



Greening & Reimagining Killarney



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POPULATION

CENSUS OF POPULATION 2016



Population of Killarney: **14,504**

Resident Workers **5,698**
Total Jobs **7,108**

EMPLOYMENT



3,122 jobs
supported by the
TOURISM INDUSTRY

The total number of Jobs supported in the tourism industry in Killarney is 3,122¹, representing 44% of all jobs, with a further 2,259 indirect tourism jobs and 1,620 induced Jobs, indicating the high degree of dependency the Killarney economy has on the Tourism industry.

Pre-COVID 19 the growth projections for tourism in Killarney suggest the total number of visitors to Killarney will increase to 1.4 million by 2025 with a projected annual economic impact of almost €0.6 billion².

LIVE REGISTER NUMBERS

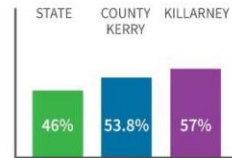


MARCH 2020 **1,416**
April 2020 **1,811**

UP 395

There was an **increase of 395** in April

In March 2020, there were over fourteen hundred (1,416) claimants on the live register in Killarney.



Covid Exposure Ratio

Killarney has a bigger 'COVID-19 Exposure Ratio', than the rest of the county at 57.8%. **4% higher than county average and 18% higher than stated averages.**

LIVE REGISTER KILLARNEY

August 2019 **829**
November 2019 **1,110** **UP 33%**
January 2020 **1,419** **UP 71%**

LIVE REGISTER KERRY

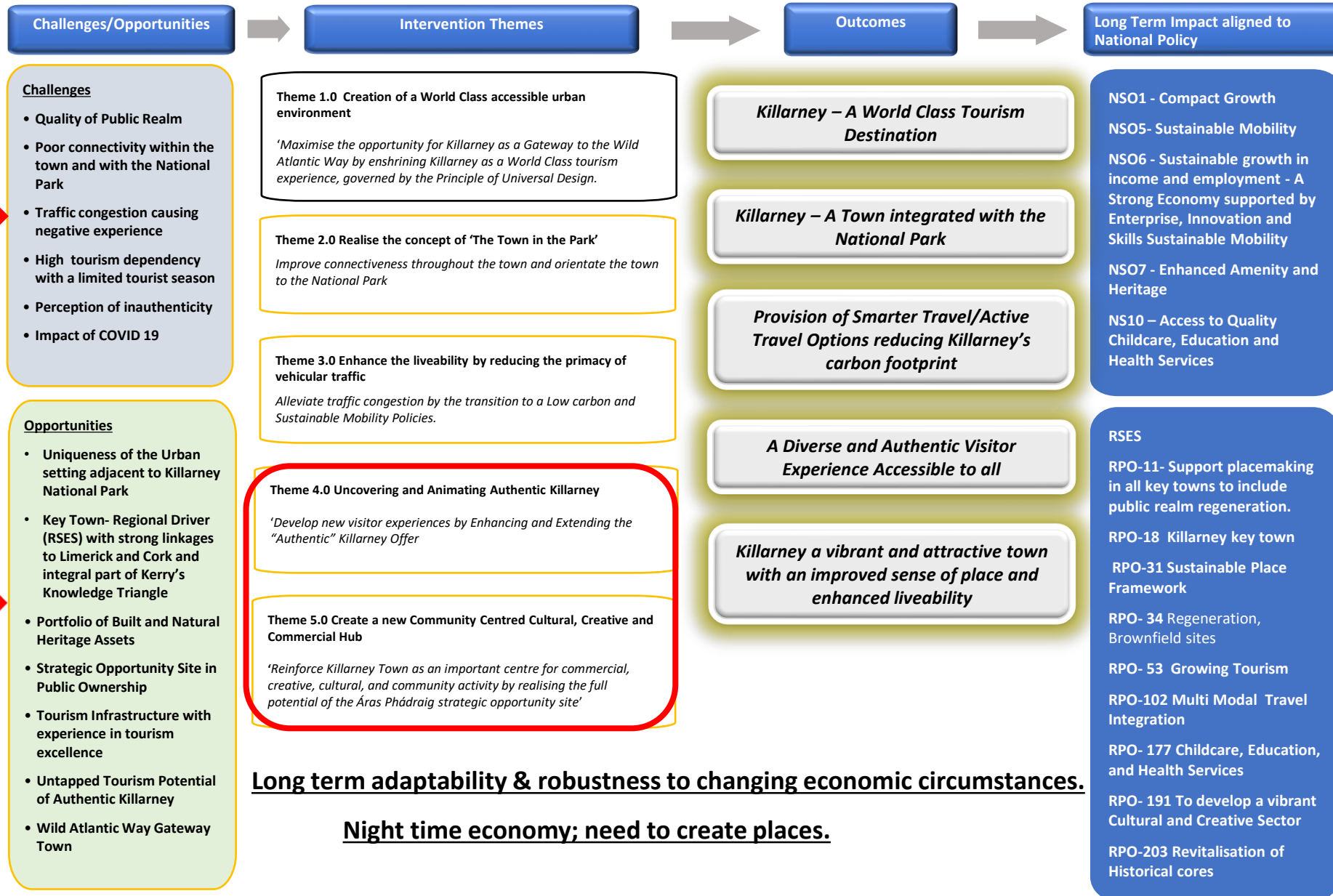
August 2019 **6,584**
November 2019 **6,866** **UP 4%**
January 2020 **7,716** **UP 17%**

