

Appendix 1: European National Regional and Local Context

1. Introduction

This Appendix lists the principal European, National, Regional and Local policy documents, guidelines and plans that have helped inform and guide the preparation of the Draft County Development Plan. This list, while comprehensive, is not exhaustive and additional documents will be considered as appropriate as the Development Plan process is advanced.

1.1 European Policy

- EU Habitats Directive
- EU Urban Waste Water Directive
- EU Water Framework Directive
- EU Waste Framework Directive
- EU Drinking Water Directive
- EU Bathing Water Directive
- EU Freshwater Fish Directive
- EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive
- EU Floods Directive
- The Implementation of the Birds and Habitats Directive in Estuaries and Coastal Zones, EU 2011
- EU SEA Directive
- EU Control of Major Accidents Directive
- EU Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe Directive
- EU Energy Efficiency Directive 2012/27/EU
- EU European Renewables Directive
- EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive 2010/31/EU
- EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive.
- Maritime Spatial Planning Directive

These overarching EU Directives in time are subsequently transposed into National legislation across the Member States of the European Union – including Ireland. The majority of the Directives listed above have already been transposed into Irish legislation – a number of the more recent Directives have still to do so.

1.2 National Policy

- National Spatial Strategy 2002-2020 - People Places Potential (2002)
<http://www.nss.ie/>

The National Spatial Strategy (NSS) is a 20 year National framework that sets out a strategy for balanced regional development across Ireland and it informs National decisions as to where development (and Government investment) should take place. The NSS, while acknowledging the Greater Dublin Area (GDA) as the driver of the national economy, seeks to promote a better balance of population, jobs and development elsewhere in the State. The NSS is now twelve years old and is currently under review by the Department of the Environment, Community, and Local Government and may be replaced either during the County Development Plan process or shortly thereafter.

- Infrastructure and Capital Investment 2012–2016 – Medium-Term Exchequer Framework (2011)
<http://www.per.gov.ie/public-expenditure-policy/>

The Infrastructure and Capital Investment Plan succeeded the National Development Plan which ran from 2007-2010. This Plan was formulated – at a time of tight fiscal constraints - to

assess the capacity of Ireland's infrastructure and identify remaining gaps which needed to be addressed to aid economic recovery, social cohesion and environmental sustainability.

- Smarter Travel – A Sustainable Transport Future (2009)
<http://www.smartertravel.ie>

'Smarter Travel' is the Government's Action Plan to free towns and cities from traffic congestion, substantially cut CO2 emissions and encourage car-based commuters to leave their cars at home. This Plan sets out 49 individual actions to encourage a shift toward walking, cycling and greater public transport usage. By 2020 the aim is to move 500,000 potential car-based commuters to other more sustainable forms of transport and, in doing so, cut CO2 emissions by at least 4 million tonnes. The Plan aims to ensure that electric vehicles account for 10% of all vehicles on the roads and to move over 150,000 people to work by bike each year.

- National Cycle Policy Framework 2009-2020
<http://www.smartertravel.ie/content/national-cycle-policy>

Ireland's first Cycle Policy Framework sets out the Government's action plan to achieve the goal of creating an embedded culture of cycling within both urban and rural areas. It is envisaged that cycling will become a normal way to get about - especially for short trips - to the extent that 10% of all trips by 2020 will be by bicycle

- Construction 2020-A Strategy for a Renewed Construction Sector (2014)
http://taoiseach.gov.ie/eng/Publications/Publications_2014/

This Strategy sets out a focussed programme of action to deliver a strong, sustainable, well-financed, competitive and innovative approach to construction and housing, building to the highest standards, at realistic levels and with consumer protection at its heart.

- Irish Water Proposed Capital Investment Plan 2014-2106
<http://www.water.ie/news/proposed-capital-investme/>

The Capital Investment Plan outlines Irish Water's indicative short-term investment priorities in water services infrastructure. The Capital Investment Plan aims to deliver improvements in drinking water quality, leakage, wastewater compliance, business efficiencies and customer service.

