aspect	Time-Frame
5.1 The Heritage Council / INTO "Heritage in Schools Programme" will be promoted	Heritage Council, CCC, Schools, DoES	Built, Natural, Cultural	Ongoing
5.2 Initiatives to promote all aspects of heritage in schools at all levels will be developed - a variety of methods e.g. arts, drama, music etc will be utilised	INTO, The Heritage Council, CCC, DoES, Cavan Educational Centre, NPWS-DoEHLG, NRFB, ERFB SRFB, Teagasc, Landowners, The Arts Council	Built, Natural, Cultural	Medium-Term
5.3 Sites of archaeological, architectural, geological, natural and cultural significance which require directional and interpretative signage will be identified and maintained	DoEHLG, Fáilte Ireland, Community & Voluntary Sector, CCC	Built, Natural, Cultural	Ongoing
5.4 A heritage pack within the county will be published e.g. focusing on established walking routes, archaeological landscapes, landscape etc	CCC, Heritage Council, CMRD, Fáilte Ireland	Built, Natural, Cultural	Medium-Term
5.5 Heritage related workshops, training, seminars, heritage tours, heritage based competitions and conferences will be provided as appropriate and in so doing encourage communities to engage in training and upskilling in local heritage issues, thereby fostering leadership qualities.	CCC, Heritage Council, CMRD, NPWS-DoEHLG, NRFB, ERFB, SRFB, Teagasc, Landowners, CGC, TFS, Community & Voluntary Sector	Built, Natural, Cultural	Ongoing
5.6 The community & voluntary sector will be supported in promoting events to celebrate local heritage during Heritage week	CCC, Heritage Council, DoEHLG	Built, Natural, Cultural	Ongoing
5.7 Explore the possibility of Cavan County Museum expanding to incorporate an exhibition of traditional farming practices and skills	CCC, IMO, Heritage Council, CMRD, Teagasc, Landowners	Built, Natural, Cultural	Long-Term

Objective 6 Initiatives, designed to enhance ownership and pride in local heritage, will be developed

Actions - Key Performance Indicators	Proposed Partners	Heritage Aspect	Time-Frame
6.1 An annual 'Golden Mile Competition' will be promoted	CCC, CMRD, Heritage Council, Community & Voluntary Sector	Built, Natural, Cultural	Ongoing
6.2 A series of consultations will be undertaken with individual communities, of all traditions, to enable them identify and develop innovative ways to celebrate their local heritage	CCC, CMRD, Heritage Council, Community & Voluntary Sectors	Cultural	Ongoing
6.3 Links with NUI Maynooth will be established with a view to providing an out-reach Diploma in Local History Studies	CCC, CMRD, Heritage Council, NUI Maynooth, Community & Voluntary Sectors	Cultural	Long-Term

3.1: Actions of the Cavan County Heritage Plan

Aim 4: To ensure that heritage related matters are communicated effectively to all sectors

Objective 7 Mechanisms to enable heritage related developments to be communicated will be put in place

Actions - Key Performance Indicators	Proposed Partners	Heritage Aspect	Time-Frame
7.1 Cavan County Heritage Plan will be promoted through the local media CCC, Cavan County Heritage Forum, Local Media	CCC, Cavan County Heritage Forum, Local Media	Built, Natural, Cultural	Ongoing
7.2 A dedicated interactive heritage website www.cavanheritage.ie with links to other relevant websites will be established	CCC, Community & Voluntary Sector	Built, Natural, Cultural	Ongoing
7.3 An audit of heritage and cultural centres throughout the county will be undertaken and published on the heritage website	CCC, CMRD, Community & Voluntary Sector	Built, Natural, Cultural	Ongoing
7.4 An annual calendar of heritage events to be held in the county will be published	CMRD, CCC, Community & Voluntary Sector	Built, Natural, Cultural	Short-Term
7.5 A bi-annual heritage publication communicating heritage matters to the wider community will be established	CCC, Cavan County Heritage Forum, FÁS	Built, Natural, Cultural	Short-Term
7.6 Heritage links will be established and fostered with third-level institutions	CCC, Cavan County Heritage Forum	Built, Natural, Cultural	Ongoing
7.7 A Heritage Forum Logo will be developed and used to promote Cavan County Heritage Plan and all promotional and awareness creation materials	CCC, Cavan County Heritage Forum, Community & Voluntary Sectors	Built, Natural, Cultural	Ongoing

