

# How can we activate land for housing delivery?

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#### Which land?





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## What type of future?









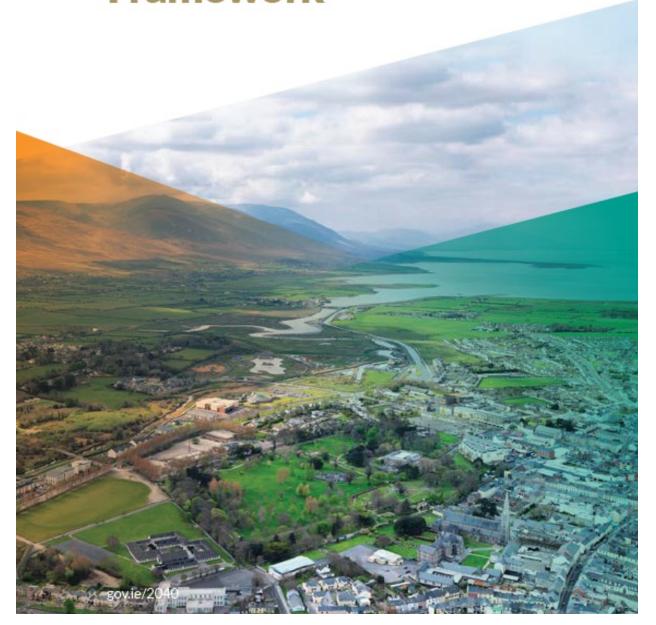
#### Plan-led approach

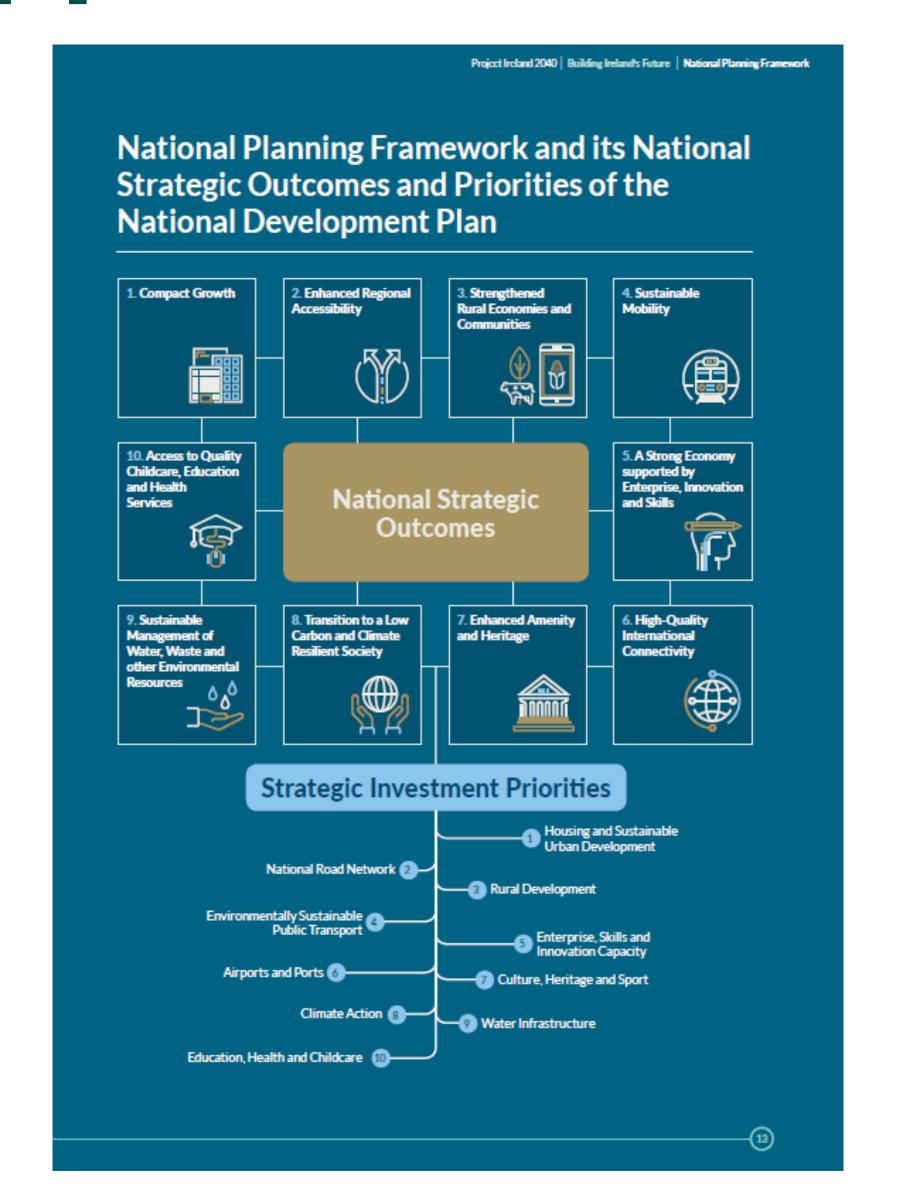




Project Ireland 2040

National Planning Framework







#### Climate Transition



- Climate Action Plan 2023 (CAP23) "halving Ireland's greenhouse gas emissions by the end of the decade"
- Carbon budgets and sectoral emissions ceilings - legally binding
  - Transportation (20% reduction in total vehicle
    - kilometres)
  - Buildings
  - Industry
  - Adaptation
  - Land Use