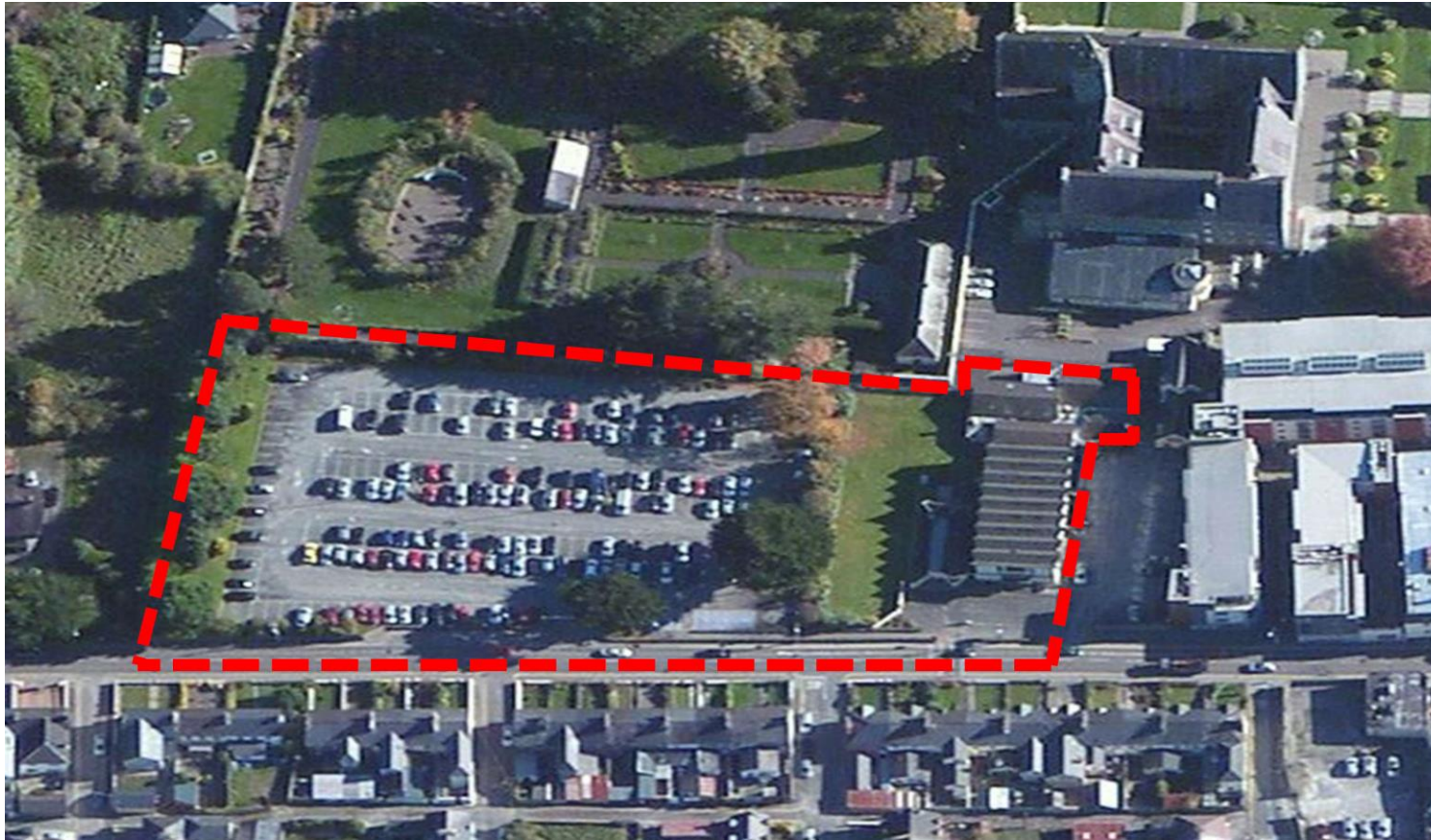
COMMUTING

64% use cars in Killarney to get to school/ work

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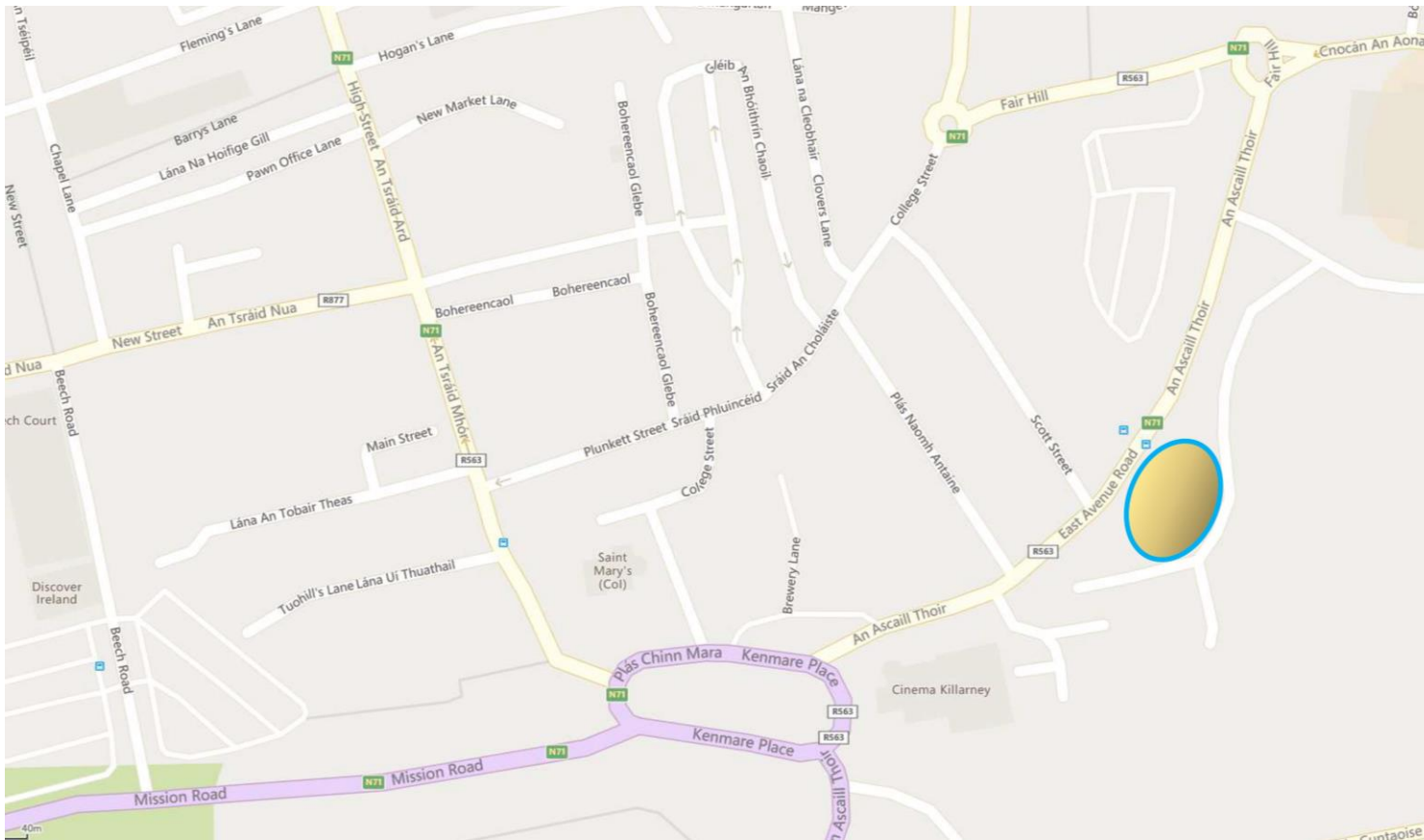
- Impressive portfolio of built natural heritage assets.
 - Cathedral, Franciscan Friary, Courthouse, St Mary's Church, Methodist Church, Munster Fusiliers memorial, Town Hall, wealth of protected structures, streetscapes.
 - Low level of streetscape vacancy.
- Áras Phádraig site:
 - Ownership of the Local Authority, former community use hall & carpark.
 - Encompasses Lewis Road carpark.
- Master plan:
 - Theatre & Arts space.
 - HSE primary care facility.
 - Office & community space.
 - Parking.
 - Public Plaza.





