



APPENDIX 12-7

ROSCOMMON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022- 2028 EXCERPT- BUILT CULTURAL HERITAGE OBJECTIVES



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BUILT HERITAGE POLICY OBJECTIVES

County Roscommon has a rich history in terms of architectural heritage, consisting of not only grand structures such as demesne estate houses but also vernacular architecture such as thatched cottages and rendered stone buildings which form the streets of our towns.

BH 9.1 Ensure the protection of the architectural heritage of County Roscommon through the compilation of a Record of Protected Structures, the designation of Architectural Conservation Areas, the safeguarding of historic gardens, and the recognition of structures and elements that contribute positively to the vernacular and industrial heritage of the county.

BH 9.2 Protect all structures included on the Record of Protected Structures and their settings, which are of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social, or technical interest.

BH 9.3 Encourage the sympathetic re-use and secure the long-term viability of Protected Structures without detracting from their special interest and character.

BH 9.4 Review and update the Record of Protected Structures on an on-going basis and make additions and deletions as appropriate.

BH 9.5 Ensure that new developments within or adjacent to an ACA respects the context of the area and contribute positively to the ACA in terms of design, scale, setting and material finishes.

BH 9.6 Protect existing buildings, structures, groups of structures, sites, landscapes, and features such as street furniture, which are considered to be intrinsic elements of the special character of the ACA, from demolition or removal and nonsympathetic alterations.

BH 9.7 Ensure that all new signage, lighting, advertising, and utilities to buildings within an ACA are designed, constructed and located in a manner that is complementary to the character of the ACA.

BH 9.8 Undertake an assessment to inform the potential ACA designation of special character areas considered by the Planning Authority to be worthy of such.

BH 9.9 Encourage the retention, appreciation, and appropriate revitalisation of the vernacular heritage of County Roscommon. Discourage the replacement of good quality vernacular buildings with modern structures and by protecting vernacular buildings where they contribute to the character of an area or town and/or where they are rare examples of a structure type.

BH 9.10 Support proposals to refurbish vernacular structures that are in a run-down or derelict condition, provided that all works are carried out in accordance.

BH 9.11 Encourage appropriate changes of use and reuse of industrial heritage structures provided such a change does not adversely impact on the intrinsic character of the structure and that all works are carried out in accordance.

BH 9.12 Encourage the protection and enhancement of heritage gardens and demesne landscapes, and to support, in consultation with the owners, the provision of public access to these sites as appropriate.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE

BH 9.13 Secure the preservation (i.e. preservation in situ or, as a minimum, preservation by record) of all archaeological monuments included in the Record of Monuments and Places as established under Section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994, and of sites, features and objects of archaeological interest generally. In securing such preservation Roscommon County Council will have regard to the advice and recommendations of the National Monuments Section of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

BH 9.14 To support the Rathcroghan Archaeological Complex, as a historic landscape with viable landuse practices and a viable population, by continuing to support initiatives such as the Farming Rathcroghan European Innovation Partnership and the Royal Sites of Ireland application to Ireland's World Heritage Tentative List and progression to designation of the Royal Sites of Ireland as a UNESCO World Heritage Site