

Built Heritage

County Kerry has an extensive and unique built heritage. While much of this heritage has been lost over the years, increased awareness and legislation has led to greater protection. Policy formulation for the protection of built heritage is a difficult and complex issue. While promoting their preservation the Plan must be conscious of the long-term impact on protected structure of the policies adopted. A balance must be struck between allowing certain works which will promote the preservation of a building and the allow-no-changes approach which risks the building naturally deteriorating. Reuse of structures must be encouraged within the context of maintaining the original overriding reason for designation.



What do you think?

- Are there structures or areas which you consider should be protected?
- Do you know of any additional structure that merits protection?

Archaeology

Kerry is rich in archaeological heritage dating back thousands of years. Development pressure in recent years, while putting pressure on some of these sites has also afforded the opportunity for greater investigation of archaeological sites. The review of the County Development Plan affords the opportunity to assess current policies and consider the level of protection afforded to our archaeological heritage.



What do you think?

- Do we need to be more active in our efforts to preserve the archaeology of the county? How could this be achieved?
- What are the most effective means of ensuring a future for our archaeological heritage?
- Is it important to have access, where possible, to both the physical monuments and more information about them?
- Should the archaeology of the county be promoted as part of tourist or walking routes within the county?