

Chapter 40. Bunnanadden Village Plan

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

40.1 Village profile

Bunnanadden is located approximately midway between Tobercurry (8 km to the west), Ballymote (7 km to the north-east) and Gorteen (8 km to the south-east). Historically, the village has grown at the junction of the R-296 (Tobercurry to Ballymote Road) and the Achonry Road. The church, school, shop, pubs and 19th Century terraced houses are compactly arranged around this junction.

Bunnanadden village assets		
Population	2022 Census	143 persons in the statistical Small Area containing Bunnanadden; 307 persons in Cloonoghill ED
	2016 Census	140 persons in the statistical Small Area containing Bunnanadden; 320 persons in Cloonoghill ED
	2011 Census	126 persons in the Small Area; 159 persons in Cloonaghill ED
	2011-2022	+13.5% in the Small Area; + 93% in Cloonoghill ED
Housing stock	2022 Census	77 dwellings, of which 3 holiday homes and 19 vacant (Small Area)
	2016 Census	84 dwellings, of which 8 holiday homes and 19 vacant
Service infrastructure	Water supply	Sourced from Lough Talt Regional Water Supply
	Wastewater treatment	350 PE with spare capacity of approx. 191 PE
	Road network	Located along the R-296
Social infrastructure	Schools	One primary school
	Churches	One church
	Sports facilities	A sports field is located approximately 2 km away, on the Gorteen Road
	Other assets	Community centre and creche
Sustainable transport	Train	Not available in the area
	Bus	Served by Bus Eireann route 476 and by the Local link

Bunnanadden village assets		
	Active travel	No current proposals
Architectural heritage	Protected Structures	None
Natural heritage and environment	Natura 2000 sites nearby	None
	Natural amenities	Wetland site to the west of the village
	Flood risk	None

40.2 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 Volume (Vol. 2) and the general development policies and objectives set out in Volume 3 of this Plan.

40.2.1 Natural heritage

- A.** Ensure the protection of the existing wetland area to the west of the village (refer to groundwater flood mapping on page 93 in Appendix 1 of the SFRA)

40.2.2 Village centre

- A.** Any development proposals on village-centre sites should create an attractive and coherent streetscape along the R-296, provide off-street car parking to the rear of the new buildings and include the provision of pedestrian linkages to adjoining lands.

40.2.3 Community facilities

- A.** Facilitate the development of a children’s playground in the village.

40.2.4 Business and enterprise

- A.** Where feasible, require shared access, car-parking and services arrangements between existing and new developments on lands zoned BIE.