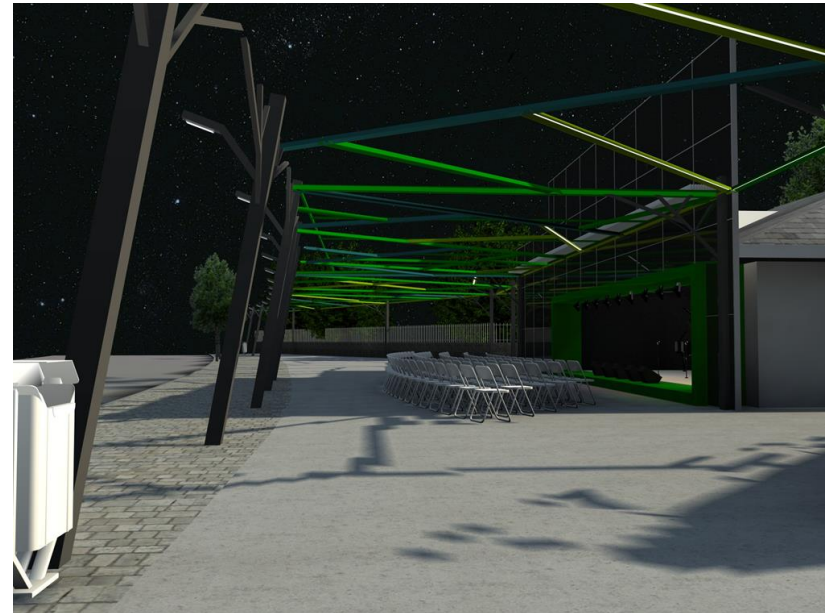
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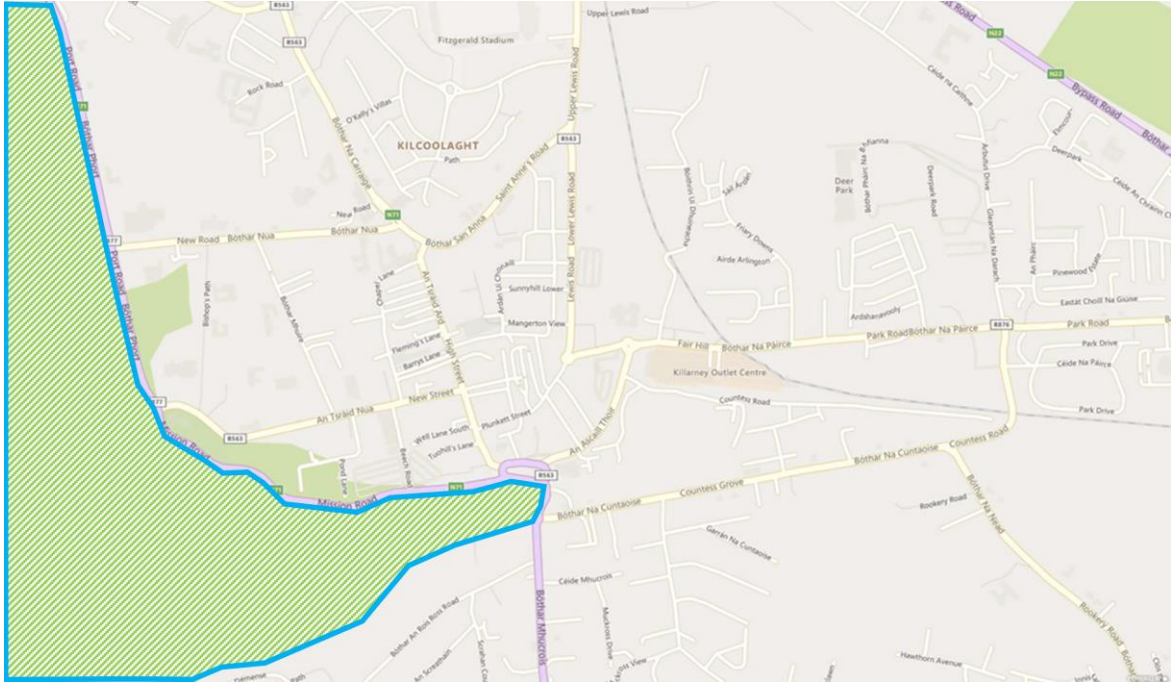
- Craft Quarter.
 - 1.1m visitors annually. Massive footfall!
 - Indigenous craft sector.
- Located Bohereencael Glebe, Milk Market Lane & Old Market Lane.
 - Provision of workspace for artists, established & visiting.
 - Pottery, ceramics, woodwork, furniture, glass work, metal work, incl. silver / jewellery.
 - Killarney ideally placed to enable this space to function.
- Encourage people to visit the Town centre.
- To stay longer, enhanced offering, evening time / night time alternative.
