

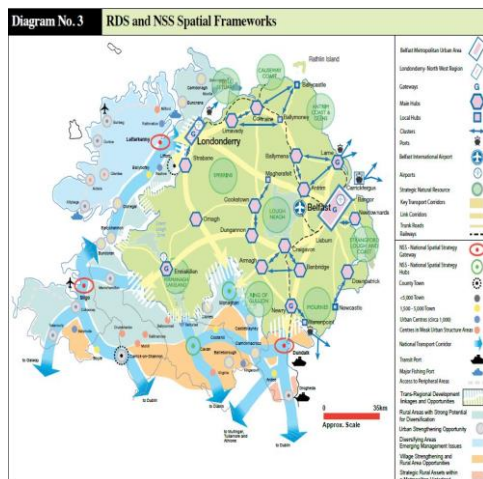
2040: Opportunities for Northern Ireland

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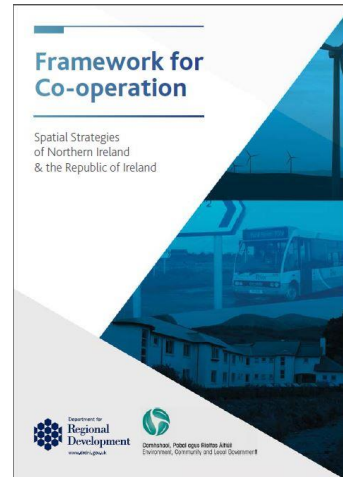
Current Context

- RDS & NSS alignment
- Strong commonality of themes & approaches in both Strategies
- Need for co-operation on issues which transcend boundaries



Framework for Co-Operation

- Jointly published in 2013 by both Governments
- Encourages policymakers to take account of the wider impact of their work
- Recognise & exploit opportunities for a wider perspective
- Avoid “back to back” planning



Addressing Shared Challenges

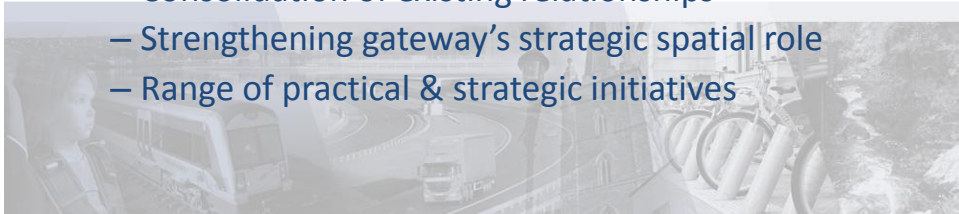
- Many challenges mutually shared by both Administrations
- Brexit:
 - Uncertainty
 - Evolving situation
 - Maintaining access & connectivity
 - Opportunity or challenge?



Beyond Administrative Boundaries



- Place based approach
- Acknowledge movement of people between places
- NW Strategic Growth Partnership
 - Excellent example of partnership working across boundaries
 - Consolidation of existing relationships
 - Strengthening gateway's strategic spatial role
 - Range of practical & strategic initiatives



Co-ordinated Infrastructure Planning

- Shared approach to infrastructure development
 - Locally
 - Regionally
 - Range of modes
- Opportunities to strengthen approach
- Regional Infrastructure Delivery Plan



Securing Economic Growth



- Investment in key connections
- Cities play a significant role in driving economic growth
- Ensuring balanced regional growth
- Look beyond Belfast & Derry
 - Belfast: Dublin Corridor




Future Opportunities



- Local Development Plans
- Local solutions to local problems
- Opportunity for positive engagement & partnership working
- Coherent joined up approach to strategic issues





‘Some of the greatest ideas and solutions come up in meetings, we often fail to connect these ideas to a tangible set of next steps’

Scott Belsky, "Making Ideas Happen: Overcoming the Obstacles between Vision and Reality"