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Designate Ballinasloe Town an area of unlimited growth.

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Ballinasloe Town and the vast majority of the Ballinasloe Municipal District is outside the GTPS study Area and this should remain.

The Town of Ballinasloe should be designated an Area of unlimited growth in the upcoming County Development Plan.

Ballinasloe is strategically located on the Galway Dublin route just of the M6 Motorway with two exits and entrances on each side of the Town, and location on the Dublin Galway Railway line. The town has a significant service capacity and acts as a service Hub for East Galway, where it serves a very substantial catchment. In addition, it has huge potential to benefit from its proximity to Athlone's growth as a regional Gateway in recent years. Ballinasloe also has a developed IDA Business and Technology Park, and has had a multi-million Town enhancement scheme just recently completed. Many other business promotional groups are very much to the fore in the selling of Ballinasloe to the wider hinterland's.

Ballinasloe serve a huge electoral area from Moylough and Clonberne to the North west, to Clonfert, Lawrencetown and Killoran to the East, Ballymoe Williamstown to the North, and Aughrim on to Cloonkeenkerrill South.

The is an urgent need to fast track the upgrade Waste Water and Water services in The Ballinasloe Electoral area to allow the Town and the Municipal District to grow its population in line with other areas of the County.