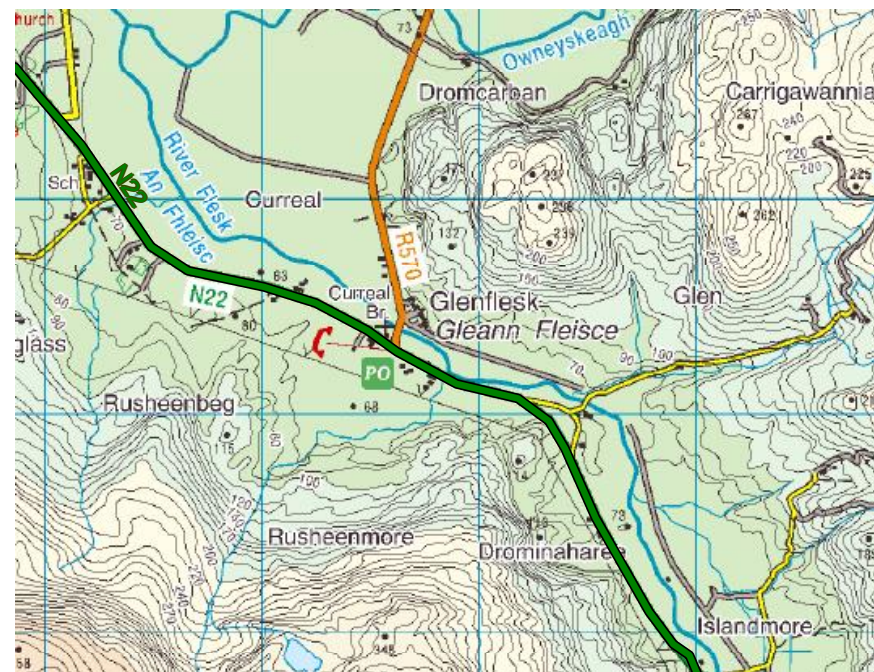


## GLENFLESK

### 1.0 CONTEXT

#### Location

Glenflesk (Gleann Fleisce) is a small village located on the N22, a national primary road, approximately 12km to the southeast of Killarney town. The R570 leads to Barraduff, located approximately 6km to the north of Glenflesk.



#### Population

There are no population figures for the village of Glenflesk itself. The village is located within the Flesk ED. The population in this ED has been increasing since 1996. In the census period between 1996 and 2002 the population increased from 350 to 376 persons or by 7.6%. The increase in the 2002 to 2006 census period was marginal however at 0.3%.

#### Functions and Facilities

Glenflesk is a small settlement on a busy national primary route with limited facilities serving the surrounding rural population.

Facilities in the village include a Church, a shop/petrol station/post office and a fuel depot which are both located on the main road. To the north on the R570 is the GAA grounds and a training pitch. Approximately 1.7km to the northwest of the main settlement there is a garage and the Glenflesk primary school which are both located off the N22.

#### Infrastructure

There are no existing sewerage facilities in the village. The central area in Glenflesk is subject to flooding from the River Flesk and this will exclude the possibility of constructing a treatment plant in the village. The lack of future wastewater treatment proposals for the village will therefore be a major constraint on future development.

#### Settlement Form

The focus of the village is centred around the Church on the northern side of the N22 and the petrol station on the southern side. The N22 essentially bisects the village. Otherwise, Glenflesk is a dispersed rural settlement characterised by dispersed properties. There are no multiple housing developments in the area.



