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## **3.0 DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES**

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## 3.1 Land Use Zoning

The purpose of land use zoning is to indicate the planning authority's intentions for all lands within the boundaries of Rathangan. The land use zoning objectives are detailed below and are shown on the Land Use Zoning and Specific Objectives Map at the back of this plan. A range of land uses are listed in the matrix in Fig. 3.1 together with an indication of their broad acceptability in the different land use zones.

### 3.1.1 Permitted in Principle

The Council will seek to ensure the development of lands and properties in accordance with the Zoning Objectives set out in this section of the plan. Land uses designated under each zoning objective as 'Permitted in Principle' are generally acceptable, subject to compliance with the relevant policies, standards and requirements set out in Section 4 of the Plan.

### 3.1.2 Open for Consideration

Land uses shown as 'Open for Consideration' are uses that are not considered acceptable in principle in all parts of the relevant use zone. However, such uses may be acceptable in circumstances where the Council is satisfied that the proposed use would not conflict with the general objectives for the zone and the permitted or existing uses as well as being in the interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

### 3.1.3 Not Permitted

Land uses which are indicated as 'Not Permitted' in the Land use Zoning Matrix (Fig. 3.1) will not be permitted.

### 3.1.4 Other Uses

Proposed land uses not listed in the matrix will be considered on the merits of the individual planning application, with reference to the most appropriate use of a similar nature indicated in the table and in relation to the general policies and zoning objectives for the area in question of the Plan.

### 3.1.5 Non-Conforming Uses

Existing established uses that are inconsistent with the primary zoning objective, where legally established by continuous use for the same purpose prior to 1<sup>st</sup> October 1964 or by a planning permission, will not be subject to legal proceedings under the Act in respect of their continued use. Where extensions or improvements of premises accommodating these uses are proposed each shall be considered on its merits in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

### 3.1.6 Transitional Areas

While the zoning objectives indicate the different uses permitted in each zone it is important to avoid abrupt transitions in scale and use at the boundary of adjoining land use zones. In these areas it is necessary to avoid developments that would be detrimental to amenity.

In zones abutting residential areas, particular attention will be paid to the uses, scale, density and appearance of development proposals and to landscaping and screening proposals in order to protect the amenities of residential properties.

Development abutting amenity and open space will generally facilitate the passive supervision of that space, where possible by fronting onto it.

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## 3.2 Use Zoning Objectives

Lands within the town are zoned for the following uses. Notwithstanding the fact that a particular piece of land may be zoned for new development, planning permission may still be refused if, in the opinion of the planning authority, the infrastructure in the town is not adequate to service the proposed development. Planning permission may also be conditional on the completion of certain key pieces of infrastructure such as key roads, bridges and sewerage systems.

### 3.2.1 Zoning Objective A                      Town Centre

#### O3.2.1                      **To provide for the development and improvement of appropriate town centre uses including retail, commercial, office and civic use.**

The purpose of this zone is to protect and enhance the special character of Rathangan town centre and to provide for and improve retailing, residential, commercial, office, cultural and other uses appropriate to the centre of a developing town. It will be an objective of the Council to encourage the use of buildings and backlands and especially the full use of upper floors. Generally two storey buildings will be preferred. Warehousing and other industrial uses will not be permitted in the town centre.

A portion of the lands zoned Town Centre have been identified on the Map as being the subject of an Action Area Plan. Planning permissions will only be granted within this zone for developments in accord with an Action Area Plan to be approved by the Council.

### 3.2.2 Zoning Objective B                      Existing Residential/Infill

#### O3.2.2                      **To protect and improve existing residential amenity; to provide for appropriate infill residential development; to provide for new and improved ancillary services.**

This zoning principally covers existing residential areas. The zoning provides for infill development within these existing residential areas. The primary aims of this zoning objective are to preserve and improve residential amenity and to provide for further infill residential development at a density that is considered suitable to the area and to the needs of the population. Such areas, particularly where bordering the commercial centre, will be protected from the pressure of development of higher order uses such as retail and offices.

### 3.2.3 Zoning Objective C                      New Residential Development

#### O3.2.3                      **To provide for new residential development.**

This zoning provides for new residential development and other services incidental to residential development. While housing is the primary use in this zone, recreation, education, creche/playschool, clinic/surgery uses, sheltered housing and small corner shops are also envisaged, subject to the preservation of neighbouring residential amenity. Permission may also be granted for home based economic activity within this zone, subject to the preservation of residential amenity and traffic considerations. New residential areas should be developed in accordance with a comprehensive plan detailing the layout of services, roads and the landscaping of open space.

