

Water Services Investment and Balanced Regional Development

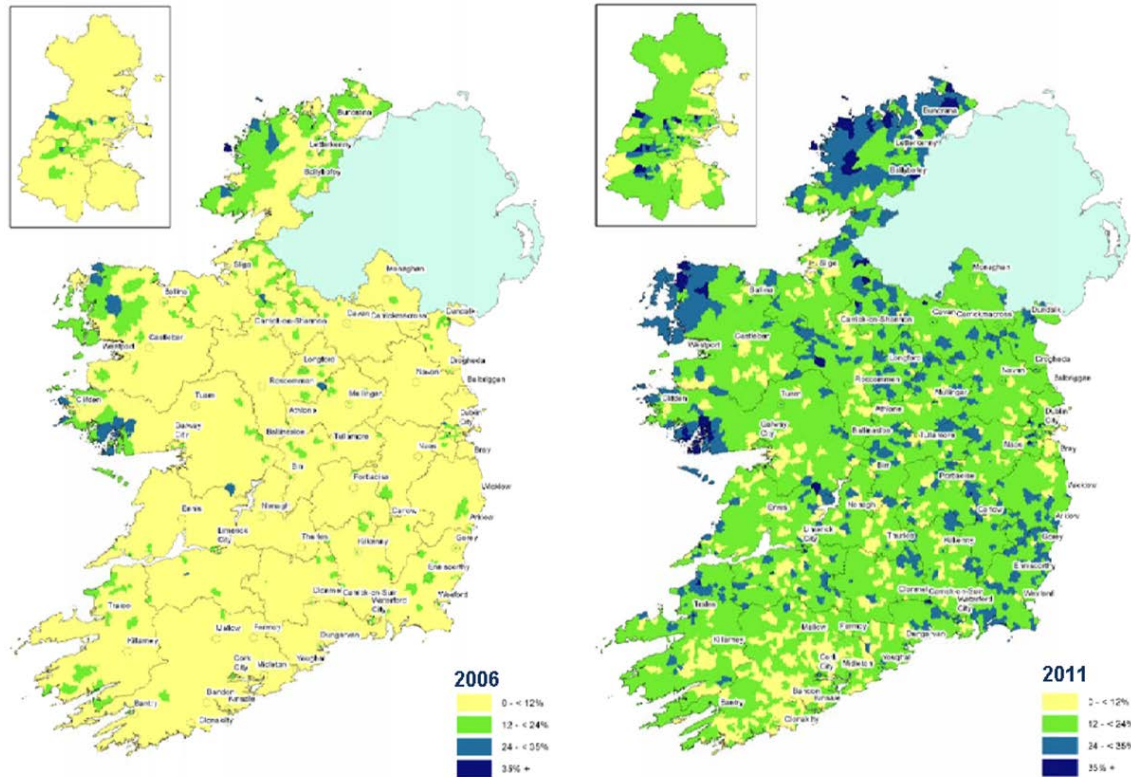
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Achieving Balanced Regional Development: A Context