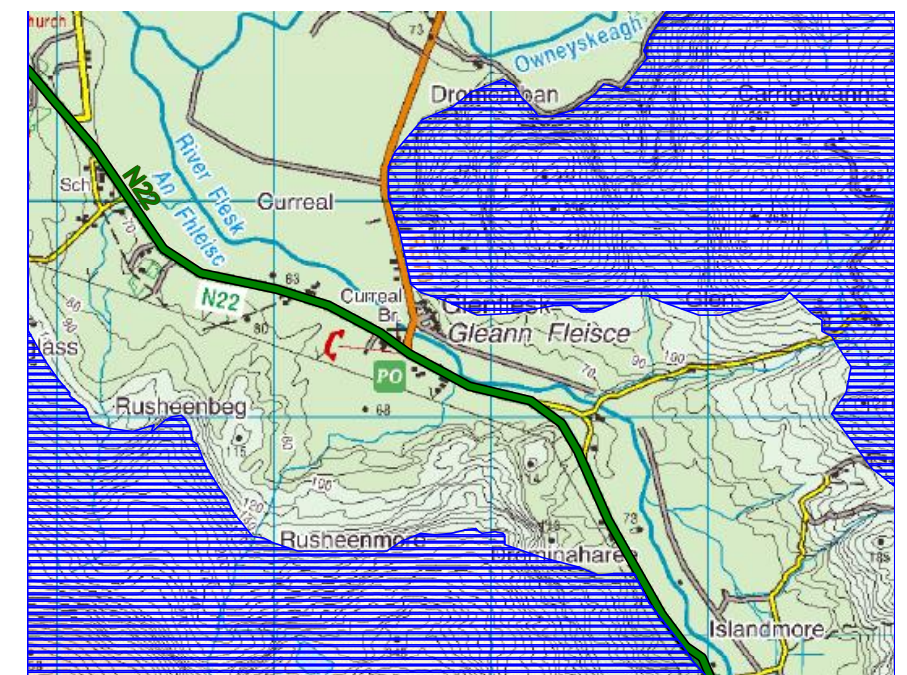
#### Built Heritage

The Catholic Church (St Agatha's) is a protected structure.

#### Natural Environment

The village is located between two mountains (Killeen Mountain/The Paps and Crohane) and there is a river (River Flesk) running parallel with and to the north of the N22. The River Flesk is a salmon spawning river.

There are large areas of land zoned secondary special amenity in the Glenflesk area. There are no protected views and prospects.



Above: Secondary amenity areas as designated in the Kerry County Development Plan 2003-2009.

#### Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic

The village is on a national primary road between Killarney and Cork and the maximum speed limit of 100km/h applies. Large amounts of traffic travel through the village at speed and there is no controlled provision for pedestrian connectivity between the northern and southern sides of the N22. Traffic-calming measures were introduced to the village in the recent past.



