

# Unlocking LEADER Programme Opportunities Capacity Building Workshop



**LEADER and Agricultural Diversification**  
**13:45 – 13:55pm**  
**Thursday 21st May 2026**  
**Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore**



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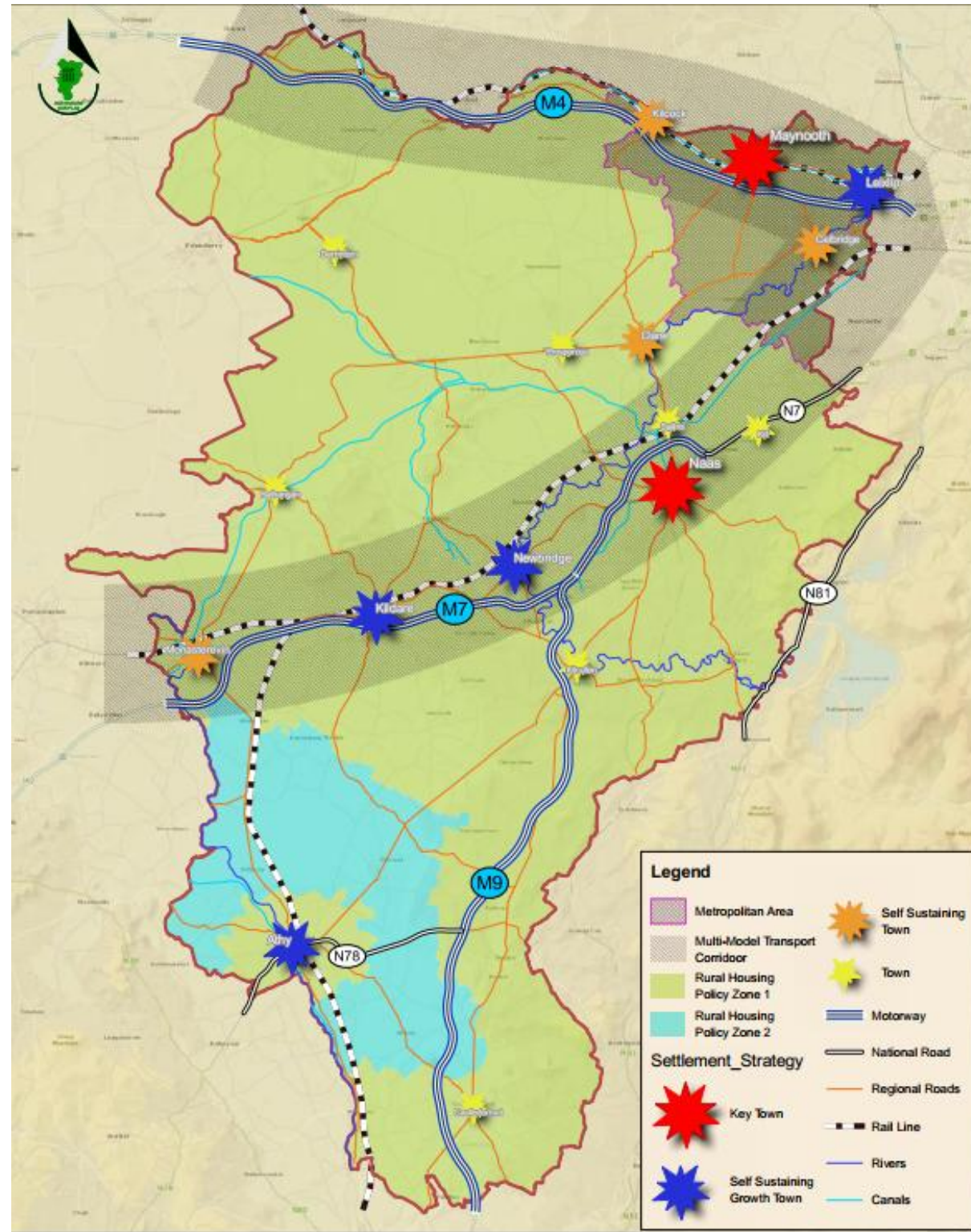
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**Legend**

- Metropolitan Area
- Multi-Model Transport Corridor
- Rural Housing Policy Zone 1
- Rural Housing Policy Zone 2
- Settlement Strategy
  - Key Town
  - Self Sustaining Growth Town
  - Self Sustaining Town
  - Town
- Motorway
- National Road
- Regional Roads
- Rail Line
- Rivers
- Canals

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 Development Department  
 Áras Chill Dara,  
 Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare.

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**County Development  
 Plan 2023-2029**

**Core Strategy Map**

Stage	Date	Description
County Development Plan	28/07/2023	State the Plan comes into effect
County Development Plan	09/12/2022	Plan adopted by elected Members

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Scale: N.T.S. Map Ref: V1-2.1

Date: January 2023 Drawing No: 200/22/1328

Drawn By:	Checked By:	Approved By:
HC/00000000	L. Conboy	C. O'Sullivan
Date: 28/07/2023	Date: 28/07/2023	Date: 28/07/2023

This drawing is to be read in conjunction with the written statement

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## Kildare Rural Development Programme 2023 – 2027 Local Development Strategy



Minister for  
Rural and Community  
Development  
2024  
Funded by the Department of Rural and  
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# LEADER

Forbairt á stiúradh ag pobail áitiúla  
Development led by local communities

**Theme:** Economic Development and Job Creation

**Sub-theme:** Agricultural Diversification

**Project:** Kildare Agri Tourism - Development of three self-catering chalets

**Promoter:** James and Emer O'Dwyer

**Awarded funding:** October 2024

**Implementing Partner:** County Kildare LEADER Partnership

**LAG:** Kildare LCDC

**Financial Partner:** Kildare County Council



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- Our story
- Diversifying into agritourism





# *Assistance from the 2023 - 2027 LEADER Programme*

- *Mentoring*
- *Preparing the application*
- *Face-to-face supports*
- *Financial support for the project*  
**€200,000 (49% of the project costs)**
- *Challenges along the way*



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The accommodation is on an organic farm with Aberdeen angus cattle, hens, chickens and some baby lambs. Also, we have ducks in the stream flowing through the farm.



Our farm was in the green low carbon agricultural scheme and is in the Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES) now.



Running an agritourism business: experience to date; appeal of agritourism for our guests; involvement of the family in running the business

# ***Networking***

- ***Visit from UCD students  
(MSc Sustainable  
Agriculture and Rural  
Development)***
- ***Giving back to the LEADER  
programme by sharing our  
experience***





**CYCLE THE BARROW BLUEWAY, 46KM CYCLEWAY OF SCENIC CYCLEWAYS CONNECTING LOWTOWN, RATHANGAN, MONASTEREVIN, VICARSTOWN & ATHY.**

Thanks for    
  **listening!**



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