Census 2006 and 2011 - Unemployment



Ireland's Planning System

EU, National Legislation and Policy

- EU Directives
- Planning Act
- Ministerial Guidelines
- Capital programmes

Spatial Strategy National

Regional Planning Guidelines Regional

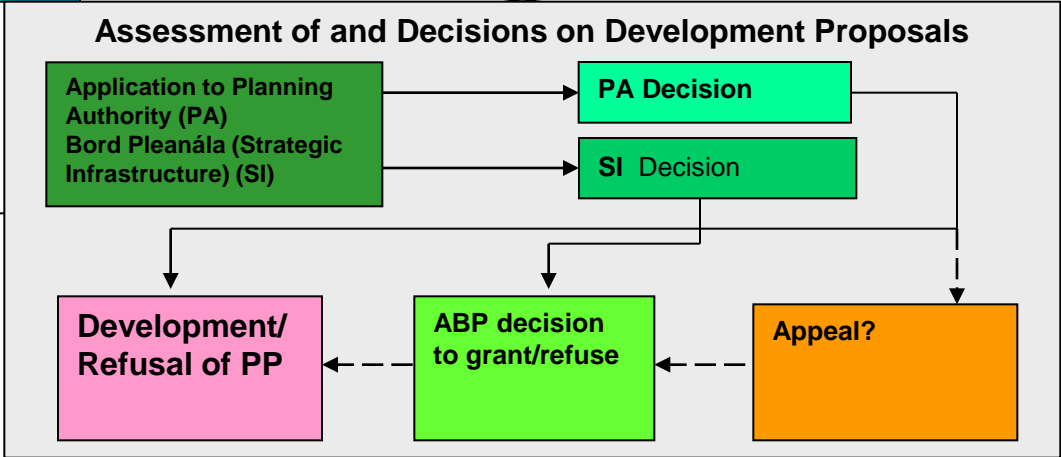
Development Plans (Inc Core Strategy) Local

Local Plans

Establishes Policy Context for...

Local Authority

- Housing Strategy
- Retail Strategy
- Social and Economic Plan
- Capital Programme



Regional Development in Ireland: What Worked/Didn't



Difference?

**Plan Led vs Speculative
development...**

Improving Planning in Ireland and Regional Development

- Ensuring right development happens in right places and at right time
- Co-ordinating public and private sector activity to create the conditions where enterprise and job creation flourishes
- Anticipating and meeting needs of all sectors/community: Employment, Housing, Infrastructure, Environment, Community
- Focus: building communities strengthening economies, alignment of investment priorities (Irish Water and planning dimension)



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Transformative Developments in Spatial Planning

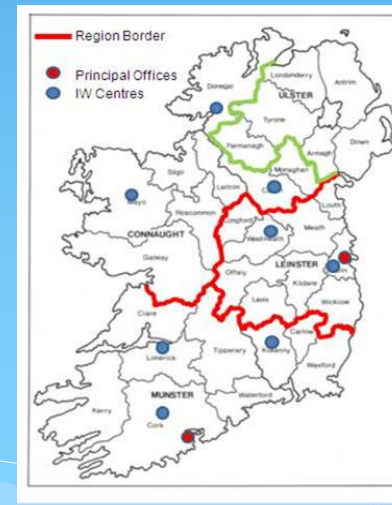
- **National Level:** *NSS(2)/National Planning Framework - Creation of Irish Water*
- **Regional Level:** *Regional Assemblies
Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies*
- **Local Level:** *City/County Plans (Spatial – Place based)
Local Economic and Community Plan (Actions)*
- **Governance:** *National Oversight Audit Commission
Office for Planning Regulation*



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Regional Development Dimension to Water Services

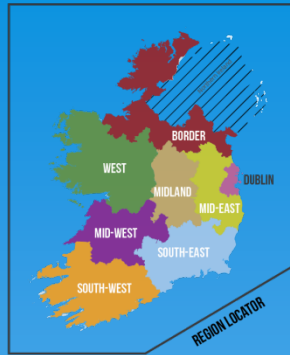
- 8 Regional Authorities and 2 Assemblies to be replaced by 3 Regional Assemblies
 - *West/Northwest*
 - *Southern*
 - *Eastern – Midland*
- Key Task: Preparation of Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy to replace current regional planning guidelines from 2016 onwards
- Extensive existing analysis (Regional Indicators Report)
- Irish Water planning regions align



- Infrastructure is sufficient to achieve the RPG or Development Plan target for 2016
- Some development may proceed (subject to altered operational procedures or future investment in infrastructure) which will accommodate the RPG or Development Plan target for 2016
- Investment in infrastructure is required to accommodate the RPG or Development Plan target for 2016

CAPITAL WATER SERVICES INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (WSIP) 2010 - 2013 ⁵³