- Culture / Heritage visitors tend to stay longer & spend more!



- Anum cultural centre.
- Extensively refurbished 2019 with support from Dept. Culture, Heritage & Gaeltacht.
 - 67 seat Indoor performance space.
 - Auditorium can be used as a stage space with 131 outdoor covered seats.
 - Covered outdoor area, functions as a plaza & public realm.

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Cultural, Creative and
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- Killarney House & National Park.
- Jewel in the crown!
- Functions as Killarney Town Park.

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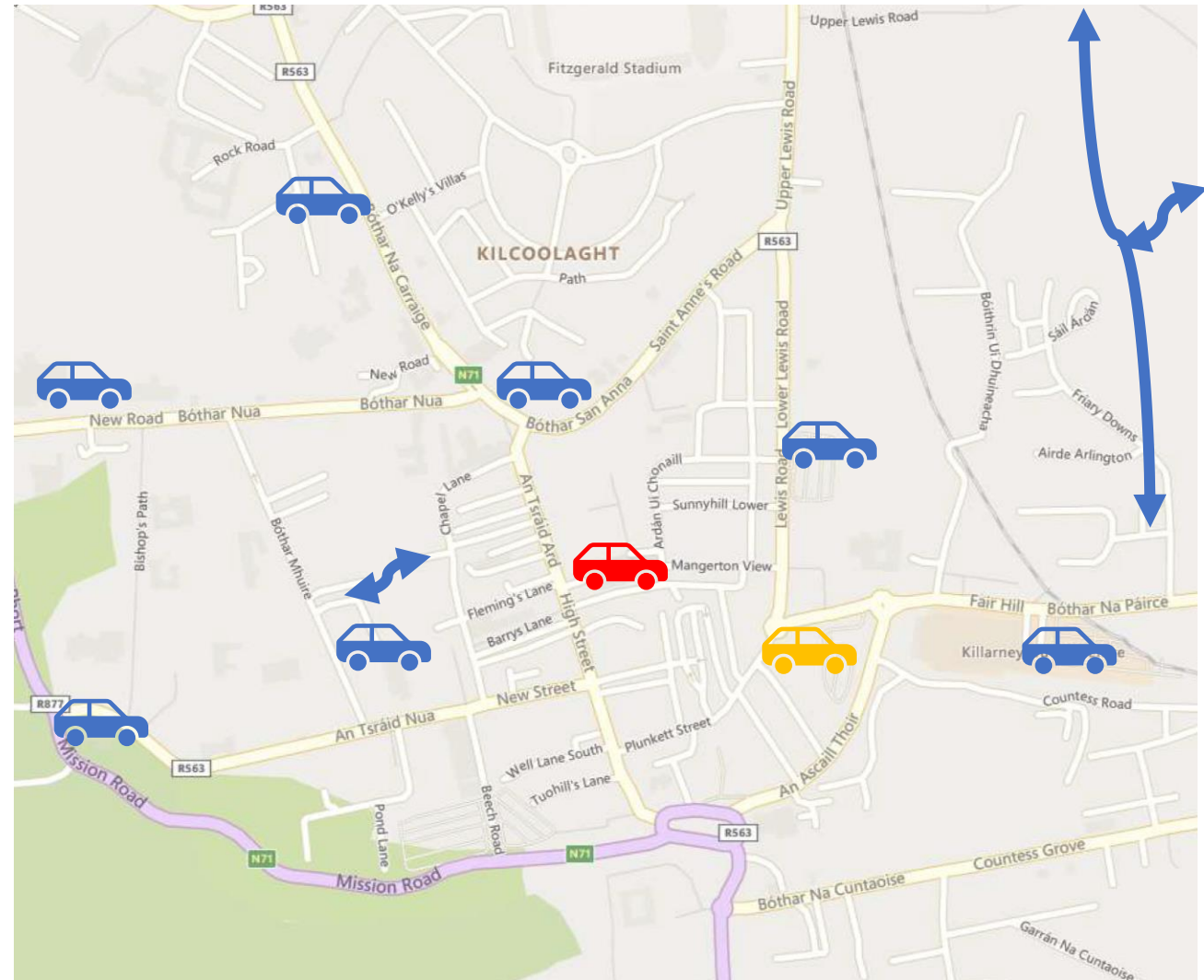


