

Improving Access To Quality Amenities And Open Spaces

UD 01 Play Areas: Several sites are identified:
Why? Residents identified absence of structured play space for all ages.

UD 02 Easy Access to Regional Sports Centre and Cleveragh: Racecourse Cross Route: gated access to new path to Sports Centre and Regional Park.
Why? Residents suggested a formal gate. The Plan proposes a safe and more direct pedestrian and cycle access to Sports Centre and the pitches in Regional Park.

UD 03 Create quality open spaces within Cranmore area.

- Linking Green space with Yeats Drive Mound and Part of Carroll Drive Extinguished:
New all weather pitch and outdoor play spaces (overlooked by a new Abbey Quarter building) will create a series of quality open spaces.
- Reducing mound to John Fallon/Joe Mc Donnell Drive: will provide quality passive open space.

Why? Residents expressed need for new play spaces for all ages. The mounds create a negative impression of the area.

UD 04 Exercise Trail: extend the existing Doorly Park trail through the Racecourse, New Avenue, Mercy Green and Chapel Hill.
Why? Makes a good exercise trail loop and brings new profile to Cranmore.

UD 05 River Front Jetty and Pavilion:
At Doorly Park and at Boat House Quay, used by rowers.
Why? Encourages more people to enjoy the River and provides changing facilities for water sports.

Promoting Historical Assets In The Area

UD 06 Brown’s Field Developments: new mixed use sites with vehicle link from Cranmore Road to Racecourse View: Woodlands and walls of Carnsfoot House would be preserved.
Why? It is a hidden asset to be enjoyed, reflecting history of the area.

UD 07 The Gaol: is a Conservation Asset and could become an Art/Visitor Centre.
Why? It is a hidden asset and potentially a visitor destination attraction.

Providing Quality Spaces For Community Facilities

UD 08 Medical Facility: suggested location is Central Cleared Site.
Why? Much needed facility identified by residents as a priority to serve Sligo East City.. Devins Drive location gives it a good profile and walkable for residents.

UD 09 New Abbey Quarter Centre: replacement proposed on Central Cleared site. (Upgrade of existing Abbey Quarter Centre would require extensive work and disrupt use of the centre and be a short term fix) New all weather pitch with new Abbey Quarter Centre community building to oversee the outdoor play spaces creating a series of quality open spaces
Why? Residents identified need for new space for clubs, training, and family support. Proposal illustrates combining those uses with outdoor spaces so all can be managed as one facility.

Abbey Quarter Centre Site: If new facility is built, site will liberated for housing
Why? Residents emphasise the existing Centre is outdated, needs a lift and access to appropriate outdoor spaces and parking is inadequate. Need identified for new rooms for clubs, training, and family support. Sale of site helps fund new Centre and delivers more diverse housing mix.

UD 10 Lodge: Public owned building could be used as community/information centre/cafe.
Why? It is on the river front trail at a good stopping point; could complement a pleasure boat jetty. Awaits a viable use, needs to be pursued with a management group to lead its development.

Garavogue Community Room: potential for shared use of the Lodge, or a converted house within Garavogue?
Why? Identified by community as a need.

Improving Quality Of The Roads, Streets And Urban Spaces

UD 11 St Anne's Place Landscape: new tree planting here and along Cranmore Road.
Why? To make this place and link to the East more attractive without losing much parking.

UD 12 Devins Drive Improvements: landscaped as an Avenue and new traffic light controlled crossing.
Why? Residents suggested tree planting to reduce bleakness of street and asked for safer and easier places to cross.

UD 13 Cranmore Road Improved ESB Frontage Enhanced: new planting and pavement treatment.
Why? Residents wanted pavement to be wider and more attractive to use.

Ray McSharry Park Boundary Wall: replace with railings and widen pavement.
Why? Residents requested a better safer footpath. This is a hidden open space so railings would make walking past pleasurable rather than alienating.

UD 14 Cemetery Car Park: access off lay-by to small car park on pitch area so cemetery expansion is possible also.
Why? Mourners parking causes traffic congestion and parking on busy road for funerals is undignified.

Improving access and links

UD 15 New Link via Mercy lands to Chapel Hill and town: New vehicle link from Devins and Geldof Drive to Chapel Hill. This requires a land swap with the School and replacement of Sean Fallon pitch (as already planned) on Cleveragh Regional Park site with new changing rooms. The existing school boundary wall would be replaced with more attractive railings. School drop and collect arrangements will be made easier.