2.0 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

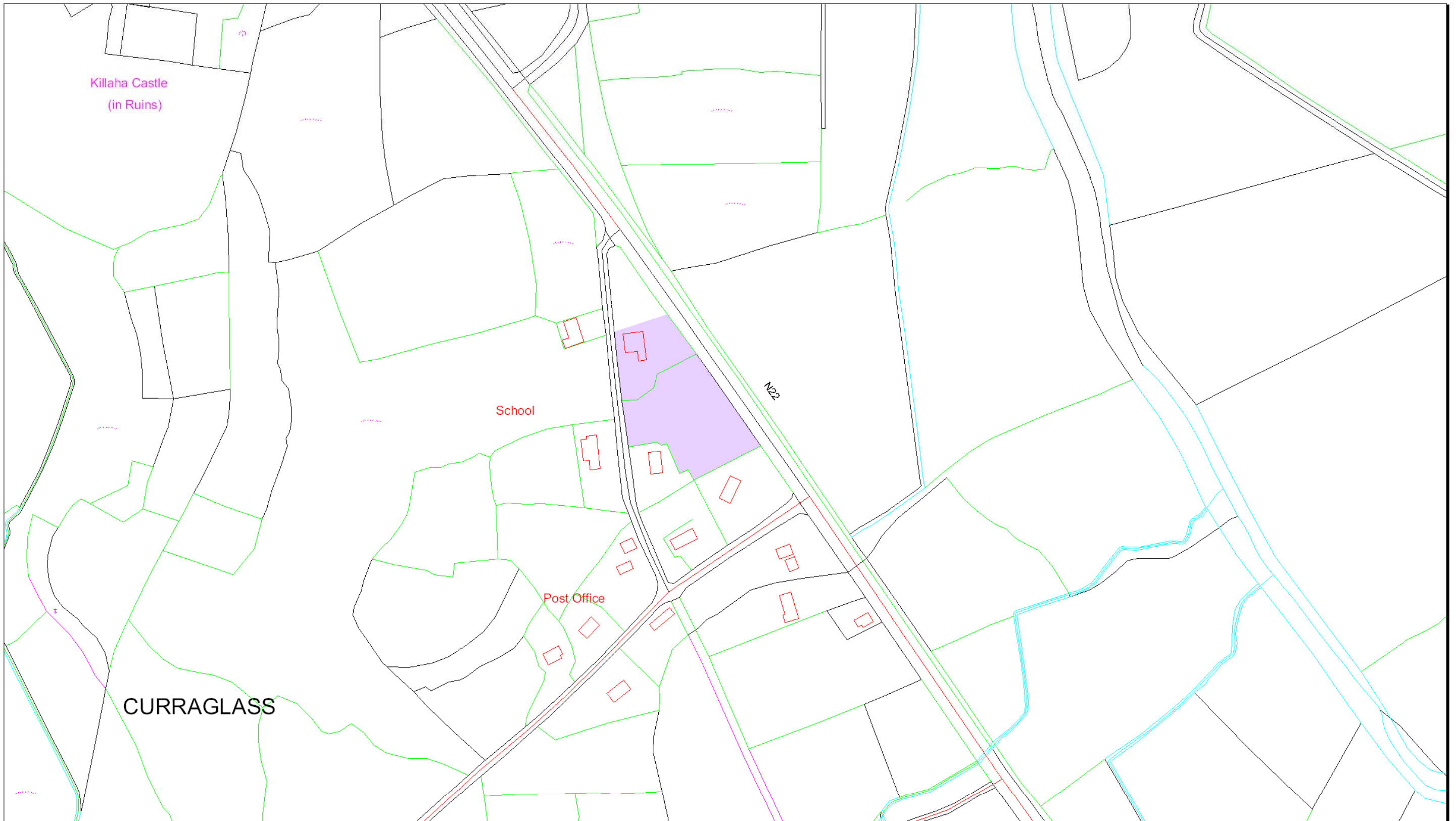
- The location of Glenflesk on the N22, a national primary route, has significant implications for the future development of the village. There is no opportunity to develop a vibrant village core centred at the existing shop/petrol station. On the northern side of the N22, the River Flesk, existing development and the topography of the area further limit the development of a cohesive village core. Glenflesk is in effect a dispersed rural settlement and future development in the area should reflect this settlement pattern.

	accompanied by a flood impact assessment.
OO-7	Prepare a tree preservation order for appropriate trees throughout the settlement and promote additional planting.
OO-8	Dwellings in the area shall be reserved for permanent residential use.

3.0 OVERALL OBJECTIVES


Objective no	It is an objective of the Council that/to;
OO-1	Future development in the area will be small in scale and shall take the form of one-off dwellings (or cluster type developments) located on the minor roads off the N22. A limited amount of ancillary facilities such as a shop will also be permitted at suitable locations.
OO-2	New developments should be designed to a high standard to ensure integration with the landscape by means of appropriate design and siting.
OO-3	Retain the amenity areas and the protected structure designated in the Kerry County Development Plan 2003-2009.
OO-4	Ensure that the water quality of the River Flesk, a spawning river, is maintained and protected from inappropriate development.
OO-5	Physical interference with the bed or banks of the River Flesk will be subject to the approval of the South West Fisheries Board and the OPW.
OO-6	Developments within the flood plain of the River Flesk will not be permitted. Any applications for developments in proximity of the river shall be





**Glenflesk**

**Map**

 Commercial

**Adopted**

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