- Improve connectivity throughout the town.
- Reorientate the Town towards the National Park.
 - Mission Road! (N71)
- Transition to low carbon sustainable mobility modes.
 - Reduce the primacy of the car.
- Placemaking!

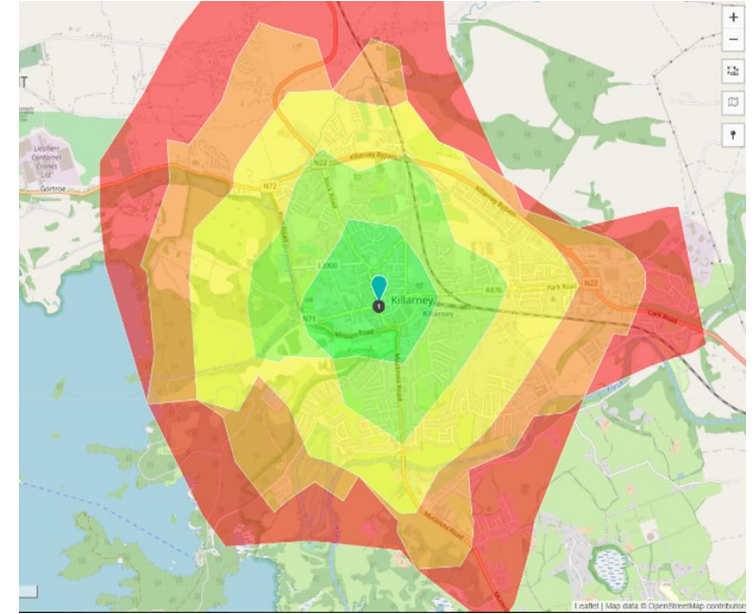


Removal of traffic / discouragement of the car.

- Boreen Na Goun link road.
- A-C route (Longterm).
- Parking strategy.
 - 30% Town centre traffic = motorists looking for car parking.
 - The Glebe!!! (& rear of courthouse)
 - Maximise the use of 7 carparks necklaced around the edge of centre.
 - Park and stride.
 - Real time signage, parking apps & laneway upgrades.



