Social and Community Audit

for a

Proposed Strategic Housing Development

On Lands

East of Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy, E.D. Enniscorthy Rural, Co. Wexford

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INTRODUCTION

McGill Planning Limited, 22 Wicklow Street, Dublin 2, is instructed by our client Torca Developments Ltd., to prepare this Social & Community Infrastructure Audit for a proposed Strategic Housing Development on lands east of Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy, E.D. Enniscorthy Rural, Co. Wexford

The purpose of this Audit is to assess the existing and permitted social and community facilities and services in the village that contribute to the quality of life of residents.

This study outlines the availability of services in relation to schools, childcare, healthcare and other facilities.

This report addresses item no. 11 of An Bord Pleanála's Opinion which requests for the "Inclusion of a Social and Community Audit of the schools in the vicinity in particular school going children and the accommodation of additional requirement resulting from the proposed development." In particular, this report will focus on:

- Education & School Demand
- Food & Drink
- Retail
- Leisure & Recreation
- Cultural Facilities & Community Services
- Healthcare & Childcare

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The proposal seeks to construct the following:

The proposed Strategic Housing Development will comprise a residential development of 233 no. units (53 no., 3-4 bed houses and 180 no. 1/2/3 bed duplexes/apartments). Provision of a creche. Associated car parking, bicycle parking, and open spaces/landscaping. Vehicular and pedestrian accesses provided via Carley's Bridge Road to the north west, pedestrian/cyclist access via Carley's Bridge Road to the north and Millbrook Residential Estate to the east of the site. All associated site works including boundary treatments, plant, bin stores, site services and connections to facilitate the development.

PLANNING POLICY CONTEXT Wexford County Development Plan 2013-2019



Wexford County Council Development Plan 2013-2019 identifies sustainable development as part of their core strategy. It is defined as development which meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires the development plan to deliver an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the county. The Council, for the purposes of the Plan, defines proper planning and sustainable development is achieved between economic, social, cultural and environmental considerations in the interests of the county.

Enniscorthy is identified as a Large Town in the Settlement Hierarchy of Wexford with New Ross and Gorey. An aggregate of 40% of the county's population growth over the period 2013-2019 has been allocated to these three towns. Enniscorthy is expected to reach a population of 13,607 by 2022.

It is critical that community, social and retail development keep pace with residential development. As can be noted in 'The Existing and Permitted Community Facilities' section of this report, community, social and retail facilities identified in the county development plan are already available within the Enniscorthy Town Development area, and within a 15-30 minute walk catchment of the proposed site location.

Enniscorthy Town and Environs Development Plan 2008-2014

The proposed development site is located within the Enniscorthy Town Development Boundary. In relation to Social and Community Development, the Enniscorthy Town and Environs Development Plan has zoned several sites as *"Objective E – Community & Educational (CE): to provide for and improve local neighbourhood, community, ecclesiastical, recreational and educational facilities."*



These are identified in blue on Figure 1 below. The plan specifies the intention for land zoned CE as follows:

This zoning relates to improving local neighbourhood, community, ecclesiastical, recreational and educational facilities. The purpose of this zoning is to provide for the broader community type uses which could also include for uses such as post office, chemist, convenience shop and civic uses. The overall aim is to cater for improvement in facilities in predominantly residential areas were there can be a lack of community facilities provided for. A community workshop type facility will be permissible within this zoning. Where existing facilities are so zoned, it is the intention of the Joint Councils to ensure the retention of the use.

The Enniscorthy Town Development Boundary is divided into 6 Masterplan zones as seen in Figure 1. The proposed development site is located in Masterplan zone 5 which is primarily comprised of residential development. The plan identifies the goal of this zone is the regeneration of residential areas with improved community and retail facilities. The provision of integrated community facilities will be of prime importance within the zone.



Figure 1 Enniscorthy Town Master Planning Zones Map. Sourced: Enniscorthy Town and Environs Development Master Plan 2008-2014

Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (2009)



The guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (2009) states that: "Within the development management process, it is recommended that planning applications for 200+ dwelling units should be accompanied by a report identifying the demand for school places likely to be generated by the proposal and the capacity of existing schools in the vicinity to cater for such demand. In very large-scale residential developments (say, 800+ units), planning authorities must consider whether there is a need to link the phased completion of dwellings with the provision of new school facilities."