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**3.2.4 Zoning Objective D                      Industry**

**O3.2.4            To provide for industrial development**

This zoning provides for industrial development excluding retail warehousing. Other uses, ancillary or similar to industry and warehousing will be considered on the merits of each planning application and may be acceptable in this zone.

**3.2.5 Zoning Objective E                      Open Space and Amenity**

**O3.2.5            To protect and provide for recreation, open space and amenity provision.**

The areas included in this zoning objective cover both private and public open space and are dispersed throughout the town. The aims of this land use zoning objective include; to protect, improve and provide for recreation, open space and amenity provision; to protect, improve and maintain public open space; to preserve private open space and to provide recreational and community facilities.

The Council will not normally permit development that would result in a loss of open space within the town except where specifically provided for in this plan. Existing agricultural uses in open space areas will continue to be permitted, and reasonable development proposals in relation to this use will be considered on their merits.

**3.2.6 Zoning Objective F                      Institutional & Educational**

**O3.2.6            To provide for local neighbourhood, community and educational facilities.**

This zoning objective provides for local civic, religious, community and educational facilities including health care, child care, fire station, courthouse, schools, churches, meeting halls and other community facilities, ancillary neighbourhood uses and services.

**3.2.7 Zoning Objective G                      General Development**

**O3.2.7            To provide for general development.**

This zoning provides for a wide range of uses including office, leisure, residential, retail and light industrial use. The provisions of Par. 3.1.7 are particularly relevant to this zoning, where potentially incompatible uses are proposed next to each other.

**3.2.8 Zoning Objective H                      Agricultural**

**O3.2.8            To retain and protect agricultural uses.**

The purpose of this zoning is to ensure the retention of agricultural uses and protect them from urban sprawl and ribbon development. Uses which are directly associated with agriculture or which would not interfere with this use are open for consideration. This includes limited housing for members of landowners' families or persons who can demonstrate a need to live in the agriculture zone, tourism related projects such as tourist caravan parks or camp sites and amenity uses such as playing fields, or parks.

Land Use	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Dwelling	y	y	y	n	n	n	o	o
Guest house/hotel/hostel	y	o	o	n	n	n	o	n
Restaurant	y	o	o	o	n	n	o	n
Pub	y	n	n	o	n	n	o	n
Shop (convenience)	y	o	o	o	n	n	o	n
Shop (comparison)	y	n	n	n	n	n	o	n
Retail warehouse	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
School	y	o	o	o	o	y	y	n
Medical and Related Consultant	y	o	o	y	n	y	y	n
Health care facility	y	o	o	y	n	y	y	n
Nursing home	y	o	o	n	n	y	y	n
Community hall & Sports halls	y	o	o	o	o	y	y	o
Recreational buildings	y	o	o	o	o	y	y	o
Cultural uses, library	y	o	o	o	o	y	y	n
Offices	y	n	n	y	n	n	o	n
Garages, panel beating and car repairs	n	n	n	y	n	n	o	n
Petrol station	o	n	n	y	n	n	o	o
Motor sales	o	n	n	y	n	n	o	n
Car parks	y	n	n	y	o	o	o	n
Heavy commercial vehicle parks	n	n	n	y	n	n	o	n
Cinema, dancehall, disco	y	n	n	n	n	o	o	n
Warehouse (wholesale)	n	n	n	y	n	n	o	n
Repository, store, depot	o	n	n	y	n	n	o	n
Industry	n	n	n	o	n	n	o	n
Industry (light)	n	n	n	y	n	n	o	n
Workshops	n	n	n	y	n	n	o	n
Playing fields	o	o	o	o	y	y	y	y
Place of worship	y	o	o	o	n	y	o	n
Park/playground	y	o	y	o	y	y	o	y
Tourist camping site	n	n	o	o	o	n	o	o
Tourist caravan park	n	n	o	o	o	n	o	o
Halting site	n	o	o	y	o	n	o	o
Cattleshed/slatted unit	n	n	n	n	n	n	o	y
Broiler house	n	n	n	n	n	n	o	y
Stable yard	n	n	n	n	n	n	o	y
Amusement Arcade	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
Hot food take-away	o	n	n	o	n	n	o	n
Utility structures	y	o	o	y	o	y	o	y
Funeral homes	y	o	n	y	o	y	o	n
Creche/playschool	y	o	y	o	o	y	o	n
Incinerator	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n