- CC CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED
- CaC CONTRACTS AT CONSTRUCTION
- CS CONTRACTS TO START (INCLUDES TENDER STAGES)
- PS SCHEMES AT PLANNING STAGE (INCLUDES DESIGN, PRELIMINARY REPORT OR STUDY PHASE)
- NW SETTLEMENTS NOT LISTED ON CAPITAL WSIP



Regional Indicators Report 2013

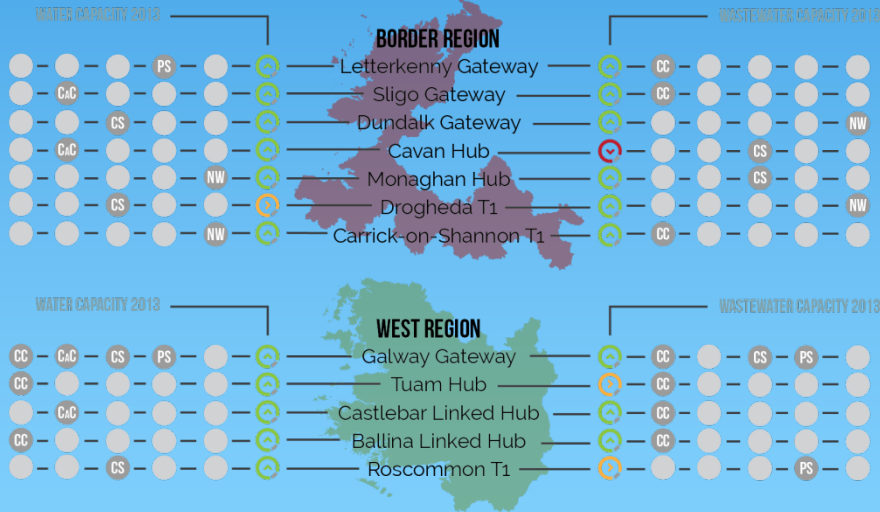


Figure 4.4 - Water & Wastewater capacities per Gateway, Hub and Tier 1 Settlement (T1). ⁵⁴

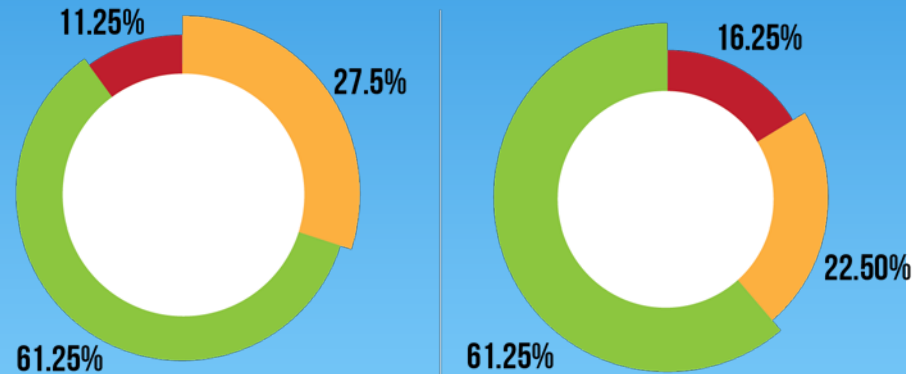


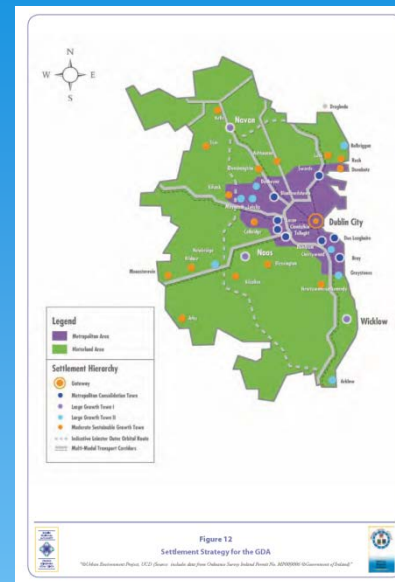
Figure 4.8: Water Capacity for all RPG Settlements (2013)