The proposed development comprises. 233 no. units and therefore falls into the '200+ dwelling units' category. This report will assess the capacity of schools, social and community context in the Enniscorthy area in line with the above policy.

The Provision of Schools and the Planning System – A Code of Practice for Planning Authorities (2008)



This code of practice sets out the guidance for planning authorities in ensuring that the planning system fulfils its role in facilitating the roll out of school facilities by the Department of Education and Skills in line with the principle of proper planning and sustainable development.

The provision of schools and the Planning System state that the effective integration of the schools and development planning systems has three core objectives:

(1) School's provision should be an integral part of the evolution of compact sustainable urban development and the development of sustainable communities.

(2) The provision of any new schools (both primary and post-primary) should be driven by and emerge from an integrated approach between the planning functions of planning authorities and the Department of Education and Science; and

(3) Local authorities, as planning authorities, will support and assist the Department in ensuring the timely provision of school sites.

SITE CONTEXT

The subject site is located c. 1km west of Enniscorthy Town Centre, c. 23km north of Wexford Town Centre, and c. 30km south of Gorey. The site is on lands East of Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy, E.D. Enniscorthy Rural, Co. Wexford, and extends to c. 8.6 ha.

The site is bounded to the northwest by Carley's Bridge Road and to the north by detached dwellings fronting Carley's Bridge Road, to the south by agricultural land, to the north and east by the Urrin Valley and Millbrook residential estates and to the southwest and west by the River Urrin.

The boundaries comprise of a dense row of trees, mature vegetation and hedgerows along all sides and the southern and western boundary comprises of the River Urrin. A hedgerow runs through the centre of the site from west to east..

The uses surrounding the subject site comprise of residential use to the north and east, and agricultural uses to the west and south. Further to the east is Enniscorthy Town Centre which comprises of retail, community and recreational services, educational and healthcare uses..

The greenfield site is undeveloped and has been used for agricultural purposes. The site is not located within a Conservation Area or an Architectural Conservation Area.



Figure 2 Site Location

DEMOGRAPHICS

The proposed development is within the 'Enniscorthy Rural' Electoral Division, which had a population of approximately 9,985 people at the time of the 2016 census. There was a c.1.1% decrease in the population between the 2011 and 2016 Census.

Level	Name	2011	2016	% Change
Electoral Division	Enniscorthy Rural	9,577	9,985	+1%
County	Wexford	145,320	149,722	+3%

Table 1 Electoral Division and County CSO population data.

For the purpose of a demographic assessment, a local catchment area was selected to include the Electoral Divisions (EDs) within 2km of the subject site. This subject site is located within the Enniscorthy Rural ED and the 2km buffer extends into the Enniscorthy Urban ED. This area is shown in figure 3 and will be referred to as the *Local Area*. The *Local Area* had a population of 12,651 in 2016.

Electoral Division	2011	2016
Enniscorthy Urban	2,384	2,666
Enniscorthy Rural	9,577	9,985
Total	11,961	12,651

Table 2 Study area population data

SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROFILE

Enniscorthy has a population of 4,298 at work, according to the 2016 census. This was an increase of 510 since 2011. The unemployment rate decreased by 193. The largest industry was professional services employing 972 people in 2016. It had grown by 95 since 2011. The only industries that decreased in employment were public administration and commerce and trade.

There was a significant increase of 340 in retired individuals which could be a sign of an aging population. The area would benefit from increased inward migration of younger families to add to the work force.

Principle Economic Status	2011	2016	Change
At work	3,788	4,298	+510
Looking for first regular job	211	209	-2
Unemployed having lost or given up previous job	1,445	1,252	-193
Student	791	834	+43
Looking after home/family	1,170	995	-175
Retired	1,309	1,649	+340
Unable to work due to permanent sickness or disability	722	725	+3
Other	18	34	+16
Total	9,454	9,996	542

Table 3 Primary Status of population in Enniscorthy Rural and Enniscorthy Urban electoral division according to the census.

Industry	2011	2016	Change
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	138	143	+5
Building and Construction	202	301	+99
Manufacturing Industries	597	638	+41
Commerce and Trade	948	933	-15
Transport and Communication	215	235	+20
Public Administration	193	187	-6
Professional Services	977	972	+95
Other	618	889	+271
Total	3,788	4,298	+510

Table 4 Populations at work by industry in Enniscorthy Urban and Enniscorthy Rural electoral division

The Principal Economic Status of the study area population is largely consistent with that of Wexford County. 43% Of the local area is categorised as being at work, while 12.52% of the local area are unemployed. This is slightly higher than the Wexford County unemployment population proportion of 8.86%. The unemployment rates decreased at a similar rate between 2011 and 2016.

