



## Spatial planning on the Island of Ireland: the co-operation priorities

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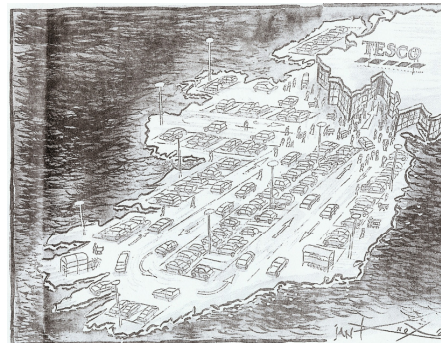
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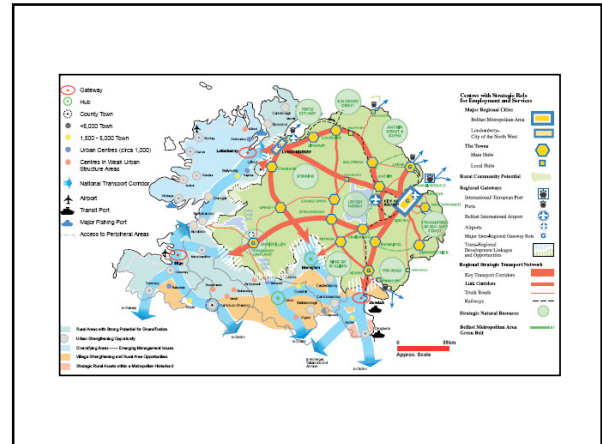
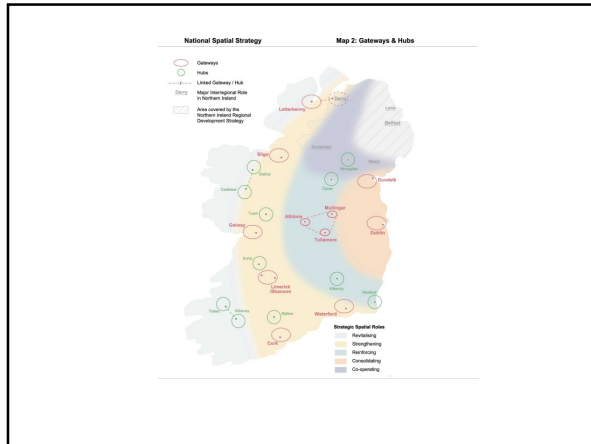
### Whither spatial planning?

- From land use planning to spatial planning?
- Is spatial planning really strategic planning?
- What can spatial planning provide?
- What about challenges, capacity and culture?



- Land use planning – the statutory regulation and forward management of land and property development in the public interest.
- Spatial planning – goes further than land use planning to embrace sector planning, regeneration and local service delivery.
- Strategic planning – the territorial management of land use and development in the public interest.





**New agendas?**

- Economic conditions
- Social and community circumstances
- Environmental extremism
- Ideological morphing
- Battle for ideas

**The 'contractual turn'**

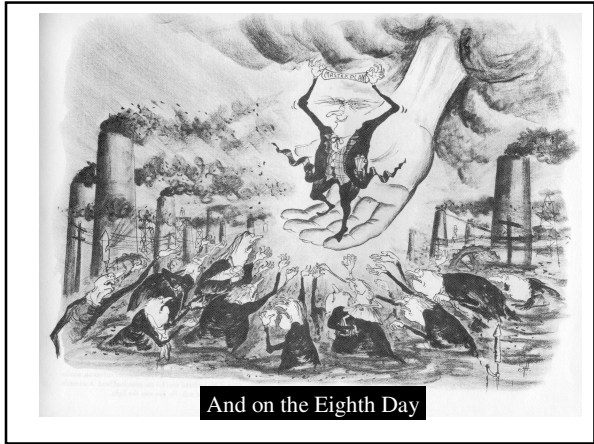
- New institutional economics concerns the design of planning institutions and instruments.
- Stresses relationships between:
  - state and private property rights;
  - the balance of central and local rights;
  - codified and discretionary rights in the public interest.
- Rules around legal rights and economic incentives relate to policy frameworks in terms of devising appropriate alignment of responsibilities, incentives and ownership.

**Intrinsic principles of agreements?**

- Voluntarism
- Demonstrable added value
- Relations with economic development
- Collective responsibility for outcomes
- Transparency
- Due diligence
- 'Real economic geographies' & sub-regional partnerships.

Evidence suggests that spatial contracts need:

1. Local capacity – agents and institutions
2. Ability to overcome historical issues and cultures
3. Clarity and commitment to devolve responsibility
4. Territorial Cohesion and adequate timescales
5. Favourable local political circumstances and broader national economic climate.
6. A 'pooled sovereignty'.



And on the Eighth Day