

Propose to Move Corofin from Rural Settlements and Rural Countryside to Small Growth Villages

2.4.3 Settlement Hierarchy

Consistency and alignment between National, Regional and Local plans is a requirement of the Planning and Development Act 2000(as amended). Galway's planned framework for growth is therefore guided and directed by the RSES. The RSES has identified a robust evidence-based approach to derive a settlement hierarchy which identifies locations for population and employment growth with matched infrastructure and service investment to satisfy and accommodate future growth needs. This relates to Galway as follows:

Settlement	Settlement Category	Description	Settlement
1	Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan	The MASP has been identified to accommodate critical mass in population growth within the area that will ensure	Baile Chláir

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		the vitality and appeal of Galway City and the surrounding towns and villages	Bearna Oranmore Garraun Briarhill
2	Key Towns	Towns that are regionally strategic employment centres of significant scale that can act as regional drivers that complement and support the higher order areas within the settlement hierarchy (Galway MASP).	Tuam Ballinasloe
3	Strategic Potential	Large economically active service centre that provides employment for the surrounding areas	Athenry
4	Self Sustaining Towns	Self Sustaining Towns with high levels of population growth and a limited employment base which are reliant on other areas for employment and/or services and which require targeted "catch-up" investment to become more sustaining.	Gort Loughrea
5	Small Growth Towns	Small Towns with local service and employment potential. There is a need to promote regeneration and revitalisation of towns and support local enterprise and employment opportunities to ensure their viability as service centres for surrounding rural areas	Clifden Maigh Cuilinn Oughterard Portumna Headford

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6	Small Growth Villages	Small villages with local service and employment potential.	An Chearthú R An Spidéal Ballygar Dunmore Glenamaddy Kinvara Moylough COROFIN Milltown Attymon
7	Rural Settlements and Rural Countryside	<p>Rural villages and the wider rural region. Rural encompasses villages and the wider open countryside. There may not be good public transport or regional connections and maybe highly car dependent.</p> <p>The open countryside provides for rural economies and rural communities, based on agriculture, forestry, tourism and rural enterprise.</p> <p><i>Propose to Move Corofin from Rural Settlements and Rural Countryside to Small Growth Villages</i></p>	Craughwell, Ed Clarinbridge, A Kilcolgan, An Tu na hAbhann, Ci Woodlawn, Kil Inn, Ballymacw Carn Mór, Lack Turloughmore, Abbeyknockmc Bú, Eanach Dhu Ahascragh, Att Monivea, Eyrec Banagher, Augl Clonfert, Kiltor Menlough, Law