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SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUDIT REPORT

for

Caltragh LRD

at

Newtownholmes Road, Caltragh &

Cornageeha, Sligo.

on behalf of

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The applicant, John Walter Burke, is applying for planning permission to build 118 no. residential dwellings on lands zoned for residential development off Newtownholmes Road, south of Sligo Town. An audit of the social / community infrastructure, as well as the childcare demand in and around Sligo has been prepared in support of the planning application. The aim of this assessment was to determine whether the proposed development would have access to necessary community facilities and services to support future residents. The key test applied was to analyse the availability and capacity of identified facilities/services and to establish whether there are any examples of under provision in the area and how these deficiencies are overcome. The demand for community facilities and services arising from the existing and projected demographic profile of Sligo, between 2022-2026, was also assessed.
- The ability of new residential development to access community facilities and services is paramount in maintaining sustainable communities. This principle is emphasised in national planning guidelines and the Sligo County Development Plan, which includes numerous policies on community facility provision in the County, in support of new development and communities.
- The items of social infrastructure that have been assessed as part of the proposed development in Newtownholmes Road, Sligo are:
 - Open space and recreation;
 - Education;
 - Childcare Facilities;
 - Health and social services facilities;
 - Libraries;
 - Art and cultural facilities;
 - Religious and community facilities;
 - Retail provision; and
 - Public Transport.
- The proposed development will accommodate 118 no. dwellings comprising of 1 no. 5-bed house, 41 no. 4-bed houses, 40 no. 3-bed houses, 8 no. 2-bed houses, 8 no. 1-bed apartments and 20 no. 2-bed apartments.
- In assessing the level, quality and availability of community facilities and services in Sligo town and surrounding area, online research and telephone surveys were conducted to determine the demographic profile of Sligo town, between 2022 (last available census significant data) and 2026 (anticipated completion of full development), the pressure new residents will place on certain facilities, such as schools and childcare facilities and suggestions on how any deficits in provision are being / can be overcome.
- The population in Sligo is predicted to increase upwards of 40% by 2040, above 2016 levels, based on the County Development Plans Core Population & Housing Growth predictions for the next 6 years, based on the Housing Need demand Assessment (HDNA) tool. Regarding the most recent census figures (2022) released on population, the population of Sligo Town had an increase of around 7.33% from 2016-2022.

- National planning guidelines recommend that residential development should be within a 10-minute walk from public open spaces. Other community facilities and services, such as schools, health centres, town halls, local retail centres, etc. should ideally be within a 15-minute walk time. Access to other community facilities and services, such as schools and childcare facilities, may not be accessed by foot or on a bike and require the use of public transport or a single motor vehicle.
- The proposed development will contain suitable active and passive public open space on-site (exceeding the development plan requirements). The layout of the site has been designed to ensure that all buildings are within approximately a 100-metre radius of a public open space. Passive communal green spaces for the apartments have also been implemented along the eastern boundary of the site, which will provide a significant amenity to the proposed residents. The subject application site is also in close proximity of Sligo Racecourse and several, GAA, Football and Martial Arts clubs with their associated facilities.
- A survey of the nearest primary schools within the vicinity of the subject site was undertaken, which included Our Lady Mercy National School, St John's National School Sligo, Sligo School project and Carbury National School. The nearest secondary schools included Summerhill College, Mercy College and Sligo Grammar School. A review of the capacities of these schools was carried out as part of this audit. In addition, other schools considered to be within a reasonable commuting distance of Newtownholmes Road were also assessed, overall totalling up to ten primary schools including one special school and five secondary schools. Of the schools that were contacted, most reported to be at or near full capacity and have waiting lists for enrolment in 2024/2025. This is consistent with national trends. Some schools reported to still have space within different class years and one secondary school even stated that they have a capacity of over 100 spaces left. The results of our survey indicates that whilst there is limited capacity within most of the schools in the area, it has been highlighted that the maximum capacity seems to be rising each year in each educational facility to accommodate the growing population within the area.
- A childcare facility will be provided within the proposed development, catering for 61 childcare spaces, which will adequately address the shortfall experienced in the town area. Other facilities in the nearby vicinity are within a short travel distance but are heavily subscribed for the next school year.
- Sligo town benefits from containing a host of medical (and veterinary) services, pharmacy, and alternative treatment facilities. It is also in close proximity to the Sligo University Hospital and Kingsbridge Private Hospital and St John's Hospital which would cater for advanced health issues and emergencies based within Sligo town centre. Other social services such as care home and home help are also accessible from the subject application site and referrals from local health officials in Sligo to more specialised treatment would be possible further afield in Mayo or Galway Hospitals.
- There are a number of places of worship within Sligo town, including the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses located within 2km of the site. Further into the centre of Sligo town, Cathedral of St Mary the Virgin and St John the Baptist, Church of Ireland, The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and Sligo Presbyterian Church are all within walking distance of one another. Those of other religions / faiths such as Islam, Hindu or Buddhism would have to travel outside of the County to practice publicly. There a

number of community centres linked to religious organisations which could also act as places of worship, in addition to hosting religious events.

- The cultural facilities on offer expressively linking literacy, arts and culture for the area, ranges from the Hawks' Well Theatre, Hamilton Gallery and The Model Home of The Niland Collection as well as other seasonal cultural spots which attract and promote the best of local entertainment production and cultural activities to the wider town area. The attraction of Sligo to both domestic and international tourists has enabled many arts and culture led projects and festivals take place in the town each year, including the Sligo Jazz Project and the Sligo Summer Festival.
- An extensive offering of retail services/units, including two shopping centres are predominately found spread across Sligo Town Centre, 3km from the subject site. Sligo Retail Park, which contains many bulky goods-stores and fast-food chains, is also situated 2.5km from the site. With the better choice of retail options and its positioning within Sligo. Sligo Town retains more spending and trade without the need to go further afield for day-to-day shopping.
- The town of Sligo is serviced by several local bus services which connect Sligo town to the surrounding area. The S1 is scheduled every half an hour from Cairns Road - Cartron via Sligo Town Centre. The S2 is less frequent with a service provided every hour, this route services Strandhill - Rosses Point via Sligo Town Centre.
- Accessibility to wider parts of the country is possible from the Sligo Rail and Bus Station, with connections to Dublin, Limerick, Galway, Cork, as well as local connections to Longford, Cavan and Mullingar.
- After completing this social infrastructure audit of Sligo, it is apparent there are sufficient facilities and services in the town and surrounding area to cater for the needs of the residents who would live in the subject application site. There are some deficits in facilities, as is to be expected in any urban area, however there is no fundamental deficit in facilities which would make the proposed development unsustainable.

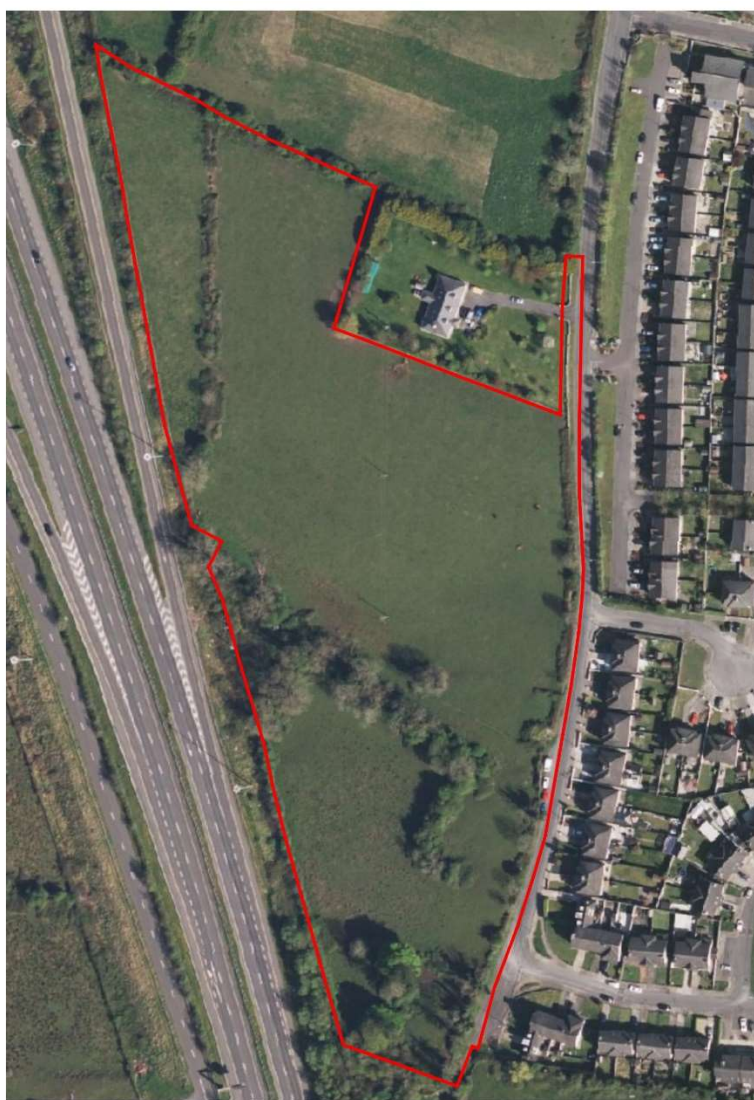
1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The applicant, John Walter Burke is applying for planning permission for the construction of 118 residential dwellings on lands zoned for residential development off Newtownholmes Road, 2km south of Sligo Town Centre, comprising of 1 no. 5-bed house, 41 no. 4-bed houses, 40 no. 3-bed houses, 8 no. 2-bed houses, 8 no. 1-bed apartments and 20 no. 2-bed apartments. The purpose of this Social Infrastructure Audit Report is to identify the community facilities and services considered to be accessible to the subject proposed development site at Newtownholmes Road, Sligo. The quality and capacity / availability of these facilities and services will also be assessed against the existing and proposed demographic profile in Sligo town.
- 1.2 The primary objective of this study will be to analyse whether there are adequate community facilities and services in the vicinity of the proposed development site to serve the new residents who will be moving to the area. The suitability of these facilities and services will also be assessed. The report will provide an audit of available social infrastructure in the area relating to:
- Open space and recreation;
 - Education;
 - Childcare Facilities;
 - Health and social services facilities;
 - Art and cultural facilities;
 - Libraries;
 - Religious and community facilities;
 - Retail provision, and
 - Public Transport.

