

Chapter 45. Culfadda Village Plan

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

45.1 Village profile

Located approximately 30 km to the south of Sligo Town, Culfadda provides basic services for the population of the surrounding rural area. The Owenmore River flows to the south and west of the village.

Culfadda village assets		
Population [to be updated with 2022 Census figures]	2016 Census	237 persons in the statistical Small Area, which extends outside the village plan limits. 530 persons in the Drumrat ED
	2011 Census	527 persons in the Drumrat ED
	% change	+ 0.5 % in the Drumrat ED
Housing stock [as above]	2016 Census	120 dwellings in the statistical Small Area
Service infrastructure	Water supply	Culfadda Private Group Water Scheme
	Wastewater treatment	150 PE with no spare capacity
	Road network	Served by the local road network
Social infrastructure	Schools	One primary school
	Churches	One church
	Sports facilities	Tennis and basketball courts
	Other assets	Community hall
Sustainable transport	Train	Not available in the area
	Bus	Served by Bus Eireann route 476 and by the Local Link
	Active travel	No current proposals

Culfadda village assets		
Architectural heritage	Protected Structures	One – Culfadda Bridge
Natural heritage and environment	Natura 2000 sites nearby	None
	Natural amenities	Owenmore River
	Flood risk	Present. Flood Zones A and B are mapped in Appendix 1 of the SFRA

45.2 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.

45.2.1 Open space

- A. Support improved access to the Owenmore River by encouraging the provision of open space and pedestrian walkways/cycle routes along the river. Require the provision of such links in conjunction with the development of any adjoining lands.
- B. Seek the provision of a landscaped public park on the site zoned OS in the centre of the village.

45.2.2 Circulation

- A. Require the provision of pedestrian links between the village and surrounding natural amenities (woodland area, Owenmore River), and to/between the school, church, and community hall. The provision of such links will be required in conjunction with the development of any adjoining lands.

45.2.3 Village centre

- A. The village centre site located across the Main Street from the school, to the south of the junction of the L-4201-0 and the L-4202-0, should be developed in a coordinated manner, on the basis of a general layout plan. Any such development should create a coherent and attractive streetscape, particularly when viewed from the north-western approach to the village. Car parking should be located to the rear of buildings.
- B. Any new development proposed near the site zoned OS in the centre of the village should overlook the green area and associated walkways.