

Natural Environment

Environmental Protection

The protection of the environment is critical to the promotion of sustainability and our duty to protect the environment for future generations must be enshrined in the development plan.



Environmental Designations

In accordance with the provisions of EU and National legislation our most valuable natural environments are identified for protection. Under the Habitats Directive it is the responsibility of member states to identify Special Areas of Conservation in order to give protection to fauna, flora or habitats considered worthy of inclusion. The EU Birds Directive designates areas worthy of protection due to their support of bird populations that are rare or threatened and require particular measures to conserve them.



Coastal Zone Management

Kerry has a coastline of approx. 684 km. Management of the coastal zone requires an integrated areas approach to the various demands that present themselves in coastal areas such as residential, recreational, marine, leisure, tourism and erosion. The development plan needs to contain objectives outlining policies for the management of the coastal zone.



What do you think?

- What measures should be implemented to protect the environment?
 - What is the greatest threat to our environment in Kerry?
 - What are our most important environmental protection issues?
- What policies should be included in relation to coastal zone management?
- What policies should be included to increase the use and sustainable development of the piers and harbours?