2.0 SITE LOCATION AND CONTEXT

- 2.1 The application site extends to circa 3.8 hectares and is situated in the townland of Caltragh, c. 2km south of Sligo Town Centre. The subject site is accessible from the eastern boundary off Newtownholmes Road, which provides a connection to Sligo Town Centre. The N4 also runs adjacent to the site to the west, which is the main primary road connecting Sligo to Dublin.
- 2.2 The surrounding area is becoming increasingly urban in character, predominately being medium-density residential.

FIGURE 1 - SITE LOCATION OUTLINED IN RED (GOOGLE MAPS © 2023)



3.0 NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING POLICY AND GUIDANCE

Department for Environment, Heritage and Local Government: Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (Cities, Towns & Villages) May 2009

- 3.1 Published in 2009 the '*Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (Cities, Towns and Villages)*' document is a comprehensive and consolidated document on how residential developments in Ireland should be planned and designed in order to achieve sustainable development principles.
- 3.2 Underpinning the desire to create sustainable development across the country, the guidelines recognise that sustainability should not be confined to the built environment. It is a holistic concept that can be summarised into four main themes when planning for sustainable neighbourhoods at a micro level. The most applicable theme to maintaining adequate social infrastructure is '*Provision of community facilities*'. The guidelines highlight the following five main community facilities, which need to be integrated:
- (a) Schools;
 - (b) Childcare;
 - (c) Community centres;
 - (d) Healthcare facilities; , and
 - (e) District / neighbourhood centre uses.

Schools

- 3.3 In order to cater for the demand new residential development places on local school places and facilities, the guidelines suggest the following requirement:
- "...it is recommended that planning applications for 200+ dwelling units should be accompanied by a report identifying the demand for school places likely to be generated by the proposal and the capacity of existing schools in the vicinity to cater for such demand..."

Childcare

- 3.4 Similar to schools, new residential development puts pressure on local childcare facilities and new facilities are required to be provided at a certain threshold. The guidelines state:
- "...When considering planning applications, in the case of larger housing schemes, the guidelines recommend the provision of one childcare facility (equivalent to a minimum of 20 child places) for every 75 dwelling units. However, the threshold for such provision should be established having regard to the existing geographical distribution of childcare facilities and the emerging demographic profile of areas, in consultation with city / county childcare committees..."

Community Centres

- 3.5 Major development proposals need to be supported by suitable community centres ideally within walking distance of the development. Planning authorities have a responsibility, following engagement with the communities they represent, to ensure community centres are a policy requirement for certain types of development proposals in their adopted development plans. Development contributions can also be used to fund these facilities.

Healthcare Facilities

- 3.6 When planning for new major development proposals, the Health Service Executive should be engaged in order to determine whether there are suitable health facilities in the area for the new residents. This also spans on to persons with specific needs, such as people with disabilities, and nursing home facilities for when residents become elderly in the future.

District / Neighbourhood Centres

- 3.7 A key consideration when proposing new major developments is proximity to district / neighbourhood centres for access to commercial, leisure and community uses, such as convenience shops, sport facilities, community halls, etc. Access to these facilities within walking distance is desired along with well served public transport links.

Public Open Space

- 3.8 The guidelines acknowledge the positive impact public open space can have on the physical and mental well-being of residents in residential developments. Public open space can include both active and passive green spaces such as, sub regional parks, pocket parks, playing pitches, children's play areas/equipment, informal kick about areas, etc. There are qualitative standards provided in the guidelines for how new public open spaces should be delivered.
- 3.9 Public open spaces, especially in larger parks, should have both active and passive areas. These spaces should be safe, attractive, and appropriately lit (subject to adverse light spill). They should also be suitably proportioned (left-over uninviting spaces to be avoided) and should contain durable materials where required.

Accessibility

- 3.10 Local parks should be within 10-minute walk time of the majority of homes in a residential area. They should also be accessible by pedestrian / cycle paths. Children play areas need to be easily accessible, capable of being naturally surveyed and should not cause adverse impacts to residents regarding noise and disturbance.

Variety and Shared Use

- 3.11 The availability of passive and active open space facilities serving residential areas need to be balanced and over-provision of one type of public open space above

the other is to be avoided. Shared use of facilities, such as all-weather pitches between the community and nearby schools, should be considered.

Biodiversity and Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS)

- 3.12 Public open spaces can act as areas of high biodiversity value, with the planting of various species of plants, hedges, and trees to enhance flora and fauna in these areas. SuDS can also be provided in public open spaces to hold and filter water which avoids surface water flooding while at the same time preserves the aquatic environment from urban water runoff.
- 3.13 Local authorities calculate public open space provision on a range of 2-2.5 hectares per 1,000 population. The suitability of applying this standard to residential development in suburban areas is not always considered to reflect requirements as occupancy rates of larger houses and apartments do not always follow the indicated take up of bed spaces. In addition, where existing facilities are available in nearby town centres calculating open space requirements on a population basis is not appropriate.
- 3.14 Local authorities follow these specific standards when considering open space provision with new residential development proposals:
 - In greenfield sites, open space should be delivered at a minimum of 15% of the total site area. These open space areas should be integral within developments or, where relevant, be larger parks serving the wider community.
- 3.15 Local authorities may choose to focus on qualitative standards over quantitative where residential developments would be located close to town centres recreational facilities and / or public parks and natural amenities. Alternatively, local authorities may seek financial contributions towards public open space or recreational facilities in the wider area in place of open space within the proposed development.

4.0 RELEVANT LOCAL PLANNING POLICY

- 4.1 The Sligo County Development Plan for the period between 2017-2023 (as extended) aims to implement stated policies which address economic, social, cultural, and environmental concerns to help improve the planning, growth, and development of the Sligo County Council region.
- 4.2 Community infrastructure in the Sligo County Development Plan is set out under Chapter 6 – ‘Community facilities’. The community infrastructure outlined is made up of the following centres and facilities:
- Education
 - Arts and Cultural
 - Childcare
 - Healthcare
 - Outdoor Recreation
- 4.3 The Council promote and support the provision of community infrastructure which satisfies social and recreational needs of communities. The Council will ensure that provision of these facilities and services are integrated with residential areas. This will allow residents to easily access and use these facilities and services.
- 4.4 The Council seeks to ensure that an appropriate range of community facilities are provided in all communities. This objective is to be achieved through conformity with the following relevant community facility policies:

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| ➤ “COMMUNITY FACILITIES Section 6.3.– |
| Education |

It is the policy of Sligo County Council to:

- **P-ED-1** Support the provision of additional land for education-related uses through the consideration (on suitable sites) of such facilities in a variety of land-use zoning categories, in particular lands zoned for community facilities, mixed uses and residential development.
- **P-ED-2** Direct new educational facilities to locate within existing settlements, preferably near community facilities (such as community centres, playing fields and libraries) and public transport services. Only in exceptional cases will out-of-town locations be considered and will be subject to compliance with habitats directive assessment.
- **P-ED-3** Support the educational institutions in their plans to expand and develop.
- **P-ED-4** Support Sligo’s schools in the upgrading and modernisation of their building stock, so as to ensure that these institutions can accommodate population growth.
- **P-ED-5** Ensure that appropriate infrastructure is provided concurrent with the development of an educational facility. Such infrastructure may include footpaths, pedestrian crossings, cycle lanes, parking facilities and facilities for those with special needs.