y = permitted in principal, o = open for consideration, n = not permitted

**Fig. 3.1 Land Use Zoning Matrix**

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### 3.3 Specific Objectives

This section of the plan sets out specific objectives which the Council itself intends to carry out or intends other parties to carry out during the period of this plan in order to realise the stated aims and detailed policies of the plan. Achievement of these objectives will, in many cases, be dependant upon adequate finance being made available to the Council from the Department of the Environment and Local Government and other sources. Where possible Specific Objectives are illustrated on the map accompanying this plan. However some objectives are not site specific and are therefore not illustrated on this plan.

### 3.4 Housing and Residential Objectives

The Council is committed to promoting a high quality of design in residential development. It is an objective of the Council to;

- O3.4.1 Ensure a high standard in design, layout, provision of open space and landscaping and variation in house type and size in new residential development,
- O3.4.2 Co-ordinate the provision of roads and other services to new housing developments
- O3.4.3 Ensure the development of safer housing areas by encouraging layouts which facilitate pedestrian and bicycle movement and restrict traffic speeds,
- O3.4.4 Prohibit ribbon development along routes into the town,
- O3.4.5 Encourage the provision of landscaped pedestrian and bicycle links between and within estates and between residential areas the town centre and railway station.
- O3.4.6 Preserve and reinforce existing mature trees and hedgerows in new residential areas,
- O3.4.7 Ensure that infill development is in keeping with existing development in the vicinity in terms of scale, character and finishes.
- O3.4.8 Ensure that all extensions to residential buildings are sympathetic in massing and scale to the existing building,

The Council is aware that increased demand has pushed the cost of housing beyond the reach of many families and is anxious to ensure that local residents in particular can be housed in Rathangan, if they so wish. It is an objective of the Council therefore to;

- O3.4.9 Identify and acquire appropriate lands for social housing as necessary,
- O3.4.10 Continue to co-operate with the South West Area Health Board and other statutory and voluntary bodies in the provision of sheltered and social housing,
- O3.4.11 Utilise such powers as are available to local authorities to ensure appropriate proportions of new housing are made available as social and affordable housing, in accordance with a Housing Strategy prepared by Kildare County Council

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## 3.5 Industry and Commercial Objectives

The Council is anxious to ensure that Rathangan develops in a balanced manner, with adequate employment opportunities for the residents of the town and its hinterland. It is an objective of the Council to;

- O3.5.0a Facilitate the development of light industrial and warehousing development on appropriately zoned and serviced lands in co-operation with the IDA, Enterprise Ireland, the County Enterprise Board and County Development Board.
- O3.5.0b Safeguard residential areas and areas of high environmental quality from the adverse effects of industrial development,
- O3.5.0c Ensure that all new industrial and warehousing schemes are appropriately landscaped and screened.

### 3.5.1 Retail Objectives

It is an objective of the Council to;

- O3.5.1a Encourage the upgrading and expansion of existing retail outlets in the town centre,
- O3.5.1b Encourage the use of upper floors in retail premises for commercial or residential use,
- O3.5.1c Prohibit the development of large scale retail and retail warehouse developments on the outskirts of the town in accordance with the 2000 Retail Planning Guidelines (or as subsequently amended).

## 3.6 Education, Cultural and Community Objectives

### 3.6.1 Education

It is an objective of the Council to;

- O3.6.1a Co-operate with the Department of Education and Science, the Kildare VEC and local school management boards in the provision of an adequate number of school places to serve the needs of the town's population,
- O3.6.1b Facilitate the development of sports, recreational and cultural facilities for schools in the town.

### 3.6.2 Health Services

It is an objective of the Council to;

- O3.6.2 Co-operate with the South West Area Health Board in the provision of health and social facilities, nursing homes and sheltered housing.

### 3.6.3 Fire Service

- O3.6.3 It is an objective of the Council to ensure the town has an adequate fire service at all times.

### 3.6.4 Library Service

- O3.6.4 It is an objective of the Council to provide a new library facility as funds allow.

