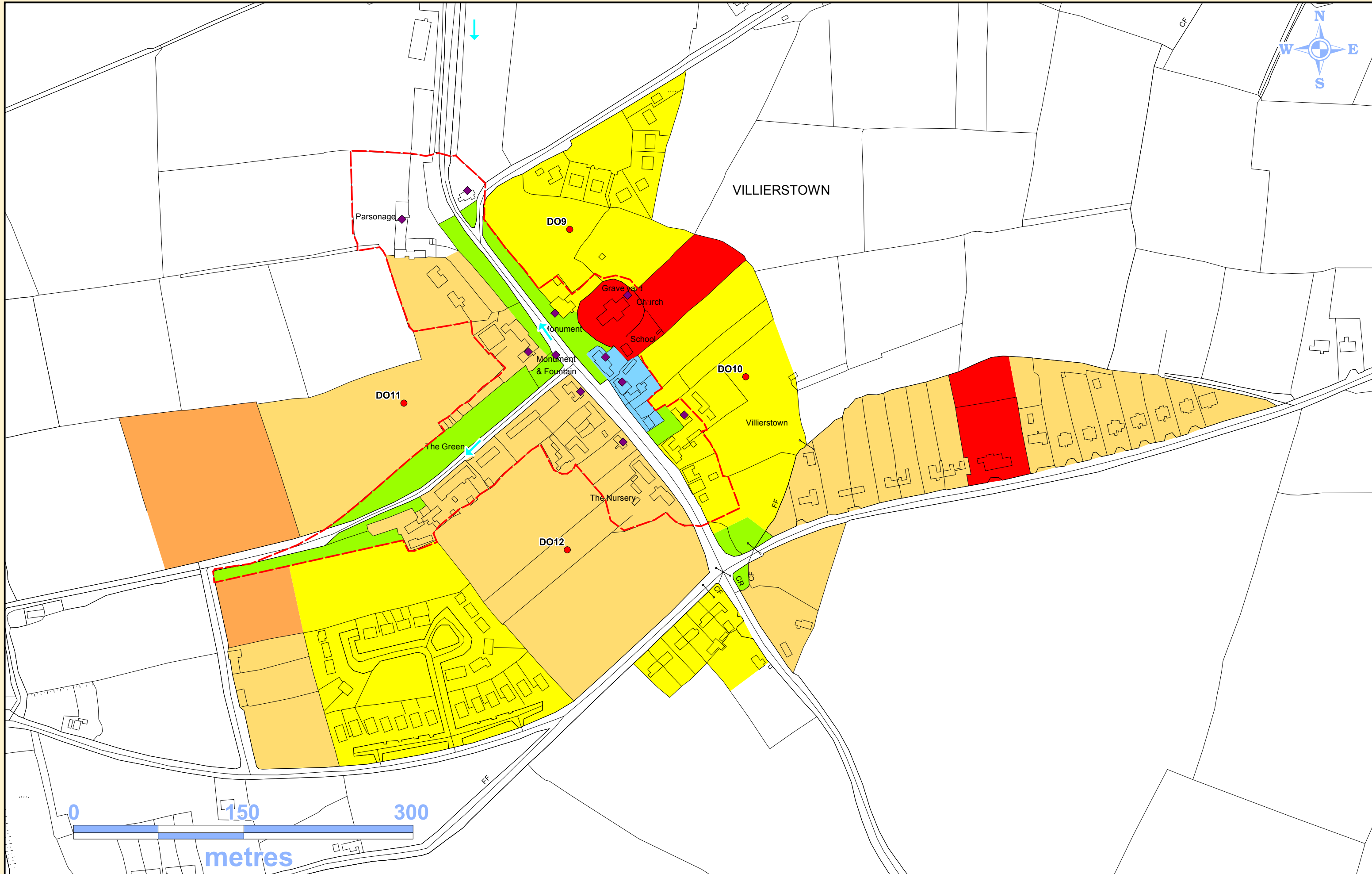


# Villierstown



**VILLIERSTOWN****Context**

Villierstown is a historic industrial village located 17km west of Dungarvan and is identified as a local service centre in the County Development Plan.