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| ➤ "COMMUNITY FACILITIES Section 6.4 – |
| Arts and Cultural |

It is an objective of the Council to:

- **P-AC-1** Encourage and assist in the development of the arts and to support the ongoing development of cultural infrastructure throughout the County.
- **P-AC-2** Continue to enhance the public domain by encouraging the provision of public art, both temporary and permanent, across all art forms and artistic disciplines throughout County Sligo, supported by the Percent for Art funding scheme.
- **P-AC-3** Support the improvement of library facilities and services, particularly in those communities which have undergone rapid increases in population or designated for future development.
- **P-AC-4** Support the delivery of the objectives and actions set out in the Sligo Library Service Plan 2017-2022 in providing community-based educational, cultural and lifelong learning centres.

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| ➤ "COMMUNITY FACILITIES Section 6.5 – |
| Childcare |

It is an objective of the Council to:

- **P-CC-1** Work with the Sligo County Childcare Committee in the delivery of additional childcare places at suitable locations.
- **P-CC-2** Encourage the establishment of appropriate childcare facilities in suitable locations, such as village centres, areas of concentrated employment, in the vicinity of schools, adjacent to public transport corridors and /or pedestrian areas, and in larger new housing estates.
- **P-CC-3** Apply the recommendations of the DECLG's Childcare Facilities – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2001) when considering proposals for large-scale residential developments. In certain cases, the provision of multi-purpose community facilities may be acceptable.
- **P-CC-4** Support proposals that provide an improved variety of childcare services (both in terms of childcare providers, i.e. private / community, and childcare type, i.e. sessional services / full-day care).
- **P-CC-5** Optimise existing physical resources/infrastructure within the County by supporting multi-functional building use and provision, to include childcare facilities.

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| ➤ "COMMUNITY FACILITIES Policy 6.6 – |
| Healthcare |

It is the policy of the Council to:

- **P-HC-1** Encourage the integration of healthcare services and facilities with new and existing community facilities, where feasible.

- **P-HC-2** Promote the provision of healthcare services and facilities within existing settlements, on sites convenient to pedestrian access and public transport.
- **P-HC-3** Support the provision of healthcare services and universally accessible facilities for people with all types of disabilities and special needs in accordance with the recommended standards set out in Building for everyone – a Universal Design Approach (NDA, 2012).
- **P-HC-4** Accommodate the provision of accessible care facilities throughout the County to cater for the specific needs of the elderly and those of young people.
- **P-HC-5** Facilitate the phased redevelopment of the existing Wisdom services care facility at Cregg, subject to the availability of adequate wastewater treatment infrastructure and subject to compliance with the requirements of the Habitats Directive.

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| ➤ “COMMUNITY FACILITIES Section 6.7 – |
| Outdoor Recreation |

It is the policy of the Council to:

General

- **P-OR-1** Protect and enhance public open spaces and established recreational green areas.
- **P-OR-2** Support the provision of a variety of accessible, multifunctional, high-quality open spaces and facilities for active and passive recreation, which meet the needs of residents and visitors to County Sligo, are fit for purpose and are economically and environmentally sustainable.

Parks and Open Space

- **P-OR-3** Reserve land for new parks and other recreational green spaces as part of the preparation of local area plans for Sligo City, Key Support Towns and village mini-plans.
- **P-OR-4** Extend the range of recreational facilities provided within parks and other types of open spaces, as budgets allow.
- **P-OR-5** Develop and improve physical linkages and connections between the network of parks and public open spaces in the County.
- **P-OR-6** Where feasible, develop walkways and cycleways between green spaces or green corridors in built-up areas and recreational areas located outside settlements, including coastal, upland, lakeland and forestry sites and subject to compliance with the requirements of the Habitats Directive.

Playgrounds

- **P-OR-7** Support the provision of playgrounds in a variety of land-use zoning categories, from residential areas and community facilities to areas zoned for sports and recreation or green belts, where appropriate.

Sports Facilities

- **P-OR-8** Support the objectives of the Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership's Strategic Plan 2013-2016, Sport and Recreation - A Way of Life in Sligo, and any successor Strategic Plans.
- **P-OR-9** Support the development of existing sports and recreation facilities, and the provision of new facilities, as appropriate and subject to compliance with the requirements of the Habitats Directive.
- **P-OR-10** Preserve existing public or private recreation areas, including sports clubs, grounds, built leisure facilities and open space. If a change of use is sought, ensure that alternative recreational facilities are provided in a suitable location.
- **P-ORS-11** Facilitate shared use of sports and recreation facilities, particularly school facilities.
- **P-ORS-12** Support local sports and community groups in the development of facilities through appropriate land use zoning and ensure that all new facilities are appropriately located where they can best meet the needs of all sections of the community that they are intended to serve.
- **P-OR-13** Encourage the provision of sports and recreation infrastructure as an integral part of new residential schemes.

Outdoor Recreational Amenities

- **P-OR-14** Preserve and improve access for the public to lakes, beaches, coastal, riverside, upland and other areas that have traditionally been used for outdoor recreation and subject to compliance with the requirements of the Habitats Directive. Where feasible, apply or support the application of universal design principles, as recommended in Building for everyone – a Universal Design Approach (NDA, 2012).
- **P-OR-15** Support the sustainable development of water-based leisure, tourism and related activities in County Sligo, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Habitats Directive.
- **P-OR-16** Actively promote and protect public access to the coast and uplands, and designate traditional walking routes thereto as public rights-of-way.
- **P-OR-17** Protect existing known rights of way and seek the establishment of additional rights of way, by agreement with landowners, to extend existing walking trails or create new ones and subject to compliance with the requirements of the Habitats Directive.
- **P-OR-18** Continue the process of mapping rights of way in the County during the lifetime of this development plan, pending resources.
- **P-OR-19** Provide adequate signposting and waymarking on rights of way.

Greenways

- **P-OR-20** Protect existing local greenways and consider designating them as public rights of way.
- **P-OR-21** As part of the preparation or review of local area plans and village mini-plans, identify corridors suitable for the creation of urban greenways and seek to connect and integrate them with local and long-distance greenways in the adjoining rural areas and subject to compliance with the requirements of the Habitats Directive.

- **P-OR-22** Seek to protect the integrity of established long-distance walking routes. When assessing applications for developments in the vicinity of established walking routes, the Planning Authority shall consider the proposed developments’ potential impact on such routes.

Recreational Woodlands

- **P-OR-23** Protect access to forestry and woodlands – in co-operation with Coillte and private owners or operators – for walking routes (including long distance and looped walks), mountain trails, nature trails etc. for the benefit of local people and tourists.
- **P-OR-24** Support local communities that wish to apply for grants under the Forest Service’s Neighbourwood Scheme (DAFM) or any other initiative aiming to establish or enhance woodlands for recreation.

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| ➤ “COMMUNITY FACILITIES Section 6.8 – |
| Allotments |

It is the policy of the Council to:

- **P-A-1** Facilitate the development of allotments at suitable locations throughout the County. Any such facility should be located within or close to an existing settlement and should be easily accessible.

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| ➤ “COMMUNITY FACILITIES Section 6.9 – |
| Burial Grounds |

It is the policy of the Council to:

- **P-BG-1** Provide or assist in the provision of new burial grounds and, where feasible, extensions to existing burial grounds, by reserving sufficient land in suitable locations.
- **P-BG-2** Encourage the development of burial grounds to take account of cremation and ‘green lawn’ principles, to promote more efficient use of land and to facilitate maintenance. **P-BG-3** Ensure that appropriate archaeological assessment is carried out in relation to any proposals to extend or for works to burial grounds which are designated National Monuments, in accordance with the requirements of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 2004.

4.5 Sligo County Council is committed to delivering social and community infrastructure for its residents and the natural environment through a range of mechanisms. Examples of these processes would be; Council budget, development levies and contributions, through other public agencies, such as the HSE or the Department of Education and Skills, via partnerships with other public and private stakeholders, etc.

5.0 METHODOLOGY

- 5.1 The level and type of social infrastructure expected to support the proposed residential development at Newtownholmes Road, Sligo is clearly laid out and expressed in relevant national guidelines and local planning policy. The availability and quality of local community facilities and services within Sligo and catchment area have been reviewed as part of this audit report.
- 5.2 The methodology used will assess the quantum of social infrastructure needed to support the future residents of the proposed development. It will further establish the likely pressure the future residents will place on certain types of existing social infrastructure in Sligo, and its environs, such as local schools, accessible childcare facilities, etc. The assessment therefore includes of two main aspects:
 - (1) Considering the demographic profile of Sligo town by calculating the latest population figures and projected population increase based on latest population figures for Sligo (2022 census), estimates provided from the HNDA for the Sligo County Development Plan 2017-2023, as well as new housing estates that have been granted permission in Sligo town between 2017 and 2023, and the potential new residents generated by the subject planning application at Newtownholmes Road should planning permission be granted, and,
 - (2) Assessing community facility capacity in Sligo town and surrounding area through online research and telephone surveys, specifically focusing on Childcare Facilities, Primary & Secondary Schools.