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## 3.7 Utility Services Objectives

### 3.7.1 Water Supply

It is an objective of the Council to;

- O3.7.1a Provide sufficient water to serve all lands zoned for development in this plan,
- O3.7.1b Minimise wastage in the water supply network,
- O3.7.1c Preserve free from development the way leaves of all public water mains.

### 3.7.2 Sanitary Services

It is an objective of the Council to;

- O3.7.2a Ensure that the necessary drainage facilities to serve the needs of all development are provided, and that development is phased with its provision
- O3.7.2b Prohibit the connection to the sewerage system of any proposed development out of phase with the overall development of the town or where the existing services are committed for other development,
- O3.7.2c Ensure the changeover from septic tanks to mains connections in all cases where this is feasible,
- O3.7.2d Preserve free from development the way leaves of all public sewers,
- O3.7.2e Maintain and improve existing sewerage services.

### 3.7.3 Solid Waste and Recycling

It is an objective of the Council to;

- O3.7.3a Ensure Rathangan has an adequate solid waste collection system,
- O3.7.3b Regulate private contractors under the 1996 Waste Management Act by issuing refuse collection permits when the appropriate regulations are made by the Department of Environment and Local Government,
- O3.7.3c Endeavour to ensure that the public has easy access to recycling banks by arranging for the provision of bring banks where possible in easily accessible locations,
- O3.7.3d Continue to work with and encourage the local community regarding waste management issues through the KIWI (Kildare Integrated Waste Initiative) programme.

## 3.8 Transportation Objectives

### 3.8.1 Roads and Streets

It is an objective of the Council to;

- O3.8.1a Protect from development routes of future roads listed hereunder and seek their construction, together with associated footpaths, street lighting and cycle lanes;
  - 1 from the Portarlinton Rd. (R419) (a) to the Clonbulloge Rd. (R401) at the Yellow Lough Cross Roads (b) and the Bog Cross Roads (c). The existing link to the Portarlinton Rd. will be closed on completion of the new road layout.
  - 2 from the Clonbulloge Rd. at the Yellow Lough Cross Roads (b) to the Allenwood Rd. (R414) (d).
  - 3 From the Allenwood Rd. at the end of Chapel St. (e) to the Kildare Rd. (R401) (f), including new bridges over the Slate River and Grand Canal.
  - 4 On the Tullylost Rd. from the Slate River to the Monasterevin Rd. The upgrading of the link from the Tullylost Rd. to the Monasterevin Rd.



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(which may entail the widening of Spencer bridge, or a new bridge to the west of Spencer Bridge) is a long term objective of the plan. Pending the upgrade of this route planning permissions accessing onto the Tullylost Rd. may be refused if, in the opinion of the Planning Authority they are likely to put Spencer Bridge under undue pressure.

- 5 Examine the options for the improvement of the junction of Spencer Bridge and the R414 in conjunction with the industrial zoned lands and the feasibility of an access road through those lands from the R414 to the canal road.

**O3.8.1b** Carry out the following road improvements;

- 1 Realign and improve the Allenwood Rd. at the junction of Chapel St., incorporating cycle lanes footpaths on both sides of the road if possible.

**3.8.2 Pedestrian**

It is an objective of the Council to;

**O3.8.2**

Provide footpaths and public lighting at the following locations;

- a) From the dispensary eastwards to the existing footpath
- b) From Sheane Rd. crossroads to the development boundary, on both sides
- c) On both sides of the Newtown Rd.
- d) Along the Kildare Rd. to the town boundary,
- e) Ensure all new footpaths are designed and constructed to cater for the needs of people with disabilities,
- f) Investigate, and provide if feasible, a new pedestrian bridge over the canal to serve the school adjacent to the Rathangan Bridge. This bridge should be accessible to cyclists and people with disabilities.
- e) Upgrade public lighting through out the town as the need arises.
- f) Provide amenity footpaths along both sides of the Slate River and the Grand Canal

**3.8.3 Traffic and Parking**

**O3.8.3**

It is an objective of the Council to;

- a) Investigate the provision of additional off street public car parking in the town centre,
- b) Provide disabled car parking spaces at appropriate locations throughout the town,
- c) Ensure the provision of permanent durable surfaces to all public and private car parking facilities,
- d) Provide passive traffic calming measures at appropriate locations as the need arises.
- e) Ensure adequate car parking spaces are provided in all new development
- f) Require the provision of a public car park in the Action Area Plan, accessed off the proposed link road linking the Kildare Rd. and Chapel St.
- g) Consider the relaxation of normal road and car parking standards where compatible with road safety within the Architectural Conservation Zone, to retain its attractive townscape quality.
- h) Carry out a Local Transportation Study for the town which will investigate the need for traffic calming and additional roads and bridges and promote walking and cycling within the town.