10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES











Changing Ireland for the Better

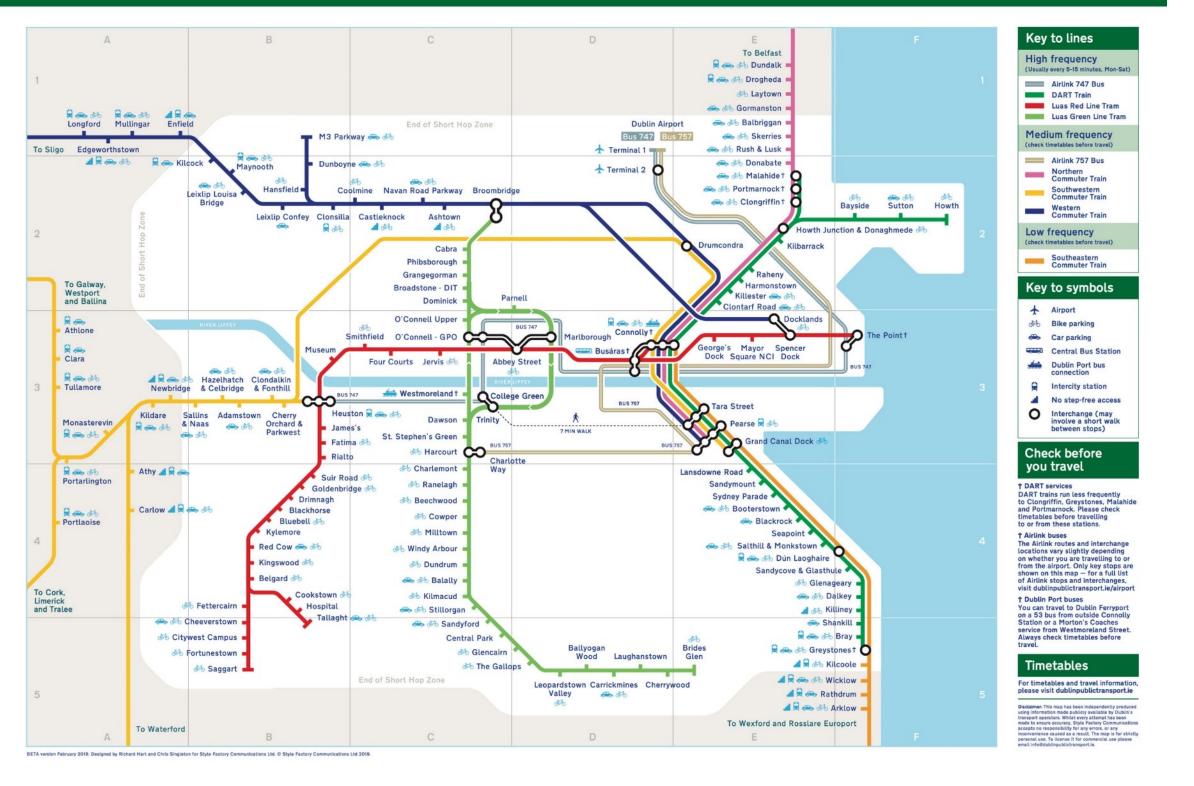


#### Less of this...more of that





#### Dublin area rail and airport bus services



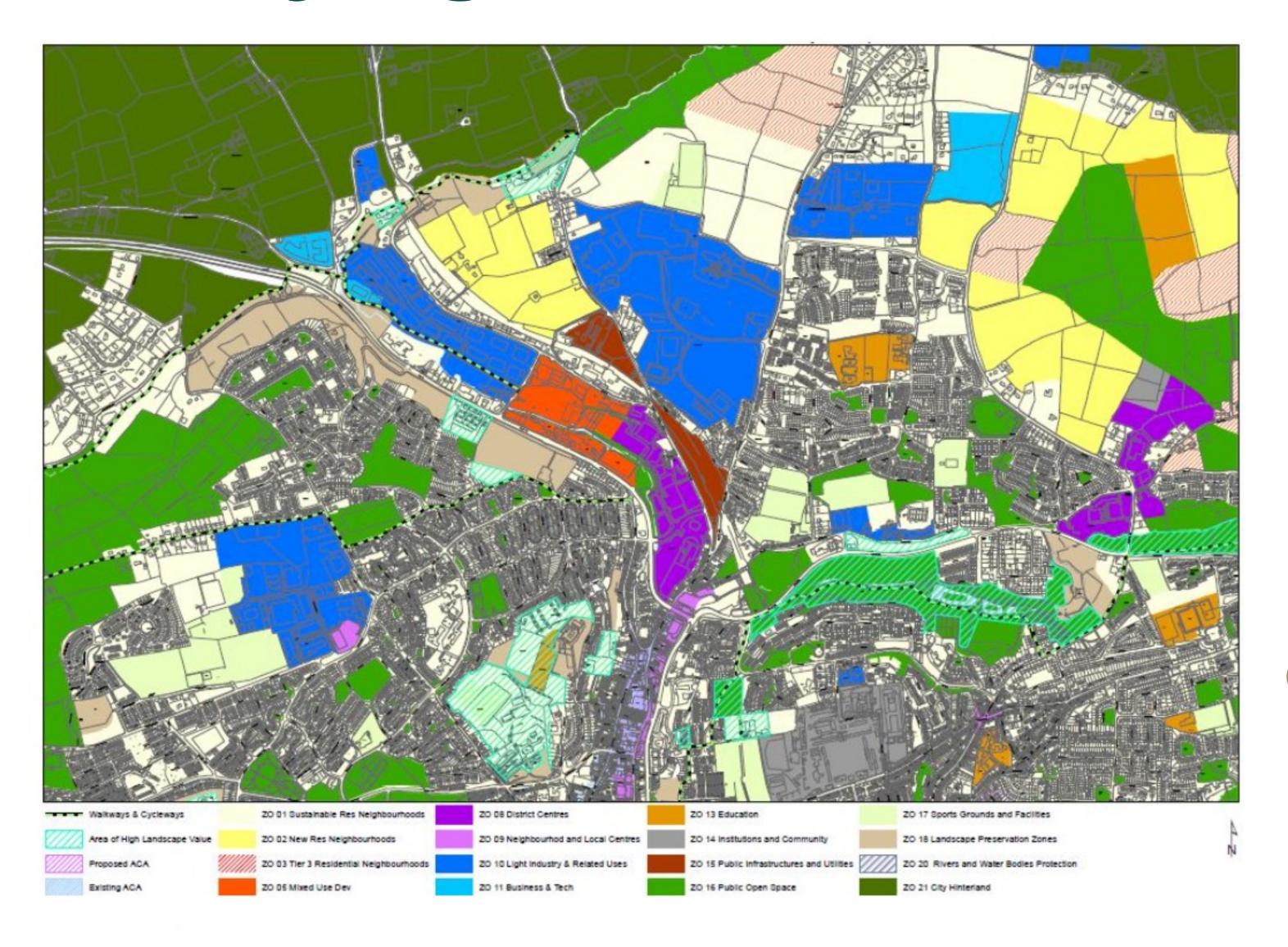
# NPF Strategy – Compact Growth and Balanced Regional Development

- 50% of population growth in Eastern and Midland Region and remaining 50% across Southern and Northern and Western Regions
- 40% of development within the built up area of settlements
- 5 regional cities to grow by 50% by 2040
- 5 regional centres (Dundalk, Drogheda, Letterkenny, Sligo and Athlone)