6.0 ASSESSMENT / AUDIT

(1) Consideration of the Demographic Profile of the Area

- 6.1 According to the latest census that was carried out for Sligo in 2022 and is recorded in the Central Statistics (CSO) website (Source: <https://www.cso.ie> - E2022: Population Distribution and Movement 2022 by List of Towns, Census Year and Statistic: Sligo, Co. Sligo), the population in Sligo town was 20,608 persons.
- 6.2 In order to predict the likely population that is living in Sligo in the future, focus is initially placed on the following:
- (i) Future Residents from the period 2022 to 2026 (i.e. Newtownholmes Road Expected Completion year of proposed development), including planning permissions granted and not yet commenced in Sligo after the adopted development plan was implemented.

TABLE 1 - PROJECTED POPULATION IN SLIGO BY 2026

| A. Housing Estates Applied Permission (Period 2017 to 2023) | B. Housing Estate Commenced Starts / Non-Commenced of Applied | C. Residents Per Dwelling (Based on 2.6 Persons per Unit) – Based on CSO 2016 | D. Residents Per Dwelling (Based on 2.35 Persons per Unit) – Based on the County Housing Strategy for 2023 for Sligo | E. Sligo Town Population in April 2022 (Last Census) | E. RSES Predicated Population in Sligo Town by 2026 | F. 2022 Population + Est. Pop. Housing Estate Completions |
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| Newtownholmes, LRD (Subject Site) | 0 / 118 | 307 Persons | 278 Persons | | 4,400+ | |
| The Dartry, Caltragh (Reg. Ref. 22181) | 26 / 0 | 68 Persons | 62 Persons | | | |
| Carins Road (Reg. Ref. 2297) | 0 / 74 | 193 Persons | 174 Persons | | | |
| Robbers Lane, Maugherboy (Part 8) | 0 / 62 | 162 Persons | 146 Persons | | | |
| Tonaphubbe Road (Reg. Ref 21190) | 0 / 34 | 89 Persons | 80 Persons | | | |
| Rathellen, Finisklin (Part 8) | 0 / 63 | 164 Persons | 149 Persons | | | |
| Seaville (Reg. Ref. 19183) | 91 / 0 | 246 Persons | 214 Persons | | | |

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| Total | 117/351 units | 1,229 Persons | 1,103 Persons | 20,608 | 25,008 | CSO 2016 Scenario: 21,837 Persons County Housing Strategy Scenario: 21,711 Persons |
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- 6.3 According to results in Table 1 above, based on existing permissions in the area commenced and not commenced, with the inclusion of the subject LRD application, there is a substantial amount of capacity available for population growth within the area, to be in line with meeting the projected population target set out for 2026 in Sligo Town.
- 6.4 This conclusion was made based on the current housing applications permitted in Sligo Town between 2017 – 2023, to accommodate the projected population from the adoption of the current development plan in 2017 to 2026. The average household sizes chosen for this assessment were based on two scenarios, the County Housing Strategy (Projected Average Household size, 2023 figure) and the CSO 2016 Census which provide for a best-case and worst-case scenario outcome.
- 6.5 Overall, the results of Table 1 indicate that there is more opportunity for additional future development to take place and not exceed expected figures post the LRD's completion should planning permission be granted. The key test in this social infrastructure audit therefore is to assess whether the existing community facilities and services in Sligo are sufficiently provided and operated to cater for this local population increase, with particular reference to the subject development.
- 6.6 It must be noted that only applications for granted permission have been included in Table 1 above. There are a number of residential development applications under consideration by Sligo County Council and some which have been appealed to An Bord Pleanála and which have not had a final decision yet (as of the making of this document) which have not been included within the table.

(2) Social Infrastructure in Sligo Capable of Serving the Proposed Development

- 6.7 In order to satisfy sustainable development principles, national guidelines recommend new residential developments be within a 10-minute walk of public open spaces. Other community facilities and services, such as schools, health centres, town halls, local retail centres, etc. should ideally be within a 15-minute walk time from new major residential developments, in close proximity to villages and towns. **Appendix 1** provides a list of social infrastructure facilities in the Sligo district, which caters for the day to day needs of the future residents of the proposed development. It has been set out in regards to a proximity (500 metre, 1.25 kilometres and 2.5 kilometres) of 10, 15 and 25-minute walk times and 2.5, 5 and 10-minute cycle times from the subject planning application site.

- 6.8 Not all facilities and services are within walking distance of Newtownholmes Road, such as some secondary schools, childcare facilities, etc. Access to these facilities is provided through school buses and public transport yet some may still require the use of a single motor vehicle. The following social infrastructure in Sligo and surrounding area have been assessed as part of this audit study:

- Open space and recreation;
- Education;
- Childcare facilities;
- Health and social services facilities;
- Cultural facilities;
- Religious and community facilities;
- Retail provision; and
- Public transport.

Open Space and Recreation

- 6.9 Recreational and open space can enhance a community's way of life by providing a place to meet, interact, exercise, and relax. It is a key element in creating a sense of identity, defining an area and making it a more sustainable neighbourhood.
- 6.10 The proposed development at Newtownholmes Road will provide around 16% of the site area as public open space, which exceeds the national guideline standards of 15% and the local development plan requirement also of 15%. The open space provision includes three area of landscaped open space including sizeable areas to the north (c. 3000sqm) and centre (c. 2000sqm) of the site and a pocket park to the south of the site. Three communal gardens will also be provided for the proposed apartments in line with the standards set out for communal open space in the 'Sustainable Urban Housing Design Standards for New Apartments Guidelines'.
- 6.11 The subject application site is located on zoned lands on the edge of the Sligo Town Centre in the townlands of Caltragh and has access to a variety of public open spaces. The most notable public open space is the Cleveragh Regional Park. The park is located to the south-eastern boundary of Sligo Town Centre, around 2.6km east from the subject site or approximately a 5-minute drive / 8-minute cycle. Cleveragh Regional Park is still under development, which will include linking four key recreational zones including;
- Zone 1: Cleveragh Parkland opposite Sligo Regional Sports Centre
 - Zone 2: Doorly Park, Riverside Gardens, Cleveragh Water Park
 - Zone 3: Cleveragh Outdoor Activity Centre, Leisure Trails
 - Zone 4: Cleveragh Regional Sports Centre and Environs
- 6.12 Each of these zones will provide a variety of landscapes and recreational opportunities.
- 6.13 Newtownholmes Road is also within close proximity to a number of outdoor and indoor sports and leisure facilities in Sligo. The Sligo Regional Sports Centre is a 5-minute drive or 8-minute cycle from the site. A variety of high-quality sports clubs are offered within Sligo town including GAA, Cycling, Basketball, Martial arts, Football,

Tennis and many more. There are also a number of Gyms and Fitness Clubs in the area including StormBodyFitness, The Fitness Studio and Sligo Yoga Club.

- 6.14 Given the above, we consider that the proposed development has access to ample suitable open space, recreation, sports, and fitness facilities.

Education

- 6.15 There are several Primary and Secondary schools located within a 20–30-minute walk or 4-10-minute cycle from Newtownholmes Road. ATU Sligo, which is a third level educational facility, is also located within close proximity to the subject site. As part of this audit, the local schools were contacted by Virtus in September 2023 to gauge their capacity for the current school year. As shown in Table 2, most of the primary and secondary schools in the area are at / near full capacity for this school year 2023/2024. This is consistent with national trends for school place demand.
- 6.16 There is one dedicated special school for pupils with intellectual disabilities located within the Sligo Town boundary, St. Joseph's Special School. It is accessible to the site by a 14-minute cycle or an 8-minute drive.

