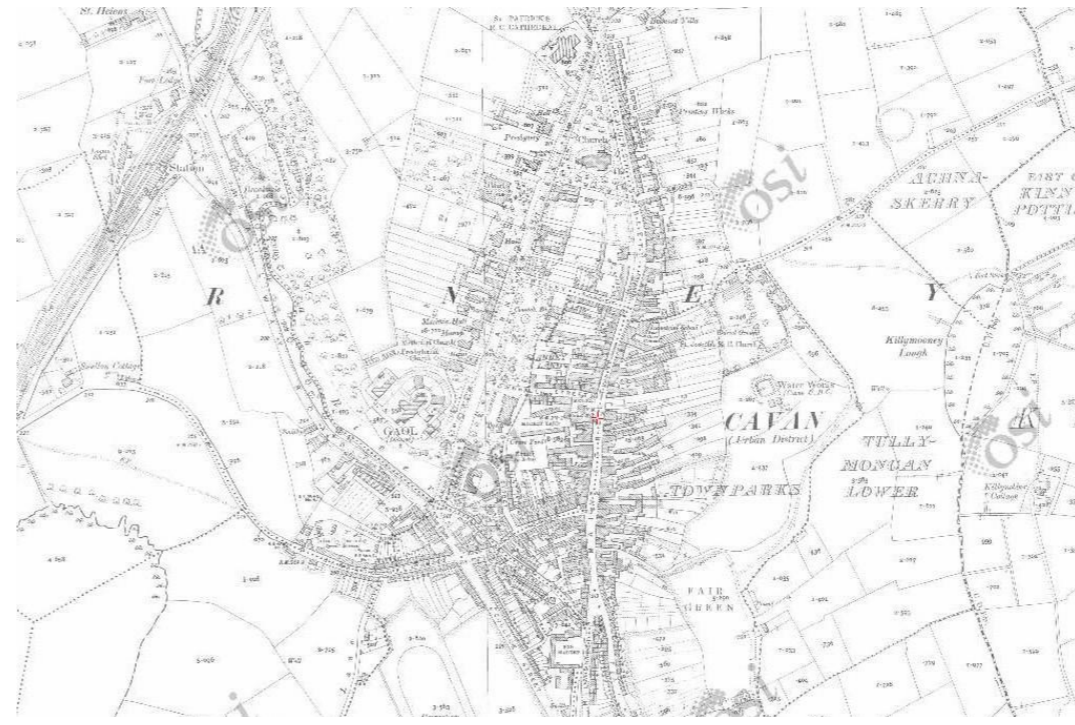
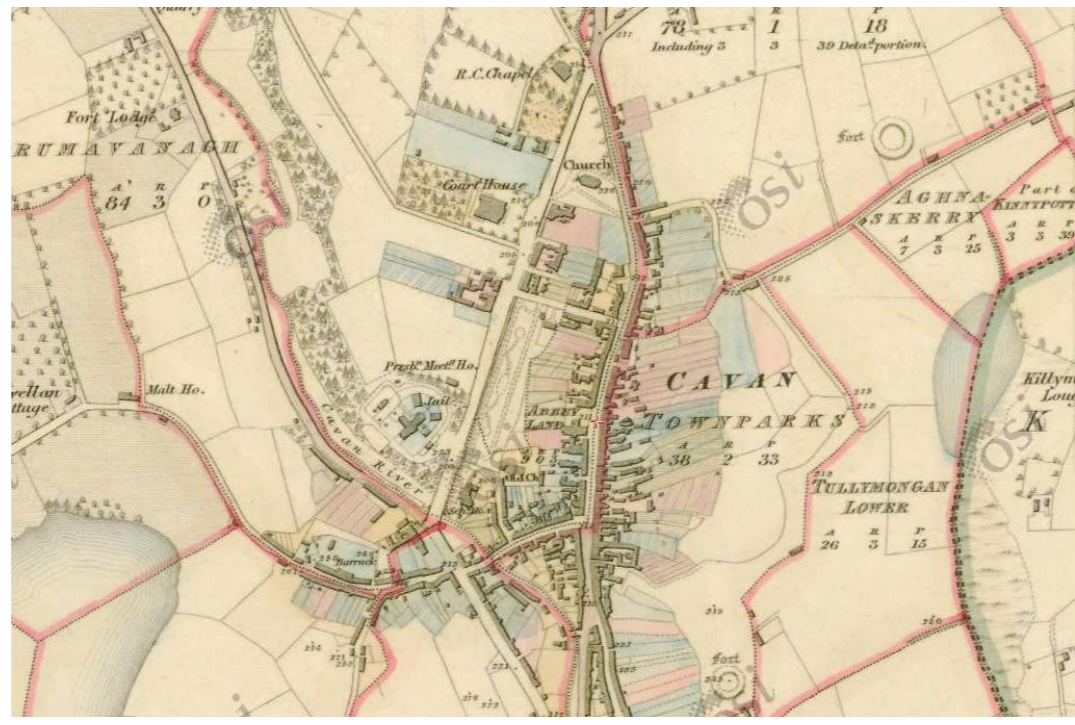