## Identifying the land



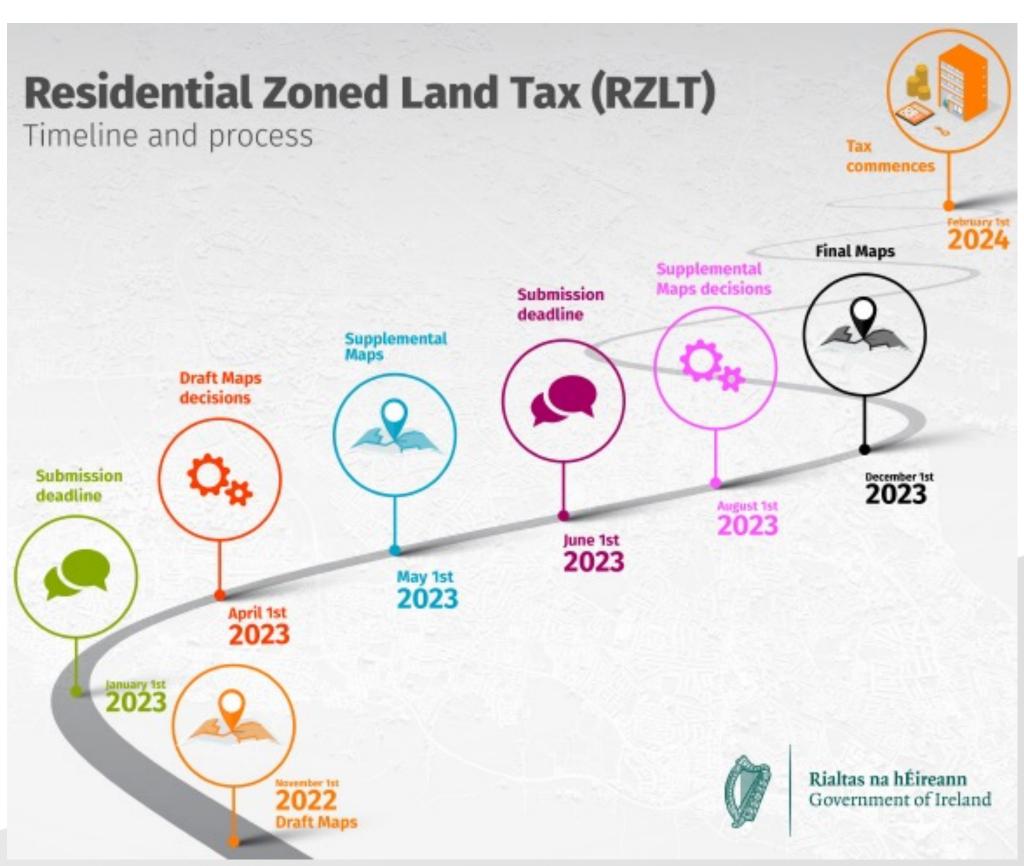


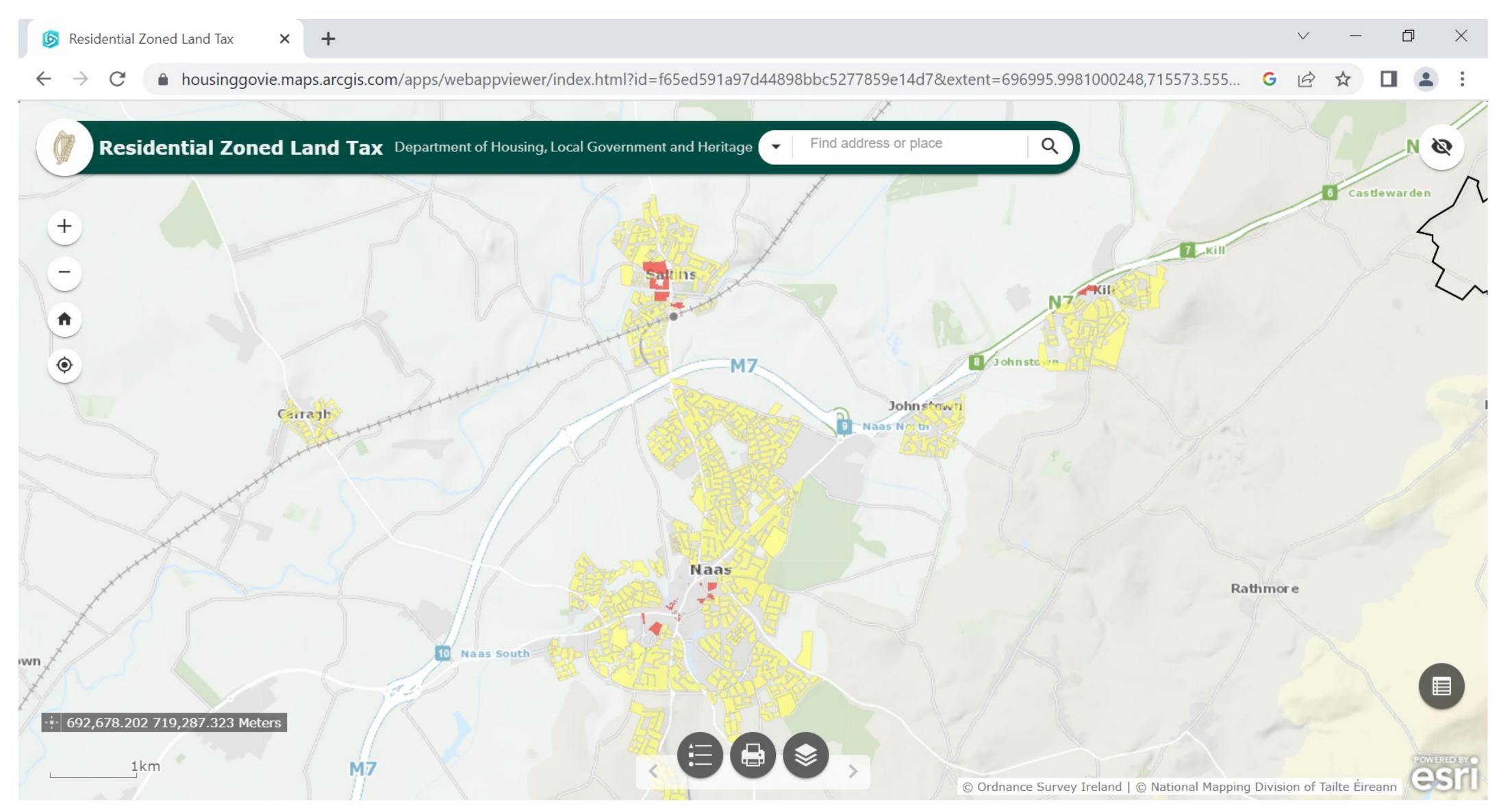
But does this mean housing will be delivered on the land?

#### Residential Zoned Land Tax



- Introduced in Finance Act 2021, comes into effect in February 2024 to activate zoned and serviced residential development land
- Annual mapping of lands in scope
- Monitoring of housing delivery and infrastructure requirements, including for lands not currently in scope
- 3% of market value, managed by Revenue Commissioners













- LVS seeks to allow the State to share in the uplift in land values that
  results from public decisions to zone or designate land for development,
  with the benefits used to deliver infrastructure to support development and
  result in community gain
- UDZ provisions seek to allow for the plan-led delivery of areas with significant potential for development, with associated infrastructure

## Land Value Sharing — Objectives



- Increased revenues for local authority to provide key infrastructure required to enable housing development
- Community gain by securing portion of value uplift for local authority, to be used to provide facilities and services required by the community
- Clarity and transparency relating to land values which will dampen speculation
- **Key focus:** to ensure that the correct balance is struck between securing an appropriate obligation from landowners, linked to the actual uplift in land values that results from the decision to zone the land for development, and the need to ensure that such an obligation does not unduly affect housing delivery

# Urban Development Zones – Objectives



- Early identification of areas with significant potential for development including housing, in accordance with 'compact growth' objectives of the National Planning Framework
- Identification of the key infrastructure requirements with clarity on funding, State investment
- Detailed masterplan scheme for all/part of area for fast-track consenting parallel to framework or subsequently
- **Key focus:** to ensure that these areas are prioritised for delivery with necessary funding for key enabling infrastructure, following a plan-led approach that provides certainty but allows for flexibility to allow development to proceed in a timely manner

