

# Chapter 41. Carney Village Plan

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

## 41.1 Village profile

The village of Carney is located approximately 9 km to the north-west of Sligo Town. There are sensitive landscape features close to the village, especially the Sligo Bay coastline to the west and south.

Carney village assets		
Population	2016 Census	395 persons
	2011 Census	349 persons
	% change	+ 13.1%
Housing stock	2016 Census	153 dwellings
Service infrastructure	Water supply	Sourced from the North Sligo Regional Scheme
	Wastewater treatment	2,500 PE with spare capacity of approx. 2,029 PE
	Road network	Served by the local road network, which provides links to the N-15 (Sligo to Donegal Road)
Social infrastructure	Schools	None
	Churches	None
	Sports facilities	Soccer pitch (Yeats United). Oxfield Complex, including the GAA Pitch, located to the east of the village.
	Other assets	Oxfield community centre
Sustainable transport	Train	Not available in the area
	Bus	Served by Bus Eireann route 474 and by the Local link
	Active travel	No current proposals

Carney village assets		
Architectural heritage	Protected Structures	3, including Carney Bridge
Natural heritage and environment	Natura 2000 sites nearby	Cummeen Strand / Drumcliff Bay (Sligo Bay) SAC/pNHA and the Drumcliff Bay SPA
	Natural amenities	Sligo Bay and the woodland to the east of the village
	Flood risk	<b>Present.</b> Flood Zones A and B are mapped in <b>Appendix 1 of the SFRA.</b>

## 41.2 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.

### 41.2.1 Natural heritage and open space

- A. Protect and enhance the remaining woodland around the village, especially Oxfield Wood, Flood's Wood and Paddy McGowan's Wood.
- B. Protect and enhance the banks of Carney River by preserving these areas as a wildlife corridor/river buffer zone and support improved/extended access to the river and pedestrian walkways along its course in conjunction with the development of adjoining lands.
- C. Extend the existing Riverside Park northwards as far as the junction between the Lissadell Road/Cashelgarran Road. The existing mature trees on the land shall be protected and retained.

### 41.2.2 Built heritage

- A. Where feasible, stone walls should be preserved, enhanced and extended in a manner that is in keeping with traditional stone-walling in the vicinity. Other important non-structural elements of the built heritage need to be preserved, e.g. the old village water pump, which is a Protected Structure (County RPS item 95).

### 41.2.3 Village centre

- A. Require any new development locating to the west of the Main Street to front onto both the Main Street and to the park areas to its north and west.
- B. Provide a new bus stop and shelter at appropriate locations in the village centre.