

19. Curry Mini-Plan

Village profile

Curry is located approximately 6 km south of Tobercurry, just off the N-17 Sligo-Galway road, within a designated *Rural Area in Need of Regeneration*, on lands classified as *Normal Rural Landscape*. It is identified as a *village sustaining the rural community* in the County settlement hierarchy (refer to Section 3.2 of this Plan).

The disused Sligo-Limerick railway line (part of the Western Rail Corridor) runs parallel to the N-17, east of the village. The Owengarve River (a tributary of the River Moy and part of the River Moy Special Area of Conservation) flows through the village.

Curry's core is concentrated on both sides of a short Main Street. No significant development has taken place in recent years, leaving the historic form and layout of the village centre relatively intact. The river and former Fairgreen provide significant natural heritage and amenity value.

Population and housing

There are no specific population statistics available for the Curry. The village is located in the Electoral Divisions of Achonry East and Achonry West, which recorded population increases of 2% and 8% respectively from 2006 to 2011. The Achonry East area had a population of 539 in 2011, whilst Achonry West had a population of 739 persons. Census figures also show a 9% population increase for both areas in the years from 2002 to 2006.

Census 2016 recorded a population of 485 persons in Achonry East ED, 752 persons in Achonry West ED and 243 in the statistical Small Area which contains Curry (extending outside the mini-plan limits).

Surveys undertaken by Council planners in 2015 suggest a village population of circa 88 persons. The survey counted 34 occupied units and four vacant houses within the development limit.

There has been no significant development in the village in recent years and demand for additional housing during the Plan period is likely to be limited.

Community facilities

Curry has a range of facilities which serve the population of the surrounding area: a primary school, community centre, church and health centre. The GAA grounds and cemetery are located within 1 km of the village centre. Whilst some lands have been specifically zoned to accommodate additional community facilities, a flexible approach will be taken towards proposals for community developments on other suitable sites.

Commercial and enterprise development

There are a few small commercial outlets in Curry. The hotel at the northern edge of the village is the only significant source of local employment. Proposals for small-scale enterprises and businesses will be supported and accommodated, where appropriate.

Infrastructure

Curry has very good transport links due to its location adjacent to the N-17 (Sligo-Galway road). The nearby Western Rail Corridor also has the potential for improved transport links in the area. Its protection and development is important for the future development of Curry.

The water supply is sourced from Lough Talt. The existing wastewater treatment plant has a design capacity of 400 PE (population equivalent).

Objectives

Note: These objectives must be considered in conjunction with the policies and objectives contained in Volume 1 and the general policies for mini-plans contained in Chapter 1 of Volume 2 of this Plan.

It is an objective of Sligo County Council to:

19.1 Natural heritage and open space

- A.** Maintain and enhance the conservation value of the Owengarve River, which is part of the River Moy SAC (site code 002298), and establish a wildlife corridor / river buffer zone along its course.
- B.** Given the sensitive nature and high amenity value of the Owengarve River, support the retention of woodland, trees and vegetation along the riverbanks and adjoining areas.
- C.** Support the improvement of access to the Owengarve River by encouraging the provision of riverside walkways at the location indicated on the Objectives Map and by requiring the provision of such links in conjunction with the development of adjoining lands, subject to Habitats Directive Assessment.
- D.** Support the development of landscaped public open spaces at The Fair Green and Salmon Leap.

19.2 Built heritage

- A.** Seek the protection and conservation of the following Protected Structures:
 - RPS-185** Road-over-river bridge (railway), Curry
 - RPS-186** Railway bridge, Curry
 - RPS-416** Church of the Immaculate Conception, Curry
- B.** Require any development proposal involving a *Building of Note* (as indicated on the Objectives Map) to restore or renovate the building in a sensitive manner that will contribute to the preservation and enhancement of the character of the building and its setting.

