

Infrastructure

Transportation

An efficient transport system, both public and private is essential for environmental sustainability, sustainable economic growth and an equitable inclusive society. At present the county is largely dependent on private car transport with limited use of public transport.

The promotion of sustainable transport systems is dependent on the design and planning of permeable pedestrian and cycle friendly, compact settlements. The development plan has a role in promoting these aims in the settlements throughout the county.



Water & Wastewater Infrastructure

One of the greatest constraints to development throughout the County, particularly in smaller settlements, is the lack of adequate wastewater infrastructure. Kerry has a very high quality environment which must be protected.

A safe reliable high-quality water supply is essential for the population of the County. European and Irish legislation, including the Water Framework Directive and Groundwater directive provides protection to the management of the water resource throughout the County.



Energy

The provision of reliable high quality electricity is essential for the efficient operation of the County. The conservation of energy and minimising its usage is critical in view of emissions into the atmosphere and their impact on global warming and climate change. The County Council adopted a Renewable Energy Strategy in 2012.

Telecommunications

The importance of modern, efficient telecommunications infrastructure throughout the County cannot be overemphasised and constitutes a vital element of the County's infrastructure. The main impact of this infrastructural development arises from the provision of masts and their visual impact.

Waste Management

Waste management policies in Kerry are guided by the National and Regional policies. The plan shall include objectives for the development of infrastructure necessary for maximising recycling and reducing litter throughout the County.

What do you think?

- What are the main transportation issues affecting you?
- What are the main policies that should be addressed in the plan?
- What measures should be contained in the Plan for water conservation?
- What measure should be taken to protect drinking water sources?
- How can we facilitate the roll out of a modern telecommunication infrastructure?
- Is mast design a relevant issue, i.e. poles versus lattice structures?
 - Is landfill the best solution for residual waste?
 - Should the Plan provide for Thermal Treatment?
- How can we ensure improved energy conservation measures throughout the County?
 - What factors should influence the location of powerlines?