# CAVAN TOWN

## Revitalising Cavan's Towns and Villages

### History

Cavan was founded by the King of East Breifne, Giolla Íosa Ruadh O'Reilly, sometime during his lordship between 1300 and his death in 1330. King James I granted the town a charter in 1610. This entitled Cavan town to send two members to the Irish parliament. In February 1690 the town was the site of the Battle of Cavan between Williamite and Jacobite troops, during which much of the town was burned.



Cavan in 1800, 1900 and 2017



### Precedents



Opportunity to pedestrianise high street



Opportunity to introduce seating



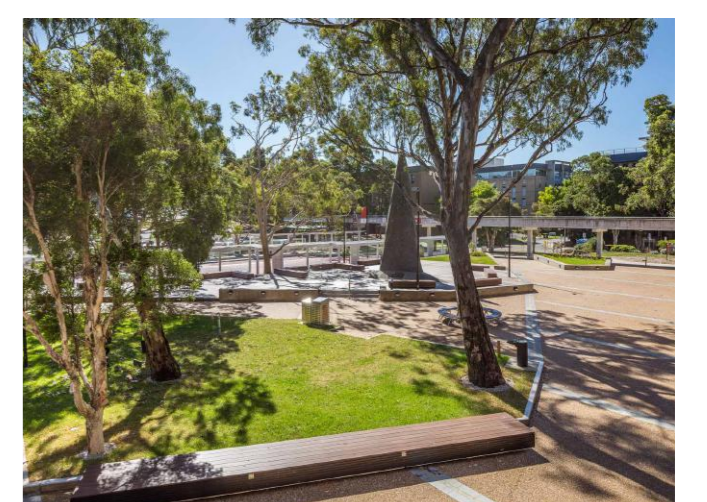
Opportunity to re-landscape



Opportunity to create urban parks



Opportunity to create new destinations



Opportunity to introduce trees

## Constraints

### W Weaknesses

// The town lacks a train station

- 1 // Suffers from a car dominated town centre.
- 2 // The oversupply of parking in the town centre, most of which is on both sides of the road, has left little space for pedestrians with narrow pavements, wide roads and little vegetation.

### T Threats / Challenges

// The 'decline of the high-street' and the 'brain drain' to Dublin

- 3 // Vacant buildings. Economic strategy could be created to lower vacancy rates.
- 4 // Underutilized public realm. Paving could be improved by using stone rather than concrete paving.



