

## Ardee Market Town

The town takes its name from the Irish - Áth Fhirdhia, the ford on the river Dee where the legendary hero Cú Chulainn fought and defeated his friend Ferdia in the course of the Táin Bó Cuailgne.

In medieval times an important Norman walled town, Ardee is now an attractive broad-street town, and the commercial centre for its hinterland.

The Architectural Conservation Area covers the length of the main street, to the rear boundaries of all properties - Irish Street, Market Street, Castle Street, Bridge Street and William Street. It is lined by good houses, two and three storeys in height, with slated, pitched roofs, plaster and brick facades, interesting shopfronts and distinguished by two late medieval tower houses. The south end of the area features a pleasant riverside walk and some attractive rubble stone warehousing.

Views up and down the street are dominated by Ardee Castle, while to the south the rich agricultural lands of mid-Louth can be seen.

The area includes the majority of the town's protected structures.



A GUIDE TO

# ARDEE HISTORIC CORE Architectural Conservation Area



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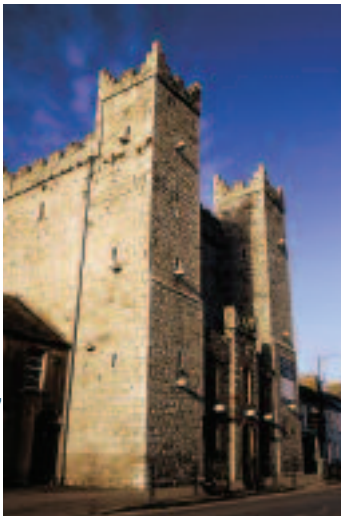
## What is an Architectural Conservation Area/ACA?

Architectural Conservation Area designation will help to retain and enhance special places for future generations. This is achieved through the planning system and through works by the council in recognition of the ACA's special character. ACAs are not about preserving everything as it is at the time of designation.

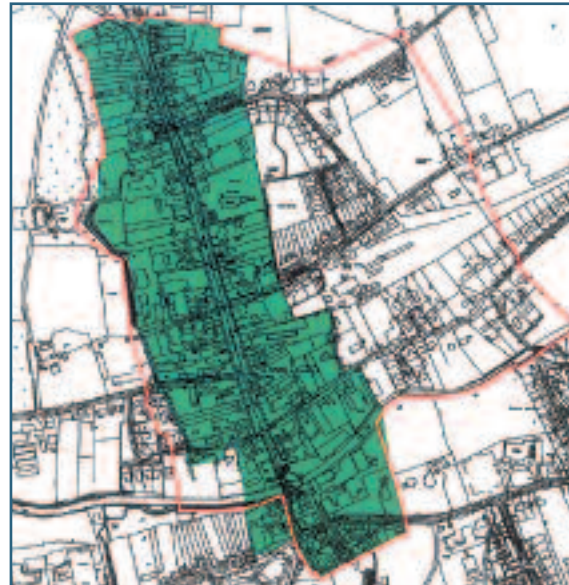
Designation of ACAs is carried out during the review of the County Development Plan. Built into this process there is the opportunity for the public to make submissions. The idea is for the Council to ensure that places that have a special character should be protected from inappropriate development or demolition of structures which are of local interest.

Louth has eight ACAs outlined in the 2003-2009 County Development Plan. These include the historic town centres of Ardee, Collon, and Carlingford, clachan settlements at Whitestown, Newtownmonasterboice, Salterstown and Milltown, and the monastic site of Monasterboice.

The next review of the County plan may recommend other areas, remove existing designations, or alter boundaries.



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ZONE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL



## Does this mean no building work will be permitted?

Within an area designated as an ACA any work which would affect the character of the area will require planning permission. This includes development which might otherwise be exempt such as agricultural buildings or domestic extensions.



Extensions, alterations, new build, backland development and even replacement of buildings will all still be considered by the council within the ACAs subject to normal planning. Any proposed works will be carefully assessed in relation to their impact on their surroundings and to a greater extent than in areas outside ACAs. Impact on Character will be used as grounds for refusal or the attachment of conditions.