BALLYCONNELL

Revitalising Cavan's Towns and Villages

History

After the partition of Ireland in 1920-22, Ballyconnell found itself cut off from its hinterland with County Fermanagh, which was now behind the new border with Northern Ireland.

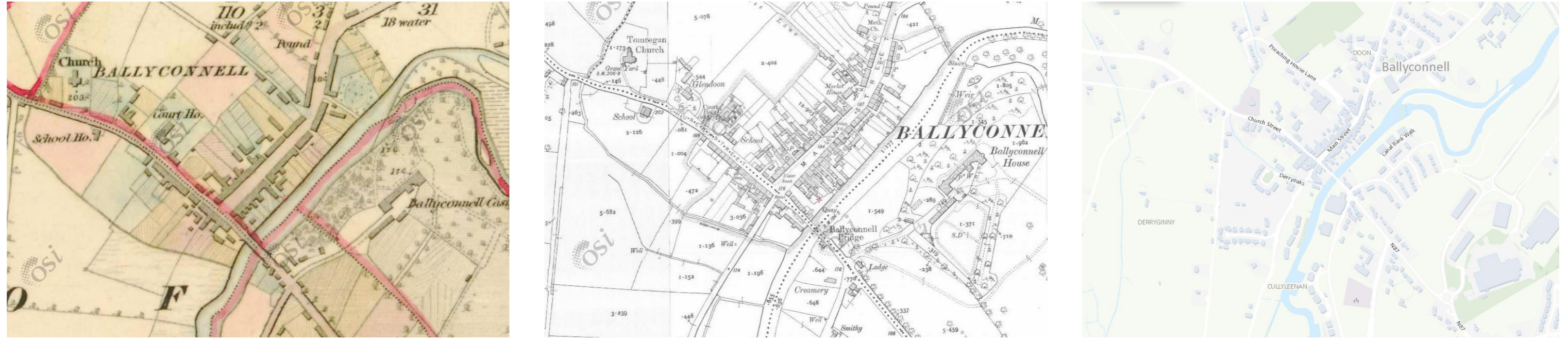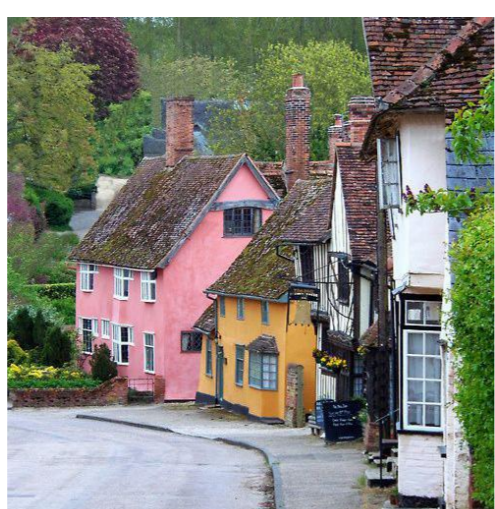The town also suffered during the Irish Civil War of 1922-23 when it was raided repeatedly by both sides.

Figure 1.1.3 - Timeline evolution: 1800, 1900 and 2017

to Sligo
to Enniskillen
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to Monaghan
Swanlinbar
Ballyconnell
Belturbet
Cootehill
Killeshandra
Cavan
Bailieborough
Kingscourt
Ballyjamesduff
Virginia
Mullagh
to Athlone
to Dublin

Precedents

Opportunity to create pedestrian friendly street

Opportunity to strengthen heritage value

Opportunity to improve public realm with local materials and plant species
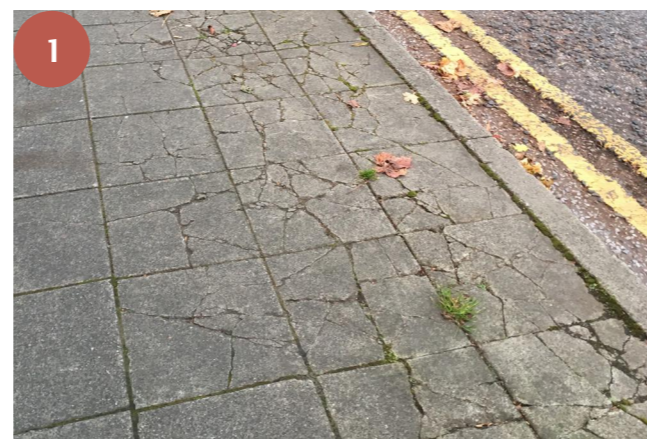

