



Cahersiveen Public Realm Enhancement

Part 8 Design Strategy

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CAHERSIVEEN TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION PROJECT

Cahersiveen Town

Cahersiveen Town is located in southwest Kerry on both the Ring of Kerry and the Wild Atlantic Way. Cahersiveen is an important rural settlement classified as a regional town in the Kerry County Development Plan, being the primary settlement in the West Iveragh Peninsula. Cahersiveen is situated in the Electoral Division (ED) of Caher, in the Barony of Iveragh. For administrative and services purposes, it forms part of the Kenmare Municipal District. It is situated 66km distant from Tralee – the county town, 62km distant from Killarney to the north and east and 77km from Kenmare to the south and east. The urban centres of Cork, Limerick and Dublin are 150km, 155km and 354km distant by road.

In 2018, Kerry County Council and South Kerry Development Partnership commissioned a community-led Socio-Economic Plan for Cahersiveen. Additionally, a Local Area Plan for West Iveragh (including Cahersiveen) was developed by Kerry County Council and was adopted in September 2019. The findings from the extensive stakeholder engagement undertaken as part of this study have been key in defining the priorities of the Cahersiveen Rural Regeneration Development funded project.

Cahersiveen Town Centre Regeneration Project

In 2020, Kerry County Council secured funding of €2,056,380 from the Department of Rural and Community Development under Category 2 (design) of the Rural Regeneration Development Fund for the Cahersiveen Town Centre Regeneration Project

The Cahersiveen Public Realm Enhancement plan is grounded in both the Town Central areas depicted as the ‘Daniel O’Connell Quarter’ and the Waterfront zone as illustrated on Engineering and Architectural drawings and the associated strong linkages between both areas.

- Enhancement of Public Realm and development of a Movement Management plan will create a sense of place that will encourage local people and visitors to spend time in Cahersiveen. The Movement Management Plan for Cahersiveen will facilitate the orientation of the town towards the waterfront, provide opportunities for coach parking, pedestrian/cyclist permeability and increased visitor numbers and dwell time in the town. This will also reaffirm Cahersiveen’s role as a Regional town servicing and supporting the West Iveragh area and Gaeltacht region.
- Waterfront Amenity Enhancement and development of linkages to positively exploit the towns coastal location and maritime heritage and re-orientate the town towards the sea.

This project builds on the unique identity of Cahersiveen through a series of public realm enhancements. These will strengthen and increase awareness of Cahersiveen’s cultural, architectural and natural heritage. The enhancements will improve the overall attractiveness, accessibility and liveability of the town for both residents and visitors of all ages and will reinforce its role and function as a Gaeltacht Service town and a tourism hub for the West Iveragh Peninsula.

Project Background

C A H E R S I V E E N T O W N C E N T R E R U R A L R E G E N E R A T I O N

IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY

Reduce road width to one way traffic and widen footpath.

Create raingarden with trees and pollinator friendly plants to link the Fairgreen to the Main Road

LIBRARY BUILDING

SERVICE STATION



FAIRGREEN

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Proposed Fairgreen Connectivity

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NEW TERRACED SEATING

Build polished concrete seats into the slope to enable public to enjoy the Fairgreen amenities

NEW TREES

**NEW PERFORMANCE
HARD-STANDING AREA**



Proposed Fairgreen Enhancement & Connectivity

C A H E R S I V E E N T O W N C E N T R E R E G E N E R A T I O N P R O J E C T

NEW WATERFRONT SITE

New Development Site with enhanced connection to the waterfront.

PROPOSED NEW BOARDWALK

LEGAL AID BUILDING



Waterfront

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