



Result of E-Votes supporting the Vision and Plan

Carrigwohill is one of the fastest growing urban areas in Europe. To be success, there must be an investment in infrastructure before housing, the voice of the people living here must be heard, and the plan for growth must be scaled around the needs of the people who live here.

Introduction & Background

In 2023/2024, the people of Carrigwohill from all walks of life, and supported by the Carrigwohill Community Council, came together to plan for our own destiny. Our vision is to make Carrigwohill a better plan to live, work, go to school, grow up and grow old. The vision and plan was developed after months of hard work under 6 key strands:

1. Planning & Development
2. Sports & Leisure
3. Heritage & Culture
4. Social Protection & Integration
5. Industry, Tourism & Innovation
6. Lifetime Education & Health

There are a number of small, medium and large projects proposed under the plan and these include, but are not limited to:

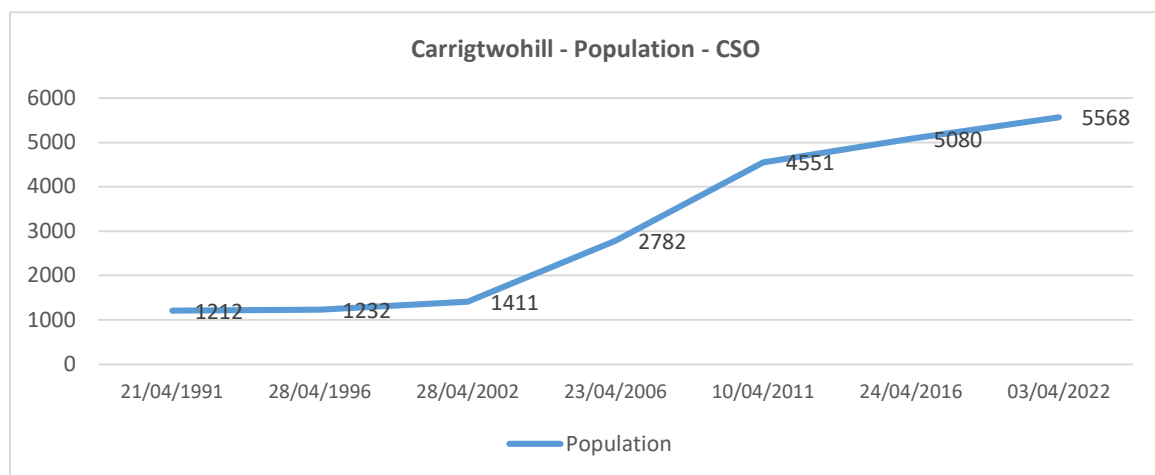
1. Multi-sports Integrated Campus
2. Park and Recreational Spaces
3. Social Inclusion and Integration
4. Lifetime Learning
5. Interpretative Centre, Barryscourt Castle
6. A Green Town by 2040

Innovation, Enterprise & Retail

Carrigwohill Demographics

According to the Central Statistics Office (CSO) the population in Carrigwohill in 2022 is 5,568 persons. This is a dramatic increase in a town, which not too long along