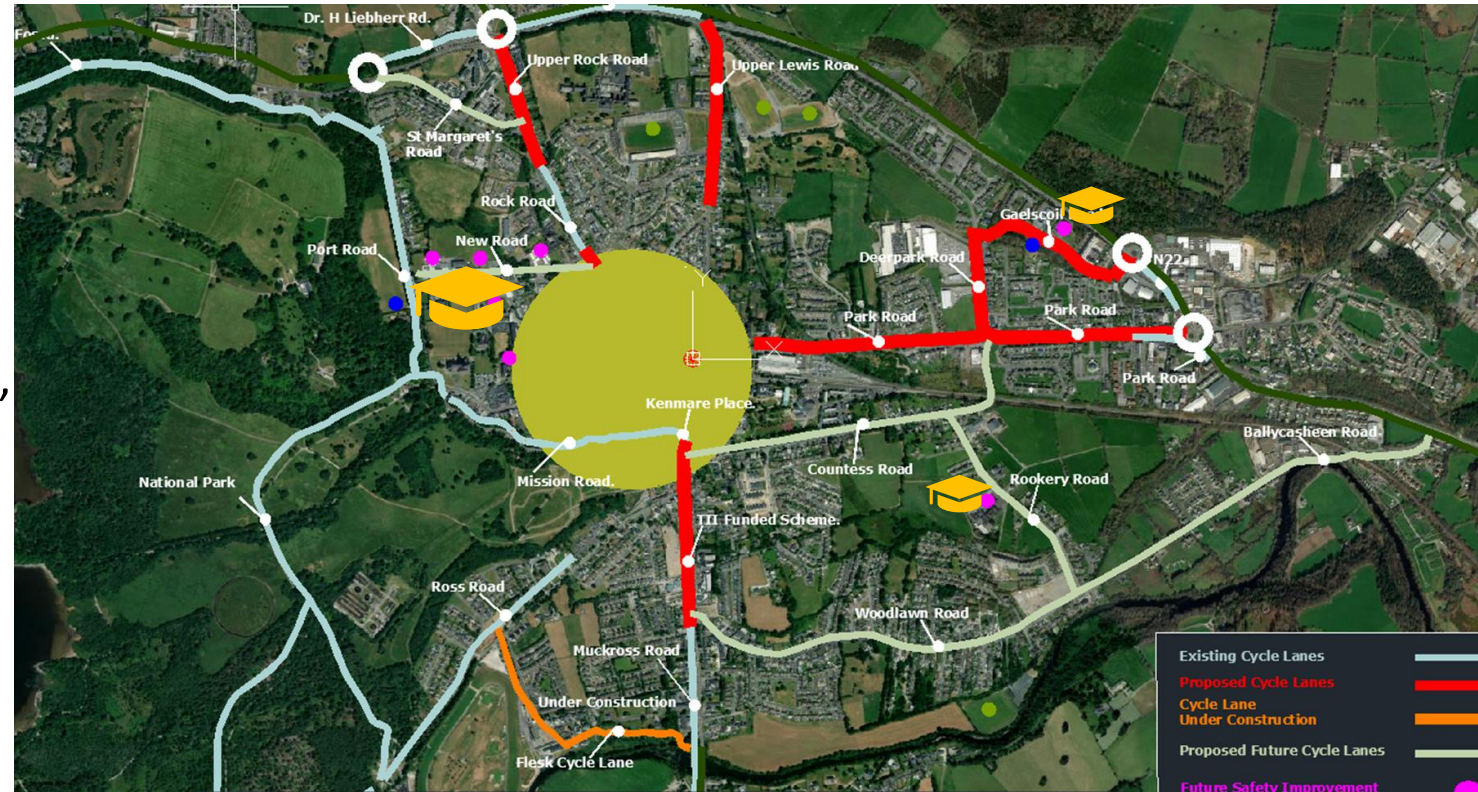
Potential of cycling



- 12,663 people living within a 10-minute cycle of the Town Centre.

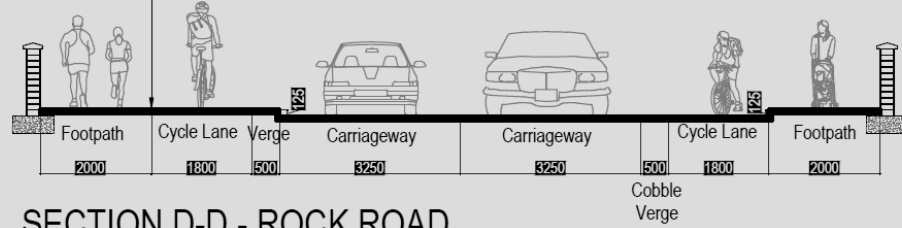
Cycle lanes & Public Transport.

- Number of existing cycleways, not linked!
- 7 schools in the town centre.
 - 3,259 students generating 1,400 vehicular movements morning & evening.
- Network will also significantly benefit tourism.
 - Pedestrian and cyclist priority at junctions, into the Town centre.
 - Link hotels, guesthouses, sport & leisure facilities.
 - Link up with Muckross House & torc waterfall cycleway.
- 2016 Killarney transport Study.
 - Link between rail & bus stations.



