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Butts Area Regeneration Framework Plan



where medieval meets modern

Presentation to Kilkenny City MD - 11th July, 2025

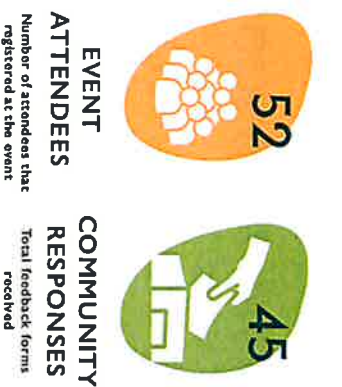
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Public Consultations

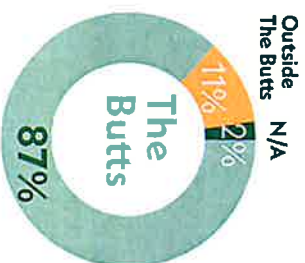
Consultations	Number attended	Number of surveys
Initial Consultation - 29th Feb 2024	38	
1st consultation (Nov 6th 2024)	70	50
2nd consultation (Feb 17th 2025)	50	51
3rd consultation (Apr 30th 2025)	47	40
4th consultation (June 25 th 2025)	52	45

PUBLIC EVENT 4 FEEDBACK

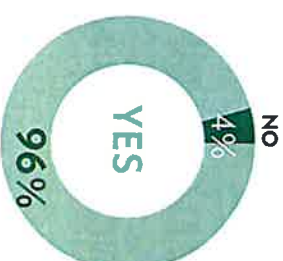
See below some of the key information collected from the feedback forms after the forth consultation event in June 2025:



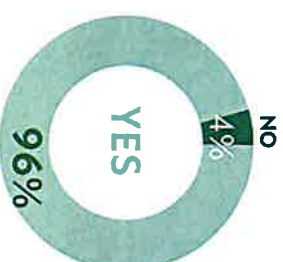
Are you a resident of:



Would you support the proposals shown today for exploring ways to improve the existing homes within the Butts?

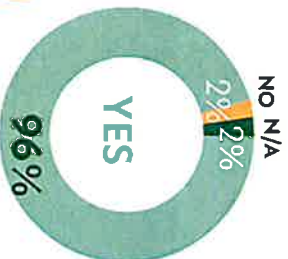


Would you support the overall regeneration plan framework for The Butts?



*Based on 45 respondents

Did you find Today's Event helpful?



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Please join us and get involved!

Additional Comments

Safer pedestrian crossings: Multiple comments emphasized the need for improved and more secure pedestrian crossings.

New Green spaces: Residents strongly value the improved green spaces proposed and a small amount of residents raised some concerns about potential balancing new homes and provision of open space.

Traffic management: There is a call for better traffic flow and speed control.

Community spaces: Suggestions for more play areas, community gardens, and social spaces.

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Selection of Additional Comments

- Generally, people found the event very helpful, with a lot of information provided on the plans for the Butts
- Traffic issues prevalent, with improved pedestrian crossings and other measures requested
- Concerns were raised by a small number about the footbridge at Kennyswell, houses in the back field and in the KCC yard

6 EXISTING HOUSING UPDATE

HIGHLIGHTS FROM HOUSING STOCK CONDITION SURVEYS

A surveying company working for KCC undertook visual inspections of properties in The Butts between November 2024 and April 2025.

RESPONSE TO SURVEYS

REGULAR MAINTENANCE	MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME	FURTHER INVESTIGATION
• Guttering / Downpipes • Leaks • Stairs • Ground Water Drainage • Sewerage • Kitchen Units • External Doors • Heating Issue Maintenance	• Smoke/ Carbon Heat Detectors • Safety Restrictors on Upper Windows • Tank / Pipework Insulation • Ventilation (Misc)	• Fire Stopping in Attic • Chimney Structure • Wall Structures • Roof Issues

 A specialist fire consultant has been engaged to survey the attics of Council- owned houses and recommend works to bring the fire stopping to party walls within the roof-spaces to current standards for energy upgrades to existing houses.

 The high chimneys on many rear extensions are to be investigated further with a view to removing them, particularly where they are redundant or structurally unstable.

 An energy consultant has been appointed to undertake a detailed assessment of potential energy efficiency upgrades for existing homes.



Original structures are mass concrete construction



Extensions, mostly constructed in the 80's vary in quality



Generally cavity wall blockwork construction, some of which were pumped with insulation in 2012 to increase the energy efficiency



Bathrooms, where installed upstairs, can be problematic



- Adequate daylight is an issue in some houses, where extensions are built effectively reducing natural light levels in the centre of the home



Existing Housing Stock (Contd.)

- Pilot houses at Pearse Street & Connolly Street
- Explore potential redesign solutions
- Engage with tenants
- Align units to current space standards, where possible
- Improve energy efficiency
- Decanting of residents, depending on extent of work

Green Field to Rear Connolly Street

Proposals:

- Playing pitch
- Dressing Rooms
- Overlooked by new housing



St. Joseph's Road Site

Proposals:

- Widen St. Joseph's Road to provide tree lined avenue
- Includes housing along St. Joseph's Road, with a Green space and play area (age friendly & family units)



Sr. Anthony's, Lord Edward Street

Proposals:

- Age friendly housing
- Family housing
- Green space/food growing area
- Landscaping



Roads/Traffic within the Butts

- “Rat run” from Tullaroan Road
- Support for changing traffic movement/explore 1-way system
- Traffic sub-committee
- Prohibit right turn from Tullaroan Road



Waterbarrack

- Develop as a general amenity area
- Footbridge to Kennyswell to improve accessibility
- Basketball court/boules area
- Handball alley – PS – requires work



Next Steps:

- City MD for approval
- Costing of identified Projects
- Submit Framework to Department for approval
- Implementation Plan
- Part 8's/Planning for projects

Link to webpage below (notices/newsletters):

<https://kilkennycoco.ie/eng/services/planning/town-regeneration/butts-area-regeneration.html>

