

TAHILLA LOCAL AREA PLAN

1.0 CONTEXT

1.1 Location

Tahilla (Tathuille) is a small village located at a crossroads on the N70 on the Iveragh Peninsula and on the Ring of Kerry tourist route. Tahilla is approximately 6km to the east of Sneem.

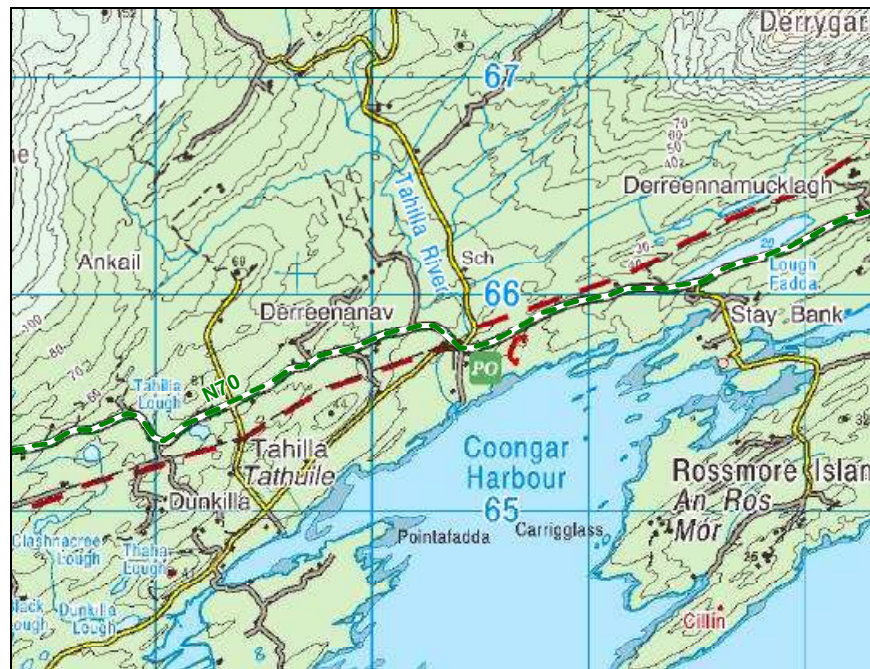


Figure 1.1 Location of the settlement of Tahilla

1.2 Population

There are no population figures for the settlement of Tahilla in the most recent census figures. It is located within the Electoral District of Tahilla. The population of this ED increased substantially in the census period between 2006 and 2011 from 193 to 209 persons or by 8.3%.

1.3 Functions & Facilities

There are very limited facilities in Tahilla which comprise of a church at the crossroads and a primary school to the north of the crossroads. While the village is located on the Ring of Kerry tourist route, it is not a stop-off point for tourist buses. There are no shops or retail facilities currently at this location.

1.4 Infrastructure

There is no waste water treatment plant in the village and there is no plan to construct one over the period of the plan. Dwellings in the area are served by individual septic tanks and waste water treatment systems.

1.5 Urban Form

The settlement of Tahilla is centred on a cross roads. The Catholic Church is located to the south of the crossroads. There is a large parking area on the northern side of the crossroads.

1.6 Built Heritage & Archaeology

Tahilla Catholic Church (Ref 2131001) is the only protected structure in the village. The Church dates from 1775 and is now in ruins.

1.7 Natural environment and Amenity

The settlement is located in close proximity to the coast and there are large wooded areas giving it a high quality natural setting. The Tahilla River also runs through the settlement in a North to South direction. There are areas of both prime and secondary amenity in the surrounding rural area. There are also views and prospects along the N70 to the east of the crossroads. The coastline to the south of Tahilla is also designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

