

30. Curry Mini-Plan



Village Profile

Curry is located approximately 6 km south of Tobercurry, just off the N17 Sligo-Galway road, within a designated *Rural Area in Need of Regeneration*, on lands classified as *Normal Rural Landscape*. It is identified as a *village supporting the rural community* in the Settlement Structure (see Section 3.3 of the CDP).

The disused Sligo-Limerick railway line (part of the Western Rail Corridor) runs parallel to the N17, east of the village. The Owengarve River (a tributary of the River Moy and part of the River Moy Special Area of Conservation) flows through the village.

Curry's core is concentrated on both sides of a short Main Street. No significant development has taken place in recent years, leaving almost intact the historic form and layout of the village centre. The river and former Fairgreen provide significant natural heritage and amenity value.

Population and housing

There are no specific population statistics available for the Curry. The village is located in the Electoral Divisions of Achonry East and Achonry West, both of which recorded a 9% population increase from 2002 – 2006. The Achonry East area had a population of 528 in 2006, whilst Achonry West had a population of 683 persons.

A survey undertaken by Council planners in mid-2009 estimated the village population at 108 persons.

Very little housing development of any significance has taken place in the village in recent years and demand for additional housing seems to be weak.

It is therefore considered that there is no need for additional residential development or for zoning large areas of land for residential uses.

Community facilities

Curry has a range of facilities which serve the population of the surrounding area: a primary school, community centre, church and health centre. The GAA grounds and cemetery are located within 1 km of the village centre. Whilst some lands have been specifically zoned to accommodate additional community facilities, a flexible approach should be taken towards proposals for community developments on other suitable sites.

Commercial and enterprise development

There are a few small retail / commercial outlets in Curry. The hotel at the northern edge of the village is the only significant source of local employment. Therefore proposals for small-scale enterprises and businesses should be encouraged and accommodated, where appropriate.

Infrastructure

Curry has very good transport links due to its location adjacent to the N17 (Sligo-Galway road). The nearby Western Rail Corridor also has the potential for improved transport links in the area. Its protection and development is important for the future development of Curry.

The water supply is sourced from Lough Talt and currently there are no capacity issues.

The wastewater treatment plant, designed for 400 PE (population equivalent), has spare capacity at present (2010).

Objectives

It is an objective of Sligo County Council to:

30.1 Natural heritage and open space

- A.** Maintain and enhance the conservation value of the Owengarve River, which is part of the River Moy SAC (site code 002298), and establish a wildlife corridor / river buffer zone along its course.
- B.** Given the sensitive nature and high amenity value of the Owengarve River, encourage the retention of woodland, trees and vegetation along the riverbanks and adjoining areas.
- C.** Support the improvement of access to the Owengarve River by encouraging the provision of riverside walkways at the location indicated on the Objectives Map and by requiring the provision of such links in conjunction with the development of adjoining lands.
- D.** Encourage the development of landscaped public open spaces at The Fair Green and Salmon Leap.

30.2 Built heritage and streetscape

- A.** To seek the protection and conservation of the following Proposed Protected Structures:
 - P-75** Bridge (railway)
 - P-76** Bridge (road)

30.3 Circulation and parking

- A.** Require the realignment of the junction between the roads leading to Cully Cross and the village from the N17 (marked J1 on the Objectives Map), in tandem with development of adjoining lands
- B.** Require the realignment of the junction at Howley's Pub/Shop, in conjunction with development of adjoining lands, to providing a clear road layout through a combination of road markings, signage and hard landscaping (marked J2 on the Objectives Map). Any such proposal shall be subject to compliance with the EU Habitats Directive (as transposed into Irish Law by the EU Habitats Regulations 1997 and subsequent amendments), and shall be in accordance with the policies outlined in section 7.1.2 of this Plan.
- C.** Seek the improvement of pedestrian links across the N17, possibly by providing a pedestrian walkway under the N17 bridge.
- D.** Encourage the provision of a bus shelter at an appropriate location along the N17. The bus shelter should be linked to the village centre via a pedestrian walkway.
- E.** Support the provision of further pedestrian links throughout the plan area (as indicated on the Objectives Map), in conjunction with the development of adjoining lands.
- F.** Ensure that development does not interfere with the preferred route corridor for the N17 realignment and associated works to the east of the village.

30.4 Village-centre mixed-use zone

- A.** Encourage the assembly and development of lands within the mixed-use zone on the basis of an integrated design proposal/masterplan. Two-storey terraced buildings are recommended along the Main Street.
- B.** Any development or redevelopment proposal on lands between the Main Street and the N17 should be designed to provide an appropriate aspect when viewed from the N17. Substantial proposals for landscaping and boundary treatment along the N17 should also be incorporated into any such proposal.

