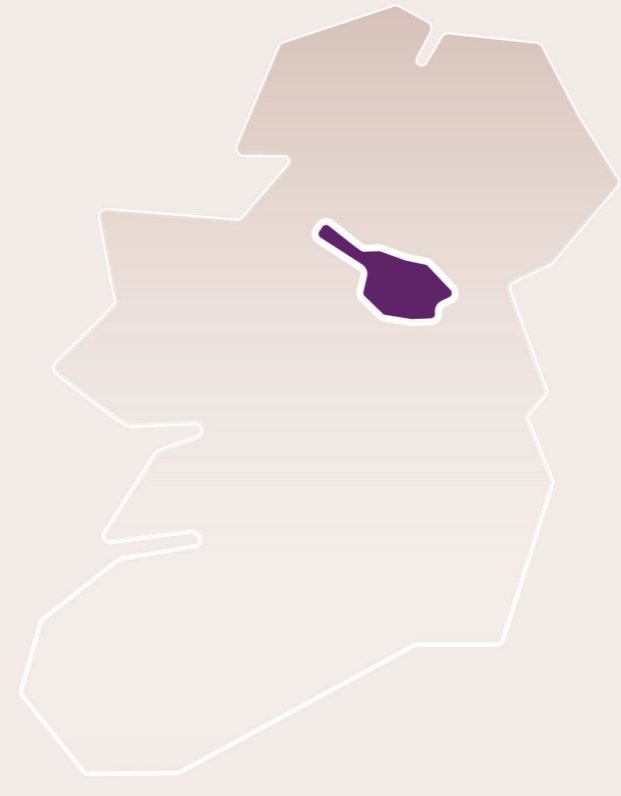


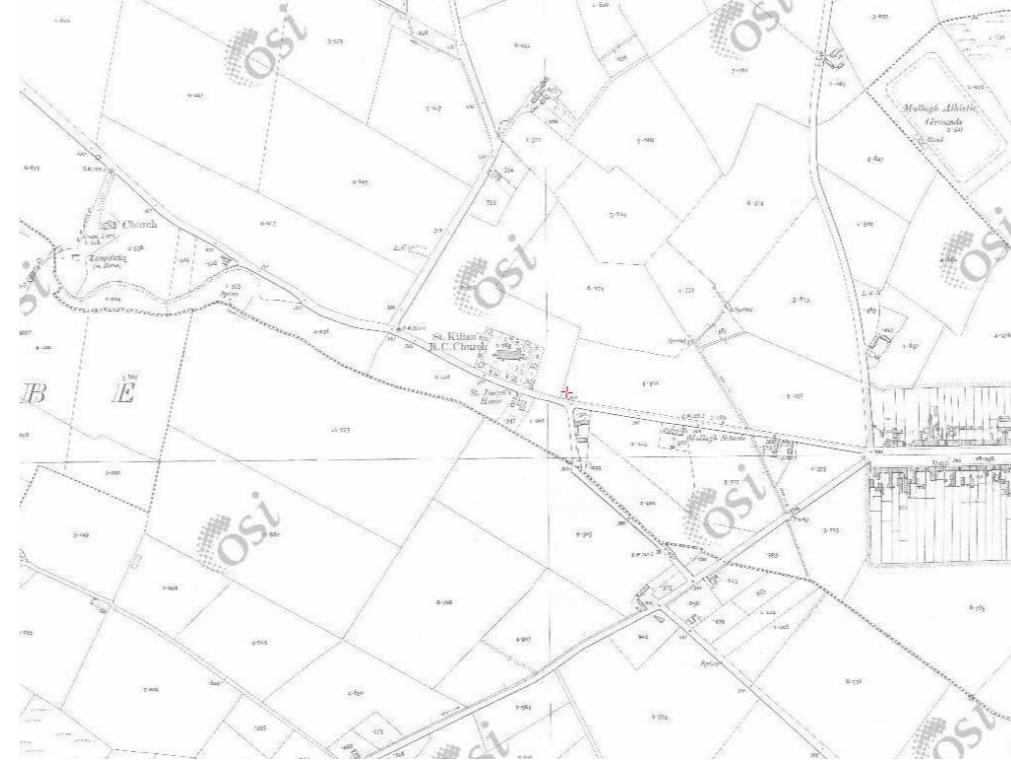
MULLAGH

Revitalising Cavan's Towns and Villages



History

Mullagh is thought to be the birth place of the 7th century Saint Killian who has lent his name to several buildings in the town. Mullagh originated as a local Market Town for the surrounding agricultural community and retains much of its original planned village form with its wide central Main Street, regular property frontage and long rear gardens.