Principal Economic Status	Wexford	Study	Wexford	Study
	2011	area	2016	area
		2011		2016
At work	45.7%	40%	49.46%	43%
Looking for first regular job	1.2%	2.2%	0.96%	2.1%
Unemployed having lost or given up previous job	13.2%	15.3%	8.86%	12.5%
Student	9.1%	8.4%	9.45%	8.35%
Looking after home/family	11.6%	12.4%	9.97%	9.95%
Retired	13.8%	13.9%	15.9%	16.5%
Unable to work due to permanent sickness or	5.1%	7.6%	5.1%	7.3%
disability				
Other	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 5 Population proportion of primary status in Wexford and the Study area



Figure 3 Site Location in relation to the ED Study Area with 2km Buffer

EDUCATION & SCHOOL DEMAND

This section of the report has been prepared to demonstrate school capacity in the Enniscorthy area. The report will assess the likely demand for school places resulting from the proposed development at the proposed site.

The analysis of CSO data showed that most of the population are within the 25-64 years age group. 10% are within the primary school age group and 8% are within the secondary school age group.

Study Area Age Cohort					
Age Group	2016 Population	% of Total Cohort			
Pre-school children (0-4 years)	924	7%			
Primary school children (5-12 years)	1,229	10%			
Secondary school children (13-18 years)	969	8%			
Young Adults (19-24 years)	868	7%			
Adults (25-64 years)	6,591	52.7%			
Older Adults (65+ years)	1,908	15.3%			
Total	12,484	100%			

Table 6 Breakdown of Study Area Population

Demand Generated by Proposed Development

The proposed development will comprise 53 houses and 180 apartments / duplexes. Based on an average household size of 2.7 then the estimated population of the proposed development upon completion would likely be c.629 persons.

Unit Type	No. of Units	Percentage
Apartment / Duplex	180	77%
1 bedroom	72	31%
2 bedrooms	40	17%
3 bedrooms	68	29%
House	53	23%
3 bedrooms	45	19%
4 bedrooms	8	4%
Total	233	100%

Table 7 Proposed development unit types

Using the above analysis, the proposed development, when fully occupied and matured could generate an estimated 113 children of school going age (5-18 years old). It is estimated that the proposed development will generate, at most, demand for approximately 63 primary school places

(aged 5-12 years) and 50 post primary school places (aged 13-18 years) as per the age cohorts recorded in the study area age cohorts.

However, the proposed development will not generate this level of demand instantly given that the development will initially be occupied by those predominately in the early family cycle (e.g., young, singles, newlyweds). Initially the demand will be for childcare mainly. Over the course of approximately 10 years primary school demand will increase and then secondary school demand incrementally.

The age profile of the area is generally in line with the larger Wexford County age profile. We note that the study area shows a slightly higher number of secondary school age (13-18) and young adults (19-24) while compared to the Wexford County area.



Figure 4 Schools within the 2km buffer of the proposed site and travel time

The Department of Education provides enrolment information for all primary and post primary schools in the country. The 2019/2020 enrolment figures for the schools in the area are shown in the tables below.

Primary Schools:

The below table shows that there are 4 primary schools within the Enniscorthy School Planning Area with a combined enrolment total of 1,563 students. The schools highlighted below in yellow are located within 3km of the application site.

No.	Roll No.	School Name:	2019/2020 Enrolment	Gender
1	20003R	St Aidan's Parish School	858	Mixed
2	20057R	Gaelscoil Inis Corthaidh	188	Mixed
3	17812K	Mary's National School	58	Mixed
4	08221J	St Senan's Primary School	459	Mixed
Total			1,563	

Table 8 Post Primary Schools Identified within the 2km of proposed development site

Post Primary Schools

The below table shows that there are 3 post primary schools within the 2km of proposed development site with a combined enrolment total of 1,817 students.

No.	Roll No.	School Name:	2019/2020 Enrolment	Gender
1	63560T	St Mary's C.B.S.	692	Boys
2	63570W	Coláiste Bríde	719	Girls
4	68080H	Meanscoil Garman	253	Mixed
5	71630K	Enniscorthy Vocational College	417	Mixed
Total			2,081	

Table 9 Post Primary Schools Identified within the 2km of proposed development site

Special Education Schools

There is 1 Special Education school in the Enniscorthy School Planning area which enrolled 133 students in the 2020-2021 school year.