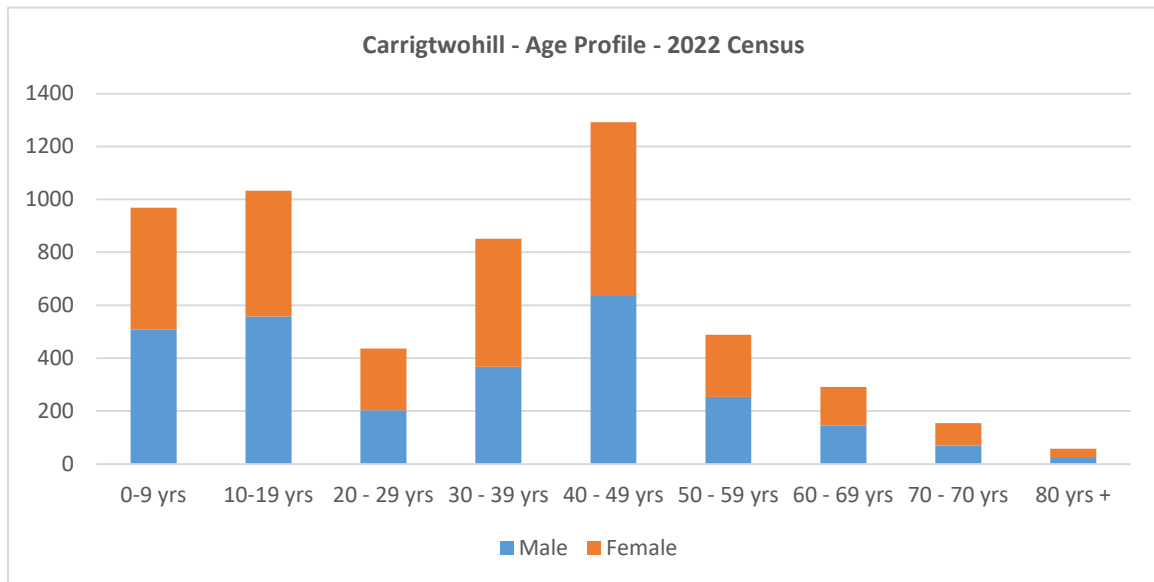
was a small rural village and hinterland. In 1991, the population of Carrigwohill was 1,212 and it is now 360% greater but with a limited increase in social services and amenities.



Already there has been considerable building around the town since 2022 and it is envisaged that the projected population in the town will be 10,000 in 2028 by the end of the latest County Development Plan, and to around 12,000 in 2031.

There are over 60 nationalities in the town and the unique and vibrant tapestry of our

town brings both opportunities and challenges for social services. The age profile in 2022 also adds to uniqueness with just 75% of the Carrigtwohill population was born in Ireland and 25% outside the country. The 40 to 49 age group being the highest and the 10 to 19 age group being the next highest. The age profile is as follows:



Reason for the E-Vote

While the C2H 2040 was created by a cross-section of society in the town and published in March 2040, there was a requirement to identify if more than those directly involved in C2H 2024 Planning supported the plan and it was also an opportunity to seek their views on any of the matters either raised in the plan or not yet considered.

It was decided that an E-Vote was the best option for reaching as many of the community as possible. In preparation of the vote, a small sub-group was established to prepare, and implement, a marketing plan which included:

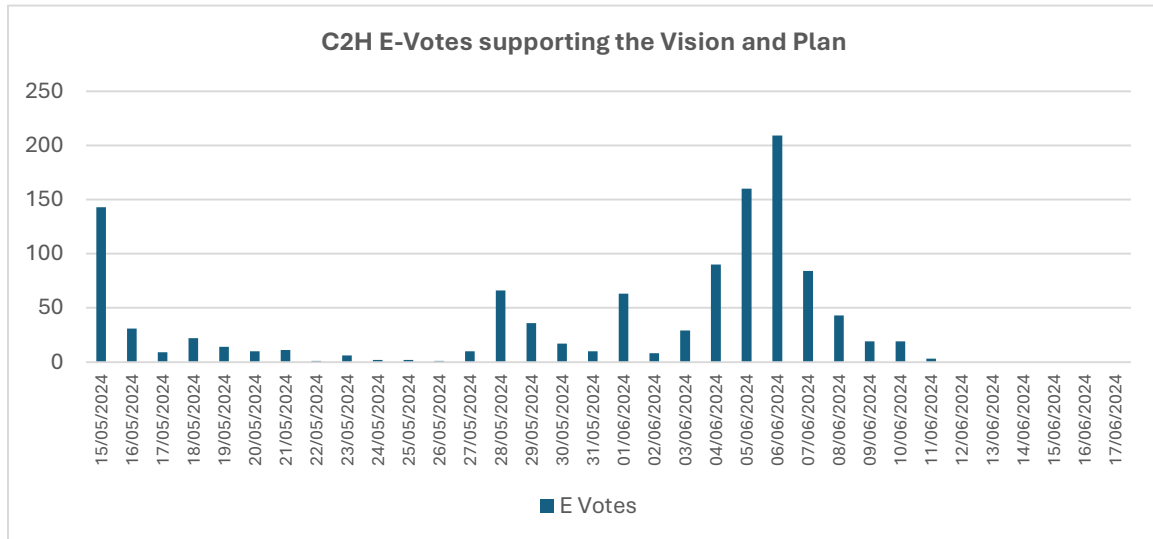
- Engaging with other groups, clubs, resident’s associations, business association etc. in Carrigtwohill to share the plan and advertise the vote
- Social Media Campaign including messages on Facebook, TikTok and Instagram
- Distributing WhatsApp messages to groups, friends and other people in the community informing them of the plan and advertising the votes
- Meeting and engaging with local communities and groups