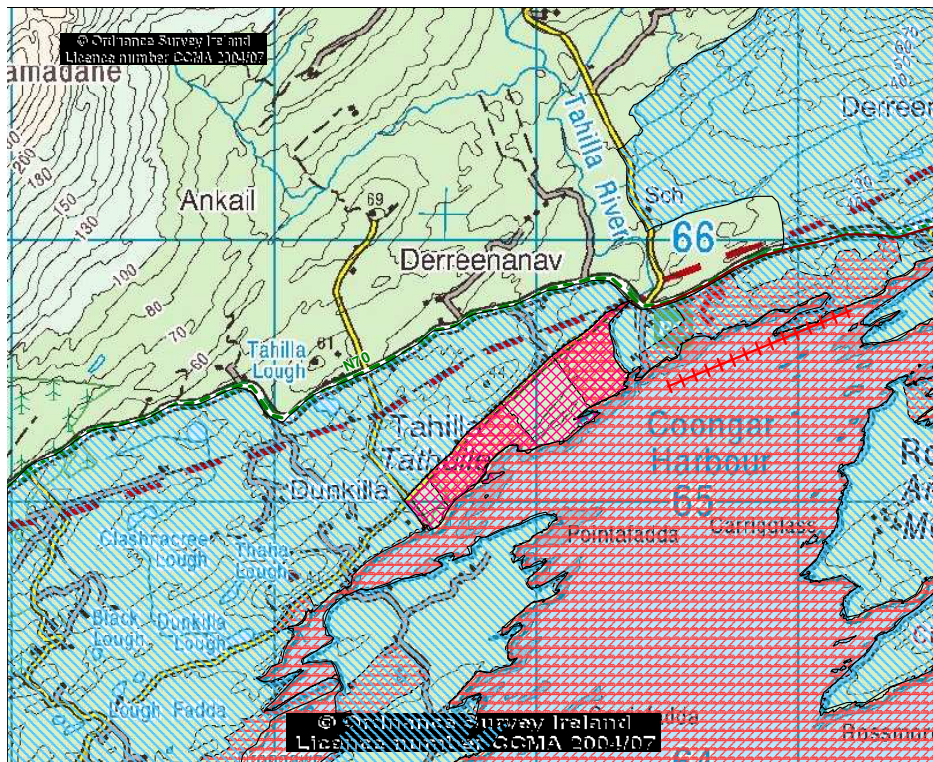


Figure 1.2 Amenity areas, views and prospects and SAC as designated in the Kerry County Development Plan 2009-15.

1.8 Residential Development

There are no residential developments in the settlement of Tahillia. A number of single one off dwellings are noted dispersed in wider Tahilla area. It is imperative that the housing needs of locals are assessed in accordance with the appropriate policies and objectives as set out in the Kerry County Development Plan 2009-2015.

2.0 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Tahilla is a small development node in a rural area centred on a crossroads. It is located on the N70 where the maximum speed limit applies. There are very limited facilities/services available and there has been no demand for development in the area with the exception of rural dwellings. There is no wastewater treatment facility in the area and there are no plans to construct one in the period of the plan. The development strategy for the area is therefore to promote permanent residential development in keeping with the exiting settlement pattern. The development of a village core with higher density development is not envisaged.

3.0 OVERALL OBJECTIVES

Objective No.	Overall Objectives It is an objective of the Council to/that:
OO-1	Future Development in the area will be small in scale and should take the form of single one off developments or low density cluster type developments located on the minor cross roads served by individual treatment units/septic tanks,
OO-2	Encourage the development of a limited amount of ancillary facilities such as retail on the Minor crossroads.
OO-3	Any new development shall be designated to a high quality and standards to ensure integration with the landscape.
OO-4	Ensure that any development on lands to the south of the N70 road which is designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) shall be subject to an Appropriate Assessment.

4.0 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Objective No.	Natural Environment It is an objective of the Council to/that:
NE-1	Physical alteration to the bed or banks of the river Tahilla will be subject to the approval of Inland Fisheries Ireland and the OPW
NE-2	Retain the protected views and prospects, the amenity areas and protected structures in the area as designated in the Kerry County Development Plan 2009-2015.