

Landscape



The setting of Cranmore and the study area has great views across the landscape, and is close to parks, sports pitches and woods. The area also has lots of open spaces of different sizes.

The masterplan shows some main projects that we think will improve the area. It also shows small projects that are to do with the everyday use of the area. These are smaller but important ideas to respond to issues that you have raised in consultations.

We also think it is important to have places for everyone to play. This means that whatever age you are you can enjoy the open spaces.

Opportunities for new quality open space:

Central cleared site in Cranmore
The Central space is situated on former housing land. The aim for this space will be to achieve a highly visible amenity that contributes to the identity of Cranmore. It should be a central focus for generating a sense of community.

Brown's Field
Brown's Field is zoned for mixed use and is sometimes used for unregulated quad biking. In any development of Brown's Field, some sense of place can be retained by retaining some views, trees, hedgerows, walls and ditches. Pedestrian and cycle routes could link to other open space amenities.

Carnsfoot
Carnsfoot is the site of a former 'big house'. It contains some of the few remaining heritage artefacts in the area: the garden wall and a wooded area, or copse.

The area could be retained as green open space, or made a semi public space by developing housing or community uses within the fine stone garden wall. The wooded area has mature trees and is steeply sloping into hollows, making it an ideal place for imaginative and active play.



Children play space



Recreation spaces

Incorporating unmanaged spaces to rear of houses into private gardens, unless they are still useful as communal spaces.

Community ownership of open space
Continued engagement with local community groups is important: the residents' and men's club have done great work in planting areas around the estate, and the sense of civic pride and ownership gained can continue to be very positive in any new developments.

Play : Playful spaces
Sometimes play is defined by the use of play equipment such as swings, slides or exercise machines, or play can be more about recreation with rules and teams such as pitches, but it also important to have areas that are 'playful' spaces where you can be imaginative in how you play – on grassy slopes, or in woods for example.



'Playful' space
Informal : No play equipment but a space to explore. The Mounds could be redeveloped like this



Pedestrian and cycle links :
for instance through the racecourse

Mercy Green
A new open space idea could be generated out of a land-swap with the school. The new Mercy Green will be an entrance/ threshold space for Cranmore and Sligo town centre. It needs therefore to function not just as a community space for the local residents, but generate a strong identity as a green civic space.

Green Routes through the area
Devin Drive and Joe McConnell Drive to Racecourse View could form the key routes through Cranmore. Capturing the sense of place and wayfinding, and using generous footpaths and cycleways and planted verges will accentuate the civic amenity of these routes.

Smaller interventions
These projects were mainly identified through the public consultation process, and by on site observation. Some of them aim to improve the identity of the place, and some aim to improve the accessibility - for instance making better footpaths, steps and ramps.

Closing most back alleys and incorporating into rear gardens
but some alleys can remain open where they are still useful'



Outdoor sports, for instance the centre block site



Community gardens: for instance the centre block site

We want to hear your ideas too.