

Culture & The Gaeltacht

Kerry has a very strong cultural identity including sport, art, music, literature and language. While the policies needed for protecting our culture and cultural identity go far beyond the scope of a land-use plan, the plan must be able to facilitate any measures which may impact on landuse planning throughout the county, and must recognise culture and its preservation as a core element of policy formulation.

The preservation of the Irish language is of national as well as local cultural importance and great emphasis must be placed on the policies in the plan designed to promote and preserve our national language.

| | 2006 | 2011 |
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| Irish Speakers(3yrs +) | 61,685 | 64,105 |
| Daily Speakers (within educational system) | 15,845 | 17,015 |
| Daily Speakers (outside educational system) | 1,629 | 1,622 |

Irish Speakers 2006-2011 (CSO)

What do you think?

- What facilities are needed to promote and preserve our culture?
- What policies should be included in the development plan?
- How can the Development Plan promote the preservation of the Irish language?

Rights of Way & Recreational Routes

The plan must include the identification of public rights of way to seashore, mountains, lakeshore riverbank or other places of natural beauty or recreational utility.

It is the policy of the Council to promote the development of walking and cycling routes throughout the county. The development of the old railway lines in a sustainable manner could be of economic benefit to an area by attracting visitors.



What do you think

- Are there established public rights of way in your area that you would like to draw our attention to?
- Are there walking & cycling routes that could be developed?