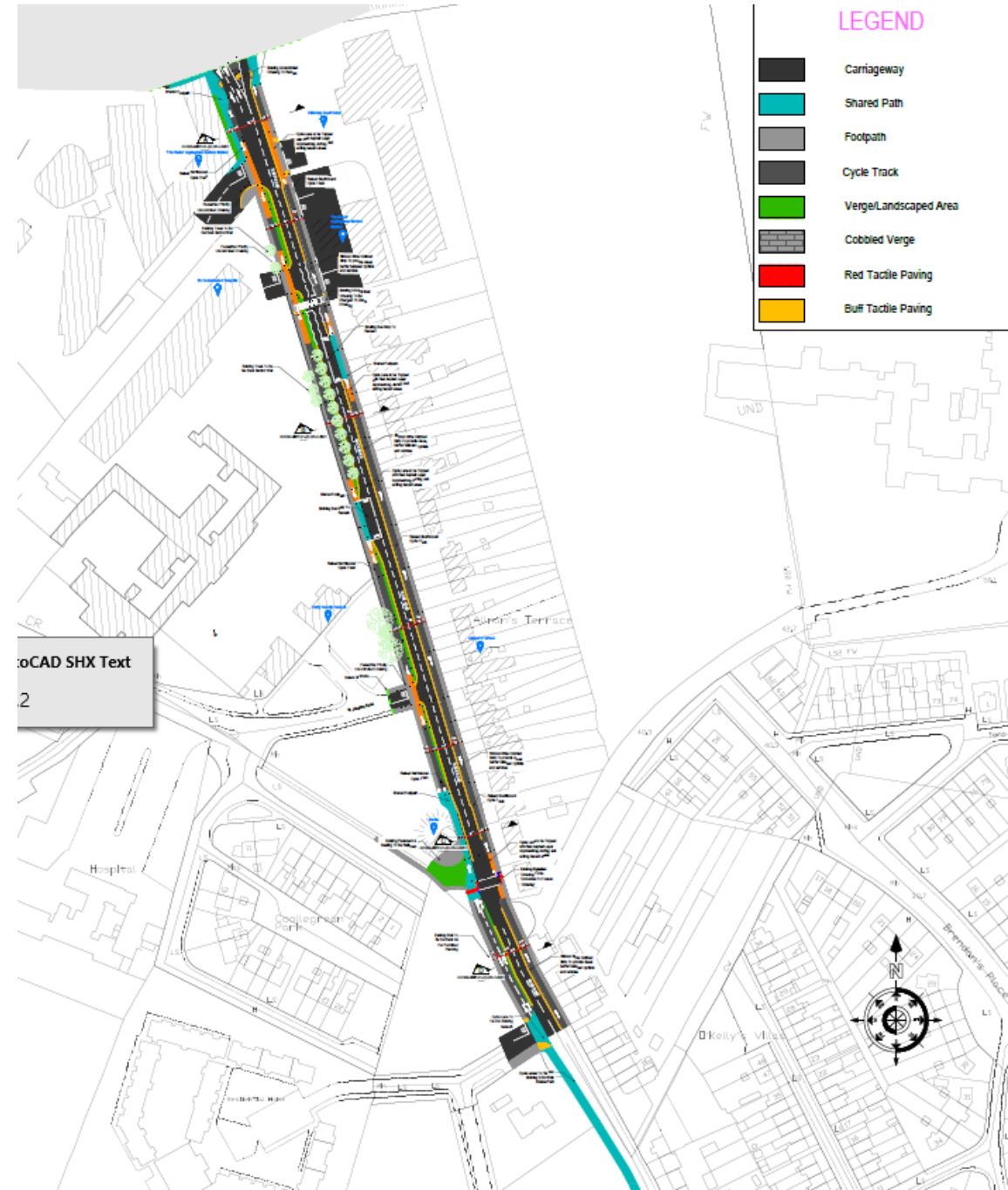
Rock road

Segregation Between Pedestrians & Cyclists
to be Formed by Grass or Cobbled Strip



SECTION D-D - ROCK ROAD

Scale: 1:50

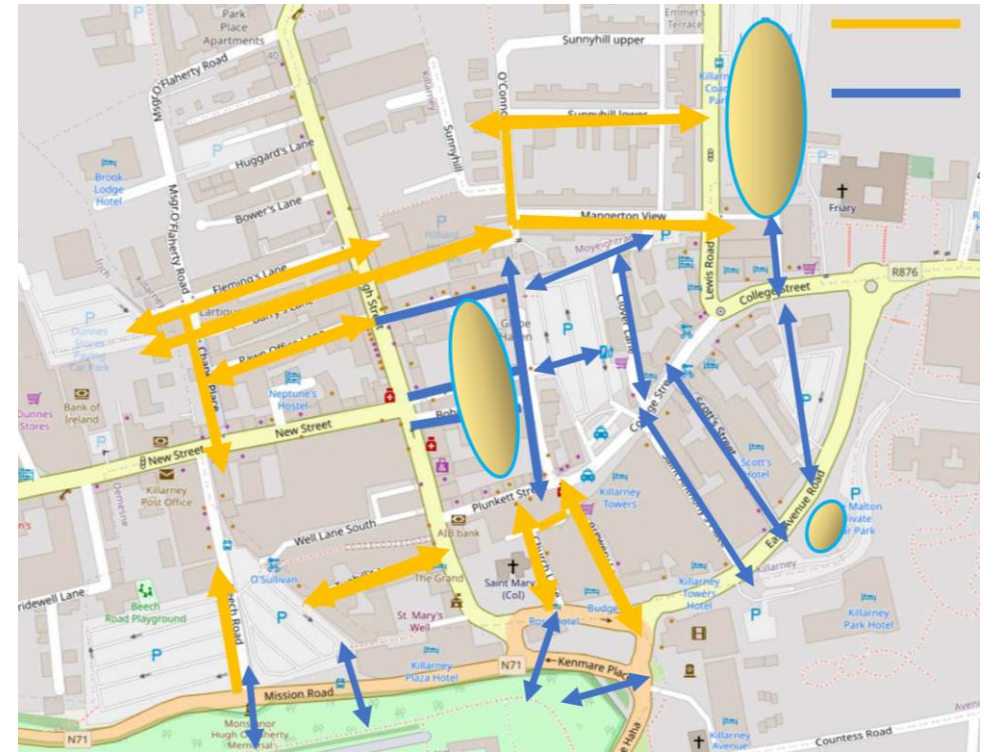


LEGEND

- Carriageway
- Shared Path
- Footpath
- Cycle Track
- Verge/Landscaped Area
- Cobbled Verges
- Red Tactile Paving
- Buff Tactile Paving

