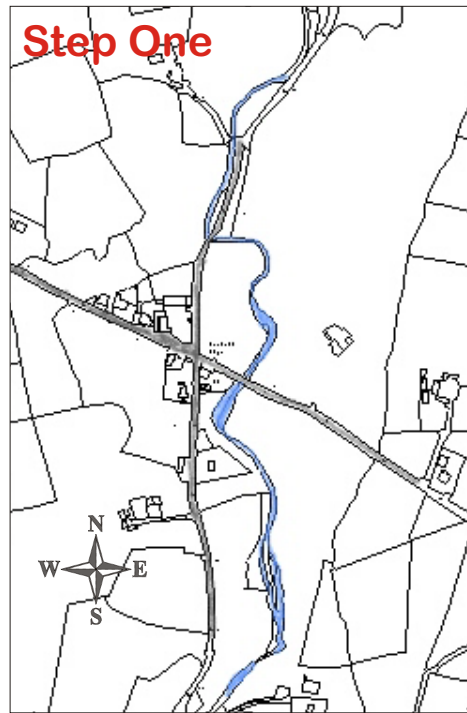


### 3.0 The Village Layout and Location

Village layout and location define many of the ways in which we experience places.

The roads layout and location of buildings create a sense of place. Over time this can be negatively effected by the development of inappropriate buildings or through dereliction. In general however, many of the villages in the West Cork area have a simple structure that can be enhanced through simple measures such as the improvement of derelict buildings or the development of infill sites.



#### Step One: Consider Key Features

Sample Village showing key features such as roads, buildings and rivers (note that the village has developed at 1] a cross roads, 2] by a bridging point, 3] close to a source of water and that this has defined how its developed with most development taking place away from the river flood plain.



#### Step Two: Identify Key Objectives

Plan broad objectives for future development.

- ▶ Identify areas that may be suitable for future residential development.
- ▶ Identify areas for gateway developments.
- ▶ Identify areas for open space and amenity.
- ▶ Identify possible walks.
- ▶ Identify areas where building should be consistent with established building patterns.

### Step Two

#### Potential Development Objectives

- Open Space**  
Potential for a local walk and the development of a public park area could be explored.
- Residential Development**  
Explore potential development site options.
- Urban Form**  
The development of all sites adjoining roads will be required to develop to the specified building line.
- Public Access**  
Footpath access will be improved throughout the area.
- Traffic Calming**  
Village 'gateways' should be developed on the approach to the village. While road signs announce the village, features at the approach to the village have the capacity to improve the sense of place and improve the character of the urban environment.
- Amenity Areas**  
The possible provision of local play areas should be investigated at specified locations.
- Transportation**  
Identify bus stop and shelter opportunities.