

Chapter 47. Dromore West Village Plan

The Settlement Strategy for County Sligo designates Dromore West 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.

47.1 Village profile

Dromore West is located approximately 34 km to the west of Sligo Town, at the junction of the N-59 (Sligo to Ballina) and R-297 (to Easky and Enniscrone) roads. The Dunneill River, which flows to the east of the village, forms part of a proposed Natural Heritage Area.

Dromore West village assets		
Population [to be updated with 2022 Census figures]	2016 Census	227 persons
	2011 Census	218 persons
	% change	+ 4.1%
Housing stock [as above]	2016 Census	112 dwellings
Service infrastructure	Water supply	Lough Easky Regional Scheme
	Wastewater treatment	2,500 PE with spare capacity of approx. 2,232 PE
	Road network	Located at the junction of the N-59 and R-297
Social infrastructure	Schools	One primary school, located 1 km south-west of the village
	Churches	One church
	Sports facilities	Ball alley and GAA pitch approximately 3 km to the west
	Other assets	Community centre, playground, burial ground, post office and health centre
Sustainable transport	Train	Not available in the area
	Bus	Served by Bus Eireann routes 444 and 458, and by the TFI Local link
	Active travel	No current proposals
Architectural heritage	Protected Structures	6, including notable structures such the Former Stone Mill and Dromore House

Dromore West village assets		
Natural heritage and environment	Natura 2000 sites nearby	Dunneill River pNHA
	Natural amenities	Dunneill River and waterfalls
	Flood risk	Present. Flood Zones A and B are mapped in Appendix 1 of the SFRA

47.2 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.

47.2.1 Natural heritage and open space

- A. Maintain and enhance the conservation value of the Dunneill River pNHA (site code 1664) and support the retention of woodland, trees, and vegetation through the provision of a wildlife corridor/river buffer zone along the riverbanks.
- B. Protect and enhance the waterfalls and support the development of an amenity area incorporating the old mills and the ball alley.

47.2.2 Built heritage

- A. The old mill buildings should be sensitively restored and converted for new use, preferably mixed uses, which might include a tourist/heritage facility. Special attention should be afforded to the protection and careful management of the natural setting of the building complex.

47.2.3 Transport

- A. Realign or improve the junction of the Easky Road (R-297) and the local road L-63071.