Objective 8 Stimulate the political, socio-economic and cultural benefits to be derived from heritage

Actions - Key Performance Indicators	Proposed Partners	Heritage Aspect	Time-Frame
8.1 A high quality DVD, utilising a public-private partnership, will be produced to showcase the heritage of the county which will act as a promotional and educational tool	CCC, CMRD, Heritage Council, Private Sector, Community & Voluntary Sector, NPWS-DoEHLG, SRFB, ERFB, NRFB, Teagasc, Landowners, CGC	Built, Natural, Cultural	Medium-Term

Appendix 1: Membership of Cavan County Heritage Forum

Sector	Organisation / Agency / Body	Representative
Local Government	Member, Cavan County Council, Chairman of Economic, Rural Development & Planning SPC	Cllr. Clifford Kelly (Chair)
	Member, Cavan County Council	Cllr. Joe O'Reilly
	Executive Planner, Planning Department, Cavan County Council	Eve Harrison
	Senior Engineer, Roads Department, Cavan County Council	Liam Henry (Jun 05-Sept '06) succeeded by Peadar Lafferty
	Senior Executive Engineer, Environment Department, Cavan County Council	Colm O'Callaghan
	Arts Officer, Arts Department, Cavan County Council	Catriona O'Reilly (Jun 05-Oct '05) succeeded by Kenneth Redmond
	County Archivist	Bernie Deasy
	Curator, Cavan County Museum, Cavan County Council	Dominic Egan
	Heritage Officer, Cavan County Council	Anne-Marie Ward
Education Sector	Cavan Institute	Patrick Cassidy
	Ciorcal Comhrá	lognáid Ó Muircheartaigh
	Irish National Teachers Organisation	Fidelma Sheridan
Land Owners and Farming Representatives	Irish Farmers Association	Elizabeth Orminston
State Agencies	National Parks & Wildlife Service-DoEHLG	Michael Hackett
	National Monuments Service-DoEHLG	Auriel Robinson (Jun 05-Jan'06) succeeded by Christine Grant
	TEAGASC	Jimmy Stafford
	Northern Regional Fisheries Board	Patricia McCreesh (Jun 05-Sept'06)
	Eastern Regional Fisheries Board	Noel McGlown
	Shannon Regional Fisheries Board	Brenda Montgomery
Community & Voluntary	Community & Voluntary Forum, Cornafean Development Association	James Hannon
	Community & Voluntary Forum, St. Killian's Heritage Centre, Mullagh	Madeline Uí Mhealóid
Local Development	Cavan Monaghan Rural Development Co-op Society Ltd	Niamh McGrath (Jun 05-July'06) position vacant
Heritage Groups	Cavan Genealogical Centre	Mary Sullivan
	Cumman Seanchais Bhréifne	Róisín Lyons
	Glór Bhréifne, Glór na nGael, Co. an Chabháin	Pádraig Ó Cuinneagáin
	Laragh Heritage Group	Charles O'Reilly
	Cuilcagh Walkers	Jim Nolan

Appendix 2: Expert Working Groups

Considerations of the Expert Working Groups

The Built Heritage Working Group	The Natural Heritage Working Group	The Archaeological/Cultural Working Group
Monuments	Flora	Archaeological Objects
Architectural Heritage	Fauna	Heritage Objects
Heritage Gardens & Parks	Wildlife Habitats	Museums & Archives
	Landscapes	Genealogy
	Geology	Local History
	Inland Waterways	Folklore and Folk Life
		An Ghaeilge
		Recorded Monuments

The Built Heritage Working Group	
Cllr. Clifford Kelly	Elected Member and Chairman of Cavan County Heritage Forum
Liam Henry	Cavan County Council
Eve Harrison	Cavan County Council
Madeline Uí Mhealóid	Community & Voluntary Forum, St. Kilian's Heritage Group
James Hannon	Community & Voluntary Forum, Cornafean Development Association
Patrick Cassidy	Cavan College of Further Studies
Charles O'Reilly	Laragh Heritage Group
Niamh Smyth	Wesleyan Chapel (R.P.S.)
Fidelma Sheridan	Irish National Teachers Organisation
Ignatius Murtagh	Ciorcal Comhrá

