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Ardagh

Ardagh has been designated resulting from its existing status as a Heritage Town. Its unique architectural character is recognised through the proposed designation of the settlement as an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA), which was promoted in the Local Area Plan and conservation plan prepared for the settlement. The potential for tourism benefits resulting from the architectural heritage of the area is also recognised. There shall be a strong emphasis on the maintenance of the architectural merit of the settlement when considering any applications for development. Residential development in the area will be of low to medium density, to a high architectural standard reflective of the existing settlement and buffer areas may be required in the interests of visual and environmental amenity of the area. Pre-planning meetings are encouraged in this regard.

Carrickglass

Carrickglass has a unique character as reflected in the provisions of its Local Area Plan, as such, development in this area shall adhere to such provisions. These include the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, considerate and sensitive treatment of protected structures and the sustainable development of a settlement at this location.

Clondra

Clondra Village is an historically important settlement strategically located on the county border, at the confluence of the Shannon and the Camlin River and at the terminus of the Royal Canal. The strategic importance of this location has been recognised in antiquity, as evident in the location of the Abbey and Church, overlooked by the recently restored Mill. These, combined with the Canal and its associated buildings and structures create a distinct character that will be protected under this plan and as part of the Local Area Plan process for the settlement.