## Delivery at scale - SDZs



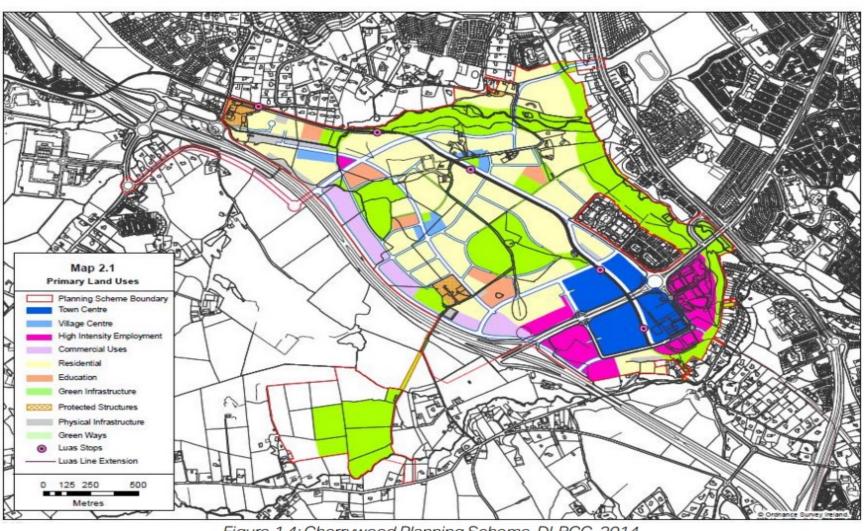


Figure 1.4: Cherrywood Planning Scheme, DLRCC, 2014

#### **Cherrywood (DLR)**



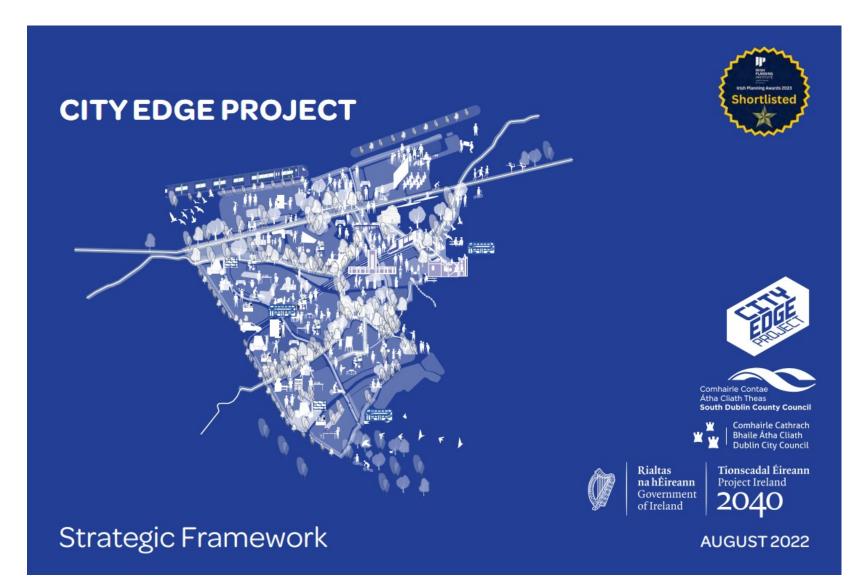


Adamstown (SDCC)