TABLE 2- PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL CAPACITIES IN SLIGO

| School Name | Type | Enrolment 2022/2023 (https://www.schooldays.ie/articles/education-system-in-Ireland) | Enrolment Capacity 2023/2024 | Confirmed Waiting Lists | Distance to Site |
|--|----------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Our Lady of Mercy National School | Primary School | 418 | 430 | Yes | 1,400 m |
| St John's National School Sligo | Primary School | 226 | 250 | Near Capacity | 1,400 m |
| Sligo School Project (Multi-denominational) Primary School | Primary School | 33 | No Response | No Response | 1,800 m |
| Carbury National School | Primary School | 105 | 210 | Yes | 2,100 m |
| Scoil Ursula National School | Primary School | 434 | No Response | No Response | 2,600 m |
| Carraroe National School | Primary School | 377 | 408 | Yes | 2,700 m |
| Gaelscoil Chnoc na Ré | Primary School | 225 | 230* | N/A | 3,000 m |

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| St Josephs Special School | Primary School/ Special Ed | 55 | 55 | Yes | 3,000 m |
| St Edward's National School | Primary School | 150 | 180 | Yes | 3,100 m |
| St Brendans National School | Primary School | 152 | 180 | Yes | 3,600 m |
| Summerhill College | Secondary School | 1118 | No Response | No Response | 1,100 m |
| Mercy College | Secondary School | 638 | No Response | No Response | 1,400 m |
| Sligo Grammar School | Secondary School | 488 | 500 | Yes | 2,200 m |
| Ursuline College Sligo | Secondary School | 623 | 700 -710 | No - only 645 students at the moment | 2,600 m |
| Ballinode College | Secondary School | 224 | No Response | Yes | 3,200 m |
| | Total | 5,256 | | | 2,380 m |

- 6.17 In carrying out the initial primary and post primary school survey for Sligo and surrounding areas, all of the schools were contacted by phone or email by Virtus in September 2023.
- 6.18 It was highlighted by most schools within the area, that their maximum capacity increases every year with more accommodation being made for the increase of students within the area. It was also anecdotally stated that a new build school is expected to be built in a few years by one of the Gaelscoil primary schools for a capacity of over 250 students.
- 6.19 One secondary school within the area also stated that there is capacity for 105 more students within the school. Several other primary and secondary schools within the area could not be contacted and therefore it is unknown if there is also capacity within these facilities.
- 6.20 No new confirmed extensions or new schools have been planned for within Sligo town for the time being. Considering the capacity of current schools and the growth rate of Sligo, there could be a need for new primary/secondary school places / facilities in the area. The requirement for new schools is usually decided by the Department of Education.
- 6.21 Given the above, it is considered that appropriate measures are in place to deliver any additional demand for school places.

Childcare Facilities

- 6.22 There a number of childcare facilities located within a 2-15 -minute walk or 1-4-minute cycle from Newtownholmes Road. The facilities are mainly dispersed within the town centre of Sligo.
- 6.23 The proposed development includes a childcare facility, to be provided within the site with a capacity for 61 places. A survey of childcare facilities within a 2.5km catchment of the subject application site was carried out by Virtus in September 2023, see Table 3.

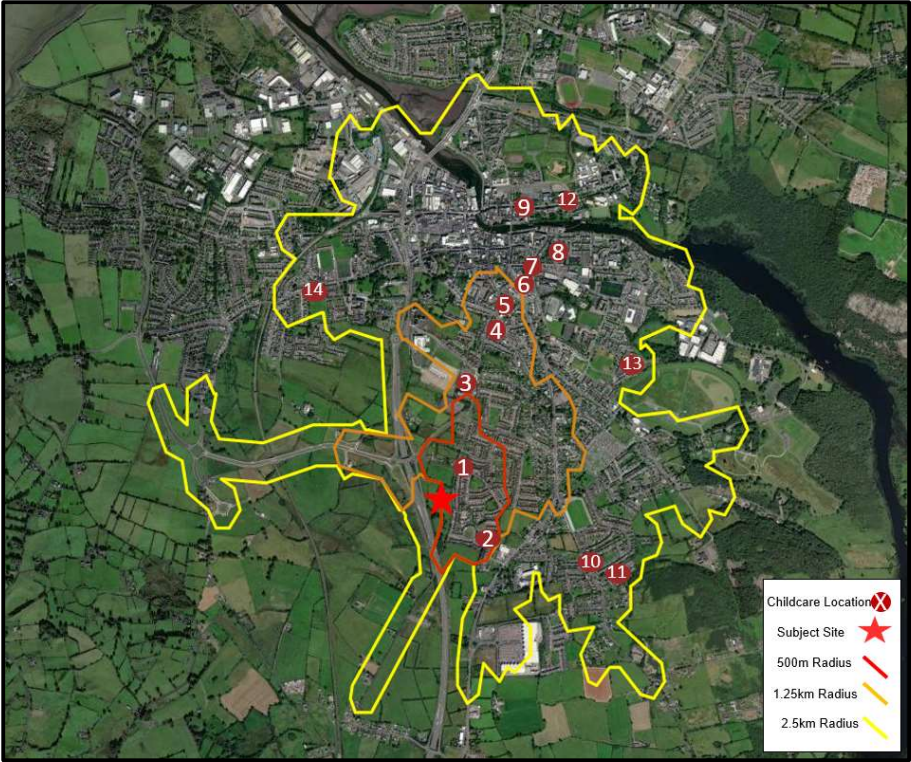
TABLE 3- CRECHE/CHILDCARE CAPACITIES IN SLIGO

| Childcare Facility Name | Location on Catchment Map (Figure 2) | Age Profile | Service Type | Enrolment Capacity 2023 | Distance to Site |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Scooters Creche & Montessori | ① | 0 – 6 Years | Full Day | 58 | 210 m |
| Sligo Springboard CGL | ② | 2 - 6 Years | Part Time, Sessional | 20 | 250 m |
| Benbulbin Crèche Ltd | ③ | 0 – 6 Years | Full Day | 46 | 800 m |
| Inspiring Minds | ④ | 2 Years 7 Months - 6 Years | Full Day, Part Time, Sessional | 15 | 1,300 m |
| Lilliput Montessori/ Pre School | ⑤ | 1 – 6 Years | Full Day, Part Time, Sessional | 30 | 1,300 m |
| Life Start Childcare | ⑥ | 1 – 6 Years | Full Day, Part Time, Sessional | 88 | 1,400 m |
| Bright Minds | ⑦ | 2 Years & 8 Months - 5 Years & 6 Months | Sessional | 22 | 1,600 m |
| Fantasia Montessori Pre School | ⑧ | 2 – 6 Years | Sessional | 13 | 1,700 m |
| Footprints | ⑨ | 0 – 6 Years | Full Day, Sessional | 6 | 1,800 m |
| The School House | ⑩ | 2 - 6 Years | Sessional | 15 | 1,800 m |
| Butterfly Day Centre | ⑪ | 0 – 6 Years | Childminder | 5 | 1,800 m |
| Cosy Cats Childcare Ltd | ⑫ | 2 – 6 Years | Full Day, Part Time, Sessional | 32 | 2000 m |

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|--|----|-------------|-----------|-----|----------------|
| Sligo Springboard CLG Resource House Project Creche | 13 | 1 – 6 Years | Sessional | 15 | 2,000 m |
| Dreamchasers Childcare Services | 14 | 2 – 6 Years | Sessional | 42 | 2,400 m |
| | | | Total | 407 | Avg 1,447 m |

- 6.24 As shown in Table 3, all childcare facilities in the area are at / near full capacity for this academic year 2023/2024 and there is a waiting list for new childcare places next year 2024/2025. This is consistent with national trends for school place demand.
- 6.25 Details for the forthcoming School Year in terms of availability and capacity in those identified childcare facilities will be conducted as part of the official LRD application.

FIGURE 2- CHILDCARE FACILITIES WITHIN CATCHMENT AREA USING GIS



- 6.26 It can be seen from Figure 2 above that the catchment area around the site is well provided for in terms of childcare, with two of the facilities (Scooters Creche & Montessori and Sligo Springboard CGL) within 250 metres of the site. In addition, there are more facilities located towards the centre of Sligo town, provided both as independent facilities and within primary school facilities.
- 6.27 The provision of a childcare facility has been included within this application, catering for the proposed population anticipated from the development and further complementing the existing facilities in the wider catchment area.

Childcare Proposal

- 6.28 Within the Governmental Document on Childcare Guidelines for Planning Authorities, under Appendix 2 establishes a standard that where 75 dwellings are constructed, one childcare facility providing a minimum of 20 childcare places is considered appropriate. On this basis, the proposed development of 118 units would trigger a minimum number of 31 childcare spaces to be provided (based on the assumption of 118 units/75 units = 1.57 x 20 spaces).
- 6.29 Furthermore, we note that the proposed development includes the provision of 8 no. 1-bed (2-person) apartments and 20no. 2-bed (3-person) apartments. It has been considered that given the size of these units, only 50% of the units have been considered to be needing childcare space provision. These revisions result in a figure for childcare demand of just 104 units (118 – 14) which in turn reduces the overall demand from 31 childcare spaces to c. 28 childcare spaces.
- 6.30 The proposed development includes a 61 place childcare facility, with a gross floorspace area of circa 392.2 sqm. This exceeds the threshold set out in Appendix 2 of the Childcare Facilities Guidelines requiring one childcare facility per 75 dwellings in new housing areas providing a minimum of 20 childcare places.

