



# Castlebar Municipal District Castlebar Chamber Coffee Morning

28<sup>th</sup> February 2025



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## Castlebar Town

Feedback from January  
2024 Coffee Morning



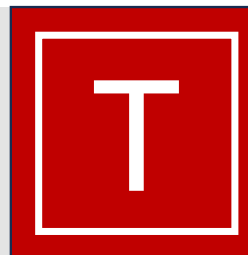
- Strong retail centre that draws from a large catchment
- Regional civic, public sector and business centre
- Diverse range of enterprises & businesses
- Our history, heritage and Lough Lannagh

- Derelict and unused buildings
- Lack of tourist accommodation
- No established attractor events or festivals
- Lack of activities for young people



- URDF Regeneration projects & private investment
- Climate action & sustainability
- Mayo greenway & active travel network
- Centre for Sport in the County/Region

- Housing supply a barrier to growth
- Significant competition for central funding
- Political and economic uncertainty





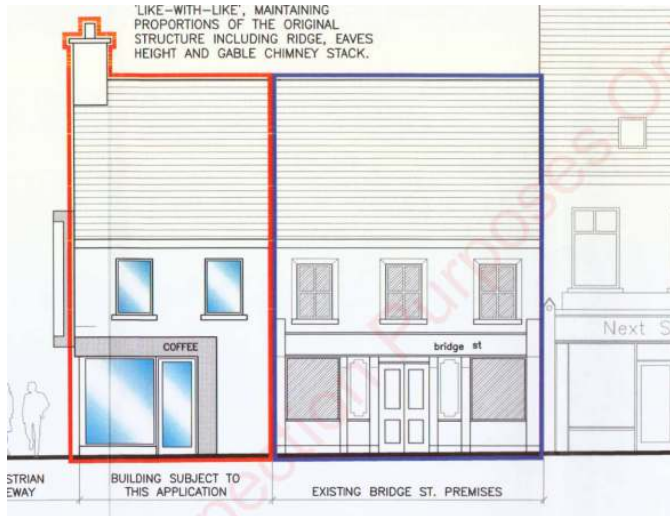
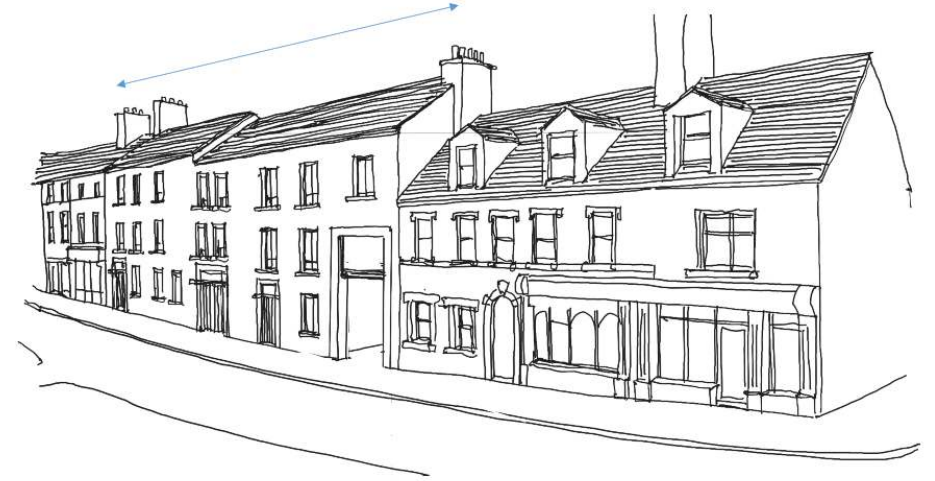
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## Weakness: Derelict & Unused Buildings



