

Chapter 51. Monasteraden Village Plan

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

51.1 Village profile

Monasteraden is located approximately 35 km south of Sligo Town and one kilometre west of Lough Gara. It provides a limited range of services for the surrounding rural community.

Monasteraden village assets		
Population [to be updated with 2022 Census figures]	2016 Census	188 persons in the statistical Small Area which extends outside the village plan limit 456 persons in the ED of Coolavin
	2011 Census	466 persons in the ED of Coolavin
	% change	- 2.1% in the ED of Coolavin
Housing stock [as above]	2016 Census	95 dwellings in the statistical Small Area
Service infrastructure	Water supply	South Sligo Regional Scheme (sourced from Lough Gara, via Roscommon Regional Supply Scheme)
	Wastewater treatment	400 PE with spare capacity of approx. 334 PE
	Road network	Located at the junction of five local roads
Social infrastructure	Schools	One primary school
	Churches	One church
	Sports facilities	GAA pitch
	Other assets	Training centre
Sustainable transport	Train	None
	Bus	Local link
	Active travel	No current proposals
Architectural heritage	Protected Structures	One – St. Aiden’s Church

Monasteraden village assets		
Natural heritage and environment	Natura 2000 sites nearby	Lough Gara SPA
	Natural amenities	Lough Gara
	Flood risk	None

51.2 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.

51.2.1 Open space

- A. Develop the village centre lands zoned OS as a public park. The park should be designed to take advantage of the scenic views of Lough Gara.

51.2.2 Transport and parking

- A. Require the provision of a small car park within the site zoned for public open space. The car park should be accessed and located along the northern boundary of the site and shall incorporate footpath and public lighting.
- B. Improve the village centre junction in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS, 2022).

51.2.3 Village centre

- A. Any development proposal on sites adjacent to the village centre junction shall provide a coherent and attractive streetscape along the adjoining public roads. Subject to appropriate design, development should capitalise upon available views of Lough Gara.

51.2.4 Business and enterprise

- A. Facilitate the provision of small-scale enterprise units on RV-zoned lands, restricted to activities that are compatible with existing and proposed uses on adjoining lands.
- B. Any development proposal shall incorporate a well-designed façade, particularly when viewed from the south-western approach to the village.