**3.8.4 Public Transport**

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- O3.8.4** It is an objective of the Council to;
- a) Co-operate with Bus Eireann and private operators in ensuring an adequate bus service in the town and in the provision of bus stops at appropriate locations,
  - b) Ensure where possible all public transport is accessible to the disabled.
  - c) promote the development of a local public transport network linking the towns and villages of County Kildare

### **3.8.5 Cycling**

- O3.8.5a** It is an objective of the Council to ensure adequate secure bicycle parking facilities are provided as part of new educational, recreational and commercial developments.

- O3.8.5b** It is an objective of the Council to investigate the feasibility of providing cycle lanes, and seek to provide where possible, at the following locations;
- 1 Along the proposed northern relief road and from it to Chapel St.
  - 2 Along Chapel St. and the proposed road and bridges linking Chapel St. to the Kildare Rd.
  - 3 Along Chapel St., Market Square, Bridge St., Main St, the Portarlinton, Tullylost, Clonbulloge, Kildare and Monasterevin roads.
  - 3 From the Portarlinton Rd. to the Slate River and along the banks of the Slate River and Grand Canal between Spencer Bridge to Rathangan Bridge

## **3.9 Open Space, Recreation and Amenity Objectives**

It is an objective of the Council to;

- O3.9.1** Provide and facilitate the provision of suitably located land for community use,
- O3.9.2** Continue to co-operate with community and sports bodies in the development of the Grand Canal, Slate River and other recreational areas in the town,
- O3.9.3** Protect the amenity and tourist value of the Grand Canal, and Slate River, protect their banks and develop walking routes along the Grand Canal in conjunction with Waterways Ireland and voluntary groups.
- O3.9.4** Protect existing open spaces and recreational uses from encroachment by other uses.

## **3.10 Town Centre Objectives**

- O3.10.1** It is an objective of the Council to preserve the townscape character of the town centre with its pattern of two and three storey buildings with pitched slate roofs.

This objective will principally be achieved through the Development Control Process and through the provision of advice to developers. Special care will be required within the *Architectural Conservation Area*.

It is an objective of the Council to

- O3.10.2** encourage the undergrounding of utility cables in the town centre,
- O3.10.3** seek the removal of unnecessary street furniture and clutter

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- O3.10.4 protect street furniture of heritage value
  - O3.10.5 strictly control advertising and seek to remove existing established signage (in particular neon and plastic signs) which is visually obtrusive or out of scale with the character of the town centre
  - O3.10.6 ensure that the existing historic street pattern is retained.
  - O3.10.7 Actively promote the restoration and regeneration of the town centre through the Town Renewal Scheme.
  - O3.10.8 Encourage the retention and further development of active ground floor retail uses.

## 3.11 Environment and Conservation Objectives

### 3.11.1 Protected Structures

- O3.11.1a It is an objective of the Council to secure the preservation of certain items and structures of artistic, historic or architectural interest in Rathangan which are listed in table 3.2 below.

The Council will accordingly, in its development control function, have regard to this objective. Any proposal to demolish or alter these items in any way will require planning permission and the effect of this objective is to remove any such development from exempted development provisions of the Planning Act and Regulations.

The listing of these items for preservation denotes their inherent value to the community. This value is recognised by the Council and to this end, the Council will draw attention to the heritage value they represent. It will be an objective to develop the tourist and recreational potential of the items listed where possible and appropriate.

- O3.11.1b It is an objective of the Council to assist owners of such properties in their maintenance and repair through advice and grant aid under the Building Conservation Grants scheme operated by the Department of Environment and Local Government.

The Council recognises that structures listed for preservation are best protected if kept in economic use and will therefore favourably consider a change of use to higher value economic use which would not normally be approved in that particular zone, subject to the character and artistic, historical and architectural value of the building being maintained and the amenity value of neighbouring properties being retained.

In addition to the items themselves it is an objective of the Council to preserve their environs and setting and to prevent and exclude any development which would destroy or detract from their amenity value.