Engaging with friends, family and members of our community

E-Voting results

E-voting opened on 15th May 2024 and continued until 17th June 2024. It should be noted that the original final day to vote was

10th June and while no marketing took place after that date but the voting remained open. In total, there were 1118 votes and people voted as follows:



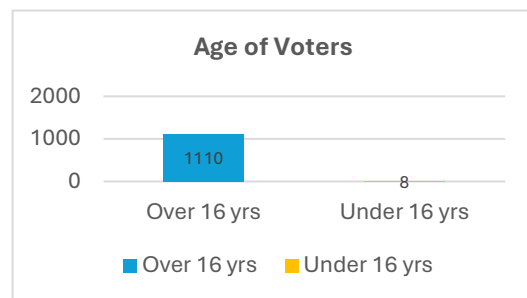
E-Vote Questions

There were four questions as follows:

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| Q1. | Are you over 16 years of age?
An bhfuil tú os cionn 16 bliana d'aois? | Yes/No
Tá/Níl |
| Q2. | Do you currently live in Carrigtwohill or immediate surrounding area?
Thuathail nó sa cheantar máguaird? | Yes/No
Tá/Níl |
| Q3. | Do you support the vision in the strategic C2H 2040 Plan for Carrigtwohill?
An dtacaíonn tú leis an bhfís sa Plean straitéiseach C2H 2040 do Charraig Thuathail? | Yes/No
Tá/Níl |
| Q4. | Please add any feedback/comments on the plan?
Ceir aon aaiseolas/tuairimí faoin bplean le do thoil?
<i>There was a blank box to allow for feedback.</i> | |

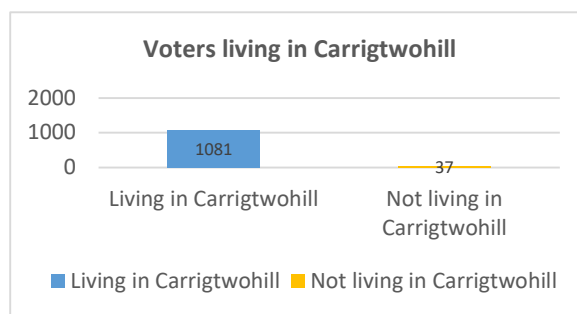
Question 1. Age Profile of Voters

The majority of voters were over 16 years of age with 1,100 over 16 years of age. It had been hoped that with a large 10 to 19 year old age profile that we could engage with the secondary schools to encourage them to vote, but with the timing of the voting in May, it was too late in the term to engage with them. It is hoped that as the plan develops, there will be further engagement with the youth of Carrigtwohill.



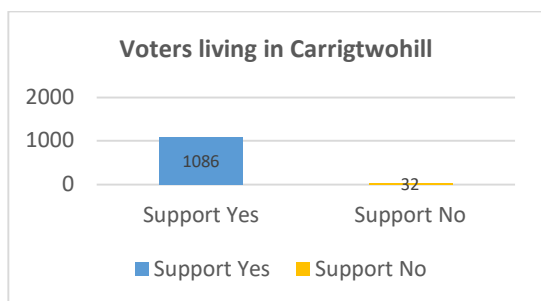
Question 2. Voters living in Carrigtwohill

Just over 96% of the voters said that they lived in Carrigtwohill or immediate surrounding area. It is recognised that there are a lot of people not living in Carrigtwohill who travel to the town for work and/or school and it was positive that 37 of those voted for our plan.



Question 3. Support for the Plan

Just over 97% of the voters said they supported the plan i.e. 1,086 people and only just under 2% or 32 people said they did not support the plan.