Natural Heritage Working Group	
Michael Hackett	National Parks and Wildlife
Jimmy Stafford	TEAGASC
John Kevin Smith	Lough an Leagh Environmental Group
Colm O'Callaghan	Cavan County Council
Brenda Montgomery	Shannon Regional Fisheries
Noel McGlown	Eastern Regional Fisheries
Patricia Mc Creesh	Northern Regional Fisheries
Elizabeth Orminston	Irish Farmers Association

The Archaeological/Cultural Working Group	
Cllr. Joe O'Reilly	Elected Member
Maura Smyth	Bailieborough Arts & Cultural Centre
Brid O'Reilly	Ballyconnell Heritage Group
Savina Donoghue	Cavan County Museum
Catriona Reilly / Kenneth Redmond	Cavan County Arts Office
Tom Sullivan	Cavan County Library
Rósín Lyons	Cumann Seanchais Bhrefne
Mary Sullivan	Cavan Genealogical Centre
Niamh McGrath	Cavan Monaghan Rural Development Co-op Society Ltd
Seán Galligan	Bailieborough, Co. Cavan
Auriel Robinson	National Monuments Service, DoEHLG
Jim Nolan	Cuilcagh Walkers
lognaid Ó Muircheartaigh	Ciorcal Comhrá
Madeline Uí Mhealóid	Community & Voluntary Forum, St. Kilian's Heritage Group
Pádraig Ó Cuinneagáin	Glór Bhréifne, Glór na nGael, Co. an Chabháin

Appendix 3: Public Consultation

Public Consultation	
Pat Appleby	Cottehill Library
Agnes Brady	Ballintemple, Co. Cavan
Oliver Brady	Bawnboy Co. Cavan
John Crudden	Ballyjamesduff Angling Club
Seán Galligan	Bailieborough, Co. Cavan
Geraldine Harrison	Cavan Visual Artsists Network, Cavan Craft Network
Mollie Harton	Kilcogy, Co. Cavan
Mary Harton	Kilcogy, Co. Cavan
Joanne Hayes	The Bréifne Project
Philip Hayes	Redhills Development Association
Pat Joe Kennedy	Quivvy, Belturbet, Co. Cavan
Chris Kirk	Virginia Heritage Group
John Matthews	DoEHLG National Parks & Wildlife Service
Charley McAdam	Border Minority Group, Mullaghboy Acc. Band, Ashfield Parish Chuch
Niamh McGrath	Cavan - Monaghan Rural Development Co-op Society Ltd (LEADER)
Seán Mc Kiernan	Bailieborough, Co. Cavan
Joseph Moynagh	Mountnugent Development Association
George Morrissey	Belturbet Development Association
Christine Murray	Mountnugent Irish Country Women's Association
Carmel O'Callaghan	Bailieborough, Co. Cavan
Tom O'Dowd	Trinity Island, Co. Cavan
Aoghán Ó Fearghail	Maudabawn Cultural Centre
Tomás Ó Raghallaigh	Killeshandra Community Council
Margaret O'Reilly	Crosserlough, Co. Cavan
Marie O'Reilly	Killeshandra Community Council
Stephen Shannon	Belturbet Development Association
Benny Shiels	Rural Social Scheme
Frank Smith	Redhills Development Association
Maura Smyth	Bailieborough Arts & Cultural Centre
Niamh Smyth	Bailieborough Arts & Cultural Centre
Madeline Uí Mhealóid	St. Kilian's Heritage Centre
Seosamh Ó Mealfiud	Mullagh Development Association
Róisín Lyons	Cumann Seanchais Bhréifne, Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Cootehill Arts Festival, Dúchas na Muinchille

