

What does the National Planning Framework mean to me?

A Mid Border Perspective

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The Challenge

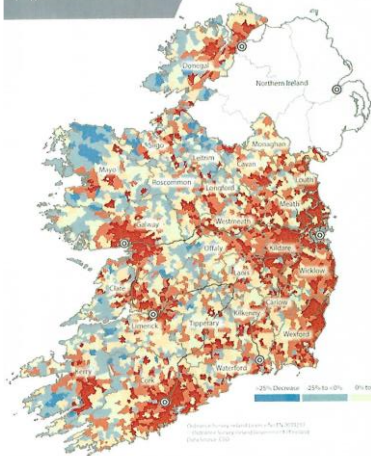
Accommodate growth and Create Quality places

Create Jobs and Enhance Prosperity

Enhance our environment and improve infrastructure



Where should growth go



Don't blank us out

Provide balance across the regions

Focus growth on Cities and towns across the country linked to services and transportation

Address inequalities by tapping the potential of border and midland towns



At local level this means



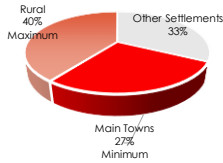
A Framework based on:

- **HUBS** and **CLUSTERS** linked to **TRANSPORT CORRIDORS**
- Supported by **LOCAL TOWNS & VILLAGES & SMALLER SETTLEMENTS** and **DISPERSED RURAL COMMUNITIES**
- Set within a variety of **VULNERABLE LANDSCAPES**



It also means balancing growth across towns and countryside ?

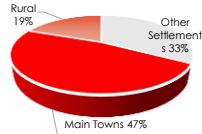
Option 1 Equitable split



Option 2 60% Target



Option 3 Urban drive



Regional Identity, Place Making and Rural Potential



The Mid Border Region is based on –

- ▶ agriculture and food processing,
- ▶ minerals, quarry products and engineering,
- ▶ Entrepreneurial spirit and self employment
- ▶ Market towns.



At National and local level this means Policy to

- Support farming and farm diversification
- Facilitate mineral extraction outside environmentally sensitive areas
- Focus retailing and services in the towns and clustering employment uses linked to transport



If we want to protect Irelands Unique Environment



We need to protect:

- ▶ open space and river Corridors.
 - ▶ archaeology, historic buildings
 - ▶ historic parks, demesnes
 - ▶ international and national natural heritage designations and species
- ▶ Don't be afraid to introduce additional constraints to protect key heritage assets



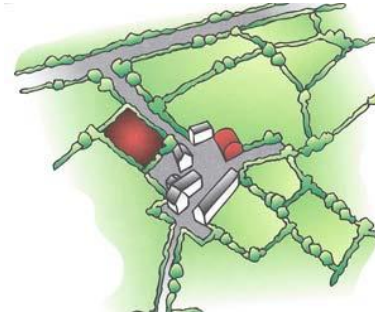
And to protect our landscapes

Provide policy for rural development based on:

- ▶ Clustering
- ▶ Integration

And avoid

- ▶ Ribbons
- ▶ Build up and Sprawl



Transportation and Infrastructure

Must Focus on:

- Connecting towns to the cities and ports at all Ireland level
- Providing Public transport between and within towns
- Promoting walking and cycling

Mid Ulster Growth Strategy



and if the national framework achieves this

- Within the next twenty years we will have an Ireland that:
- Celebrates diversity and regional identity
- Enjoys healthier environs,
- Is more economically secure