1,050 people who live in Carrigtwohill or immediate surrounding area supported the plan. With the CSO identifying the Carrigtwohill population at 5,568 in 2022, that means that 18.85% of those living in Carrigtwohill support the plan and vision.

Of the 32 that did not support the plan, 6 of them provided additional information.

Their views are synthesised as follows:

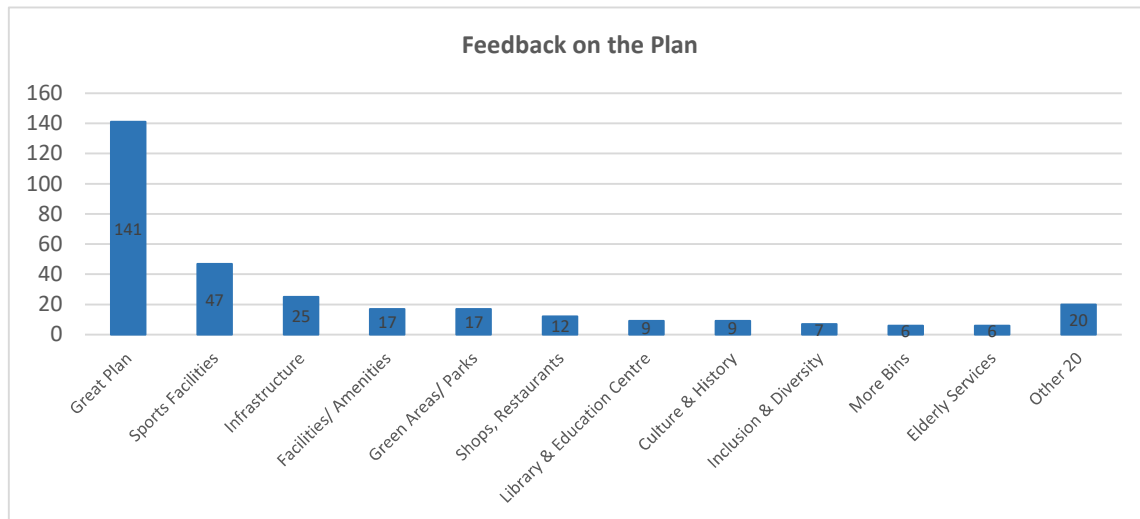
- Doesn't support the green plan as it could implement stringent policies which could have a detrimental effect on the community
- Car parking and traffic flows are not suitable and also the flooding in the town.
- Too many houses and not enough amenities.
- Doesn't support removing parking from the Main Street.
- Need a bigger emphasis on local amenities e.g. restaurants, cafes, shops, supermarkets etc.

Support some initiatives but not all. Does not support some of the inclusiveness and 'climate emergency alarmism.'

Question 4. Provide additional feedback

Just over 1,086 who voted in support of the plan, 280 of them or 25% of them left additional information.

141 (50%) of those who provided feedback said they supported the plan and/or thanked the group for compiling it.



As this was a free text option, I have grouped the feedback together as much as

- Sports Complex, a swimming pool, communal areas, entertainment area and other facilities required for our all ages, especially youths x 47
- Better Infrastructure - Improve the roads, transport facilities, pedestrian routes, access to the town, better parking, traffic flow, flooding defences and cycle lanes x 25
- Facilities and amenities are badly needed x 17
- More trees, parks and recreational/green areas x 17
- More shops, cafes, bars, restaurants, business spaces to rent for shops etc. x 12
- Public library and education centre x 9
- Explore our history, protect our culture, especially Barryscourt Castle x 9
- Support inclusion, integration and disability/diversity services x 7
- Be More bins x 6
- Better services for our elderly including sheltered housing x 6

possible, with some feedback hitting a few points. The top feedback results were:

There were also less frequent or once often feedback which is listed in 'other' and these included:

- Request that Ballintubber remains in Carrigtwohill x 3
- Increased Garda presence x 3
- Affordable accommodation and better availability of rentals x 3
- Hotel x 2
- Cycle/Walking path connecting to Midleton Greenway and Barryscourt Castle x 2
- Facilities for performing arts including music, dance etc.
- Include Fota House and Farm in our plans
- Better Broadband, especially outside the town
- Creche
- More GPs
 - Connect the train to the town

Need more buy-in from government bodies to make this happen