Planning and the issues shaping it across the island of Ireland

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The Big Drivers for Change
North & South

- Global Financial Crisis
- Economic Recession
- Markets Decline (Jobs, Construction, Housing)
- PfG – changing the onus of planning
- Local Government & Planning Reform
Local Government Reform across the island – opportunities and challenges

Opportunities:
• Bringing decision making closer to communities and citizens
• Stronger and more effective local democracy
• Service delivery improvement - influence place shaping and facilitate greater integration

Challenges:
• Changing roles & guarding against abuse/bad practice
• Balancing the local with the strategic
Future Opportunities for collaboration…

• Renewable Energy
• Marine Planning
• Terrestrial Planning