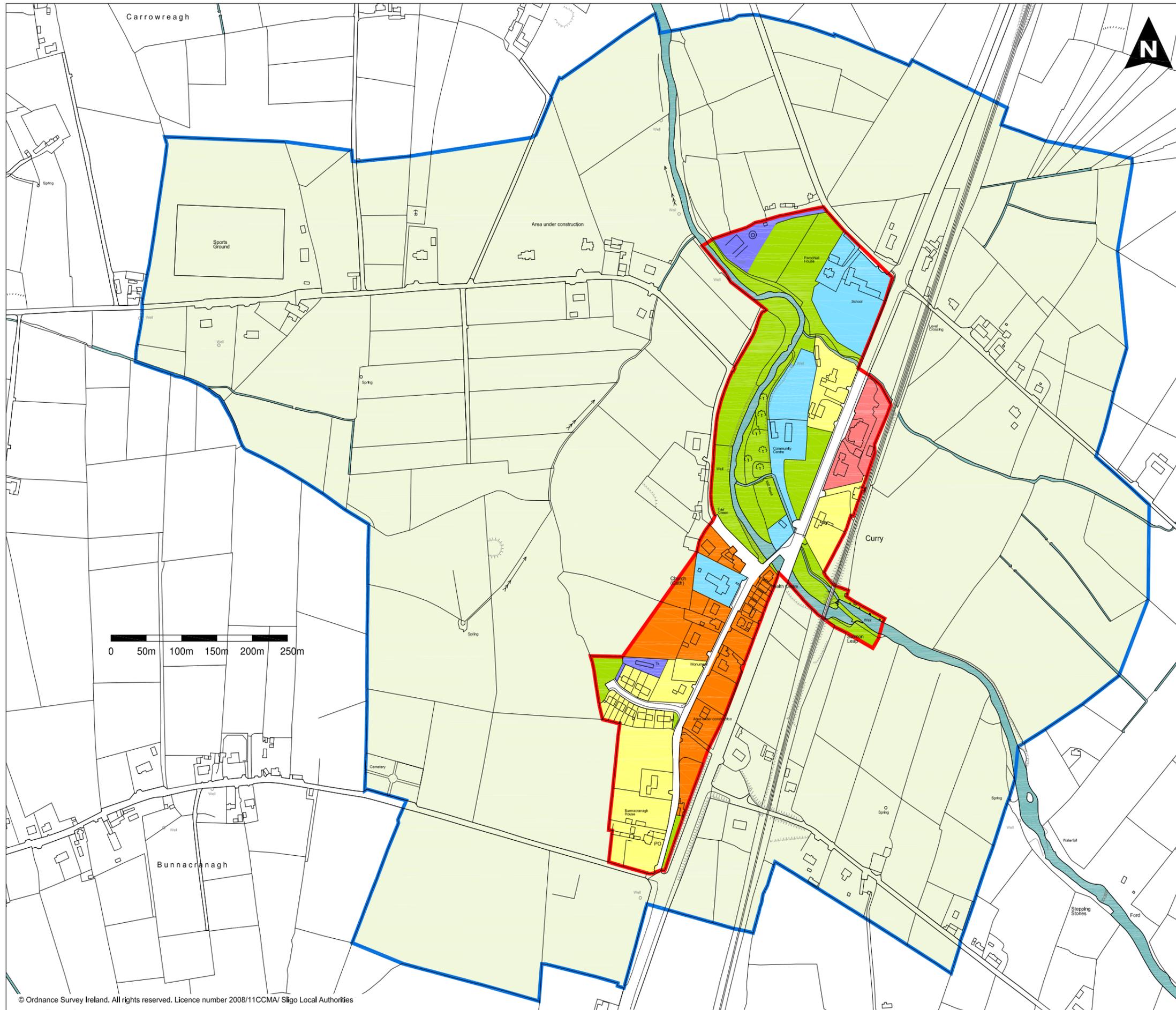
30.5 Community facilities

- A.** Encourage any new community facilities serving the Curry area to locate within the development limit of the village.
- B.** Facilitate the provision of a pedestrian link between the community centre and the school. The link should be provided between the northern end of the community centre site and the south-western end of the school site, thereby eliminating the necessity to walk along the N17.

30.6 Wastewater treatment

- A.** Allow for development connecting to the wastewater treatment plant up to a limit of 400 PE (population equivalent). However, notwithstanding the available capacity, residential development in the village shall be permitted only at a rate that is consistent with the Core Strategy and Settlement Structure (see Chapter 3 of this Plan).
- B.** A buffer zone shall apply in the vicinity of the existing wastewater treatment plant sites. Development within these zones may be restricted or prohibited in the interests of public health and/or the protection of residential amenities. The extent of development restrictions in each case will be assessed at planning application stage.

Curry Zoning Map



- █ plan limit
- █ development limit
- █ residential uses
- █ commercial uses
- █ village centre type mix of uses
- █ community facilities
- █ utilities
- █ open space
- █ buffer Zone

Curry Objectives Map

-  plan limit
-  development limit
-  proposed addition to RPS
-  river walks, pedestrian and cycle links
-  river buffer zone
-  RMP
-  SAC
-  WWTP buffer zone (indicative)
-  Junction to be improved
-  N17 realignment preferred route (indicative only)