Why? Residents identified need for better access to the School and Gym. The Plan shows a safe route for children and direct access to the School and to the City beyond. The new connections to Chapel Hill will provide pedestrian, cycle and one-way vehicle access.

16 New Road Link: Joe Mc Donnell to Chapel Hill and Town. New wide cycle/path street from Joe McDonnell Drive to Chapel Hill. To achieve this Link would require acquisition and removal of 4 houses.
Why? To make better connections between Joe Mc Donnell Drive and town, providing a safe direct route.

17 New link through Browns Field, providing good access to facilities such as Sligo I.T., Regional Hospital via future new bridge.
Opening up lands within Browns Field area and providing good connections to facilities.
Why? To provide better connections between Cranmore and facilities such as the IT and Hospital.

UD 18 New Avenue Link, through the Centre Block site linking Devins Drive to Brown’s Field via Racecourse View.
Why? To make better connections for the whole area.

UD 19 Gaol to Cranmore Road Link: a missing connection that if overlooked would be a safe and useful pedestrian link to the River.
Why? New connection, like the Aldi link, would attract footfall especially if Gaol becomes a visitor attraction.

UD 20 Garavogue Villas Access: restriction signs.
Why? Residents asked for ways to keep out misrouted trucks.

Getting The Most Potential Out Of The Vacant And Potential Sites In The Area

UD 21 Redeveloping Mercy Lands: a new green space with play area at the top of Chapel Hill, opportunity for new housing site.
Why? Makes an attractive urban place for existing and new residents and provide better spaces for school drop and facilities. Would help to change perceptions of the area.

UD 22 Cranmore Road Cleared Site: new residential (apartments) with open space, overlooking pedestrian link to Cranmore Place.
Why? Convenient central city site with good access to amenities, ideal for small apartments.

UD 23 Brown’s Field Developments: new mixed use sites with vehicle link from Cranmore Road to Racecourse View. Woodlands and walls of Carnsfoot House would be preserved. Copse could provide a space for adventure play. Mixed uses could include employment, civic facilities, education and residential.
Why? Publicly owned land asset that needs market interest to fund development. New links created to Racecourse and to future developments behind Aldi and on Business Park Sites, including Site at back of Lid: mixed use potential.
Why? To provide opportunities and good connections for residents in the area.

UD 24 Former Maisonettes Site: this is zoned as Existing Residential , we are suggesting that this is the best use of this site.
Why? Centrally located publicly owned residential land is a long term asset for the City and community, provides a great location for residential use, with easy access to quality facilities such as Doorly Park, and Garavogue river.

UD 25 Centre Block Site: a new location for residential, community and medical facilities, and with quality open space. Carroll Drive Extinguished: surface removed so amenity space of Cleared Site and East Mound make one quality open space.
Why? Residents spoke of need for a new centre, for medical facilities and for new play spaces for all ages. New all weather pitch works well on corner with Devins Drive and mounds provide banked seating. A good location for a community resource. New Abbeyquarter location oversees the outdoor play spaces. Housing need is documented also in the Stage 2 Report.

UD 26 Development Site East of Globe House: could be useful for Mercy School expansion.
Why? If Mercy Link Rd went ahead School facilities will need to expand so additional land could be acquired.

UD 27 Cleveragh Drive Re-Zoning: proposed that next Development Plan rezones these sites to Residential .
Why? With Racecourse and Doorly and Cleveragh Regional Park now attractive destinations, the lands lend themselves to Residential Use (R2 Low/Medium Density) and should be developed in preference to out-of-town commercial sites.

Exploring Options For Sustainable Energy

UD 28 Racecourse - Central Site: a recreation use and/or energy farm.
Why? Vacant land publicly owned and with new links it is more accessible. Potential for Ground Source Heat Pump scheme to provide a sustainable energy resource.

Improving Housing Quality And Opportunity In The Area

UD29 Collery Alley: Close Collery alley with new housing. Has an impact for existing elderly residents: would need new sheltered housing opportunities, possibly in redevelopment of centre block site.
Why? To extinguish a difficult to manage alley and to provide new housing to meet needs.

UD 30 Housing Improvements : focusing on energy efficiency for Cranmore Estate: see wall board.

UD 31 Housing environmental improvements : focusing on Cranmore Estate: see wall board.