



Enniskillen Place Shaping Plan 2035 Easy Read Version



Introduction

Enniskillen, Ireland's only island town, has great beauty, as well as being historically important, with many lovely buildings. The County Town is based in a key area between Upper and Lower Lough Erne and must make use of current trends to make town centres vibrant, less car focused and thriving places for communities; Places that serve a range of uses and encourage people to visit and stay longer.

Place shaping is about shaping a better place to be, making Enniskillen more sustainable, attractive, and vibrant. The aim is to help the local community and economy and provide an accessible, inclusive, and healthy environment.





Themes



Six themes have been identified for Enniskillen based on research and finding out what our communities want and need.

These include:

[1. Island Town](#)

Promoting the links between Enniskillen Town and the River Erne.

[2. Destination Town](#)

Encourage people to visit Enniskillen to see and enjoy it for themselves.

[3. Thriving Town](#)

Creating a busy town centre to attract lots of people to its shops businesses and places of interest.

[4. Connected Town](#)

Making Enniskillen easier for people to get around and enjoy.

[5. Healthy and Inclusive Town](#)

Ensuring Enniskillen is inclusive, people are happy, well-educated and have a healthy lifestyle.

[6. Opportunity Town](#)

Help get the best out of places in the town which are not in use or have been forgotten about.

BUTTERMARKET



Actions

Action 1

Create new water based activities to attract the local community and visitors. Best Ideas under this action include the redesign of the Fermanagh Lakeland Forum, the creation of an Enniskillen Island Walk and a new walking bridge from Market Street to South West College.

Action 2

Put a plan in place to look after nature in the town e.g. plant more trees/flowers or take care of the lakes.

Action 3

Encourage fishing in the town's lakes and river. Best Ideas under this action include improving water quality, and working together to achieve a plan to improve angling in the Lough Erne.

Action 4

Help visitors enjoy their time in Enniskillen creating happy memories. Best Ideas under this action include a review the use of the Enniskillen Castle building, a Devenish Island Visitor Experience Study and Ardowen Theatre redesign.

Action 5

Redesign Enniskillen Buttermarket and car park. The Best Idea under this action is a complete redesign of the car park beside the Buttermarket to enable market activities.

Action 6

Attract more visitors to Enniskillen to create business. The Best Idea under this action is to promote more town centre events and activities.

Action 7

Improve how Enniskillen looks with more flowers/trees and street lighting etc. Best Ideas under this action include further money spent on street planting, softening/removal of security structures at key buildings, laneway and building improvements and the creation of a town street lighting plan.

Action 8

Encourage more businesses to come to Enniskillen and people to work in the town. Best Ideas under this action include encouraging investment in Enniskillen and create more space for people to work in Enniskillen.

Action 9

Get more people visiting the town. Best Ideas under this action include using upstairs in town centre buildings for people to live in, Enniskillen Food Markets/events, Trial People First town centre days and a study on Motor-Home use in the town.

Action 10

Put a plan in place to improve traffic flow in the town. Best Ideas under this action include re-design of Wellington Road and Queen Street, Closure of Erne Bridge to motor traffic and creation of an island town gateway, trialing 'safe speed zones' in town centre, better use of Enniskillen Car Parks and creation of cycling paths and more footpaths.

Action 11

Put a plan in place to improve the signs in the town.

Action 12

Develop footpaths and bike lanes. Best Ideas under this action include an Enniskillen Castle to Castle Coole protected cycle route and Enniskillen-Sligo town greenways from Enniskillen-Kesh-Belleek-Bundoran-Sligo.

Action 13

Enniskillen for all – for example people with physical disabilities, learning difficulties, older people, younger people, different cultures and races etc. Best Ideas under this action include more inclusive design and dementia friendly town, Enniskillen Autism/Dementia Friendly Town changes and delivering a healthy community.

Action 14

Make greater use of the parks in Enniskillen. Best ideas under this action include improving Inis Ceithleann, Round O Park and Forthill Park.

Action 15

Work together to help get the best out of places in the town which are not in use or have been forgotten about. Best Ideas under this action include improving the Former South-West College, PSNI Station, Café Celini building, Vacant site at Sligo Road, Devenish College Site, Concept plan for the former telephone exchange to be developed and Enniskillen Centre of Sustainability Excellence.



Plan Realisation

This plan is for the town of Enniskillen, for those living, working, studying in and/or visiting the town. The goal is to make Enniskillen a better, more vibrant, more attractive place. Working together to help achieve the ambition is very important.

Other partners that we have worked with include:

- Community Voluntary Sector
- Council for Catholic Maintained Schools
- Councillors (CCLA; DUP; SDLP; SF; UUP)
- Department for Communities
- Department for Infrastructure • Department of Education
- Enniskillen BID • Enniskillen Town Centre Forum
- Erne Water Taxi • Fermanagh Enterprise Centre
- Fermanagh Lakeland Tourism
- FODC, Community Services Team
- FODC, Parks, Estates, Property Team
- FODC, Place Shaping Team
- FODC, Planning Team
- FODC, Strategic Planning & Performance Team
- GAA • Invest NI
- National Trust • Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Public Health Agency
- Smyth Leslie & Co Estate Agents • South West Regional College
- The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
- Tourism NI
- Western Health and Social Care Trust • Enniskillen Hotel
- Waterways Ireland



To find out more about the Enniskillen Place Shaping Plan please scan the QR Code below:



Please follow the link below for the full document:

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/your-council/consultations/place-shaping-plan-for-enniskillen-consultation/>

For any further information Contact Strategic Planning and Performance Team:



0300 303 1777

or Textphone: 028 8225 6216



community.planning@fermanaghomagh.com

