

Salterstown - A Clachan

A Clachan refers to a small settlement of clustered houses with no church, and usually, no shop or school. The people living in a clachan would traditionally have been related to one another.

Salterstown is remarkable in that it has continued to evolve slowly, with new houses being built during the 20th century, but its traditional character has largely survived. There are some good and varied examples of stone walls within the settlement and pleasant tree-lined views.

The buildings are vernacular, with single storey, storey and a half or two storey dwellings with adjoining outbuildings. The roofs are slated, thatched or corrugated iron. Walls are stone, natural, plastered or whitewashed.



A GUIDE TO

SALTERSTOWN Architectural Conservation Area



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What is an Architectural Conservation Area/ACA?

ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION AREA

Designation of an area as an Architectural Conservation Area 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 an 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 are Ardee, Collon, Carlingford, Whitestown, Salterstown Newtownmonasterboice, Milltown and the monastic site of Monasterboice.

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



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 for the attachment of conditions.