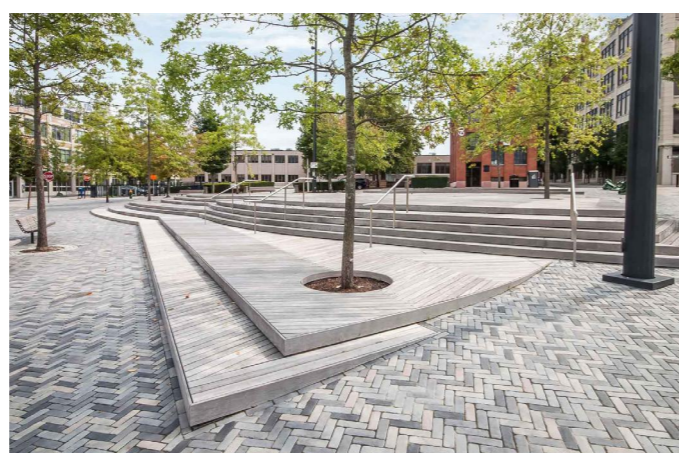
Maps from 1800, 1900 and 2017



Precedents



Upgrade / add new public spaces



Use local materials e.g. limestone to upgrade public realm



Use of native species in landscaping



Opportunity to create a leisure space along Moynalty River

Constraints

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- 1 // No specific car parking spaces are provided throughout the town leading to a chaotic car parking pattern
- 2 // Wide road lacking amenities for cycles / pedestrians and lacking quality: lack of seats, derelict pavement, no cycle lane etc.
- 3 // Some unoccupied residential properties and retail outlets in the town core
- 4 // Lower mix of retail and services than a town of this size should offer: with the influx of new residents more amenities are needed
- 5 // Unfinished new residential developments

Weaknesses

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Threats / Challenges

- 1 // Residential developments have occurred on all roads leading out of the town giving the town an elongated development boundary and putting the town at risk of losing its historic character
- 2 // Rapid population growth occurring without the needed infrastructure and services - public transportation, retail provision - and putting the town at risk of becoming a commuter town



Lack of pedestrian and cycle amenities coupled with invasive on-street parking



Abandoned premises on the Main Street and chaotic car parking



New residential developments on the outskirts of Mullagh



Lack of activity for a medium size town

Opportunities

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Strengths

- 1 // The town core retains much of its rural character with uniform heights and building types, traditional frontages, archways and linear rear gardens
 - 2 // Mullagh benefited from recent streetscape and public realm improvements: refreshed facades, upgraded shop-fronts, new crossing points and on-street tree planting
 - 3 // The town features a public square and a public park - "Fair Green": these give the town a unique character and sense of place
 - 4 // Natural, heritage and tourism assets: Mullagh Lough, Mullagh Hill Walk, St Killians Heritage Centre, Moynalty River, Killyconny Bog
- // Several protected structures could benefit from further interpretation: St Killian's Roman Catholic Church, Ogham Stone, ringfort, Rantavan Castle, burial ground
- // Mullagh Lake is an amenity space featuring parking spaces, a pontoon and an accessible footpath
- // The Fair Day event is one of the largest one day shows in the North East. Such activation of the town could be replicated with other events

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Opportunities

- 1 // Create a leisure and amenity space along Moynalty River
- 2 // Strengthen existing public realm improvements: car parking strategy, introduction of cycle lanes and racks, enhanced landscaping with native tree and hedge planting and flowering
- 3 // Create new pedestrian links to Mullagh Lake, Mullagh Hill and St Killian's heritage centre
- 4 // Frame residential development to maintain the historic layout of Main Street and character of the town
- 5 // Increase the variety of retail available in the town core



The Main Street



Freshly repainted facade and newly introduced crossing point



The public square and Fair Green Park



Lough Mullagh