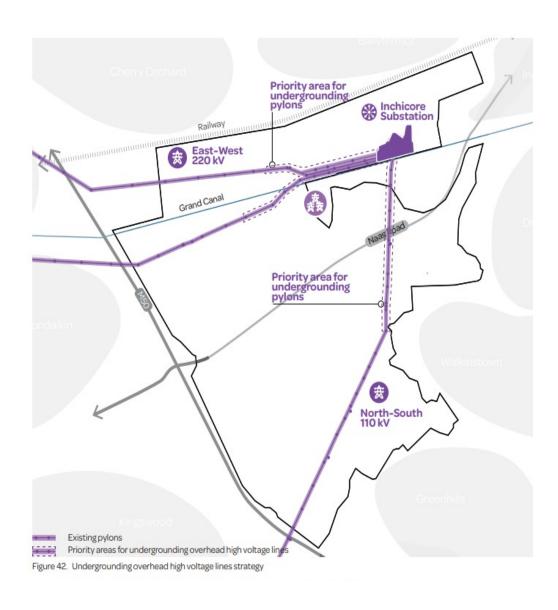


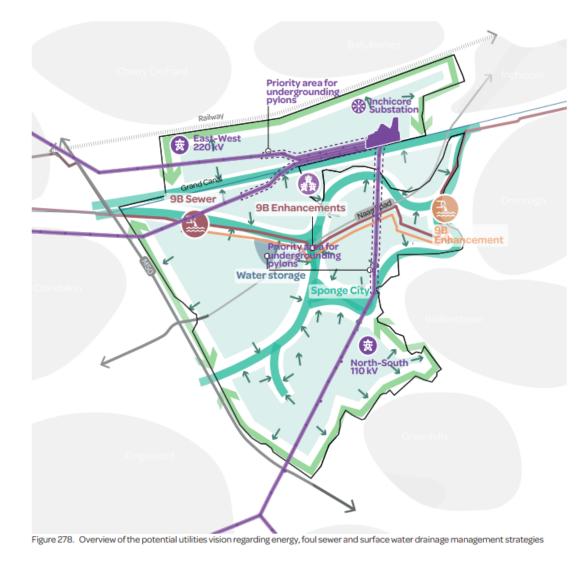
#### Delivery at scale – the future?

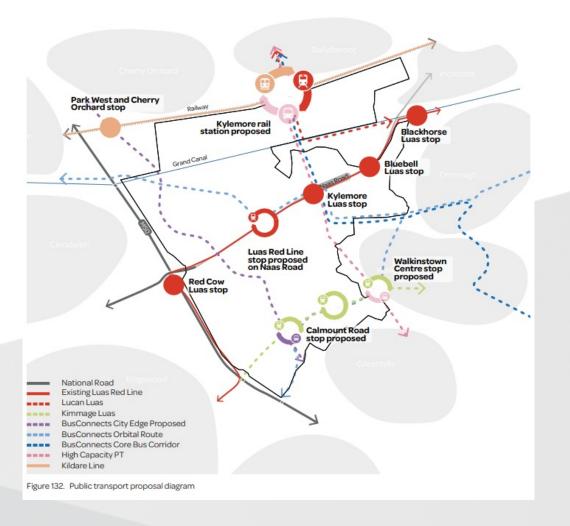












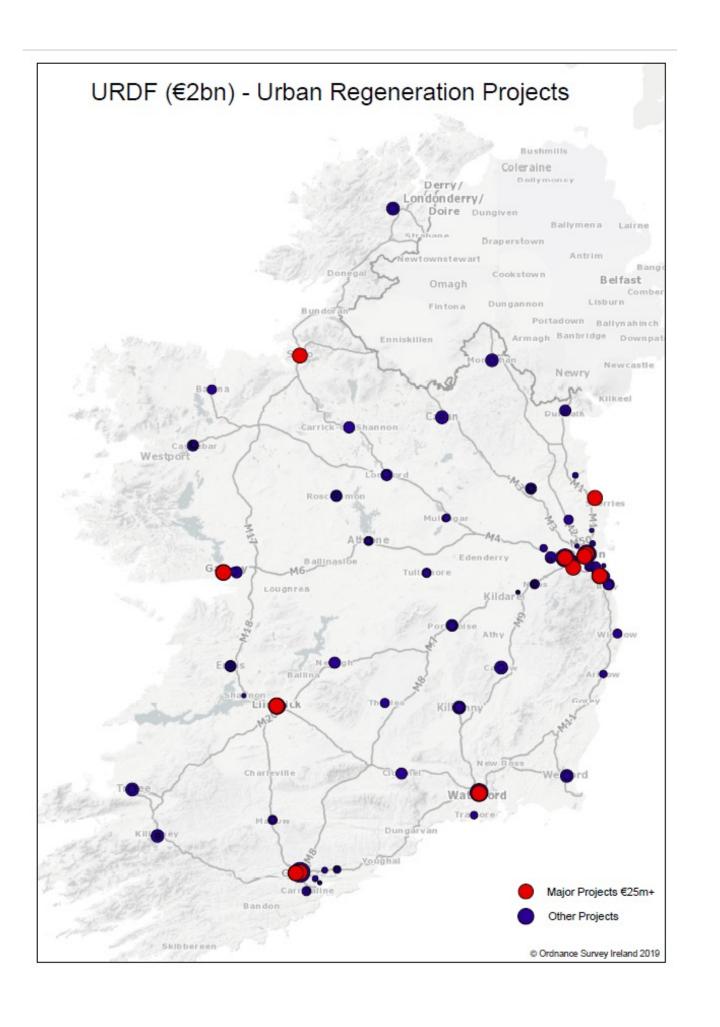


#### Investment & Prioritisation



## Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) - €2bn fund for major settlements

- Call 1: 2018, 89 projects, €312 million
- Call 2: 2021, 45 projects, €1.3 billion
- Call 3: 2023, €150 revolving fund for vacancy