Opportunity to re-purpose abandoned buildings

Opportunity to provide cycle amenities

Constraints

W Weaknesses

1 // Damaged concrete paving, most likely caused by vehicles mounting the pavement, has allowed weeds to grow through and has created a sense of dilapidation in the public realm.

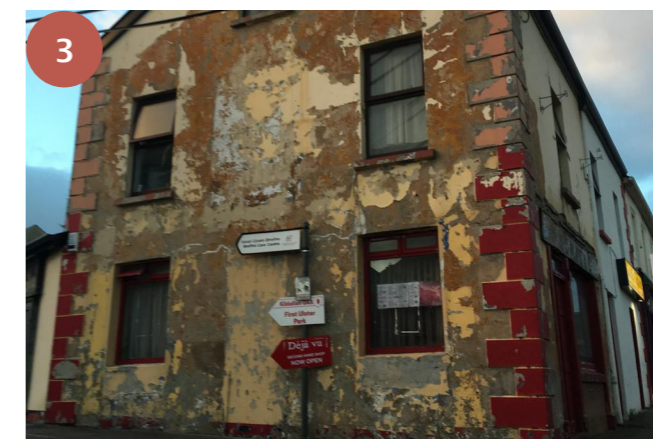**2** // The wide roads and narrow pavements create an unwelcoming pedestrian experience.

T Threats / Challenges

3 // Dilapidated buildings in the town centre act as a disincentive for local investment by creating a sense of plight.

4 // Furthermore, abandoned buildings add to this sense of plight and suggest a weak local property market.

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Recorded Monument Sites	Bus Stop
Protected Structures	Library
Sporting Clubs	Centre
School	CCC Land
Playgrounds	

