

# Chapter 46. Curry Village Plan

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

## 46.1 Village profile

Curry is situated approximately 6 km south of Tobercurry, just off the N-17 (Sligo-Galway Road), within two EDs, Achonry East and Achonry West.

The Owengarve River (part of the River Moy SAC) flows through the village. The disused Western Rail Corridor runs parallel to the N-17, east of Curry.

Curry village assets		
Population	<b>2016 Census</b>	243 persons in the statistical Small Area, which extends outside the village plan limits 485 persons in Achonry East ED 752 persons in Achonry West ED
	<b>2011 Census</b>	539 persons in Achonry East ED 739 persons in Achonry West ED
	<b>% change</b>	-11.1% persons in Achonry East ED -1.7% persons in Achonry West ED
Housing stock	<b>2016 Census</b>	131 dwellings in the statistical Small Area
Service infrastructure	<b>Water supply</b>	Sourced from Lough Talt
	<b>Wastewater treatment</b>	400 PE with spare capacity of approx. 320 PE
	<b>Road network</b>	Located adjacent to the N-17
Social infrastructure	<b>Schools</b>	One primary school
	<b>Churches</b>	One church
	<b>Sports facilities</b>	GAA pitch approx. 1 km to the north-west
	<b>Other assets</b>	Community centre, playground and health centre

Curry village assets		
Sustainable transport	Train	Not available in the area.
	Bus	Served by Bus Eireann route 64 and by TFI Local Link
	Active travel	No current proposals
Architectural heritage	Protected Structures	3 Protected Structures
Natural heritage and environment	Natura 2000 sites nearby	Owengarve River is part of the River Moy SAC
	Natural amenities	Owengarve River
	Flood risk	<b>Present.</b> Flood Zones A and B are mapped in <b>Appendix 1 of the SFRA</b>

## 46.2 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.

### 46.2.1 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 support the retention of woodland, trees, and vegetation through the provision of a wildlife corridor/river buffer zone along the riverbanks.
- B. Facilitate the improvement of access to the Owengarve River by encouraging the provision of riverside walkways and by requiring the provision of such links in conjunction with any development on adjoining lands.
- C. Seek to provide landscaped public open spaces at The Fair Green and Salmon Leap.

## 46.2.2 Transport and circulation

- A. Realign the junction between the roads leading to Cully Cross (L-4902-19) and the village (L-8919-0) from the N-17 and the junction of the L-8919-0 and L-8906-0 at Howley's Pub/Shop in conjunction with the development of adjoining lands.
- B. Seek the improvement of pedestrian links across the N-17, possibly by providing a pedestrian walkway at the N-17 bridge, subject to Habitats Directive Assessment.
- C. Ensure that development does not interfere with the corridor of the **N-17 Knock to Collooney** road realignment project to the east of the village.
- D. Protect the Western Rail Corridor by preventing any type of development with the potential to compromise its future use either as a rail link or as a greenway.

## 46.2.3 Village centre

- A. Any development or redevelopment proposal on lands between the Main Street and the N-17 should be designed to provide an appropriate aspect when viewed from the N-17. Substantial proposals for landscaping and boundary treatment along the national road should also be incorporated into any such proposal.