No.	Roll No.	School Name:	2019/2020 Enrolment	Gender
1	19240B	St Patricks Spec School	133	Mixed

Table 10 Special Education Primary Schools Identified within 2km of proposed development site

No.	Roll No.	School Name:	2018/2019	2019/2020	Change
1	20003R	St Aidan's Parish School	856	858	+2
2	20057R	Gaelscoil Inis Corthaidh	202	188	-14
3	17812K	Mary's National School	58	58	0
4	08221J	St Senan's Primary School	444	459	+15
Tota	l		1,560	1,563	+3

Tables 11 & 12 below shows historic enrolment trends for the area. The data shows that 2 out of the 4 primary schools had experienced an increase in enrolment in the 2019/2020 school year. The overall increase in enrolment between the two academic years was only 3.

There was an overall increase by 27 in enrolment in the post-primary schools of the area for the 2019/2020 academic year compared to the previous year.

Table 11 Historic Enrolment Data of the Primary Schools Identified within the 2km buffer around the proposed site

No.	Roll No.	School Name:	2018/2019	2019/2020 Enrolment	Change
1	63560T	St Mary's C.B.S.	692	692	0
2	63570W	Coláiste Bríde	698	719	+21
4	68080H	Meanscoil Garman	228	253	+25
5	71630K	Enniscorthy Vocational College	436	417	-19
Total			2,054	2,081	27

Table 12 Historic Enrolment Data of the Post Primary Schools Identified within the 2km buffer around the proposed site





School Extensions

According to the Department of Education website (https://www.gov.ie/en/service/c5b56b-majorprojects/), St Patrick's Special School (2021), St Aidan's Parish School (2016), Gaelscoil Inis Corthaidh (2013), and the Vocational College (2011) have all been extended to increase capacity over the past 10 years. Further extensions to St. Senan's National School and Meánscoil Gharman are also currently at planning/tender stage.

Future Projections

The enrolment levels in schools change over time and national enrolment projections estimate decreasing enrolment numbers first at primary school and c.5 years later at post primary school. These national projections are carried out by the Department of Education and Skills.

The Department of Education published *Projections of Full-Time Enrolment Primary and Second Level* 2018-2036 in July 2018 which outlined 4 possible scenarios for the future enrolment in schools. Enrolment projections show that primary school enrolment numbers reached their peak in 2018 and that a continuous decline in enrolment until 2036 is expected. The projected enrolment for post-primary schools is not expected to peak until 2024 or 2025, which is then expected to be followed by a continuous decline until 2036.



Figure 5 Projected Primary School Enrolment. Source: Dept. of Education and Skills



Figure 6 Projected Post-Primary Enrolment. Source: Dept. of Education and Skills

Following these projections, it can then be assumed that the increase in primary school aged children caused by the development is likely to be lower than expected and will level out in the near future and will not continue to increase as the development matures.

EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES

A summary of the existing community facilities is provided in this section of the report. The main town centre of Enniscorthy is within a 15 minutes' walk of the site, which has multiple walkways, healthcare clinics, pharmacies, large grocery stores, several smaller retail facilities, cafes, and restaurants. The following categories and descriptions are used to carry out the assessment of existing community facilities:

Category	Figure	Description
	Number	
Food & Drink	Figure. 7	Restaurants/Takeaways, Pubs, Bars
Retail	Figure. 8	Supermarkets, Convenience Shops, Speciality Services
Leisure and	Figure. 9	Sports Clubs, Stadiums, Racetracks, Swimming Pools, Gyms
Recreation		
Cultural Facilities and	Figure. 10	Theatres, Museums/Galleries, Concert Halls, Memorials,
Community Services		Libraries
Healthcare and	Figure. 11	GPS, Pharmacies, physiotherapists, dental, creche, Montessori.
Childcare		

Table 13 Community Facility categories

Food & Drink Facilities

Enniscorthy is served by a wide range of cafes, restaurants and takeaways. The Wilds, Copper Pan Takeaway, Dawson's Lounge and Bar and Doyle's are all within a c. 14-minute walk of the proposed development site.



