

50. Gorteen Village Plan

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

50.1 Village profile

Gorteen is located approximately 30 km to the south of Sligo Town, at the junction of the regional roads R-294 (Boyle-Ballina) and R-293 (Ballymote-Ballaghaderreen). The historic village core lies between Gorteen Cross and the Culfadda Road, with terraced two-storey buildings facing the Main Street.

The Coleman Music Centre, located in the heart of the village, is a traditional music centre of both national and international fame.

Gorteen village assets		
Population	2016 Census	393 persons
	2011 Census	349 persons
	% change	+ 12.6 %
Housing stock	2016 Census	233 dwellings
Service infrastructure	Water supply	South Sligo Regional Scheme (sourced from Lough Gara, via Roscommon Regional Supply Scheme)
	Wastewater	2,500 PE with spare capacity of approx. 2,045 PE
	Road network	Located at the junction of the R-294 and R-293
Social infrastructure	Schools	One primary school
	Churches	One church
	Sports facilities	GAA pitch
	Other assets	Coleman Music Centre, Gorteen Park, community centre, playground, health centre, burial ground
Sustainable transport	Train	Not available in the area
	Bus	Served by Bus Eireann routes 460, 476 and by the TFI Local link
	Active travel	No current proposals

Gorteen village assets		
Architectural heritage	Protected Structures	2 Protected Structures
Natural heritage and environment	Natura 2000 sites nearby	None
	Natural amenities	Rathmadder River
	Flood risk	Present. Flood Zones A and B are mapped in Appendix 1 of the SFRA

50.2 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.

50.2.1 Transport and circulation

- A. Facilitate the future provision of pedestrian/cycle links through RV lands to the north of the main street between the R-293 and the R-294. Provision for this link will be required in conjunction with the development of these lands.
- B. Improve the junction of the R-294 and the L-4204-0 in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS, 2022).

50.2.2 Village centre

- A. Any development or redevelopment proposals on lands zoned Rural village, in the vicinity of the junction of the R-293 and the R-294, should create appropriate streetscape along the public roads, should incorporate pedestrian links to Main Street and should locate any car parking to the rear of the buildings.

50.2.3 Community facilities

- A. Facilitate the redevelopment of the vacant vocational school building and grounds for community uses.

50.2.4 Business, industry and enterprise lands

- A. Support the development of a business and enterprise complex to facilitate indigenous enterprises and create local employment.