Under the Planning and Development Act 2000 the entire building and curtilage of a protected structure is protected. Property owners are entitled to a 'Declaration' from the Planning Authority outlining the nature and scale of development which may be acceptable to a particular protected structure. Those seeking to alter a protected structure are advised to discuss their proposal with the Planning Department of Kildare County Council before any alteration is made.

The following structures are listed for protection;

Reference	Item and Location	Description
IP 1	Spencer Bridge	bridge
IP 2	Canal Lock	Lock and gate
IP 3	Rathangan Bridge	bridge

IP 4	Bridge over Slate River	bridge
IP 5	Harbour, Slate River	harbour
IP 6	Dillon's shop and public house, Market Square	Building and railings
IP 7	St. John's Convent	Building
IP 8	Sally Corn Mills	Building and bridge
IP 9	House adjacent to Sally Corn Mills	Building
IP 10	Two school buildings framing Catholic Church and former Catholic church	Pair of buildings
IP 11	Hamilton House, Main St	Building
IP 12	Dillon's House, Main St	Building
IP 13	Garda Station, Main St	building
IP 14	Rathangan School House, Main St	Building
IP 15	Church of Ireland, Main St	Church, graveyard, boundary
IP 16	Parochial House, Main St	Building
IP 17	Forde's House, Main St	Building
IP 18	Cross House, Main St	Building
IP 19	McGee's House, Portarlinton rd.	Building
IP 20	Murphy's House, Portarlinton rd.	Building
IP 21	Dempsey's House, Portarlinton rd.	Building
IP 22	Oakley House (Murphy), Portarlinton rd.	Building and gates
IP 23	Rathangan Lodge, Portarlinton rd.	Building
IP 24	Quaker graveyard, Newtown	graveyard
IP 25	Rath	Ring fort
IP 26	Catholic Church, New St.	building
IP 27	Primary school adjoining Catholic church	building
IP 28	Lock keeper's house, beside Spencer Bridge	building
IP 29	Grain Store, Drummonds Mill	building
IP 30	Grand Canal Harbour at Drummonds	Harbour
IP 31	Mill race adjacent to Sally Corn Mill	Mill race

**Table 3.2 Protected Structures**

### 3.11.2 Architectural Conservation Area

An area of the historic core of the town has been designated on the map as an *Architectural Conservation Area*.

- O3.11.2** It is an objective of the Council to protect and enhance the character of the *Architectural Conservation Area* delineated on the map. The repair and refurbishment of existing buildings will be favoured over demolition and new build. New development should be sympathetic in scale, massing and detailed design to the existing character of the area.

Specifically, the repair (or replacement with replicas if necessary) of original timber sash windows, cast iron rain water goods and railings, natural slate roofs, chimneys and external renders will be sought for all buildings within this area. Shop fronts and signage should be traditional in design and respect the scale and character of the original building.

### 3.11.3 Protected Views and Prospects

- O3.11.3a** It is an objective of the Council to protect views and prospects of the canal from all locations
- O3.11.3b** It is an objective of the Council to preserve views and prospects forming the settings and environs of all protected structures

### 3.11.4 Tree Protection Orders

- O3.11.4** It is an objective of the Council to protect, by way of tree protection orders trees and groups of trees of special amenity value at the following locations through the use of tree preservation orders or by other means;

- a) entrance to Church of Ireland
- b) surrounding the Rath,

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- c) on Newtown Rd.
  - d) around Sally Mills
  - e) along the river bank at Mill St.
  - f) to the rear of the day care centre
  - g) at entrance to Spencer Court
  - h) around the old rectory
  - i) to the side of the health centre
  - j) at Oakley House
  - k) around Rathangan Lodge
  - l) to the rear of the Vocational School
  - m) around Annsboro Maltings
  - n) Rathangan Demesne
  - o) Brooklawn
  - p) Along Grand Canal

### **3.11.5 Archaeology**

An area of the town (delineated in the Specific Objectives map) has been recognised by Duchas as being a Zone of Archaeological Potential.

- O3.11.5** It is an objective of the Council to protect the town's archaeological heritage within the Zone of Archaeological Potential and in the vicinity of sites listed on the Sites and Monuments Record.

All development proposed within this zone, and in the vicinity of National Monuments will require to be undertaken under the supervision of a licensed Archaeologist. Planning applications within these areas will be referred to Duchas.