19.3 Circulation and parking

- A.** Require the realignment of the junction between the roads leading to Cully Cross and the village from the N-17 (marked J1 on the Objectives Map), in tandem with development of adjoining lands
- B.** Require the realignment of the junction at Howley's Pub/Shop, in conjunction with development of adjoining lands, to provide a clear road layout through a combination of road markings, signage and hard landscaping (marked J2 on the Objectives Map). Any such proposal shall be subject to compliance with the EU Habitats Directive, the policies outlined in Section 7.1.1 of this Plan and the provisions of the *Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets* (DMURS – 2013)
- C.** Seek the improvement of pedestrian links across the N-17, possibly by providing a pedestrian walkway under the N-17 bridge, subject to Habitats Directive Assessment.
- D.** Support the provision of a bus shelter at an appropriate location along the N-17. The bus shelter should be linked to the village centre via a pedestrian walkway.
- E.** Support the provision of further pedestrian links throughout the plan area (as indicated on the Objectives Map), in conjunction with the development of adjoining lands, subject to Habitats Directive Assessment.
- F.** Ensure that development does not interfere with the preferred route corridor for the N-17 realignment and associated works to the east of the village.

19.4 Village-centre mixed-use zone

- A.** Require the assembly and development of lands within the mixed-use zone on the basis of an integrated design proposal/masterplan. Two-storey terraced buildings are recommended along the Main Street.
- B.** Any development or redevelopment proposal on lands between the Main Street and the N-17 should be designed to provide an appropriate aspect when viewed from the N-17. Substantial proposals for landscaping and boundary treatment along the N-17 should also be incorporated into any such proposal.

19.5 Community facilities

- A.** Direct any new community facilities serving the Curry area to locate within the development limit of the village.
- B.** Facilitate the provision of a pedestrian link between the community centre and the school, subject to Habitats Directive Assessment. The link should be provided between the northern end of the community centre site and the south-western end of the school site, thereby eliminating the necessity to walk along the N-17.

19.6 Wastewater treatment

- A.** A buffer zone shall apply in the vicinity of the existing wastewater treatment plant sites. Development within these zones may be restricted or prohibited in the interests of public health and the protection of residential amenities. The extent of development restrictions in each case will be assessed at planning application stage.

19.7 Flood risk management

- A.** OPW flood risk mapping indicates a potential risk of fluvial (river) flooding on certain sites in Curry (refer to the Designations Map). Any application for development on such sites shall be accompanied by a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment appropriate to the type and scale of the development being proposed.

Buildings of Note

BoN No. 1 – Three-bay, two-storey house with shop



Architecturally valuable features

- roof pitch; chimneys on ridge of roof;
- vertical-emphasis windows; shopfront; quoins

This building occupies an important position in the village of Curry and retains many traditional features.

Recommendation: The reinstating of timber sliding sash windows would greatly enhance the character of this building.