Health

- 6.31 Newtownholmes Road, has access to a host of health professionals, including as well as a number of medical/health centres and services all within a 10-minute drive or cycle from the subject site. These health facilities include:
- Three Hospitals, Sligo University Hospital and Kingsbridge Private Hospital and St Johns Hospital;
 - 10 Medical Centres;
 - 13 Pharmacies;
 - 11 Dental Practices; and
 - 3 Veterinary Surgeries.
- 6.32 Newtownholmes Road, being on the periphery of the Sligo Town Centre has access to multiple regional hospitals, the closest being Kingsbridge Private Hospital, Sligo University Hospital and St John's Hospital all located within 2-2.7km from the site. Further afield, the nearest facility would be in County Mayo (1hr 08 mins) or County Galway (2hr) for more specialist care and treatment facilities.
- 6.33 There is also social healthcare provision in the vicinity of the subject site, such as the Nazareth House Nursing Home which is less than 5 minutes' drive from the site located off the Church Hill Road to the south-west of the town centre. Home help services are also provided in Sligo, through Westcare Homecare Ltd, Sligo Centre for Independent Living and Home Instead and Bluebird Care Sligo and Mayo which are all based within the town centre.

- 6.34 The subject application site is close to a variety of health facilities and social services predominately within the Sligo town centre. Referrals to other more specialised services would also be available.

Art and Culture

- 6.35 The facilities on offer expressively linking literacy, arts and culture for the area, ranges from the Hawks' Well Theatre, Hamilton Gallery and The Model Home of The Niland Collection as well as other seasonal cultural spots which attract and promote the best of local entertainment production and cultural activities to the wider town area. The attraction of Sligo to both domestic and international tourists has enabled many arts and culture led projects and festivals take place in the town each year, including the Sligo Jazz Project and the Sligo Summer Festival.

Library

- 6.36 Sligo Central Library is located in the centre of the town along Stephen Street, with facilities on offer including a full library service, in addition to private study and reading spaces, access to public computers and ancillary services for printing, scanning and photocopying services. It is an important educational and cultural facility that is well resourced and centred in the town, offering an ideal public service to existing and future residents in the town area.

Place of Worship and Community Centre

- 6.37 There are a number of places of worship within Sligo, including the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses located within 2km of the site. Further into the centre of Sligo, Cathedral of St Mary the Virgin and St John the Baptist, Church of Ireland, The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and Sligo Presbyterian Church are all within walking distance of one another. Those of other religions / faiths such as Islam, Hindu or Buddhism would have to travel outside of the county to practice publicly. There a number of community centres linked to religious organisations which could also act as places of worship, in addition to hosting religious events.

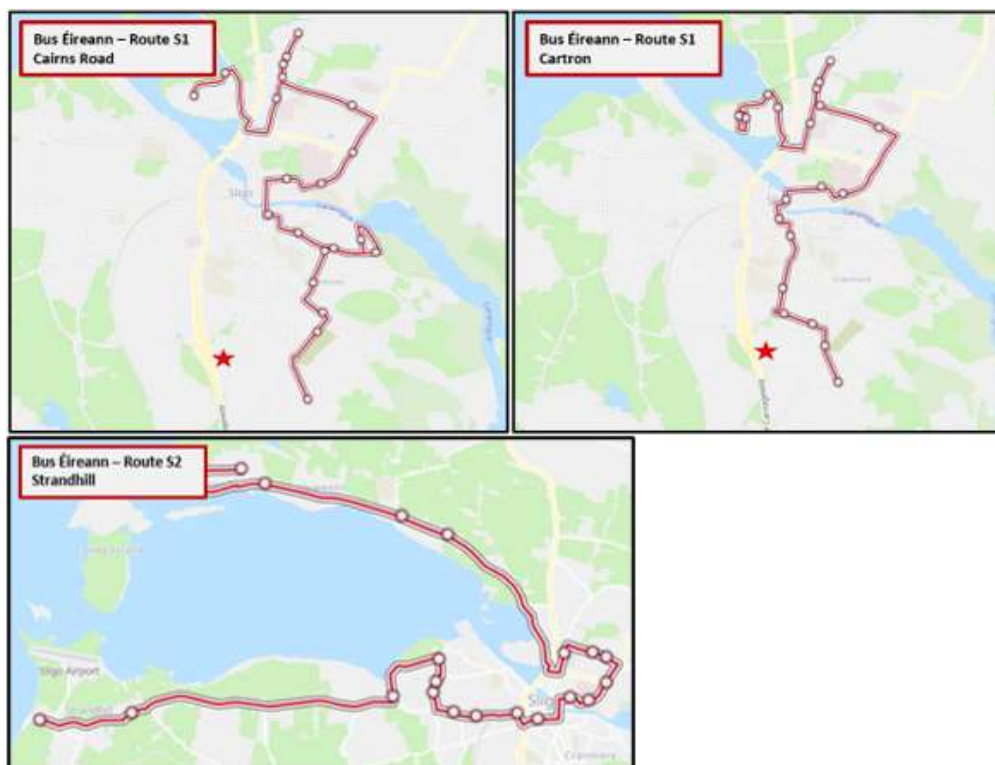
Retail

- 6.38 An extensive offering of retail services/units, including two shopping centres are predominately found spread across Sligo Town Centre, 3km from the subject site. Sligo Retail Park, which contains a variety of bulky goods-stores and fast-food chains, is also situated 2.5km from the site. With the better choice of retail options and Sligo Town's positioning within the county, this results in more local trips being made and enhanced activity without the need to go further afield for day-to-day shopping.

Public Transport

- 6.39 The town of Sligo is serviced by several local bus services which connect Sligo town to the surrounding area shown in Figure 3. The S1 is scheduled every half an hour from Cairns Road - Cartron via Sligo Town Centre. The S2 is less frequent with a service provided every hour, this route services Strandhill - Rosses Point via Sligo Town Centre.

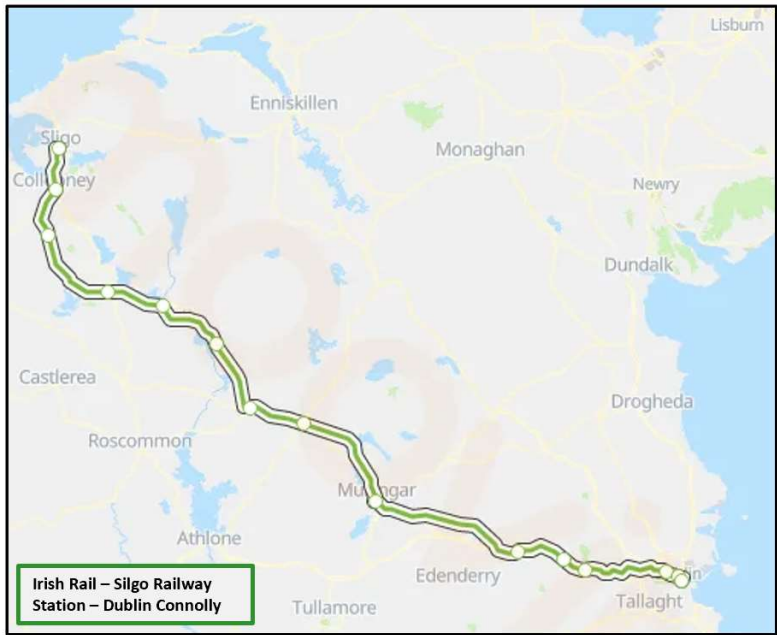
FIGURE 3 – LOCAL BUS ROUTES IN SLIGO



Source: Bus Eireann Timetables & Moovit Travel App (<https://moovitapp.com/>)

- 6.40 Accessibility to wider parts of the country is possible from the Sligo Rail Station, with connections to Dublin, as well as local connections to Longford and Mullingar shown in Figure 4. The Sligo Rail Station is located centrally within Sligo town accessible by the local S1 bus from the subject site.
- 6.41 Sligo Bus Station is situated along the train station's boundary within the town centre. Multiple private coaches service Sligo town to other parts of the country from this station as shown in Figure 5.