# Derelict & Unused Buildings





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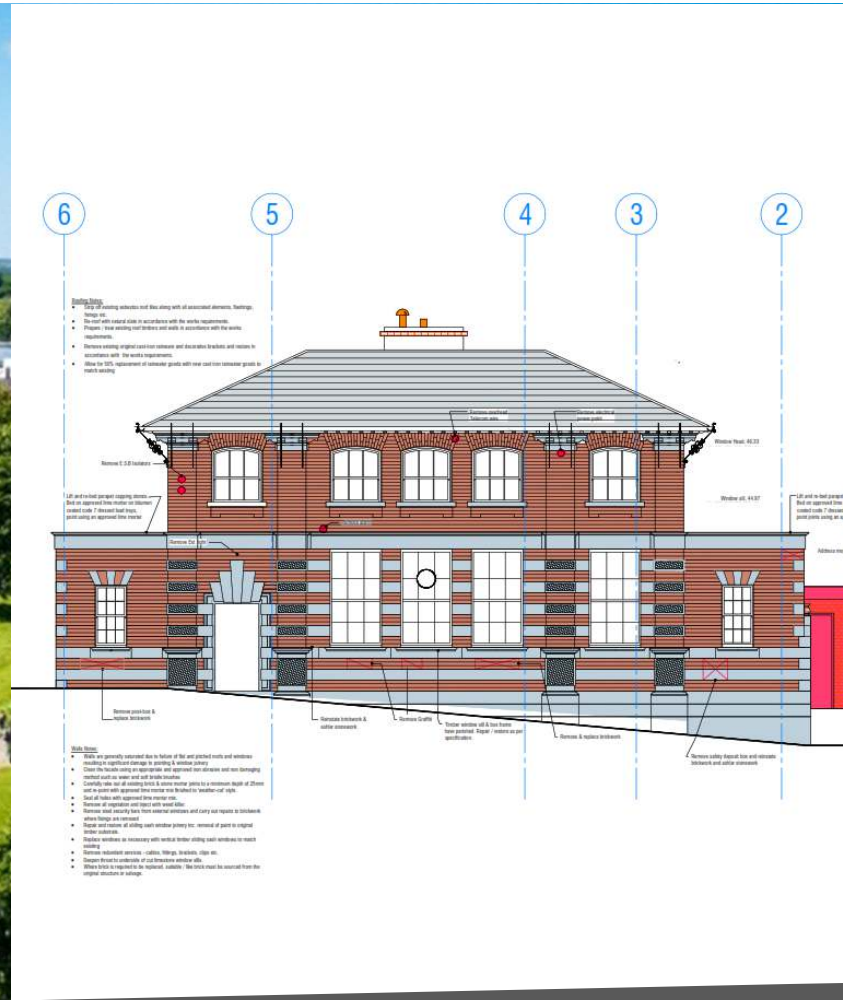


# Opportunity: URDF Regeneration Projects



# URDF Regeneration Projects

- Urban Greenway - completed
- Post Office / Youth Centre – At Construction
- The Mall, Rock Square & Backlands of Ellison Street – At preliminary design, public consultation
- The Imperial Hotel – to be sold for use as a hotel
- The Military Barracks
  - MSI-ETB Campus of the Future
  - Innovation Hub
- Main Street?



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# Opportunity: Climate Action & Sustainability

## Climate Action & Sustainability

- Tidy Towns Sustainable Energy Community
- Castlebar MD Vacant Homes & Energy Clinics
- Increased biodiversity areas around the town
- Climate Action Charter for Traders & Events
  
- Castlebar Active Travel Schemes
  - Orbital Route at design stage – public consultation in coming weeks
  - Safe Routes to School Schemes
  - Park & Stride Scheme
  - Castle St. Car Park



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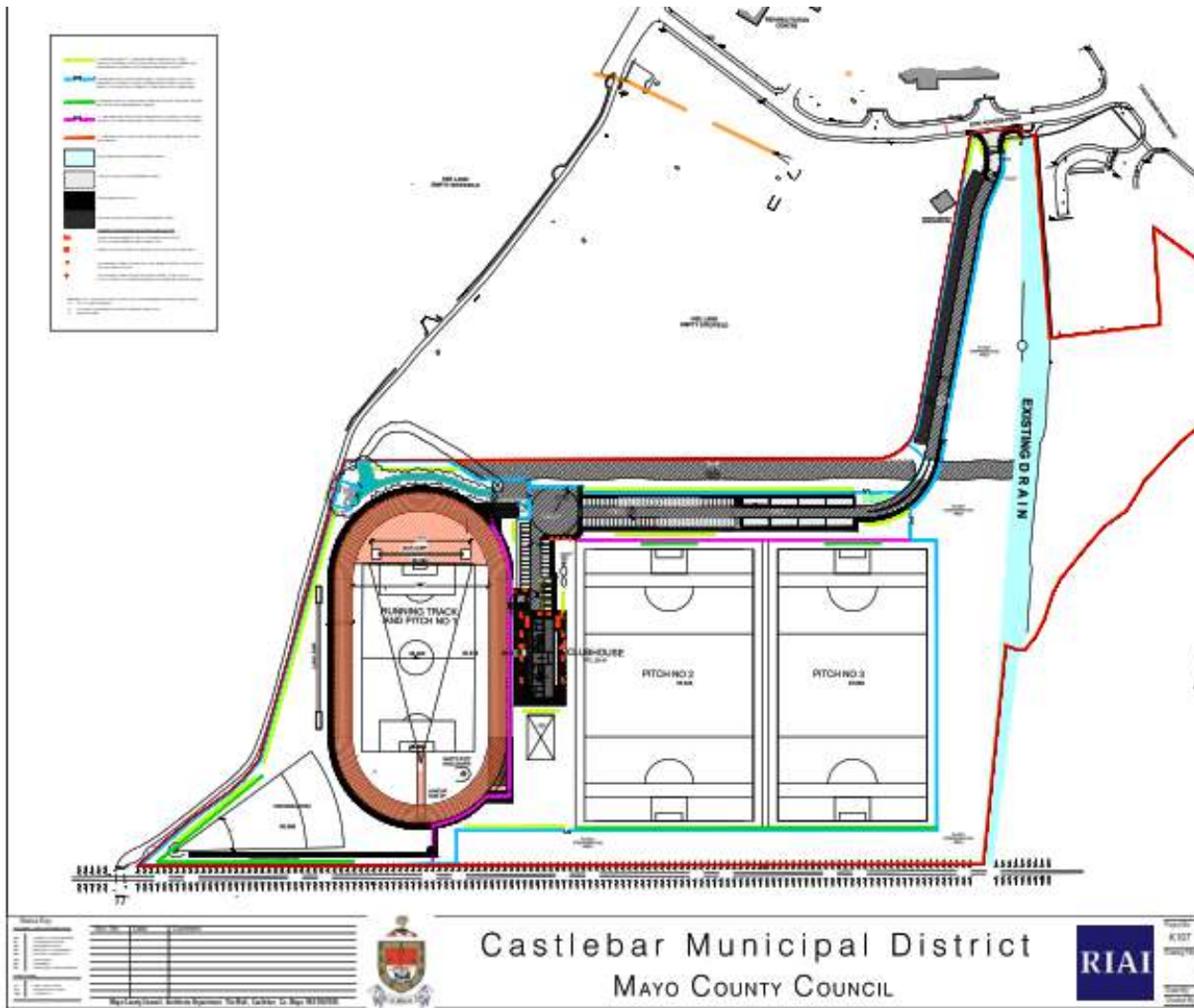


