

Chapter 38. Ballintogher Village Plan

The Settlement Strategy for County Sligo designates Ballintogher as a **village sustaining rural communities**. It has adequate infrastructural capacity for small-scale development and can offer a viable alternative to rural one-off housing.

38.1 Village profile

Located approximately 10 km south-east of Sligo Town, Ballintogher provides a small range of services for the local community. The traditional village core, marked by Kingsfort House, retains several 19th Century buildings fronting the Main Street.

The route of the dismantled Sligo-Leitrim and Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) line runs to the south of the village.

Ballintogher village assets		
Population	2022 Census	351 persons
	2016 Census	331 persons
	2011 Census	313 persons
	2011-2022	+ 38 residents, 12% increase
Housing stock	2022 Census	132 dwellings, of which 7 vacant
	2016 Census	139 dwellings, of which 18 vacant
Service infrastructure	Water supply	Group Water Scheme (supplied from Cairns Hill)
	Wastewater treatment	350 PE with a spare capacity of approx. 10 PE The village has been nominated for inclusion in Uisce Eireann Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme for an upgrade or provision of a new WWTP. To date a strategic assessment has been carried out on the existing WWTP.
	Road network	Located along the R-290 (Collooney to Dromahair)
Social infrastructure	Schools	One primary school
	Churches	Two churches
	Sports facilities	GAA pitch
	Other assets	Community hall, Community Enterprise Centre
Sustainable transport	Train	Not available at present
	Bus	Served by Bus Eireann route 462 and the Local Link

Ballintogher village assets		
	Active travel	No current proposals, except for the SLNCR Greenway project
Architectural heritage	Protected Structures	3, including the notable Kingsfort House
Natural heritage and environment	Natura 2000 sites nearby	None
	Natural amenities	Lough Gill to the north of the village
	Flood risk	None

38.2 Village-specific objectives

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

38.2.1 Natural heritage and open space

- A. Require the preservation of the existing green area to the north of Kingsfort House, including the mature trees and stone walls.
- B. Reserve the land to the west of the WWTP for the provision of a new public open space.

38.2.2 Transport and parking

- A. Retain the existing public car park and facilitate its expansion onto the adjacent site to the west.
- B. Facilitate the delivery of the planned SLNCR Greenway between Collooney (Co. Sligo) and Enniskillen (Co. Fermanagh).

38.2.3 Village centre

- A. Any development proposal on lands zoned Rural Village, to the rear of Moran’s Public House, should create a well-designed streetscape along the adjoining public road.

38.2.4 Business and enterprise

- A. Support the further development of the existing Enterprise Centre.

38.2.5 Wastewater treatment

- A. Support the provision of a new or upgraded WWTP through the Uisce Éireann **Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme** or any superseding programmes.