FIGURE 4 – IRISH RAIL - ROUTES FROM SLIGO



Source: Irish Rail Timetables Moovit Travel App (<https://moovitapp.com/>)

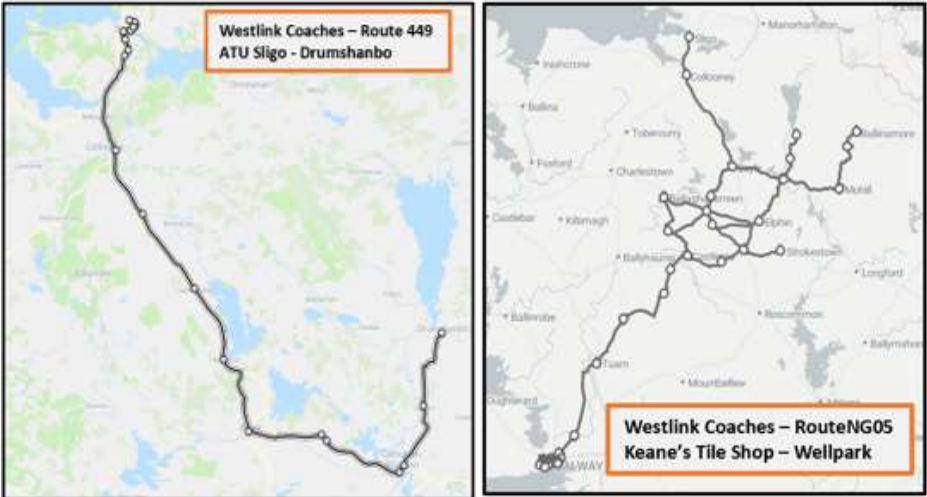
FIGURE 5– PRIVATE COACHES – ROUTES FROM SLIGO

Expressway



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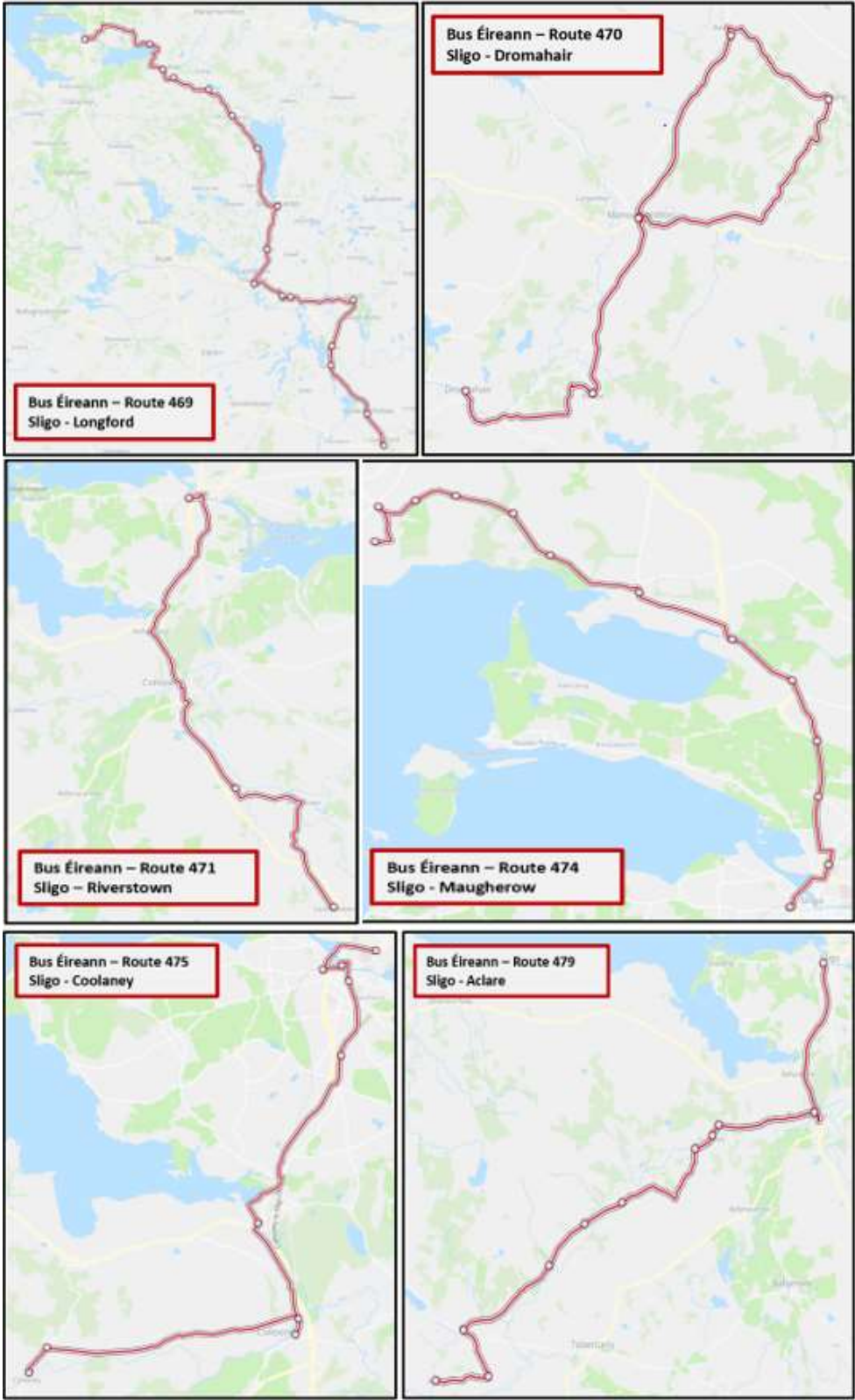
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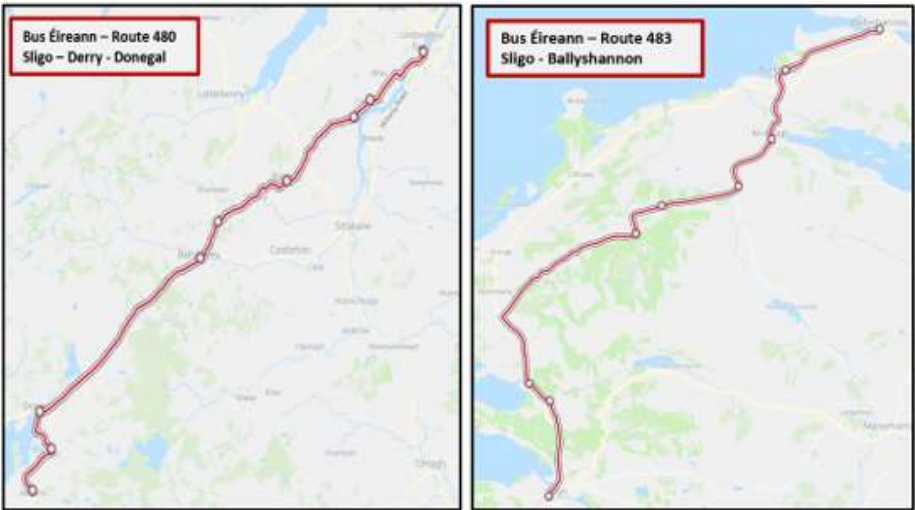


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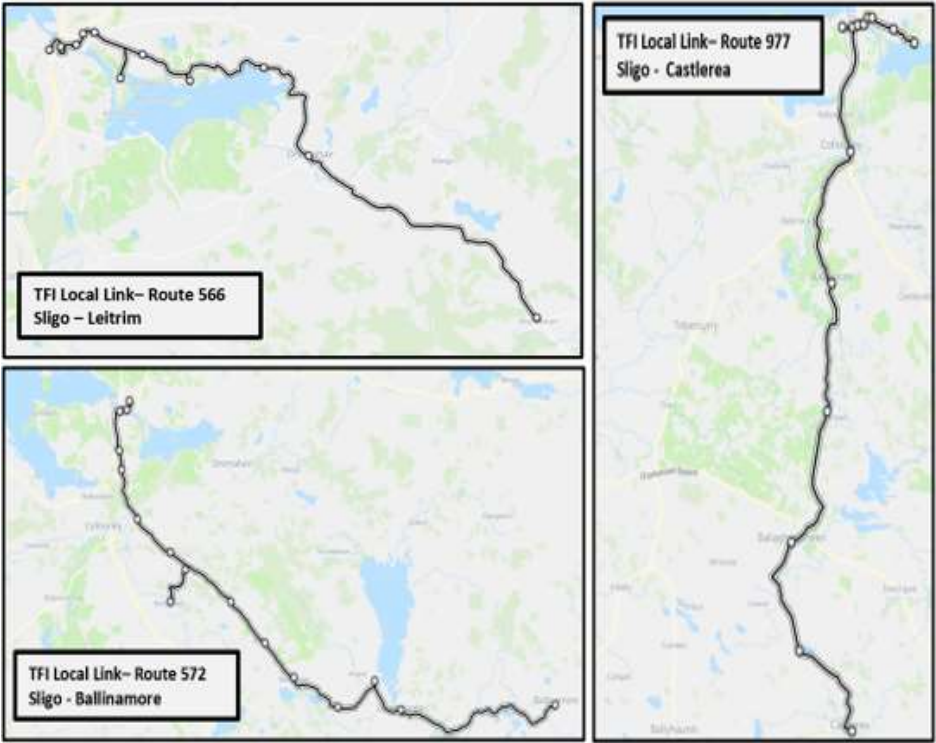