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# Opportunity: Centre for Sport in the County & Region

# Centre for Sport in the County & Region



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# Centre for Sport in the County & Region – “A Corridor of Sporting Infrastructure”

## Sporting Options

- Football
- Soccer
- Rugby
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Boxing
- Athletics
- Water Sports
- Skateboarding
- Pétanque
- Inline Hockey
- Pickleball
- Martial Arts
- And many others



Map Label	Organisation / Amenity	Type	Primary Sport	Map No.	Organisation / Amenity	Type	Primary Sport	Map No.	Organisation / Amenity	Type	Primary Sport
1	Mayo GAA – Michale Park	Regional Stadium	GAA	6	Mitebush FAI Facility	Regional Center	Soccer	11	Lough Lannagh Outdoor Amenity	Recreation Park	None
2	Castlebar Mitchels – An Spurtlann	Club Facility	GAA	7	Castlebar Tennis club	Club Facility	Tennis	12	Lough Lannagh Playground	Recreation Park	None
3	Castlebar Mitchels – LGFA	Club Facility	LGFA	8	Castlebar Boxing Club	Club Facility	Boxing	13	De La Salle Sports Hall & Playing Fields	School Sports Facility	Multi Sports
4	Castlebar Celtic FC	Club Facility	Soccer	9	Castlebar Swimming Club	Club	Swimming	14	Davitt College Sports Hall & Playing Fields	School Sports Facility	Multi Sports
5	Castlebar Town FC	Club Facility	Soccer	10	Lough Lannagh Leisure Complex	Municipal Leisure Facility	Swimming	15	St Mary's Track & Fields / Castlebar Athletics	School / Club Sports facility	Athletics





**New Swimming Facilities**



**New Skatepark – Phase 1**



**Climbing Wall & Exercise Studios**



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Weakness: No Attractor Events or Festivals



# Attractor Events & Festivals 2024







# Christmas in Castlebar



**A Christmas Carol**  
Linenhall Art Centre, 26th November

**Christmas Makers Market**  
Up stairs at Bridge St, 29th November

**Turning on of Castlebar Christmas Lights**  
Market Square, 29th November, 5:30 to 6:30pm

**Christmas Movies Under the Stars**  
Collectors Lane, 30th November / 1st December

**Castlebar Christmas Markets**  
Collectors Lane, 6th 7th & 8th December  
Collectors Lane, 13th, 14th & 15th December

**Christmas Magic in the Barracks**  
Castlebar Military Barracks, 7th & 8th December  
Castlebar Military Barracks, 14th & 15th December

**Santa's Super Show**  
TF Royal, 15th December

**The Christmas Mall Express**  
The Mall, 14th & 15th December

**Make Music Christmas Concert**  
Linenhall Arts Centre, 14th December

**Elf The Movie**  
Linenhall Arts Centre, 21st December

**Christmas Park Run**  
Lough Lannagh, 21st December

**Chapel Street Gospel Choir**  
Christ Church, The Mall, 22nd December

**Christmas GOAL Mile Run**  
Lough Lannagh, 25th December

**Once Upon a Time in Panto Land**  
TF Royal, January 2025



Further information and booking details available on [www.Mayo.ie](http://www.Mayo.ie)





## Attractor Events & Festivals for 2025

- Castlebar Duathlon & Tri a Try (March)
- St. Patrick's Day Parade (festival?)
- **Connaught v Munster (March)**
- May Bank Holiday Festival?
- **It's Back! - Mayo Mini-Marathon 2025 (May)**
- Castlebar 4 Day Walks (July)
- **Castlebar Music Festival (August)**
- Horror in the ???? (October)
- **Christmas in Castlebar 2025 –Bigger and Better!**
- TF Royal & Linenhall Theatres
- Hastings Insurance MacHale Park
- 25 Years Twinned with Hochstadt, Germany



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