Figure 7 Restaurants, takeaways, cafes and pubs in the study area

Food & Drink	Walking Distance from Proposed Site
The Baked Potato	39 min
Chipmongers - Enniscorthy	28 min
Landi's Restaurant	17 min
Chang Thai Restaurant at Treacys Hotel	21 min
The Bailey Cafe Bar	17 min
Casa d'Galo Chargrill	15 min
The Holy Grail	16 min
The Golden City Chinese Restaurant	17 min
Malocca's	17 min
Cotton Tree Cafe	19 min
Cafe Harmonia	19 min
Alba Restaurant	15 min

Abbey restaurant	19 min
Maple Leaf Restaurant	17 min
Little Spoon	16 min
Anar Kali Indian Wexford	16 min
The Wilds	13 min
Via Veneto	15 min
Bakeworld	54 min
Fast Food Cottage	29 min
the brog bar	28 min
Mizzoni's Pizza - Enniscorthy	21 min
Atina Takeaway	20 min
Elvis's (Peri Grill And Pizza)	20 min
Shang Hai	21 min
Burger Mac	20 min
Denis's Turkish Kebab House	18 min
Impresso Café	20 min
Tony's Takeaway & Restaurant	17 min
Jet Pizza Takeout	19 min
Copper Pan Takeaway	14 min
Taste factory cafe	15 min
Eye Catcher Coffee	16 min
Dawson's Lounge and Bar	13 min
Doyles	14 min
temple bar	21 min
T.J. Murphy's	20 min
D Bar	20 min
Kehoes on the Quay	21 min
The Local Bar	20 min
Holohans Pub	19 min
Hayes	18 min
Rackards Bar	17 min
Stamps Pub	19 min
Sandro's takeaway	16 min
Milano	18 min
T Doyle The Pub	18 min
Killeens	17 min
McDonald bar lounge	18 min
Doreen's Bar	18 min
The Antique Tavern	18 min
The Bailey Cafe Bar	18 min
Toss Kavanaghs	28 min

Table 14 List of Food & Drink services in the study area



Retail

Dunnes Stores is the closest large supermarket that will serve the development located c.17 minute walk away from the site, along with Aldi and Lidl which are located approximately 23-minute walk away from the site. In addition to this, there are several smaller retail facilities in Enniscorthy Town within a c.15-minute walk.



Figure 8 Grocery shops in the study area

Retail	Walking Distance from Proposed Site
Kavanagh Motors Limited	Approx. 1hr
Fresh Today	Approx. 1hr
All Ireland Foods	37 min
Centra Milehouse Road, Enniscorthy	35 min
Daybreak	28 min
ALDI	22 min
Lidl	23 min
MACE Maxol Enniscorthy	19 min
Londis	11 min
Pettitt's SuperValu Enniscorthy	14 min
Reid's	15 min
Bakery & butcher's cottage "U Zbyszka"	17 min
Dunnes Stores	17 min
Dealz	16 min
Day Today Enniscorthy	19 min
Romanian Food Shop Visul Anastasiei	21 min

Table 15 List of Food & Drink and Retail facilities in the study area



Leisure and Recreation

A large range of recreational and leisure facilities are in Enniscorthy. Enniscorthy Rugby Club, Enniscorthy Sports Hub and Enniscorthy Greyhound Stadium are all located within a c.10-minute walking distance from the proposed development and FDYS Enniscorthy is located c.19-minute walk from the proposed development. The town also benefits multiple Hotels with associated leisure facilities such as spas and marked walks. In addition to this, Saint Patrick's Pitch and Putt Club is a c.22 min walk from the subject site.



Figure 9 Leisure and recreation facilities in the study area

Leisure and Recreation	Walking Distance from Proposed Site
Enniscorthy United	24 min
Anam Cara Luxury Manor	28 min
Moyne Rangers	22 min
Astro Active	21 min
Enniscorthy Sports Hub	10 min
Enniscorthy Rugby Club	10 min
Enniscorthy Greyhound Stadium	10 min
FDYS Enniscorthy	19 min
The Waterfront Pool & Leisure Centre	22 min
Sacre Coeur Boxing Club	21 min
Enniscorthy Town Football Club	21 min
Riverside Park Hotel & Leisure Club	23 min
Saint Patrick's Pitch and Putt Club	22 min

Table 16 List of leisure and recreation facilities in the study area



Cultural Facilities and Community Services

Enniscorthy has a variety of cultural facilities and community services to serve the local and future populations. The Enniscorthy Library is a venue for a multitude of events such as lecture, exhibition, book launches, reading circles and activities. It is located a c. 16-minute walk from the development site.