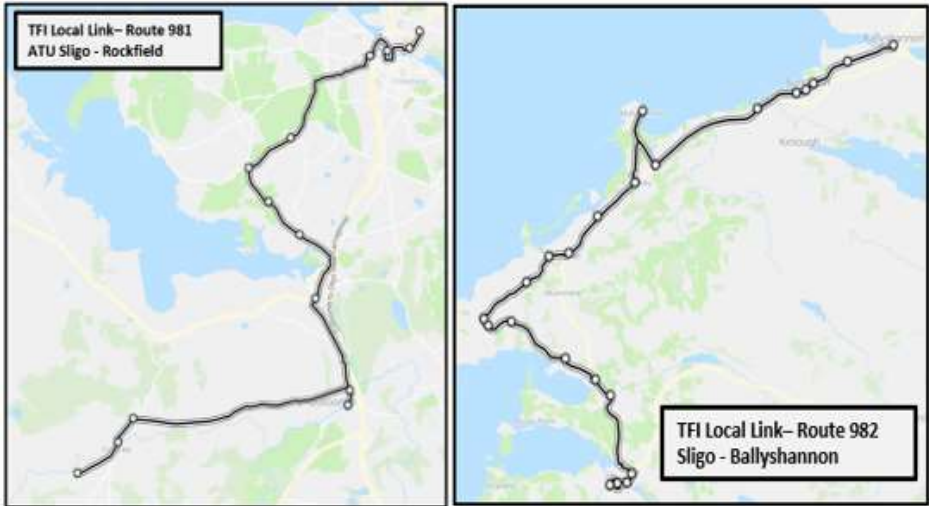




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TFI Local Link





Source: TFI Local Link Timetables & Moovit Travel App (<https://moovitapp.com/>)

Bus Feda



Source: Bus Feda Timetables & Bus Times (<https://bustimes.org/localities/sligo-sligo>)

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Source: TFI Local Link Timetables & Moovit Travel App (<https://moovitapp.com/>)

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7.0 CONCLUSION / REFLECTION ON RESULTS

- 7.1 In carrying out this social infrastructure audit as part of the subject planning application at Newtownholmes Road, it is apparent that there is adequate community facilities and services available in Sligo to serve the future of the proposed development.
- 7.2 As identified within this Social Infrastructure Audit, there is a significant range of services (more than 100 no. facilities located in close proximity to the subject site) available locally, providing a variety of services and uses from health centres to educational facilities, which each contribute in their own way to quality of life for local residents in the area.
- 7.3 The current levels of capacity within schools have shown to be accommodating towards the growing population in the area with the schools having shown to be increasing in capacity each year and anecdotally stating there is potential plans for extensions in the future.
- 7.4 Furthermore, the town has been able to continue to provide a variety of medical and service-based retail options within the town centre, providing convenient access to the locals for basic needs and services. This will be supported by future growth in the townland area and reduce the need for extended journeys further afield to access basic services and retail offerings.
- 7.5 The proposed development will make a contribution to provision of facilities in the form of both public open space and a childcare facility, in addition to development contributions levied as part of the development, which will further contribute to the provisions of such facilities and others in the Sligo area.
- 7.6 In conclusion, it is apparent from the above that there is a wide range of services and facilities available to cater for existing and future residents in Sligo. Overall, the proposed development will make a significant contribution to provision of facilities, servicing the area with the proposed public open spaces and a childcare facility.

8.0 APPENDICES

8.1 *Appendix 1 - Social Infrastructure Provision; List of Services in the Sligo Town Area*

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Open Space and Recreation Facilities in Sligo

1. Cleveragh Regional Park
2. Peace Park
3. Doorly Park
4. Sligo Racecourse
5. Markievicz Park GAA Stadium
6. McSharry Park Football Pitch
7. The Showgrounds

Education Facilities in Sligo

1. Carraroe N.S, Tonafores House, Carrowroe, Carraroe, Co. Sligo, F91 DC67
2. Summerhill College, Caltragh, Sligo, F91 D5YF
3. Ursuline College Sligo, F91 FW54 Ursuline Convent, Finisklin Rd, Sligo
4. St John's National School Sligo, Temple St, Magheraboy, Sligo
5. Scoil Ursula, Strandhill Rd, Knappagh Beg, Sligo
6. Gaelscoil Chnoc na Ré, 1 Ballydoogan Rd, Upper Ballydoogan, Sligo, F91 FH30
7. Our Lady of Mercy Primary School, Pearse Rd, Knocknaganny, Sligo
8. Sligo School Project (Multi- denominational) Primary School, Abbey Quarter, Sligo, F91 XF51
9. Carbury National School, The Mall, Rathquarter, Sligo
10. Sligo Grammar School, The Mall, Rathquarter, Sligo
11. St Brendans National School, Sunset Dr, Cartron, Sligo
12. St Josephs Special School, Clarion Road, Ballytivnan, Sligo
13. St Edward's NS, Clarion Road, Ballytivnan, Sligo
14. Mercy College, Chapel Hill, Knocknaganny, Sligo, F91 CF80
15. Ballinode College, Clarion Road, Ballytivnan, Ballinode, Co. Sligo, F91 DY66
16. Atlantic Technological University Sligo, Ash Ln, Ballytivnan, Sligo, F91 YW50

Childcare Facilities

1. Scooters Montessori, Creche, 2 Rusheen Árd, Cornageeha, Caltragh, Co. Sligo, F91 EN2K
2. Butterfly Day Centre, 10 Greenfort, Cornageeha, Sligo, F91 E22Y
3. Lilliput Montessori/ Pre School, 20 Connolly Street, Sligo, Co. Sligo
4. Life Start Childcare, Pearse Rd, Knocknaganny, Sligo
5. The School House, 17 Ferndale, Cairns Hill, Sligo, F91 R993
6. Footprints, 49 The Mall, Rathquarter, Sligo, F91 HR58

7. Sligo Springboard CGL, 33 Caltragh Cres, Cornageeha, Caltragh, Co. Sligo, F91 P6XN
8. Bright Minds, The Avalon Centre, Chapel St, Abbeyquarter North, Sligo
9. Dreamchasers Childcare Services, Merville Community Centre, Maugheraboy, Sligo, Co. Sligo
10. Sligo Springboard CLG Resource House Project Creche, 2 Racecourse View, Abbeyquarter South, Cranmore, Co. Sligo, F91 Y295
11. Fantasia Montessori Pre School, 34 St Annes Terrace, Abbeyquarter North, Sligo, F91 T85C
12. Inspiring Minds, MCR Community Centre, Mail Coach Rd, Knocknaganny, Sligo
13. Scooters Creche & Montessori, 2 Rusheen Árd, Cornageeha, Caltragh, Co. Sligo, F91 EN2K

Health and Social Care Facilities in Sligo

1. Sligo Medical, Centre Health
2. Sligo Clinic
3. Cashell Clinic
4. Family Medical Centre
5. Shore Family Practice
6. Markievicz Primary Care Centre
7. Caredoc Sligo
8. The Mall Family Practice
9. Dorman Family Practice
10. Affidea Ireland
11. O'Connor Moore Dental Practice
12. Pearse Road Dental Practice
13. Peter Doyle Dental Centre
14. New Smile Dental Clinic
15. West Coast Orthodontics
16. Wine Street Dental
17. Cleary Fitzgerald Dental Practice
18. David McConville Orthodontics Sligo
19. Brian Byrne Dental Practice
20. Weston House Clinic
21. North West Oral Surgery
22. Lannon's Late Night Pharmacy
23. Chemco Pharmacy Sligo
24. Higgins Pharmacy
25. Enda Horan Pharmacy
26. Ward's Pharmacy
27. Boots

28. Cara Pharmacy
29. Burke's Life Pharmacy
30. LloydsPharmacy
31. Nicholson's Pharmacy
32. The Mall Pharmacy
33. Healthwise Pharmacy
34. Markievicz Pharmacy
35. The Well Pet Hospital
36. St Benedict's Veterinary Clinic
37. Inishfree Veterinary Hospital
38. Sligo University Hospital
39. St Johns Hospital
40. Kingsbridge Sligo Private Hospital

Art and Culture Facilities in Sligo

1. The Model Home of The Niland Collection
2. Hamilton Art Gallery
3. Hawk's Well Theatre
4. Yeats Memorial Building
5. Blue Raincoat Theatre
6. Sligo County Museum

Sligo Library

1. Sligo Central Library

Places of Worship in Sligo

- 1. St John’s Church
- 2. Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses
- 3. Calvary Sligo
- 4. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter –Day Saints
- 5. St Anne’s Catholic
- 6. Holy Cross Friary
- 7. Sligo Presbyterian Church
- 8. Cathedral of St Mary the Virgin and St John the Baptist
- 9. The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- 10. Sligo Methodist Church
- 11. Calry Parish Church
- 12. St Josephs Church
- 13. TREM Sligo

Main Retail Provision in Sligo

- 1. Main Street, Sligo
- 2. Quayside Shopping Centre
- 3. Johnston Court
- 4. Sligo Retail Park

Town Bus Stops & Railway Station

- 1. Bus Stop, 551971 Crozon Park
- 2. Bus Stop, 558761 Sligo Park Hotel
- 3. Bus Stop 551801 Caltragh Road
- 4. Bus Stop 551841 New Circular Road
- 5. Bus Stop 555031 Pearse Road
- 6. Sligo Bus Station
- 7. Sligo Train Station