- Our Sustainable Future: A Framework for Sustainable Development in Ireland 2012
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Environment/SustainableDevelopment/PublicationsDocuments/FileDownload,30452,en.pdf>
- Social Housing Strategy 2020, Support, Supply and Reform
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Housing/FileDownload,39622,en.pdf>
- National Heritage Plan (2002)
<http://www.heritagecouncil.ie>
- Actions for Biodiversity, 2011 – 2016
<http://www.npws.ie/legislationandconventions/nationalbiodiversityplan/>
- Towards a Resource Efficient Ireland - A National Strategy to 2020, incorporating Ireland's National Waste Prevention Programme
<http://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/waste/prevention/towardsaresourceefficientireland.html>
- National Hazardous Waste Management Plan, 2014-2020 (2014)
<http://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/waste/haz/nationalhazardouswastemanagementplan2014-2020.html>

- Putting People First - Action Programme for Effective Local Government (2012)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/PublicationsDocuments/>
- The National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007-2016
<http://www.socialinclusion.ie/nationalactionplan2007.html>
- Buildings for Everyone: A Universal Approach (2012)
<http://www.universaldesign.ie/Built-Environment/Building-for-Everyone/>
- National Disability Strategy Implementation Plan 2013-2015
<http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/PB1300032>
- A Strategy for Public Libraries 2013-2017 (2013)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/LocalGovernment/PublicLibraries/>
- Student Accommodation Scheme (2007)
<http://www.revenue.ie/en/practitioner/tech-guide/>
- Achieving Effective Workplace Travel Plan Guidance for Local Authorities (2012)
<http://www.nationaltransport.ie/publications/transport-planning/>
- National Climate Change Strategy 2007-2012
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Environment/Atmosphere/ClimateChange/NationalClimateChangeStrategy>
- National Climate Change Adaptation Framework - Building Resilience to Climate Change (2012)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/Environment/ClimateChange/FileDownload,32076,en.pdf>
- Towards nearly Zero Energy Buildings in Ireland - Planning for 2020 and Beyond (2012)
<http://nzeb-opendoors.ie/epbd>
- Ireland and the Climate Change Challenge - Connecting How Much with How To (2012).
<http://www.nesc.ie/en/publications/publications/nesc-secretariat-papers/irelands-climate-change-challenge-background-papers/>
- National Energy Efficiency Action Plan 3 (NEEAP) (2009)
<http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/Energy/Energy+Efficiency+and+Affordability+Division/National+Energy+Efficiency+Action+Plan.htm>

1.3 Regional Context

- Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area 2010-2022
<http://www.rpg.ie/>

The RPGs provide an overall spatial policy framework for the GDA to 2022 and focus primarily on (i) the physical consolidation of the Dublin Metropolitan Area and (ii) the proper integration of land use and transportation to promote more sustainable forms of development across the Region. The population and housing projections detailed in the current RPGs are, however, based on the 2006 Census – not the subsequent and more recent 2011 Census. The Greater Dublin Area Regional Authority prepared the RPGs was disbanded in June 2014 and replaced by a new and much larger Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly. The new Regional Assembly will be responsible for preparing the successor document to the RPGs but it is unlikely it will be published in time to inform the Development Plan process. This presents some logistical difficulties in the preparation of a strategic County Development Plan document

which requires to be guided by, and be consistent with, up-to-date National and Regional guidance.

- Retail Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2008-2016
<http://www.rpg.ie/>

The purpose of the Retail Strategy is to guide the activities and policies for retail planning across the seven Local Authorities that make up the GDA. The Strategy aims to set out a co-ordinated, sustainable approach to the assessment and provision of retail within the GDA so that adequate and suitable provision is made to meet the needs of a growing and changing population. The Strategy also aims to provide for healthy competition and consumer choice, to ensure that retail in suitable locations is provided and is integrated within existing growth areas and public transport investment. The Strategy also seeks to ensure that significant overprovision, which could place more marginal locations under severe pressure and undermine sustainability-driven policies aimed at revitalising town centres, is avoided.

- Greater Dublin Area Draft Transport Strategy 2016 – 2035
<http://www.nationaltransport.ie/publications/transport-planning/>

The draft Transport Strategy for the GDA was produced by the National Transport Authority for the period 2016 to 2035. The Strategy sets out policies and measures required to support the GDA in realising its full potential. The draft Transport Strategy is not simply a list of transport infrastructure measures, but rather sets out a fully integrated and balanced sustainable transportation strategy for the wider

Dublin Region dealing with all sustainable travel modes (bus, rail, Luas, cycling and walking) and road transportation as well as issues such as road safety, traffic management, accessibility, enforcement, social inclusion and guidance on complementary land use policies. It should be noted that the draft Transport Strategy has yet to be fully adopted.

- Integrated Implementation Plan 2013-2018
<http://www.nationaltransport.ie/publications/transport-planning/>

The National Transport Authority produced an Integrated Implementation Plan which sets out a central Infrastructure Investment Programme for the GDA Region over the period 2013 to 2019. The Plan envisages a total investment of €884 million over 6 years, with four key investment areas:

- Light rail €306 million.
- Bus €245.6 million.
- Integrated measures and sustainable transport €192.9 million.
- Heavy Rail €140 million.

- Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study (2005)
<http://www.dublincity.ie/WaterWasteEnvironment/WasteWater/Drainage/GreaterDublinStrategicDrainageStudy/>

The Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study was originally commissioned in 2001 to carry out a strategic analysis of the existing foul and surface water systems in the local authority areas of Dublin City, Fingal, South Dublin, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and the adjacent catchments in Meath, Kildare and Wicklow. The Study sets out policies, strategies and projects for developing a sustainable drainage system for the Greater Dublin Region. The new infrastructure recommended by the Study has been estimated at €2.4 billion and the main new strategic components are:

- Upgrade the existing drainage system.
- Upgrade existing treatment plants to their ultimate capacity.
- Construct new Regional treatment plant in Fingal.

- Provide new orbital sewer to western suburbs of Dublin and adjacent catchments in Meath and Kildare.
- Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan (2013)
<http://www.nationaltransport.ie/publications/all-documents-published/>
- Planning and Development of Large-Scale, Rail Focussed Residential Areas in Dublin (2013)
<http://www.nationaltransport.ie/publications/all-documents-published/>
- Greater Dublin Water Supply Strategic Study 1996-2016
<http://www.watersupplyproject-dublinregion.ie>
- Eastern River Basin District River Basin Management Plan 2009-2015
<http://erbd.ie/reports/first-rmb-plan>
- Dublin Mountains Strategic Plan for Development of Outdoor Recreation 2007-2017
<http://www.dublinmountains.ie>
- Waste Management Plan for the Dublin Region 2005-2010
www.dublinwaste.ie
- Air Quality Management Plan for the Dublin Region 2009-2012
<http://www.sdcc.ie/dublin-regional-air-quality-management-plan-2009-2012>
- Dublin Agglomeration Environmental Noise Action Plan December 2013–2018
<http://www.dlrcoco.ie/aboutus/councildepartments/transportation/downloadit/environmentalnoiseactionplan/>
- Green City Guidelines (2008)
http://www.ucd.ie/news/2008/09SEP08/160908_uban_developments.html

1.4 Ministerial Guidelines

There are numerous National guidelines, strategies and policy documents that have been published by Government Departments and National organisations that relate to planning. The Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) specifically requires Planning Authorities to have regard to Ministerial Guidelines from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. The National plans, policies and strategies include, inter alia:

- Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (2009)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing>

The Guidelines are focused on creating sustainable communities by incorporating the highest design standards and providing a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of essential infrastructure and services. The objectives of these Guidelines are to (i) set out stronger planning requirements to facilitate the development of sustainable communities through strengthening planning and the provision of necessary supporting services and amenities (ii) help achieve the most efficient use of urban land through housing densities that are appropriate to the location involved and availability of supporting services and infrastructure, particularly transport and (iii) set high standards in terms of space and facilities to meet the needs of the Irish context.

- Urban Design Manual Best Practice Guidelines (2009)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>

This Best Practise Manual accompanies the 'Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas' Guidelines. The document provides best practice advice on the practical implementation of the policies contained in the Guidelines. Using both real and illustrative examples, it focuses on creating well-designed sustainable neighbourhoods that will stand the test of time. The Manual focuses on the issues presented in housing schemes in the 30-50 units per hectare density range and also addresses some of the specific issues generated by higher and lower density schemes in urban areas.

- Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments (2015)
<http://www.environ.ie/sites/default/files/migrated-files/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/FileDownload%2C15335%2Cen.pdf>

These Guidelines update the 'Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments' 2007. Where specific planning policy requirements are stated in the Guidelines, the Minister intends that such requirements must take precedence over policies and objectives of Development Plans, local Area Plans for Strategic Development Zone Planning Schemes. These guidelines apply to all housing developments that include apartments, whether public or private.

- Delivering Homes, Sustaining Communities (2007)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Housing/>

This is the Government's primary policy agenda on housing. It focuses on sustainable communities from all dimensions - social, environmental and economic. It sets out a vision to guide the transformation of the housing sector - between 2007-2017 - by delivering more and better quality housing in a strategic way focused on the concept of sustainable communities - places where people want to live and work now and in the future and that are safe, inclusive, well planned, built and run.

- Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities (2007)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Housing/>

These Design Guidelines are intended to assist in the implementation of the policies as set out in Delivering Homes Sustaining Communities. They include guidance on urban design issues, site selection, dwelling design and design brief, procurement and cost control.