There were four religious institutions identified within a c. 20-minute walk of the subject site: Enniscorthy Christian Fellowship, St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's Church

The Presentation Art Centre is an excellent cultural amenity close by which showcases the work of Irish artists. It also holds live music events, children's workshops and visual art displays. It is a valuable addition to the culture of the town.

There is a garda station, social welfare office and citizens information centre in Enniscorthy town that enhance the community facilities.



Figure 10 Cultural facilities and community services in the study area

Cultural Facilities and Community Services	Walking Distance from Proposed Site
County Wexford Community Workshop Limited	19 min
The Presentation Arts Centre	15 min
Community information services	16 min
Citizens Information Centre	17 min
Enniscorthy Library	16 min
Enniscorthy Fire Station	17 min
Social Welfare Branch Office, Enniscorthy	25 min
Enniscorthy District Headquarters Garda Station	16 min
Enniscorthy Castle	18 min
Athenaeum Museum	17 min
Enniscorthy Christian Fellowship	20 min
St Aidan's Cathedral	15 min
Enniscorthy Presbyterian Church	20 min
Alive Church Enniscorthy	21 min
St. Mary's Church	18 min

Table 17 List of cultural and community services in the study area



Healthcare Facilities and Childcare

Enniscorthy town contains multiple healthcare services including GPs, pharmacies, medical centres and dental clinics. Wexford Mental Health Services is only a c. 9-minute walk from the proposed development site.

St. John's Community Hospital is located a c. 25-minute walk from the subject site. It is a wellestablished hospital that went under extensive expansion and renovation in 2011. It includes an accident and emergency department.

There are two veterinary clinics approx. c. 40-minutes' walk from the subject site.

There is a range of Montessori and creches located in Enniscorthy including Tir Na Siamsa Creche that is a c.10-minute walk from the proposed development site.



Figure 11 healthcare and childcare facilities in the study area

Healthcare & Childcare	Walking Distance from The Proposed Site
Animal Health Centre	40 min
Moyne Veterinary Clinic	37 min
The Children's Learning Garden	22 min
Steppingstone Early Years Centre	24 min
Bellefield Early Years Centre	21 min
St. Francis Playschool	23 min
St. Anthony's Preshool	20 min
Little Treasures Creche & Afterschool	33 min
Hazy Days Full Daycare & Montessori	26 min
Wonderland Creche & Playschool	19 min
Wexford Mental Health Services	9 min
Dr. Brian O Leary Dental Surgery	15 min
Templeshannon Community & Childcare Centre	26 min
Court Street Medical Centre	17 min
McCauley Health & Beauty Pharmacy	17 min
Enniscorthy Medical Centre	18 min
Dr Walsh	18 min
Caredoc Enniscorthy	21 min
Mill Park Medical Centre	21 min
Enniscorthy Health Centre	21 min
St. John's Community Hospital	25 min
Tir Na Siamsa (Respond) Creche	10 min

Table 18 List of healthcare and childcare facilities in the study area



CONCLUSION

It is considered that there is a sufficient provision of existing social infrastructure within Enniscorthy to cater for the proposed development and future populations.

It is estimated that the proposed development will generate, at most, demand for approximately 63 no. primary school places (aged 5-12 years) and 50 no. post primary school places (aged 13-18 years).

However, it is important to note that these demands will not be generated instantaneously given that the scheme will be developed over several phases and will likely consist of many couples and starter families in the first instance who won't initially have children of school going age.

The demand for school places arising out of the development will therefore not be immediate but will increase gradually over time as families establish.

Enniscorthy, despite undergoing a slight population increase (approximately 3%) in the 2011-16 intercensal period, is well provided for in terms of primary schools, and post primary schools that serve the catchment area.

Given the above it is considered likely that the demand for primary and post-primary places from the proposed development in the future years will be manageable and can be facilitated within the existing/expanding schools within area.

The proposed development will further contribute to the development of the area and will provide additional public open spaces including an additional crèche. These additional facilities will serve both the proposed development and the existing and permitted developments in the area.

Between the existing facilities, the permitted facilities and the facilities proposed as part of the subject site development, based on this audit, it is considered that there are no significant gaps in the existing and permitted social provision in the area to serve both the proposed development and the existing area.