

Chapter 49. Geevagh Village Plan

The Settlement Strategy for County Sligo designates Geevagh 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.

49.1 Village profile

Geevagh is located approximately 25 km south-east of Sligo Town, along the regional road R-284 which leads to Ballyfarnon (Co. Roscommon). The village is located within Ballynashee Electoral Division (ED).

Geevagh village assets		
Population	2016 Census	331 persons in the ED of Ballynashee
	2011 Census	337 persons in the ED of Ballynashee
	% change	-1.8%
Housing stock	2016 Census	177 dwellings in the ED of Ballynashee
Service infrastructure	Water supply	Sourced from Lough Arrow via the privately operated Geevagh /Highwood Group Water Scheme
	Wastewater treatment	250 PE with spare capacity of approx. 80 PE.
	Road network	Located along the R-284
Social infrastructure	Schools	One primary school
	Churches	One church
	Sports facilities	GAA pitch
	Other assets	Health centre and community hall
Sustainable transport	Train	None
	Bus	Served by Bus Eireann route 462 and by the Local link
	Active travel	No current proposals
Architectural heritage	Protected Structures	3 Protected Structures

Geevagh village assets		
Natural heritage and environment	Natura 2000 sites nearby	None within 5 km
	Natural amenities	Feorish River and Camoge River
	Flood risk	Present. Flood Zones A and B are mapped in Appendix 1 of the SFRA

49.2 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.

49.2.1 Open space

- A. Seek the provision of a landscaped public park on the site to the south-west of St. Joseph’s Church. The mature trees along the roadside boundary of this site shall be retained and protected from damage.

49.2.2 Circulation

- A. Seek the provision of pedestrian links between the village and surrounding natural amenities and community facilities. The provision of such links will be required in conjunction with the development of adjoining lands.

49.2.3 Village centre

- A. Any development/redevelopment proposal on the site to the north of the junction of the R-284 and the L-1102-0 should incorporate a well-designed open space at the south-western corner of the site overlooked by surrounding development.

49.2.4 Business and enterprise

- A. Promote the provision of small-scale enterprise units on the site zoned BIE. Uses shall be restricted to activities that are compatible with existing and proposed uses in the surrounding area.