#### Investment & Prioritisation





Clonburris (SDCC) €186m PBC approval in 2022, to support unlocking of land for homes for 23,000 people

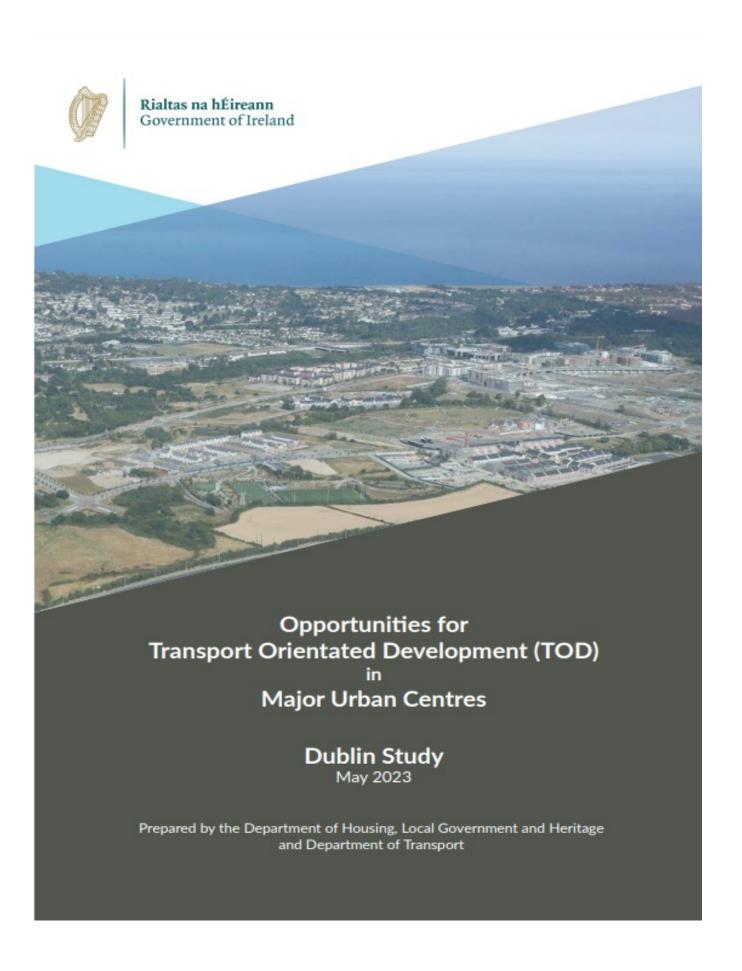


Cork Docklands (CCC/LDA) €353m approval in 2021, to support unlocking of land for homes for 20,000 people

#### Investment, Incentives and Policy

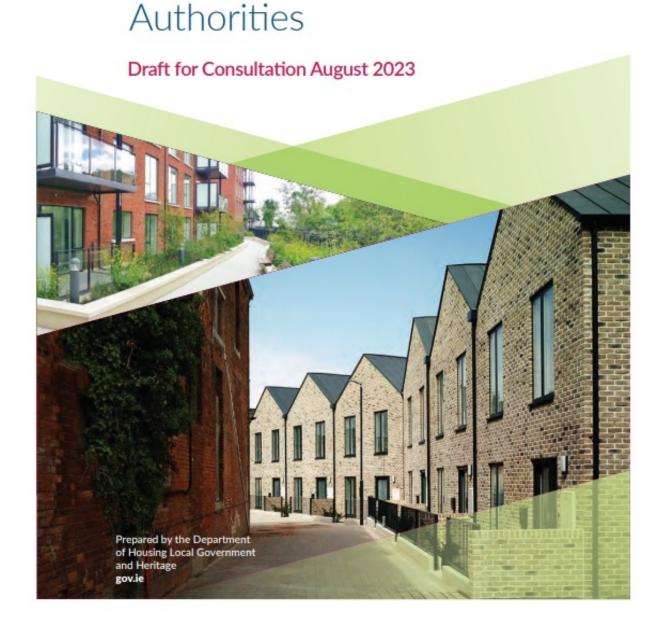


- Alignment of NTA/TII/Uisce Éireann/ESB Networks and Eirgrid programmes
- Strategic approach to future opportunities (TOD)
- Policy measures to support increased delivery (Draft SCSGs)
- Targeted incentives (Croi Conaithe, Project Tosaigh, Living City)





Sustainable and
Compact Settlements
Guidelines for Planning





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#### Thank You