

Geography Sample Answer

2021 Long Question 8C

Accessibility: The Foxford area is accessible by many modes of transport. There is a railway station at G255 044. This would be very useful for the transport of goods. It is also convenient for workers to get to and from work. The N26 national primary road runs through the urban area of Foxford. The majority of Irish people travel to work by car so this road would be useful for them. 90% of goods in Ireland are transported by road so having a national primary road here would be attractive for MNCs. There are a couple of smaller roads such as the R310 which enters the map from the West and the N58 which enters the map from the South West. These roads may be useful for workers who live in rural areas to get to work.

Available land: There are a huge number of greenfield sites in the OS Map such as the G245 046. This particular greenfield site would be attractive to MNCs for a number of reasons. The absence of contour lines means that the land is flat and is perfect for development. This site is well drained and accessible by the R318. The site at G245 046 is less than 1km away from the Lough Cullin. The water may be useful for MNCS looking to set up manufacturing plants.

Services: The lack of services may turn off MNCS from locating here. The built up area of Foxford seen at G26 04 is lacking services. There is no 3rd level institution in the area. MNCs like to locate near 3rd level institutions so that they have a large workforce to choose from. There is one school at G271 042. MNCs would rather locate in an area with many schools for two main reasons. It shows that there is an upcoming educated workforce and there is also a large market for the products.

There appears to be an absence of settlement in the area apart from a small amount of linear settlement at G263 037. The lack of people would be unattractive to MNCs who would be looking for a large labour force.