

Chapter 37. Ballincar Village Plan

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

The village is also included in the area covered by the Sligo Local Transport Plan (SLTP), which contains specific provisions relating to active travel and public transport.

37.1 Village profile

Ballincar is a coastal settlement in the Rosses Peninsula, on the northern shore of Sligo Bay. It is located approximately 3.5 km north-west of Sligo Town, along the Regional Road R-291.

The village is served by a pumped sewage rising main from Rosses Point to the village which continues by gravity to the sewage pumping station at Shannon Eighter.

Ballincar village assets		
Population	2016 Census	424 persons within the census settlement boundary, which included the former Cregg House Residential Centre and other dwellings located outside the village plan limit.
	2011 Census	444 persons within the census boundary (As above)
	% change	– 4.5%
Housing stock	2016 Census	134 dwellings, of which 7 vacant
Service infrastructure	Water supply	Supplied from Kilsellagh Water Supply Scheme
	Wastewater treatment	Served by a pumped sewage rising main from Rosses Point and a new gravity sewer from the village to the existing sewage pumping station at Shannon Eighter
	Road network	Located along the R-291 (Sligo to Rosses Point)
Social infrastructure	Schools	None
	Churches	None
	Sports facilities	None
	Other assets	Leisure centre in hotel

Ballincar village assets		
Sustainable transport	Train	Not available in the area.
	Bus	Served by Sligo Town Service S2
	Active travel	Upgrade of the existing commuter cycle route to a segregated cycle track to Sligo Town and to Rosses Point
Architectural heritage	Protected Structures	One – Rossaville House
Natural heritage and environment	Natura 2000 sites nearby	Cummeen Strand/Drumcliff Bay (Sligo Bay) SAC/pNHA and Cummeen Strand SPA.
	Natural amenities	Sligo Bay
	Flood risk	Present. Flood Zone B is mapped in Appendix 1 of the SFRA

37.2 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.

37.2.1 Archaeological heritage and open space

- A. Facilitate the provision of a semi-natural open space area on lands zoned OS to the east of the hotel, ensuring the protection of the archaeological integrity of the site and including pedestrian links to the west and south.

37.2.2 Circulation

- A. Upgrade the existing commuter cycle route (Sligo Town – Rosses Point) to segregated cycle tracks where possible. Compliance with this objective will be required in conjunction with any development on adjoining lands.
- B. Upgrade bus stop infrastructure in the village to include the addition of shelters, hardstands and bus cages.

37.2.3 Village centre

- A.** Facilitate the development of a defined village centre with an adequate mix of uses.
- B.** Ensure that new development creates appropriately-scaled (generally two-storey) streetscape along the R-291.
- C.** Developments at the eastern and western ends of the village centre should be designed in a manner consistent with their prominent locations.
- D.** Require comprehensive land assembly in the interest of coordinated development of the village centre area.

37.2.4 Community facilities

- A.** Support the development of multi-purpose community facilities on lands zoned CF, subject to archaeological assessment at planning application stage.

37.2.5 Wastewater treatment

- A.** Require any proponents of new development to make a pre-connection enquiry about the feasibility of a connection to Uisce Eireann wastewater infrastructure.