- The Planning System and Flood Risk Management (2009)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>

The Guidelines aim to ensure a more consistent, rigorous and systematic approach to fully incorporate flood risk assessment and management into the planning system. The Guidelines, which have been prepared in response to the recommendations of the National Flood Policy Review Group, are focused on providing for comprehensive consideration of flood risk, both in preparing Regional Plans, Development Plans and Local Area Plans, and in determining applications for planning permission in line with the principles of proper planning and sustainable development. They also take account of environmental considerations, including the need to manage the inevitable impacts of climate change, biodiversity etc., and the EU Directives on Flooding and the Water Framework Directive which established the concept of river basin management.

- Irish Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (2013)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>
- Spatial Planning and National Roads – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>
- National Cycle Manual (2011)
<http://www.cyclemanual.ie/>

- A Resource Opportunity Waste Management Policy in Ireland (2012)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Environment/Waste/PublicationsDocuments/>
- Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2010)
<http://www.npws.ie/planning/appropriateassessment/>
- Implementation of SEA Directive (2001/42/EC): Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment, Guidelines for Regional Authorities and Planning Authorities (2004)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>
- Implementation of SEA Directive (2004)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-Threshold Development (2003)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/DevelopmentHousing/PlanningDevelopment/EnvironmentalAssessment/PublicationsDocuments/>
- Guidelines for Planning Authorities and An Bord Pleanála on carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment (2013)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>
- Code of Practice on the Provision of Schools and the Planning System (2008)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>
- Ready Steady Play! A National Play Policy (2004)
<http://www.omc.gov.ie/>
- Childcare Facilities - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2001)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>
- National Childcare Strategy - A Guide for Providers 2006-2010 (2006)
<http://www.omc.gov.ie/>
- Quarries and Ancillary Activities (2004)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>
- Architectural Heritage Protection - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2011)
<http://www.ahg.gov.ie/en/Publications/HeritagePublications/BuiltHeritagePolicyPublications/>
- Framework and Principles for the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (1999)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Heritage/Archaeology%2DNationalMonumentsService/>
- Government Policy on Architecture 2009-2015 - Towards a Sustainable Future: Delivering Quality within the Built Environment (2009)
<http://www.ahg.gov.ie/en/publications/heritagepublications/architecturalpolicypublications/>
- Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>
- Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2005)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>

- Development Plans: Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2007)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>
- Local Area Plans Guidelines for Local Authorities and Manual for Local Area Plans (2013)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>
- Wind Energy - Development Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2006)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>
- Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (1996)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>
- Government Policy Statement on 'Strategic Importance of Transmission and Other Energy Infrastructure' (2012)
<http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/NR/ronlyres/1CA793D6-2853-4DF9-A5F7-41A5ED36D20B/0/TransmissionandOtherEnergyInfrastructure.pdf>
- Bio-Energy Action Plan for Ireland (2007)
<http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/>
- Government White Paper 'Delivering a Sustainable Energy Future for Ireland, Energy Policy Framework 2007-2020'
<http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/NR/ronlyres/B0D3D168-3DCD-43E9-8D87-F4666239049F/0/EnergyWhitePaper12March2007.pdf>
- National Landscape Strategy for Ireland 2015-2025
<http://www.ahg.gov.ie/app/uploads/2015/09/national-landscape-strategy-for-ireland-2015-2025.pdf>
- Tree Preservation - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (1994)
<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Planning/>

1.5 Local Documents

<http://www.dlrcoco.ie>

- Guidelines for Sustainable Development, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (1999)
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Cycle Network Review Study Report (2012)
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Cycling Policy. Smarter Travel, Better Living (2010)
- Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Arts Development Policy 2011-2014
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Heritage Plan 2013-2019
- Parklife: A Policy for enhancing Biodiversity in Parks and Green Spaces 2009-2013
- DLR Open Space Strategy 2012-2015
- DLR Trees: A Tree Strategy for Dún-Laoghaire Rathdown 2011-2015
- Dalkey Islands Conservation Plan 2013-2023
- Green Infrastructure Strategy (2014)
- Taking-In-Charge Policy Document (2011-updated-2013)
- Coastal Defence Strategy Study (2010)
- DLR Green Roofs Guidance Document (2014)
- DLR Library Development Programmes 2010-2013 and 2015-2018
- DLR Building Heights Strategy (2011)
- Cherrywood SDZ Planning Scheme (2014)

- Sandyford Urban Framework Plan 2011-2016
- Blackrock Local Area Plan 2015 - 2020
- Dún Laoghaire Urban Framework Plan 2010-2016
- Deansgrange Local Area Plan 2010-2020
- Goatstown Local Area Plan 2012-2018
- Glencullen Local Area Plan 2008-2018
- Kiltiernan/Glenamuck Local Area Plan 2013 - 2019
- Stillorgan Local Area Plan 2007-2017
- Woodbrook/Shanganagh Local Area Plan 2006-2016
- Stepside Action Area Plan (2000)

