

Re the proposal for Villierstown to be designated as an Architectural Conservation Area. I would like to make some observations as set out in the Built Heritage Policy Objectives BH 05 for an Architectural Conservation Areas in Chapter 11 Heritage.

- The undergrounding of cables and the removal of redundant wires, cables and poles. If lights are to be replaced/installed, the unique streetscape of Villierstown should be considered, maybe by installing lantern type lights (like the lights in Lismore and Portlaw) rather than modern steel lights.
- Ensure that the minimum number of lights are installed to avoid light pollution and interfering with the wildlife habitat in the green spaces in the village. Light pollution is detrimental to people's health and wellbeing consideration has to be given to the residents wellbeing.
- The unique wide street and grassland areas on both sides of the street should be protected from further replacement by gravel or paving, which is distracting from the protected structures and monuments. Policies BH10 & B11 in CDP 2022 to 2028.
- Guidance on the further removal of mature trees, stone walls, planting of trees, installation of new monuments, new seats and paving would ensure that any further developments will protect the unique streetscape and the protected structures and curtilages included in the RPS or historic structures within ACA., as included in policies BH10 & BH11.

BH 10 Maintaining and Enhancing Special Character. Maintaining and Enhancing Special Character It is the policy of the Council to protect structures and curtilages included in the RPS or historic structures within ACA, from any works which would visually or physically detract from the special character of the main structure, any structures within the curtilage, or the streetscape or landscape setting of the ACA., and

BH 11 Settings and Vistas It is the policy of the Council to ensure the protection of the settings and vistas of Protected structures, and historic buildings within and adjacent to ACAs from any works which would result in the loss or damage to their special character.

I feel as a resident living in a protected building on the main street in Villierstown, who has to adhere to guidelines for protected structures, that any works/developments within the setting of a protected structure does not take from the character of a building otherwise there would be no point in keeping the building as a protected structure.

One of the Strategic Objectives of Waterford City Council as outlined below is to promote awareness and enjoyment of our built heritage, therefore as a resident in Villierstown I want to enjoy the existing built heritage that we have in the village.

To seek the protection, sustainable management, and enhancement of Waterford's built heritage; to promote the appropriate regeneration and reuse of our historic structures which strengthen a sense of place; to promote awareness and enjoyment of our built heritage for the present and future generations

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