Figure 4.9 - Wastewater Treatment Capacity for all RPG Settlements (2013)



Alignment of Planning and Irish Water Investment

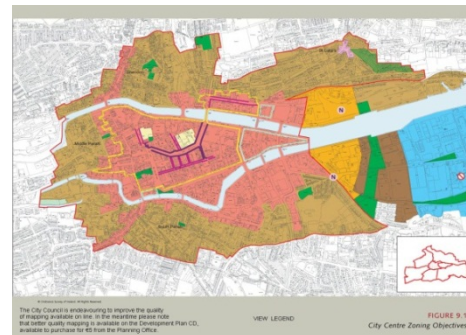
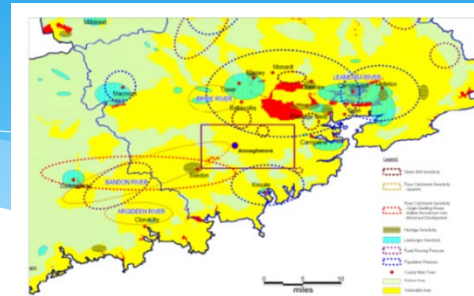
- Planning process and Irish Water must work together as provided for under Water Services Act 2014
- Scope to enhance WSA 2014 providing through “Assessment of Spatial Planning Requirement”



The Development Plan and Water Services Investment

Mapping of Resources, Significance, Sensitivities [Ecology, Heritage, Flooding, Scenery]

- * Description of population targets and growth areas
- * Mapping of Zoning and Objectives [landuse, Infrastructure]
- * Zoning confined to urban areas
- * Environmental Assessment [SEA and AA]
- * Needs certainty around timing of infrastructure delivery!!

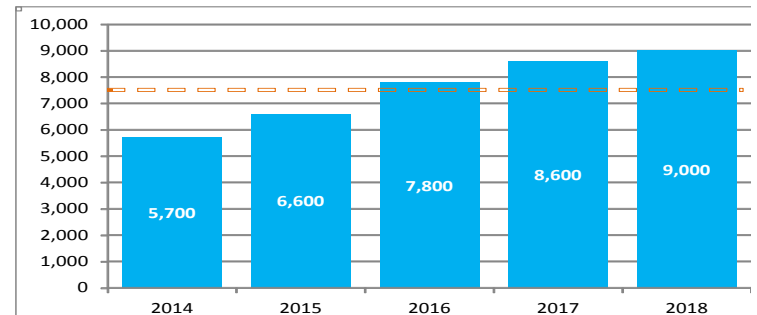


A Word on the Dublin Housing Task Force...

- Housing Agency report on Future Housing Requirements projects that a minimum of 37,700 dwellings are required in Dublin over the next 5 years
- Immediate supply requirement of 5,663 units in 2014 in the Dublin Region, which rises to a per annum requirement of 8,970 units in 2018
- Dublin: immediately available for development - 12,785 houses and 7,925 apartments = circa. 3 years supply
- Further study necessary



Urban Settlements (<1,000People) in the Dublin Region



(Annual) Housing Supply Requirement
Average Housing Supply Requirement 2014-2018

Planning Bill 2014: Assessment of Spatial Planning Requirement

1. IW/LA/RA work together to determine key spatial policy requirements (DECLG co-ordination and CER input)
2. NSS/RPG: strategic context, take account of likely development – housing, employment, environmental quality objectives – and objectives in relation to spatial balance and patterns of spatial development
3. Identify the critical water services related infrastructure requirement and summarise nationally/regionally
4. Input to Water Services Strategic Plan



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Summary

- Reform of local government, planning, water services delivery - opportunity for more strategic/effective approach
- WS Planning and Spatial Planning process need to take account of each other in an iterative and integrated manner (much initial work complete)
- Opportunities: Water Services Strategic Plan and future National Planning Framework/Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy
- Planning Bills 2014 will further develop legislative framework



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