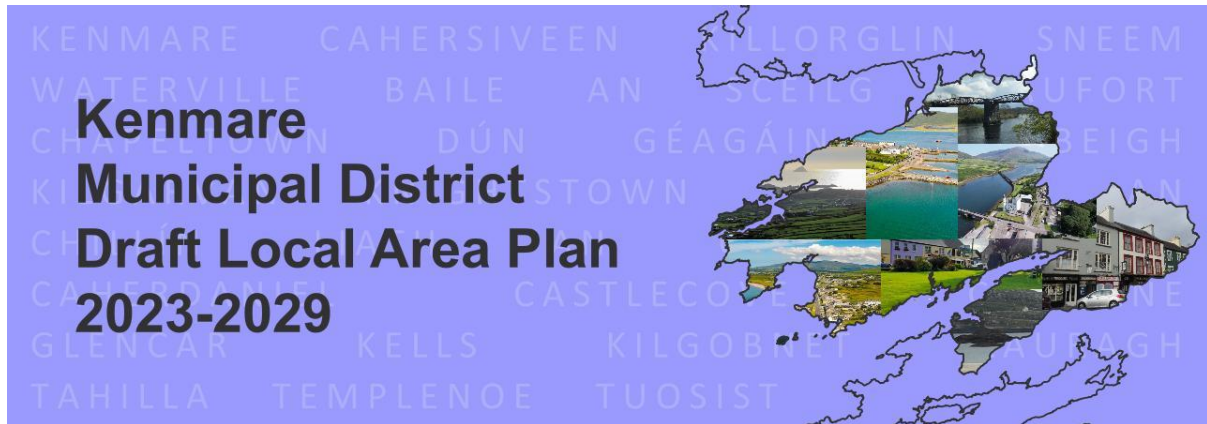


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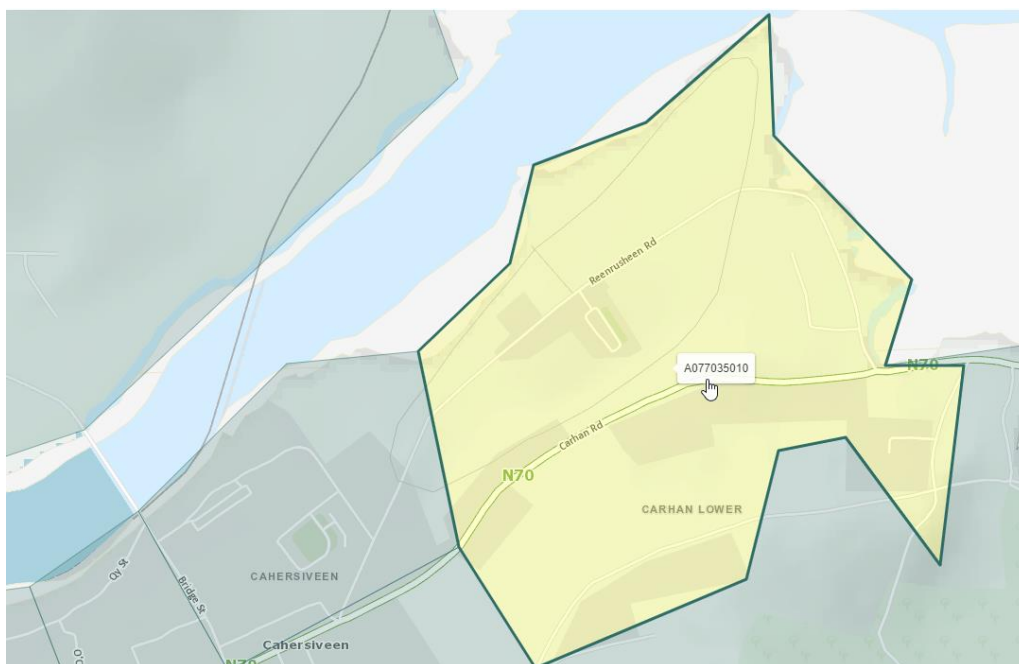
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### Town Boundaries

Section 3.2.1.4 Population and Sustainable Land-Use Development section refers to the population of Cahersiveen in decline and the that the Plan seeks to address the significant decline in the population by creating sustainable economic opportunities. To the contrary the town has seen an overall increase when figures from the 2022 census are taken into consideration and this dose not include populations in Lighthouse View and surrounding areas. In its current form the town boundaries also fail to incorporate the area as marked in the area A077035010 shown below yet its population totalling 165 is included when speaking to the overall population of Cahersiveen town. I urge KCC to be consistent in its approach to defining the town in terms of both its population and boundaries and correctly represent the true population when incorporating other significant residential areas such as those aforementioned. Increasing the town boundaries will provide much needed infrastructure such a street lighting and proper pavements to existing residential areas as well as more land banks for both residential and tourist related developments through the private sector.



## **Off Street Parking**

While Cahersiveen has more parking spaces than many other towns in the district, the infrastructure is far from adequate. It is necessary to zone and provide for more off street parking, in order to ensure the town's economic growth. I propose KCC to purchase some of the lands allocated as New Proposed and Strategic Residential Reserve directly adjacent to Old Road and provide off street parking with access to the town centre through one of the derelict properties on Church Street.

## **Housing**

Over the past year and a half, several hundred people have come here for Ukraine and other countries. Additionally, many local people wish to stay here or to return here (from Dublin and other cities). Consequently, we have already exceeded the population targets that are stated in the draft LAP. Therefore, the population targets need to be revised upwards in order to acknowledge the current demographic realities and the desire of many migrants to stay here and to build / buy homes. The proposal for 101 additional dwellings falls far short of meeting the residential housing requirements. It is essential to increase the zoning provision locally and to include a broader range of affordable and social housing options.

## **Cahersiveen Town Centre Regeneration Project**

I truly believe that the project will transform the town centre and river front into an area providing business, residential and community benefits and transform the town for the better by delivering:

Significant improvement to the pedestrian and cycling environment will lead to and encourage more footfall and greener modes of transport and create a safer more attractive environment in which to visit, live and do business.

Enhanced and new public plaza zones in the Fair Green, Library and Carnegie environs will provide much needed public amenities in which residents and visitors alike will be attracted to thus proving a real vibrant and proud community.

Proposal to remove the Church wall will discourage anti-social behaviour by creating an open and safer environment in the centre of the town and bring our magnificent church and grounds into line with those across continental Europe and beyond whilst fostering a stronger church and community relationship. It will also provide much needed wider pedestrian access between Church Street and Main Street.

The new development of the waterfront area and new boardwalk along the water's edge will finally bring our town and community closer to becoming a waterfront town of note that will rival some of the best that Ireland has to offer.

I urge KCC to include in full all key aspects as outlined above in the planning application.