BoN No. 2 – Three-bay, two-storey house



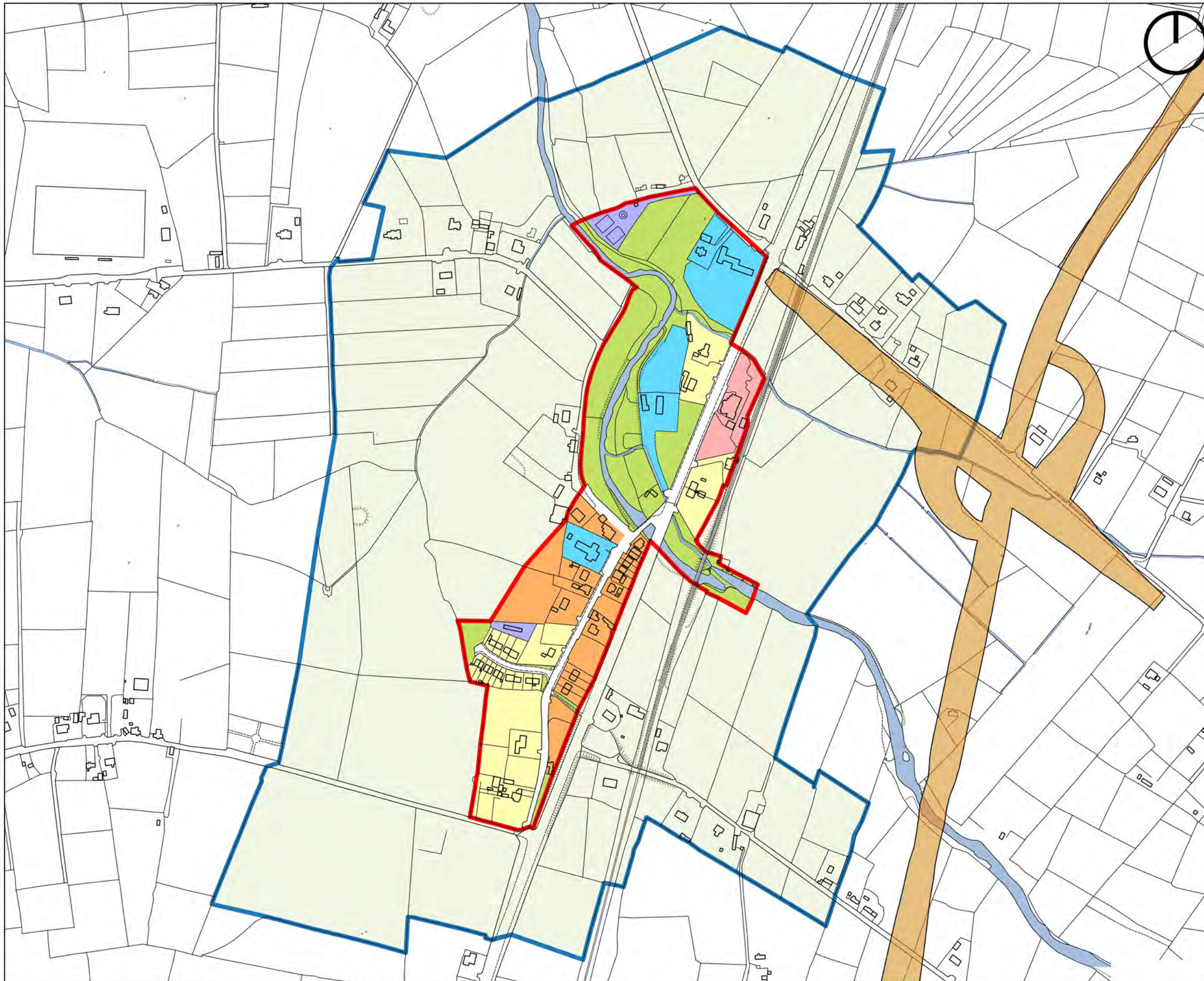
Architecturally valuable features

- roof pitch; chimneys on ridge of roof;
- vertical-emphasis windows;

This well-proportioned building adds character to Curry.

Recommendation: The replacement of the windows with timber sliding sash windows would greatly enhance the character of this building.