Submissions Received	
Public Consultation	
Niamh Mc Grath	Cavan Monaghan Rural Development Co-op Society Ltd
Pat Collum	Greenbox, Co Cavan
Matt Fitzgerald	Killeshandra, Community Council
Seán Galligan	Bailieborough, Co. Cavan
Glór Bhréifne, Glór na nGael, Co. an Chabháin	
Heritage Working Group of Killeshandra	
Pat Joe Kennedy	Quivvy, Belturbet
Breeda Smith	Loughduff, Co. Cavan
John Kevin Smith	Lough an Lea Environmental Group
Chris Kirk	Virginia
Joyce Kirwan	Bawnboy Heritage Group
John Lovatt	Donabate, Co. Dublin
Charley McAdam	Border Minority Group, Mullaghboy Acc. Band
Joseph Moynagh	Mountnugent Tourist Association
Colum Murray	Architecture Office, The Heritage Council
Jim Nolan	Club Chathail Bhuí, Cuilcagh Walkers
Tomás Ó Raghallaigh	Killeshandra, Community Council
Mary Sheridan	Virgina Development Association

Appendix 4: Relevant Heritage Legislation, Guiding Documents, Strategies and Plans

NATIONAL AND EU HERITAGE LEGISLATION

Heritage & Planning

Planning and Development Act (2000)
Heritage Act (1995)
Environmental Impact Assessment (Council Directive 85/33/EEC, as amended)
Strategic Environmental Assessment (Council Directive 2001/42/EC)

Built Heritage

National Monuments Acts (1930, Amended 1994)
National Cultural Institutions Act (1997)
Architectural Heritage (National Inventory) and Historic Monuments (miscellaneous provisions) Act (1999)
Planning & Development Act (2000)

Natural Heritage and Waterways

Wildlife Act (1976)
Wildlife Admendment Act (2000)
European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations (1997)
Birds Directive (Council Directive 79/409/EEC) (1992)
Habitats Directive (Council Directive 2000/60/EC) (2000)
Water Framework Directive (Council Directive 2000/60/EC) (2000)

Museums and Archives

National Cultural Institutions Act (1997)
Local Government Acts (1994; 2001)

Landscapes and Heritage Gardens and Parks

Planning and Development Act (2000)

International Conventions and Agreements which Ireland has signed and ratified

UNESCO Convention for the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (ratified 1992)
European Convention on the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (Granada Convention, (1997)
European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Valletta Convention, 1997)
Convention on Wetlands of Importance (Ramsar Convention), 1971 (ratified, 1984)
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) (1974)
Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Berne Convention 1979 (ratified, 1982)
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention, 1993 (ratified, 1995)
Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992 (ratified, 1996)
Agreement on Conservation of Bats in Europe (Bonn Convention, 1993 (ratified, 1995)
International Tropical Timber Agreement 1994, (1996)
Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) (Bonn Convention), 1996
Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy (endorsed 1995)
European Landscape Convention, 2000, (ratified, 2002)

Guiding Documents, Strategies and Plans

National Heritage Plan. Dept. of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands (2002)
National Biodiversity Plan, Dept. of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands (2002)
The Heritage Council Plan (2001-2005) (2001)
A Guide to Habitats in Ireland, The Heritage Council
A Methodology for the Preparation of County Heritage Plans, The Heritage Council
Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DoEHLG (2004)
The Care and Conservation of Graveyards, Dúchas, The Heritage Service (1997)
Evaluation of Environmental Designations in Ireland, The Heritage Council (1996)
A Strategy for the Economic, Social and Cultural Development of County Cavan 2002-2012 (2002)
Cavan Local Authorities Corporate Plan 2004-2009 (2004)
Cavan County Development Plan 2003-2009 (2003)