**Historic Character**

Villierstown is a planned village dating from 1756. It was constructed by the Villiers family of nearby Dromana House. It consists of Main Street with wide grass verges and in the centre is the decommissioned Church of Ireland Church dating from 1748. Directly across the street is The Green. The two-storey, three bay detached and semi-detached buildings with hipped roofs, date from the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century. Some still have original fenestration and are mainly unrendered. To the north are gate piers (1875) which flank a public road. Other notable structures are Villierstown House and the Villiers monuments. Mature trees enhance the approaches and the core of the village.

**Infrastructure**

**Water supply:** The public water supply has limited spare capacity. The Council are awaiting funding under the Rural Water scheme to upgrade the supply. It is anticipated that an additional well will be required to augment the existing supply.













**Wastewater:** The wastewater treatment plant has spare capacity to accommodate additional development during the lifetime of the Plan.

**Development Objectives**

- DO<sub>1</sub> It is an objective of the Council to strengthen the village core by promoting the redevelopment of underused village centre sites which respect the existing historic environment
- DO<sub>2</sub> It is an objective of the Council to protect and promote the amenity and pedestrian access to the river bank and enhance existing public walkways, riverside parks and routes subject to compliance with Articles 6 and 10 of the Habitats Directive and ensuring no negative impact on the integrity of the River Blackwater SAC
- DO<sub>3</sub> It is an objective of the Council to provide traffic calming, footpath improvements, cycle paths and public lighting through the village.
- DO<sub>4</sub> Development proposals shall ensure that new development is set back to allow for the provision of new paving/footpath, cycle-paths and public lighting.
- DO<sub>5</sub> As opportunities arise, the Council shall extend the public lighting to the development boundary.
- DO<sub>6</sub> It is an objective of the Council to retain the existing stone wall/hedgerows on the approaches to and through the village.
- DO<sub>7</sub> Site to be reserved to allow for the future potential expansion of the school.
- DO<sub>8</sub> Site to be reserved for open space and shall be suitably landscaped as the opportunity arises.
- DO<sub>9</sub> This site can accommodate medium density residential development. The developer will be required to have regard to the historic character of Villierstown and any proposed development shall have a sympathetic approach to design which provides a strong building line with the Main Street. Access shall be provided from the Main Street.

- DO<sub>10</sub> The Council shall facilitate the development of medium density housing. Development of this backland area shall not detract from the visual setting of the Main Street and shall provide for a safe vehicular access to the site.
- DO<sub>11</sub> This land is suitable for low density housing. Development on the site shall address the open space along the public road and shall not detract from the visual setting of this green space. A single vehicular access shall be provided which will also serve R3 zoned lands adjoining the site.
- DO<sub>12</sub> These lands are suitable for low density residential development. Any design proposal shall include a strong building line to the public road, with an emphasis on high quality design and finishes.
- DO<sub>13</sub> It is an objective of the Council to protect the vistas and settings of protected structures and the streetscape by the retention of vernacular houses on The Green and Main Street. Where appropriate, the Council shall encourage the reinstatement of historically correct traditional features such as sliding sash windows
- DO<sub>14</sub> It is an objective of the Council to retain original vernacular features such as free standing water pumps, the pier, and rubblestone walls as identified by the NIAH survey etc.
- DO<sub>15</sub> Any development which is proposed in a Streetscape of Distinctive Character shall have regard to the planning guidance set out in Section 10.46 of the Development Standards chapter.

**MAP LEGEND****Zoning and Principle Objectives**

-  R1 – Protect amenity of existing residential development and provide new residential development – medium density
-  R2 – Protect amenity of existing residential development and provide new residential development – low density (clustered housing, serviced sites, large plot size).
-  R3 – Reserved for future sustainable residential development 2017- 2023
-  Village Centre
-  Institutional, Educational & Community Development
-  Open Space and Amenity
-  Green Belt
-  Development Objectives
-  Streetscape of Distinctive Character
-  Protected Structure
-  Scenic view
-  Scenic Route