

# Chapter 35. Ballinacarrow Village Plan

The Settlement Strategy for County Sligo designates Ballinacarrow as a **village sustaining rural communities**. The village has infrastructural capacity for limited small-scale development.

## 35.1 Village profile

Ballinacarrow is a linear settlement located along the N-17 (Sligo-Galway Road), approximately 15 km south-west of Sligo Town. Historically, the village has developed at the junction of the N-17 with the Coolaney Road, as demonstrated by the continuous streetscape at the northern side of the Main Street/N-17.

| Ballinacarrow village assets |                             |                                                                               |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Population                   | <b>2022 Census</b>          | 220 persons within the census settlement boundary                             |
|                              | <b>2016 Census</b>          | 202 persons within the census settlement boundary<br>349 persons in Temple ED |
|                              | <b>2011 Census</b>          | 301 persons in Temple ED (no data for the settlement)                         |
|                              | <b>% change</b>             | + 15.9 % in Temple ED                                                         |
| Housing stock                | <b>2016 Census</b>          | 86 dwellings, of which 15 vacant                                              |
|                              | <b>2022 Census</b>          | 85 houses, of which 7 vacant                                                  |
| Service infrastructure       | <b>Water supply</b>         | Sourced from Lough Talt                                                       |
|                              | <b>Wastewater treatment</b> | 250 PE with spare capacity of approx. 15 PE                                   |
|                              | <b>Road network</b>         | Located along the N-17                                                        |
| Social infrastructure        | <b>Schools</b>              | One primary school                                                            |
|                              | <b>Churches</b>             | One church                                                                    |
|                              | <b>Other assets</b>         | Community centre with a children’s playground and pre-school room             |
| Sustainable transport        | <b>Train</b>                | Not available in the area                                                     |
|                              | <b>Bus</b>                  | Served by Bus Eireann route 64 and the Local Link                             |
|                              | <b>Active travel</b>        | New footpath to link Temple Manor housing development to the village centre.  |

| Ballinacarrow village assets     |                          |                                                                          |
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| Architectural heritage           | Protected Structures     | One - the Church of Saint Fechin & Saint Lassara                         |
| Natural heritage and environment | Natura 2000 sites nearby | None                                                                     |
|                                  | Natural amenities        | Owenmore River to the southeast of the village River                     |
|                                  | Flood risk               | Present. Flood Zones A and B are mapped in <b>Appendix 1 of the SFRA</b> |

## 35.2 Village-specific objectives

Note: These objectives must be considered in conjunction with the urban development policies for towns and villages contained in **Chapter 10** of this Plan (Volume 2) and the general development policies and objectives set out in Volume 3 of this Plan.

### 35.2.1 Transport and circulation

- A. Ensure that new development does not interfere with the development of the **N-17 Knock to Collooney** national road project and associated works (refer to Ballinacarrow Zoning Map).
- B. Provide a footpath to link Temple Manor housing development to the village centre.

### 35.2.2 Village centre

- A. Any development proposal on lands which have frontage onto the N-17 and the L-6108 (Coolaney Road) should retain the existing buildings along the Main Street, retain the mature trees on site where possible and incorporate them into the overall landscaping of the scheme. The vehicular access shall be off the Coolaney Road.
- B. Any redevelopment of the lands located immediately to the north-east of Owenmore Paddock housing development should provide a suitable streetscape along the Main Street/N-17, with car parking located to the rear of buildings.
- C. Any development of the site located between Temple Manor and Silverdale housing developments should be based upon a masterplan approach that incorporates a well-designed and easily accessible public open space.

### 35.2.3 Community facilities

- A.** Reserve lands to the north-west of the existing primary school to allow for its possible future expansion and/or the provision of other community facilities.

### 35.2.4 Business and enterprise

- A.** Support the development of a business and enterprise complex on the site zoned BIE. to facilitate small-scale businesses.