

DRUMONE DRUMMON VILLAGE, CO. MEATH

Draft Graig Design Statement
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Sheridan Woods Architects + Urban Planners were appointed to prepare development proposals for multiple housing in a rural village in Meath. The development plan requires that multiple housing avoids traditional suburban type development in rural areas.

Sheridan Woods prepared a Graig Design Statement in order to assess the most appropriate potential development of the village. The Design Statement reviews the existing context, identifying existing characteristics, and the existing socio economic context, to determine the most appropriate extent of potential residential areas and potential community and employment opportunities.

A number of principals of development were established, to redress the potential impact of multiple residential development in rural areas. These related to permeability, connections to rural areas, boundary treatments and landscaping, and dwelling siting and design.

An Overall Development Concept was prepared comprising Two Village Zones; an Inner Village Zone and an Outer Village Zone. The zones are separated by a proposed 'Village Laneway' that surrounds the existing village core. The Inner Village Zone is located within the proposed Village Laneway, and the Outer Rural Zone is located outside the Village Laneway connecting to the wider landscape. This provides for distinct character areas in the village.

The inner village zone is characterised by a more compact development form, defined by the village lane. The outer village zone comprises rural home clusters, with focused central areas, giving identity to each zone, with strong visual connections to the outer rural area. The overall concept relies on protecting connections to the rural area from the village core, and protects and consolidates the character of the existing village.

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