

Regional Planning Guidelines – Greater Dublin Area 2004–2016

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**REVIEWING THE
REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDELINES
2010-2022**

Content of Presentation

- What are the RPGs

- The Review Process
 - Timelines & Stages
 - Delivery
 - Role of Elected Representatives

- Key Issues for the Review

What are the RPGs?

- Regional Planning Guidelines are the middle layer in a hierarchy of spatial planning policy documents
 - National: National Spatial Strategy
 - Regional: Regional Planning Guidelines
 - County: County Development Plan
 - Local: Local Area Plans and Masterplans

- Under legislation, the regional plan has to comply with the National Spatial Strategy and the County Plans have to have regard to Regional Plans (and the NSS).

- The Regional Plan takes the policies of the NSS and brings them into the regional perspective- it sets a framework for development, investment and policy direction.

What are the RPGs?

- 1st Regional Planning Guidelines were adopted in 2004; before that the GDA had non-statutory 1999 Strategic Planning Guidelines.
- Plan area covers Dublin and Mid-East Regional Authority areas- specified in the Planning Act.
- Plans go in 6 year cycles- need new plan adopted by May 2010.
- 2004 Plan had a settlement hierarchy structured around a metropolitan and hinterland area with growth towns in a hierarchy.



Review Process

- Process not as fixed or detailed in the Planning Acts like development plans. Two phases of public consultation- pre-draft and the second when the Draft is done. 1st runs for 8 weeks and 2nd is 10 weeks.
- The first public consultation started on the 2nd of Feb; to assist this a leaflet was published and placed in Council offices and an issues paper published on the web.
- Alongside this the office is meeting with all Councils, CBDs and statutory bodies to collate the key issues.
- When the consultation closes a report will be prepared on the submissions and presented to the Regional Authorities- this needs to happen before the local elections to meet legal requirements
- Following this, writing of the Draft will commence.

Key Issues for Review

■ New Requirements & Guidelines to Meet and Include:

- Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Habitats Directive (Appropriate) Assessment
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
- Sustainable Residential Development Guidelines
- New Wind Energy Guidelines
- New Sustainable Travel and Transport Action Plan
- Waste management and quarry policies
- Social inclusion policies
- National Biodiversity Plan

■ Also a range of key Policies to Consider/Incorporate such as:

- Regional Waste Management Plans
- Eirgrid Investment Plans
- Enterprise Ireland/IDA/Forfas Plans
- GDSDS

Key Issues for Review- “Big Ticket” Items

■ Public Transport

- Delivery and timing of Transport 21 projects
- Supporting state investment through integrating land use and transport and building viability and customer base
- Role of new DTA
- Incorporating work of DTO on their new Strategy

■ Roads, Port and Airport Network

- Key role for economic growth
- Ensuring competition and capacity is available
- Importance of key assets, and also being mindful of the environmental and social impacts

Key Issues

■ Water Services

- Existing capacities and where they are
- Future expansion planned and possible
- Ability to match availability with where needs for new housing and economic development
- Impact of Water Framework Directive and River Basin Management Plans

■ Economic Growth

- Forfas working on a study at present which will assist
- Planning for future growth- key areas to focus on
- Needs of industry and commerce
- Role of communications technology, energy and power

Key Issues

- **Population and Housing Need**
 - Capacity, zoned land, existing permissions
 - Modelling future demand for housing
 - National projection figures and CSO projections

- **Built and Natural Heritage**
 - National policies to incorporate
 - Best practice and recommendations for Development Plans
 - Recognition of importance of heritage, and balancing growth
 - Developing the concept of green infrastructure and importance of biodiversity

- **Social Infrastructure- leisure, schools**
 - Social inclusion
 - Open space policies and role of play spaces
 - Planning for leisure activities
 - Schools

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