Appendix 5: County Heritage Plan Development Process

Date	Task
March 2005	Presentation to Senior Management Team on the preparation of Cavan County Heritage Plan.
April 2005	The Economic, Rural Development & Planning SPC endorsed the process for the development of the Cavan County Heritage Plan and for the establishment of the Heritage Forum
April - 31st May 2005	Invited individuals, organisations and agencies to make nominations to Cavan County Heritage Forum
June 2005	First Meeting of Cavan County Heritage Forum. Introduction to the County Plan heritage process. Establishment of the built, natural, and cultural working groups.
July 2005	Public Consultation meetings held throughout the county and invitation to make written submissions advertised
September 2005	Closing date for written submissions September 9th. Second Heritage Forum Meeting to discuss forming aims and objectives and analysis of public consultations and written submissions.
October 2005	Natural Heritage Working Group meeting to form actions October 3rd, Cultural Working Group meeting October 4th to form actions, October 5th Built Heritage Working Group to form actions. October 20th, Natural Heritage Working Group adopt actions for proposed draft, October 20th, Cultural Working Group adopt actions for proposed draft, October 21st Built heritage group adopt actions October 26th Cavan County Heritage Forum meeting to adopt proposed draft
December	Presentation of draft to Economic, Rural Development and Planning SPC Presentation of draft to elected members for approval
Jan 2006- April 2006	Public Consultations
September 2006	Heritage Forum agree Changes
November 2006	Heritage Plan presented to Elected Members

Glossary of Heritage Terms

Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA)

Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA) are places which are considered by a local authority to be of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest, or which contribute to the appreciation of a protected structure. Examples can include important terraces of buildings associated with a significant building. The County Development Plan must include objectives for the preservation of the character of such places in accordance with Section 81 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

Biodiversity

Biodiversity or 'biological diversity' is the variety of life we see all around us everyday; trees and flowers, insects and mammals, birds and fish etc. It also includes the habitats or places where plants and animals live. Everything from hedges and woodlands to lakes and rivers, farms, schoolyards and back-gardens.

The Heritage Council

The Heritage Council was established as a statutory body under the Heritage Act 1995. Its role is to propose policies and priorities for the identification, protection, preservation and enhancement of the national heritage.

INTO/Heritage Council's "Heritage in Schools Scheme"

The INTO/Heritage Council "Heritage in Schools" Scheme offers a panel of heritage experts who will at the request of a teacher, visit a primary school to work directly with the children.

Landscape Character Assessment (LCA),

Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) embraces all that is visible when one looks across an area of land. LCA involves a method known as characterisation i.e. the discernment of the character of the landscape based initially on landcover (trees, vegetation, settlements, water etc) and landform which results from geological and geomorphological history. Added to this first level of assessment is a second layer – values which take account of historical, cultural, religious and other understandings of the landscape. This method of assessment allows for a pro-active approach to landscape and allows us to view landscape for its ability to accommodate developments, gives indicators as to which developments might be most suited.

Natural Heritage Areas (NHA)

Natural Heritage Areas (NHA) are designated under Section 18 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000 to conserve and protect nationally important habitats (together with their plant and animal species), landforms, geological or geomorphological features.

National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH)

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) is an inventory of the architectural heritage of Ireland from 1700 to the present day. It was established in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Architectural Heritage (National Inventory) and Historic Monuments (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1999.

Record of Monuments and Places (RMP)

The Record of Monuments and Places (RMP) was established under Section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994. The RMP is a list of archaeological structures, features and sites (known as Recorded Monuments) for each county with accompanying maps.

Recorded Protected Structures (RPS)

The Record of Protected Structures (RPS) is a list of all of the structures which form part of the architectural heritage of a county compiled by a local authority in accordance with section 51 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. The RPS forms part of the County Development Plan and includes all structures which the local authority considers to be of special interest.

Glossary of Heritage Terms

Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) are prime wildlife conservation sites designated under the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) for the conservation and protection of habitats and species of importance in a European context.

Special Protection Areas (SPA)

Special Protection Areas (SPA) are designated under the EU Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) to protect migratory species which are rare, in danger of extinction or which are vulnerable to habitat change in Europe.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

Strategic Environmental Assessments (2001/42/EC) came into force in July 2001. The objective of the Directive is to provide for high level of protection of the environment and to contribute to the integration of the environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of specified plans and programmes with a view to promoting sustainable development.

Strategic Policy Committees (SPC)

Strategic Policy Committees (SPC) are statutory committees of a County or City Council that assist the Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and reviewing of policy relating functions. Membership comprises elected members of the Council together with representatives from sectoral interests and from the local community.

Water Framework Directive (WFD)

The Water Framework Directive (WFD), (2000/60/EC) sets a framework for the comprehensive management of water resources in the EU. The fundamental aim of the directive is the achievement of good water quality in all waters by 2015.