0   0.25   0.5   1 Kilometers

Damaged pavements

Wide roads, narrow pavements
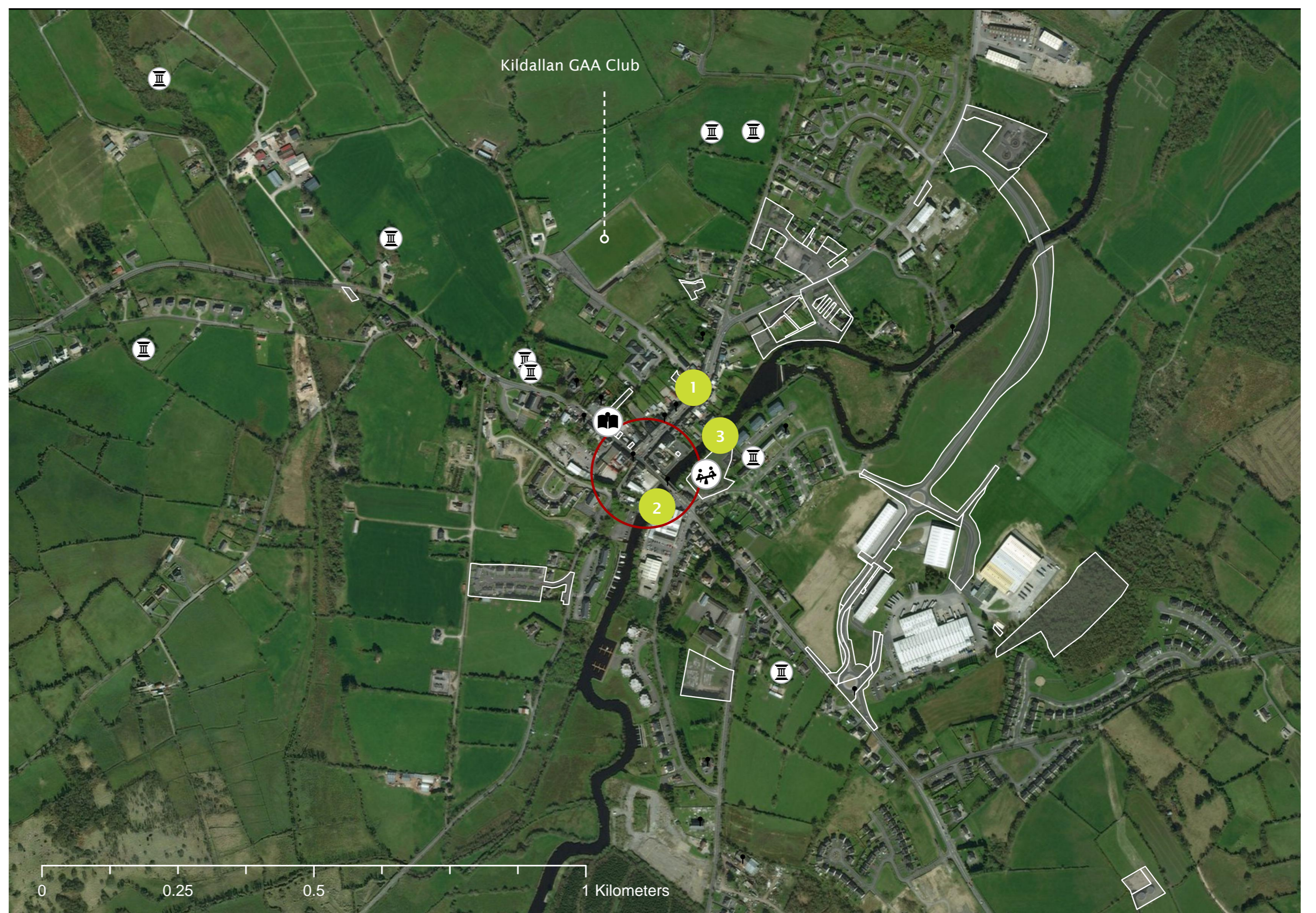

Dilapidated buildings

Derelict buildings

Opportunities

S Strengths

1 // The former market square has recently been redeveloped with car parking converted back into a public square. Albeit, the market square is underutilised and lacks adequate seating and planting. Could be used for food market.

2 // The waterfront onto the Woodford River is a natural asset that can be used for pubs, restaurants, retail and public space.
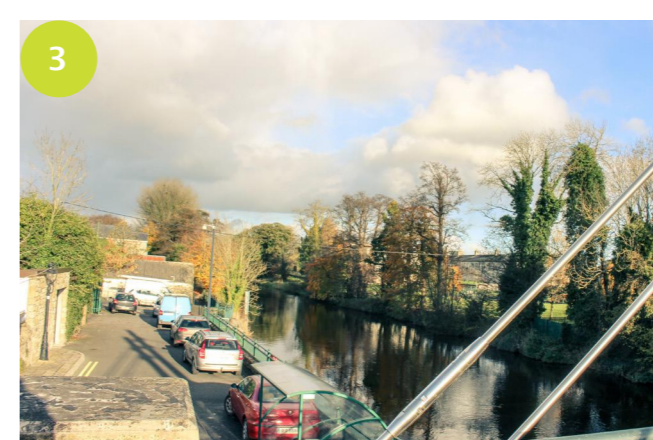
O Opportunities

3 // The waterfront is currently not exploited to its full potential, it can be landscaped to bring pedestrians close to the water.

4 // There are several heritage buildings in the town which can be sensitively refurbished to become hotels etc. which can generate local employment.

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Newly redeveloped public space

Waterfront

Potential to open up waterfront to public

Heritage buildings can be exploited