

## COLLON: A Landlord Village

The village of Collon is built on a steep hill around a crossroads with a view over the valley. Its location relates to the river, which was the source of power for its industry. This industry historically consisted of cotton and linen, a flax mill and corn mills.

An early Georgian terrace of houses is located at the lower end and the landlord village was created at the junction. A significant early Georgian three storey house (built 1740) gives solidity to the north east corner of the junction. The village green, designed for an open air market, is set back from the road and creates a focus for the north end of the village.

The overall present impression is of a Regency character, with rows of two-storey houses with slated roofs. Later Victorian and early 20thC buildings have in general been consistent with the earlier buildings and blended well into the mix. Buildings either front onto the street or are set back with a boundary of railings, or railings and boundary wall. There is an unfortunate gap in the streetscape on the north-west side, largely due to the garage.

The N2 runs through the village.



## A GUIDE TO COLLON Architectural Conservation Area



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# ACA



## 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.

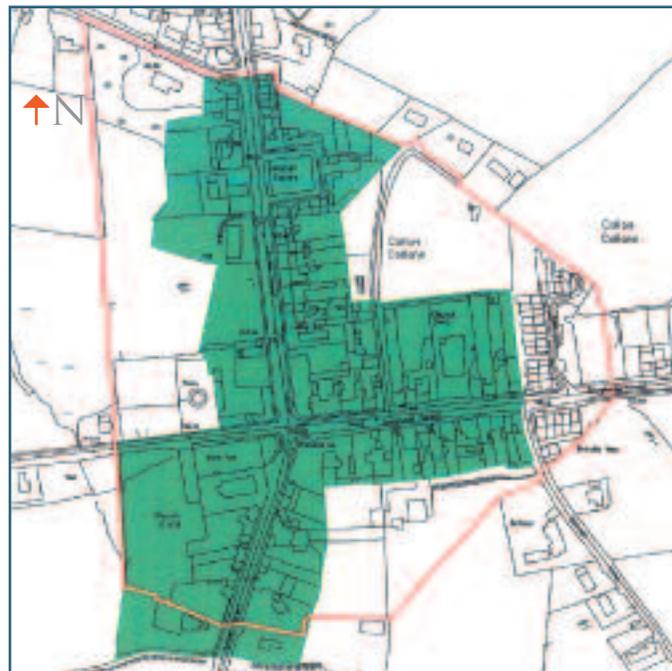
Designation of ACAs is carried out during the review of the County Development Plan. Built into this process there is the opportunity for the public to make submissions. The idea is for the Council to ensure that places that have a special character should be protected from inappropriate development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