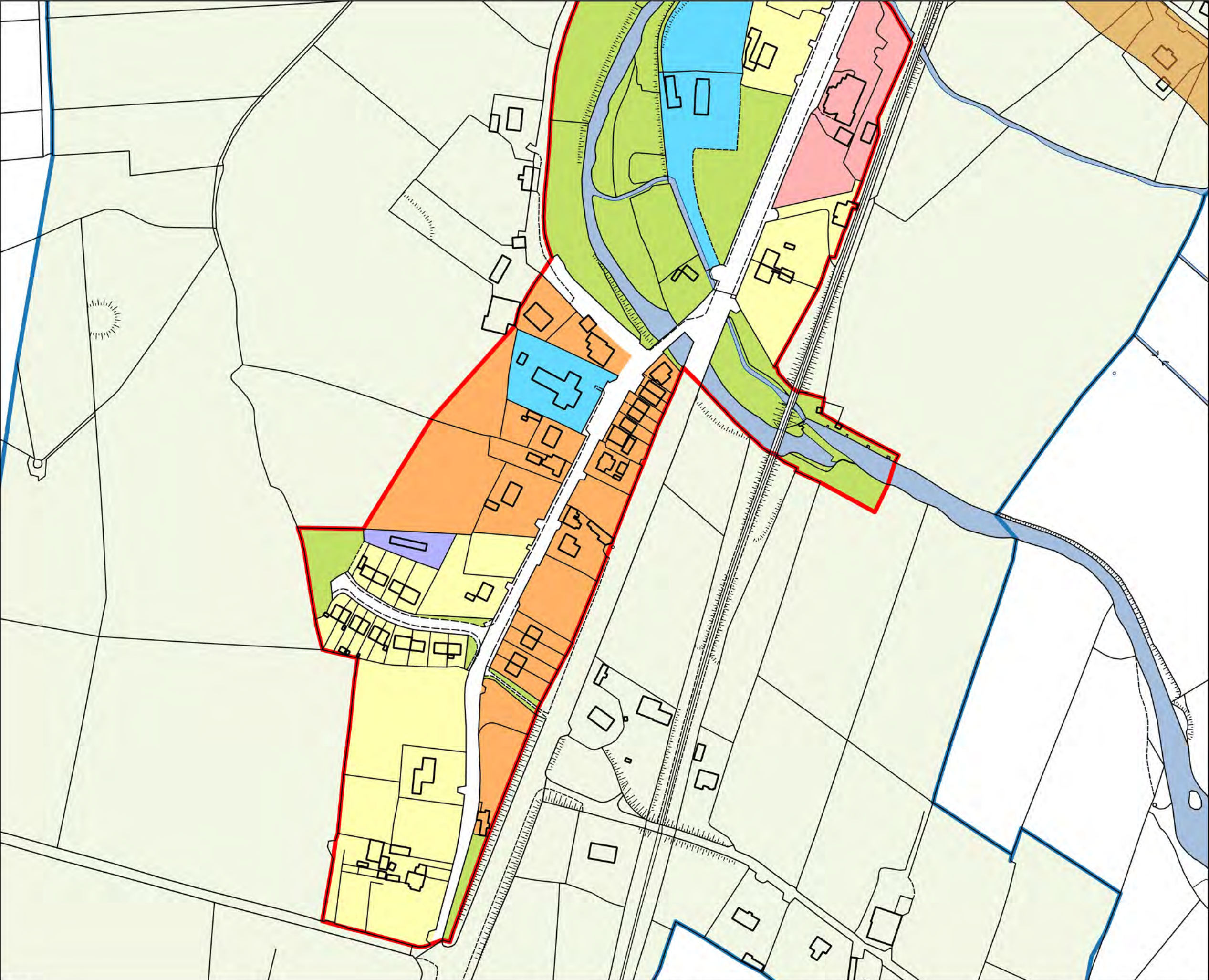
Curry Zoning Map



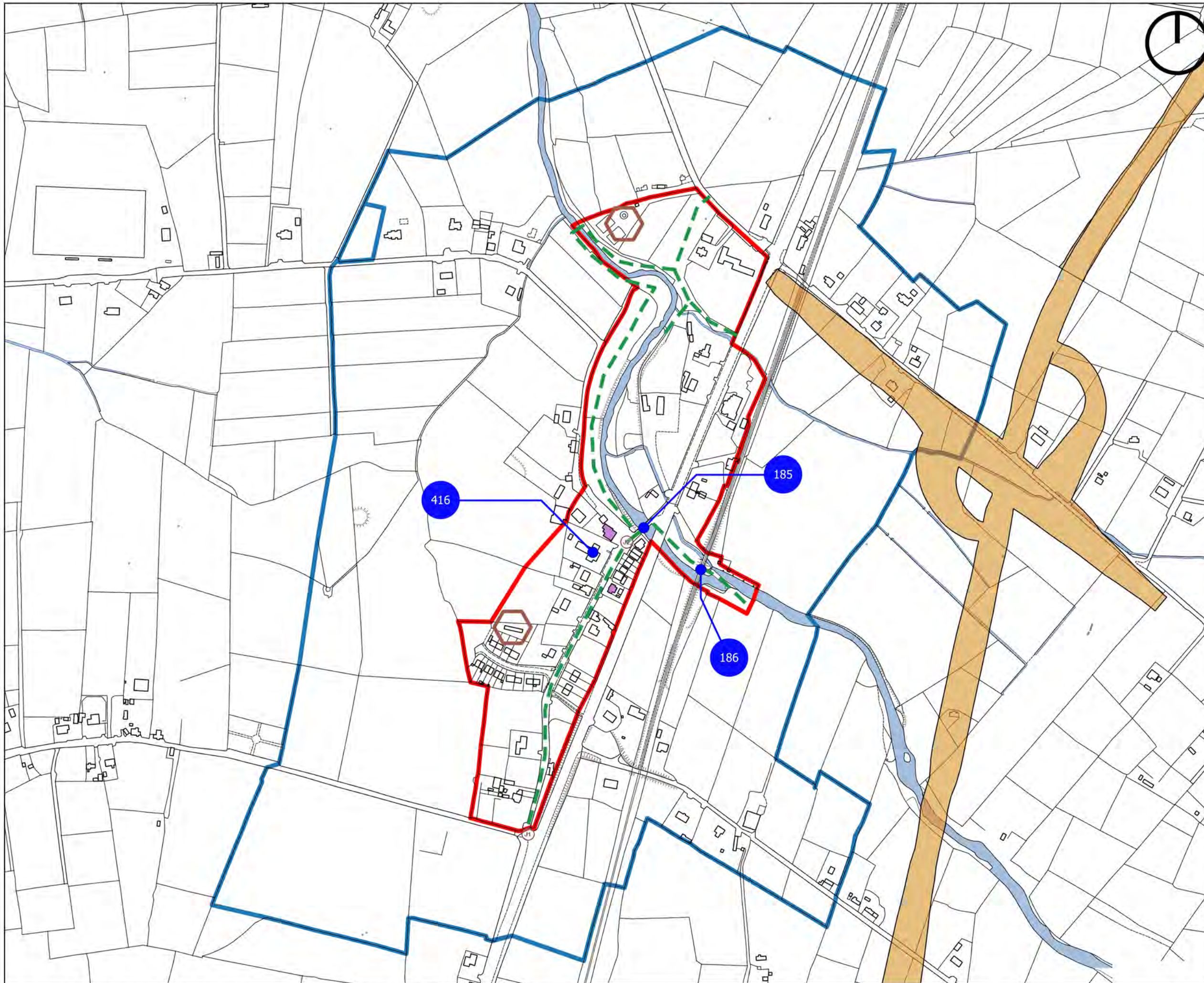
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Curry Zoning detail

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Curry Objectives Map



- plan limit
- development limit
- protected structure
- buildings of note
- junctions to be improved
- - river walks, pedestrian and cycle links
- WWTP buffer zone (indicative)
- N17 realignment corridor

RPS no	Name
185	Road over River Bridge
186	Railway Bridge
416	Church of the Immaculate Conception

Curry designations

- plan limits
- development limit
- Special Area of Conservation
- record on monuments and places
- PRFA rainfall flooding 1 in 100 year
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- PRFA river flooding 1 in 100 year
- PRFA river flooding 1 in 1000 year
- N17 realignment corridor

sources

PFRA indicative extents and outcomes map (OPW, 2012)

