

Cloghan Village Plan

Settlement Description

Settlement Context: Cloghan is located at the junction of the N62, R356 and R357 on the Birr to Athlone road corridor. It is approximately 29km from Tullamore, 15km from Birr and 29km from Athlone. The village has an interesting radial settlement pattern. The original settlement is likely to have developed as a small cluster at the junction with subsequent expansion generally along the constituent roads. Some of the more recent housing development is quite suburban in style. Due to its strategic location, the village experiences high volumes of passing traffic. This strategic location should be exploited in the future development of the village.



Population Census 2016: 601 (-1.8 % since Census 2011)

Services and Facilities: Slí na Sláinte Walking Route, Roman Catholic Church, National School, Health Centre, Bring Centre, GAA Grounds, Playground, Garda Station, Community Hall, Service Station / Post Office, Butcher, Pub, Hair Salon, Crèche / Pre-School, Veterinary Clinic, Car Sales, Tractor Sales and a number of other independent businesses. The village is served by the Local Link bus services and Bus Eireann Route No. 72 (Limerick to Athlone).

Waste Water Treatment: Cloghan Waste Water Treatment Plant

Water Supply: Banagher Public Water Scheme

Broadband: High Speed Fibre Broadband

Appendix 2 of Volume 1 of the County Development Plan includes an Infrastructural Assessment Report which addresses infrastructure provision, deficiencies and investment proposals relating to the towns and villages.

Settlement Objectives

Housing and Sustainable Communities Objectives

- SO1 To ensure that future growth is balanced and sustainable and is appropriate to the scale, size and character of the existing village.
- SO2 To encourage the re-use of vacant buildings, the development of infill sites and the refurbishment of derelict buildings to create a compact, vibrant village.

Economic Development and Regeneration Objectives

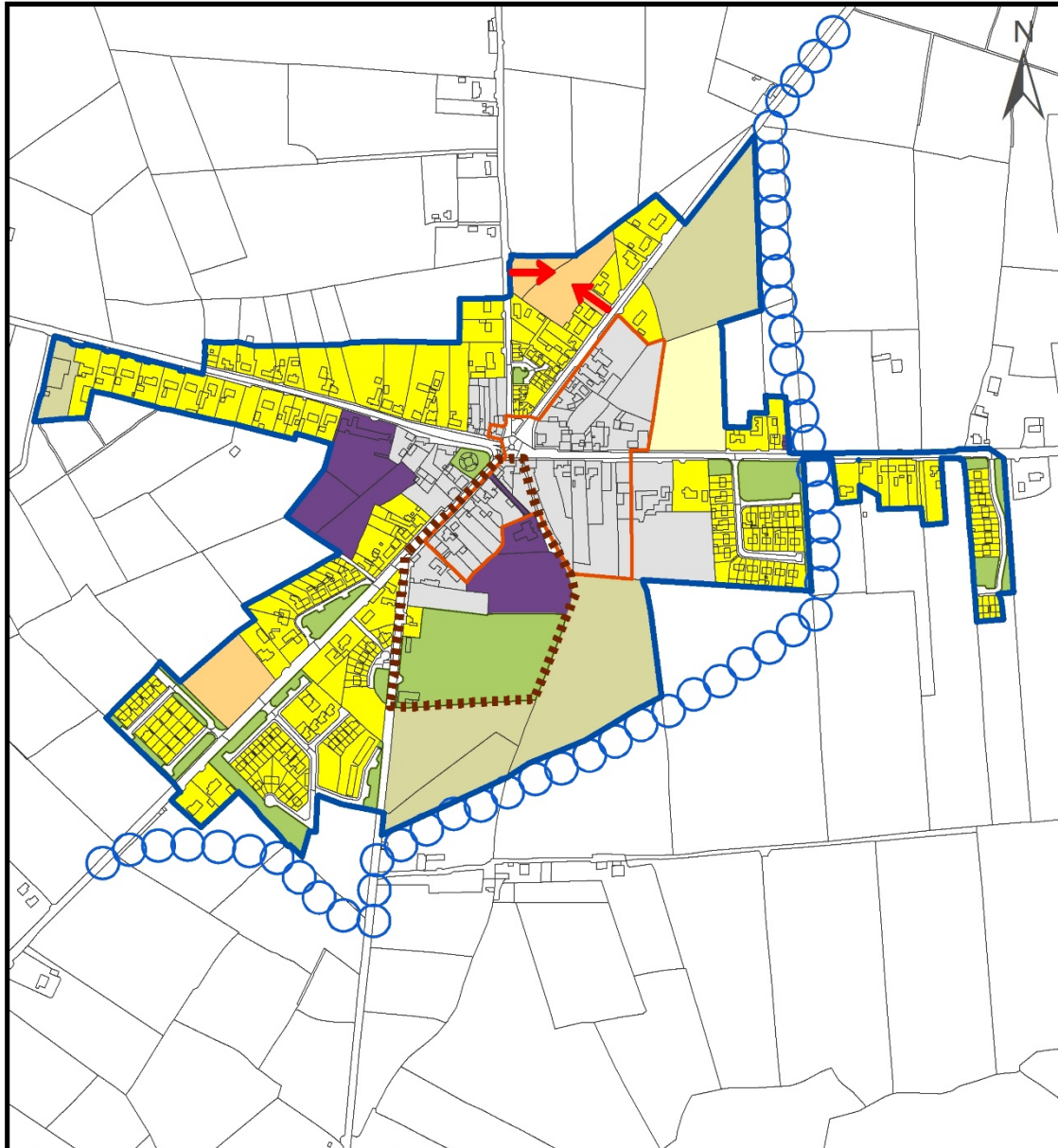
- SO3 To facilitate the expansion of the employment and service base in the village. The re-use of existing vacant buildings in the village centre will be particularly encouraged.
- SO4 To exploit Cloghan's strategic location on a key nodal point for employment generating uses.

Healthy Place Making and Infrastructure Objectives

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- SO5 To continue public realm improvements in the village including signage, public seating, hard and soft landscaping and improvements to the road and footpath network.
- SO6 To seek the upgrade, consolidation and incremental expansion of the public lighting and footpath network in the village.
- SO7 To provide a bus shelter in the village.
- SO8 To protect the carrying capacity, efficiency, road safety and amenity of the R356 and R357 (Restricted Regional Routes) and the N62 through Cloghan.
- SO9 To upgrade the junction of the N62 and the R356.
- SO10 To investigate the feasibility of providing a bypass for Cloghan, taking into account environmental sensitivities as identified in the SEA Environmental Report and the policies and objectives of this County Development Plan relating to sustainable mobility. The bypass route on the map is indicative only. Any future proposals for roads corridors shall be consistent with the other provisions contained in this County Development Plan including Section 8.6.4 Corridor and Route Selection Process. To protect from development any reservation bands / corridors for this bypass so as to avoid compromising the construction of the road.
- SO11 To protect groundwater resources within the Source Protection Zone.

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Legend

- Open Space, Amenity and Recreation
- Enterprise and Employment
- Industrial and Warehousing
- Community Services/Facilities
- Existing Residential
- New Residential
- Strategic Residential Reserve
- Village Centre/Mixed Use
- Development Boundary
- Retail Core
- Slí Na Sláinte Walking Route
- Indicative Relief Road
- Reserve