

## Chapter 44. Cloonacool Village Plan

The Settlement Strategy for County Sligo designates Cloonacool 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.

### 44.1 Village profile

Cloonacool is located approximately 6 km to the north-west of Tobercurry. The village is situated between the River Moy and the foothills of the Ox Mountains. The Mad River runs to the east of Cloonacool and joins the River Moy to the south of the village.

Cloonacool village assets		
Population	<b>2022 Census</b>	306 persons in the statistical Small Area including Cloonacool
	<b>2016 Census</b>	284 persons in the Small Area; 352 persons in the Cloonacool/Loughill ED
	<b>2011 Census</b>	275 persons in the Small Area; 352 persons in the Cloonacool/Loughill ED
	<b>2011-2022</b>	11.2% in the Small Area
Housing stock	<b>2022 Census</b>	145 dwellings, of which 5 holiday homes and 22 vacant
	<b>2016 Census</b>	145 dwellings (Small Area), of which 7 holiday homes and 25 vacant
Service infrastructure	<b>Water supply</b>	Sourced from Lough Talt Regional Water Supply
	<b>Wastewater treatment</b>	500 PE with spare capacity of approx. 400 PE
	<b>Road network</b>	Served by the local road network, which links with the N-17 (Sligo-Galway Road) N-17 at Tobercurry via L-4703, and the R-294 (Boyle-Ballina Road) at Mullaney's Cross via L-4702.
Social infrastructure	<b>Schools</b>	One primary school
	<b>Churches</b>	One church
	<b>Sports facilities</b>	Tennis and basketball courts
	<b>Other assets</b>	Community centre, burial ground
	<b>Train</b>	Not available in the area

Cloonacool village assets		
Sustainable transport	Bus	Served by Bus Eireann route 479 and by the Local link
	Active travel	No current proposals
Architectural heritage	Protected Structures	2 including St Michael’s RC Church and Cloonacool Village Bridge
Natural heritage and environment	Natura 2000 sites nearby	River Moy SAC
	Natural amenities	River Moy, Mad River
	Flood risk	Present. Flood Zones A and B are mapped in Appendix 1 of the SFRA

## 44.2 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.

### 44.2.1 Open space

- A. Seek to improve access to the Mad River and River Moy through the provision of riverside walkways and by requiring the provision of such facilities in conjunction with the development of adjoining lands.

### 44.2.2 Built heritage

- A. Protect and maintain the masonry bridges spanning the Mad River, Owenbehernagh River and River Moy.

### 44.2.3 Village centre

- A. Any development proposal on the site located to the south of the junction of the L-4702-34 and the L-4703-0 should ensure overlooking of the open space area to the north.
- B. New development on the site adjoining the L-4703-0 and the Mad River should provide frontage onto the public road and an appropriate aspect along the River. Particular attention should be paid to the visual impact when viewed from the south-eastern approach to the village (coming from the Tobercurry direction along L-4703).