Unfriendly pedestrian environment



Narrow pavements



Vacant building



Underutilised public space

## Opportunities

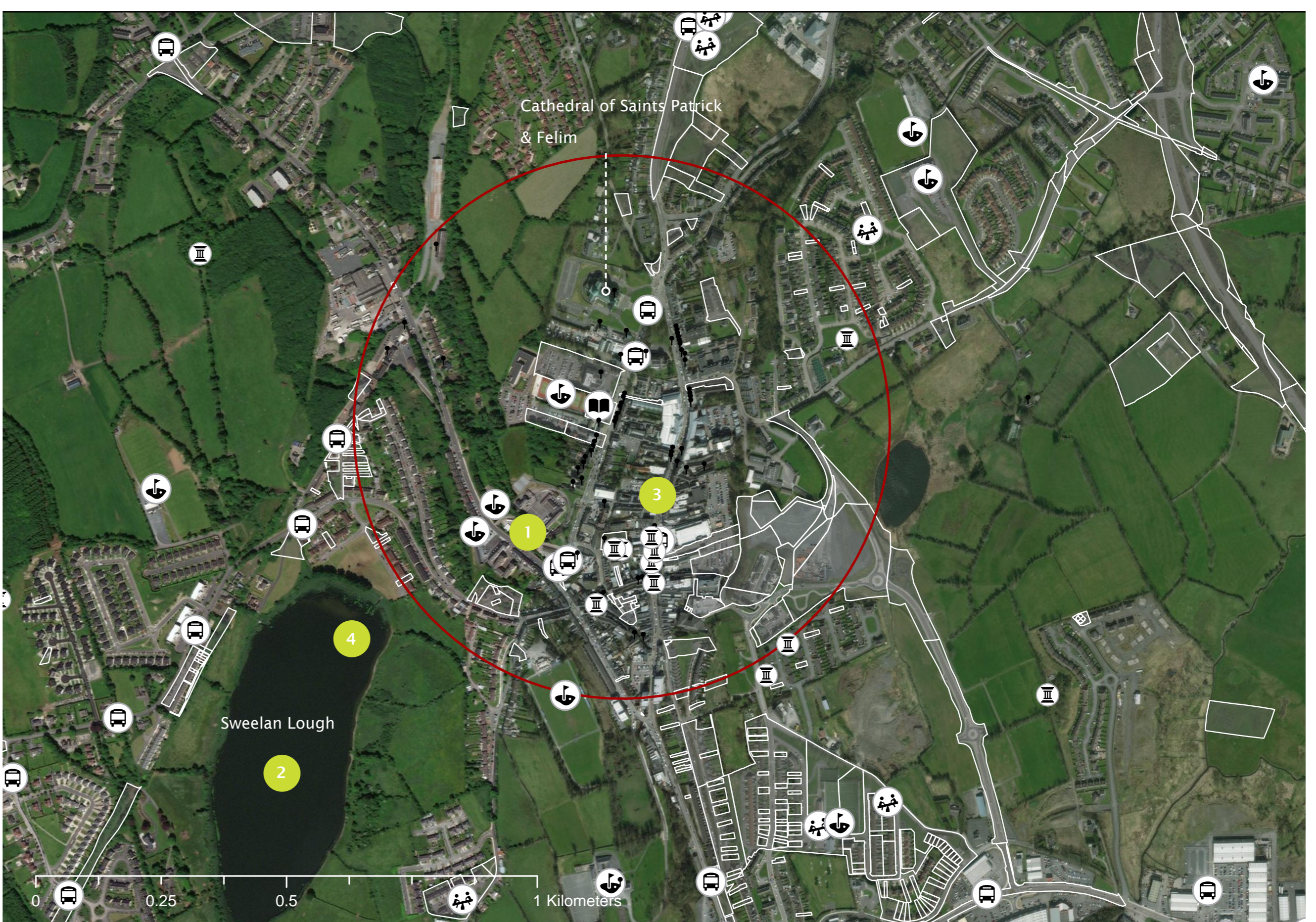
### S Strengths

- 1 // The Cavan River is a natural asset which could be brought into the public realm and could provide an attractive environment for restaurants and pubs to face onto.
- 2 // Sweelan Lough is a large lake very close to the town centre of town which could be landscaped into an attractive public space.

// The town lies on the intersection of two national roads making it highly accessible to the rest of the country: indeed, it is widely considered as the gateway to Northern Ireland.

### O Opportunities

- 3 // Due to the presence of underutilized roads surrounding the town centre, there is an opportunity to pedestrianize the main high street without hindering traffic flows too much.
- 4 // Open up the town to the natural assets such as Sweelan Lough. This could be landscaped and could provide recreation activities/tourism.



Cavan River



Sweelan Lough



Pedestrianised high street opportunity



Landscaped lake opportunity