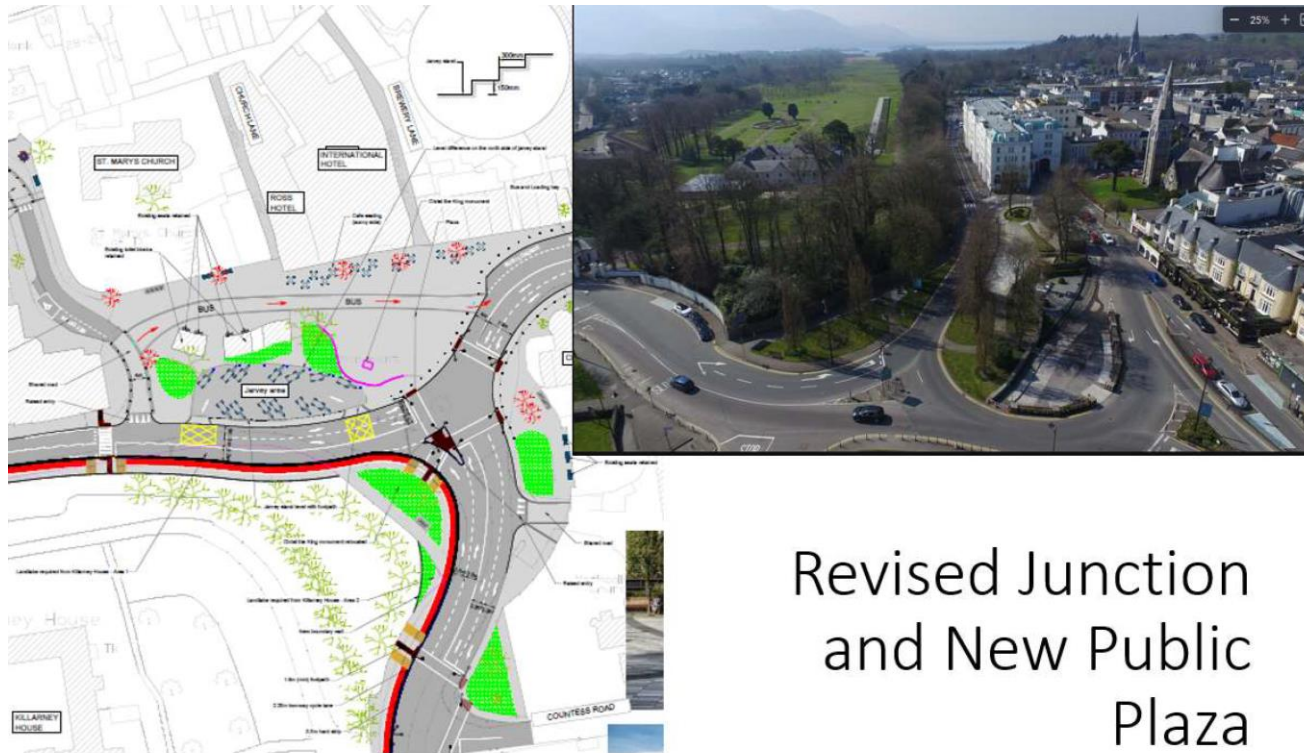
Public Realm

- Widen footpaths, create shared spaces, remove carparking spaces & the dominance of the car.
 - Improve town centre experience, calmer, allow the visitor to enjoy serial views and vistas.
 - Reducing road signage, street clutter removal / limited on street Parking.
 - Create spaces that are inviting, safe and a place where people want to be.
 - Creates mini places, junction of Plunket St. / Main St. & High St. / New St & College square.
- Create additional linkages to Anam centre / Craft quarter / Aras Padraig.
- Bring the National Park into the Town.
 - Kenmare Place.
 - Beech Road Link.





Kenmare place.



Revised Junction
and New Public
Plaza

- Develop a plaza to create a focal point & sense of place.
 - Remove traffic from northern side.
 - Pedestrian priority.
 - Create a seamless bridge into Killarney House and the National Park.

Beech Road link.



- Relocate heavily trafficked junction to the east.
 - Create areas of public realm.
- Repurposing the existing route to pedestrians / cyclists only.
- Pedestrian priority on Mission Road.
- Create a seamless bridge into the National Park.

Strategic outcomes

- A Town integrated with the National Park.
- Provision of Smarter Travel/Active Travel Options reducing Killarney's carbon footprint.
- A Diverse and Authentic Visitor Experience Accessible to all.
 - Alternative evening / night time economy.
- Killarney a vibrant and attractive town with an improved sense of place and enhanced liveability.
- Aligns with local, regional and National Planning Policy.
 - Killarney Town Development Plan amended 2018 & 2017 Killarney Traffic Study.
 - Kerry Tourism Strategy & Action Plan 2016-2022.
 - Stakeholder engagement.
- Support of the URDF and Dept. Housing Planning and Local Government.
 - Invaluable.

NPF

NSO1 - Compact Growth

NSO5- Sustainable Mobility

NSO6 - Sustainable growth in income and employment - A Strong Economy supported by Enterprise, Innovation and Skills Sustainable Mobility

NSO7 - Enhanced Amenity and Heritage

NS10 – Access to Quality Childcare, Education and Health Services

RSES

RPO-11- Support placemaking in all key towns to include public realm regeneration.

RPO-18 Killarney key town

RPO-31 Sustainable Place Framework

RPO- 34 Regeneration, Brownfield sites

RPO- 53 Growing Tourism

RPO-102 Multi Modal Travel Integration

RPO- 177 Childcare, Education, and Health Services

RPO- 191 To develop a vibrant Cultural and Creative Sector

RPO-203 Revitalisation of Historical cores